

THE AGITATORS.

The agitators are the loyal men Who staunchly stand for truth, though prison pen And death on scaffold grim are waiting them.

A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY.

By John M. Work. Through the joint action of the Woman's National Committee and the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, a petition for equal suffrage is now being circulated for signatures.

tries has secured valuable legislation out of the old parties by working up public sentiment to a point when the old parties considered it necessary to their own continued political existence that they should make concessions.

While every utterance in Congress is duly recorded by stenographers and appears in the Congressional Record, and while hearings before committees and commissions are likewise a matter of record, yet, owing largely to the voluminous printed documents the greater portion of vital matters are lost to view.

Children's dresses are paid for at the rate of 50 cents per dozen. The average daily out put for one person in thirteen hours is one dozen.

Violets are made for thirteen and one half cents per gross, and a mother three girls and a grand mother earn 60 cents per day.

The average wage of an entire family at garment finishing is from 60 to 70 cents per day.

Making cigarette wrappers brings 10 cents per 1,000 and a woman working from 6 a. m. to 12 p. m. can make \$2 per week.

Machinists Journal.

WAR—WHAT FOR? Is a handsome, gold-stamped, high-grade cloth-bound, double-backed book, printed in easy, open type on high quality paper, 8x5 inches in size. The book contains 352 pages; 12 chapters; 13 intensely interesting full-page pictures (three powerful half-tones); several literary photographs of hell; trenchant discussion of every phase of war, militarism, and social struggle; more than a dozen strong passages for school and entertainment declamations; over 200 citations and quotations from authors, titles; bibliography; numerous suggestions for promoting the propaganda against war and capitalism; an abundance of material for lectures on war, militarism, the class struggle, capitalism, socialism, and the history of the working class.

To withhold deserved praise lest it should make its object conceited is as dishonest as to withhold payment of a just debt lest your creditor should spend the money badly.

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Victor Berger in Butte.

Victor L. Berger, the first Socialist Congressman, delivered a lecture at the Auditorium, in Butte, last Monday evening. A large and enthusiastic audience were present to hear the veteran Socialist of America.



As introductory to his lecture, Mr. Berger defined the word "Socialism" in his meaning to him. Capitalism, he termed the present day way of conducting business.

Capitalism, he said, was the name for the new epoch of civilization in which each man would serve society, one for all and all for one. It is not the name of a theory, but an epoch.

Freedom by Socialism.

A synopsis of his remarks is as follows:

"Social freedom, complete justice, can only be accomplished by the collective ownership and democratic management of the social means of production and distribution.

"I realize that all this cannot be brought about by a single stroke—by a one day's revolution. But I know that all legislation, in order to be really progressive and wholesome, must move in that direction.

"And the only party that is going in that direction is the Socialist party.

"With the Socialist political issues are of minor consequence, and economic issues are the important questions.

"That is the reason that we refuse to be diverted or led astray by political reform, like the initiative and referendum.

"Each in itself is a good enough reform and has been agitated for a long time by the Socialists and forms a part of our programme today. Mere changes in the mechanism of expressing the will of the people are, however, of minor importance when compared with the reform of economic conditions.

Want Old Age Pension.

"We want the initiative. But we want much more, the old age pension for every working man and working woman of 60 and over.

"We want the referendum. But we want insurance against being out of work much more.

"We want the recall. But a pension for orphans—at least for those who have no father—and a pension for working women during the period of child bearing is of indefinitely greater importance than the right to recall a judge.

"Of the political reforms a new constitution is of most importance. Because, with the old constitution social reforms are almost impossible. No matter how good and beneficial a law may be, it will as a rule, be declared unconstitutional by the supreme court.

"When the constitution was framed this was a nation of frontier farmers and hunters, with a few merchants in the seaports.

"There was no machinery used, and there was no manufacturing to speak of. There were no railroads, no telegraphs.

"There were no millionaires and no proletarians. There were no corporations in the present sense—a corporation in the days meant a city. And

there were no trusts, of course. Says Constitution Is Worn Out. "If Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Hamilton could get up from their graves today, they would not know the country. We live in a different world.

"In other words, a grown-up nation still has to wear its baby clothes. They do not fit anywhere and have been torn and patched in the most miserable way by decisions of the supreme court—but anybody who dares to suggest a new suit is considered a traitor by the 'interests'.

"Again I say, though political reforms are desirable, they are of little account when compared with the necessity of changes in economical conditions.

"Moreover, the changes in political conditions are upon us. "We see the trusts not only doing away with competition, but also asking for government interference and government regulation of prices.

"In other words, we have the spectacle of the trusts surrendering part of their ownership and practically offering that part of the ownership to the government.

