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SAW ONLY ONE-HALF.

The "militarism" which, previous to the election the Democratic party had numbered amongst its many "issues," seems to be getting fairly under way.

The importance of sea power as a weapon to be used by capitalist governments for the conquest of the world's markets is so well established, now in the commercial race that no so-called statesman would venture to advocate serious opposition to its increase.

Of course it has been urged that the new navy was especially constructed for the defense of our own shores from "foreign aggression."

The recent dispatch of the new "Kentucky" on a "business" visit to the sultan of Morocco may be cited as additional proof of what has been said above, that is, if such proof were needed.

The makers of the