"That the trusts—or at least some of the trusts—are willing to part with their ownership because they now feel that their business has ceased to be a private concern. Because the trusts feel that their business has become a public utility—of the most public and most utilitarian sort.

"But the change is also coming from the other side.

"The great majority of the people have no interest in keeping up the present system. And especially the working class is bound to become revolutionary as a class.

Workingmen in Hovels. "Our workingmen of today build a few palaces and many hovels. The workmen live in the hovels and a few capitalists live in the palaces.

"Our workingmen in the woolen mills make a small amount of fine clothes and millions of yards of shoddy. The workmen wear the shoddy and the rich idlers wear the fine clothes.

"Workingmen and their children have to go down into the mines—workingmen and workingwomen and their children have to go into dingy ill-ventilated factories and work shops, and toil there from 8 to 12 hours a day. They ruin their health by over work so that a few people who have the money can ruin their health by doing nothing.

"The great majority now degenerates through poverty so that the small minority shall be able to degenerate through luxury.

"Again I say, the great majority have no interest in keeping up the present system.

Ruling Class Not Superior.

"There is also this: "In former epochs the ruling class was by far the abler and stronger—physically and mentally.

"In former years a few nobles, clad in iron and trained and accustomed to warfare, could hold in subjection 20 times their number of common people.

"The ruling class was also at that time the only class that was in possession of the wisdom of the world—whatever the world was then.

"The ruling class also had in its favor the belief that this system was God ordained, and that anybody defying it was a rebel to God.

"Things are different nowadays.

"The working class not only builds the houses, ships and machines, but the working class also teaches in the public schools, writes the papers and the books. Not only the man who sets up the type for the papers and books is a workingman, but also the man or woman who writes them usually belongs to our class.

"The capitalist class depends upon us not only for a living, but also for information and defense.

"The capitalist class surely has no better fighting qualities. It's the working class that has to furnish most of the men in case of war—although the capitalists may start the war. Even in order to hold our class in subjection the capitalists have to hire some men of our class who are for sale to do the fighting for the capitalist class.

"We deny that the capitalist class is our superior in any way.

Public School Makes Us Equal.

"And as long as the public schools exist—and men and women are learning how to read and write—no priest or clergyman can make us believe that this system is God ordained. That it is God ordained that a trust magnate shall make fifty or sixty million dollars a year, or more, and that his employees should earn \$1.75 a day on the average, so that the trust magnate's daughter shall be able to marry some broken down English earl or French

count. "Moreover, we have the ballot. No subjected class before had the same political basis as the ruling class. We have it.

"On election day your vote is as good as Rockefeller's. And you are many and the capitalists are few. However, if you choose to throw your votes away and to vote with your exploiters and for your exploiters, that is your own fault, not theirs.

"The old Romans used to say: 'It is lucky that the slaves never had a chance to count us,' because there were 10 times as many slaves as free men in Rome.

"Now there are 10 times as many wage slaves as there are free men in America, and there is a chance for a count on every election day.

"Therefore, I say, make use of this advantage that no subjected class in history has ever before had. Make use of your numbers on election day.

"Ad you have to do is to stand with your own class and be counted. All you have to do is to stand for your wives and children on election day and be counted.

"All you have to do is to stand for your country and for humanity, and for a new world, and be counted."

J. P. Morgan is taxed on an assessed valuation of only \$300,000 instead of a few hundred million. Who pays his proper share of taxes? Can you guess?

Of late, somehow, I seem able to read my newspapers and periodicals with some interest. I know the reason now—I meet Roosevelt's name about once a week, and God knows that's enough for a little, quiet-loving fellow like me.

The farmer receives one fourth of the product of his toil. This statement is borne out by figures, which cannot lie. The farmers must support the idlers in their leisure, this is necessary as otherwise the "BIG MEN" would have to be productive in order to live.

Recent dispatches declare that the venemous in the McNamara trial are unwilling to eat restaurant cooked food.

There are thousands and thousands who would be glad to get a chance at uncooked food and eat it any place from palace to adey.

Who are these aristocrats who are going to try McNamara anyway?

Taft is touring the west in a desperate attempt to secure a renomination. His travelling expenses will amount to between \$75,000 and \$125,000. Who pays his bills of this electioneering?

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The Montana News is the only paper in the Rocky Mountain states that advocates the right of labor at all times and in all places. Regardless of what the grievances may be we stand by the strikers in the struggle of the union against the corporations. In more than one instance we have turned public opinion in favor of the strikers, and in more than one city and camp have we made the union label respected. The Montana News is supported exclusively by the workers and the profits from job work of the labor organizations of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah.

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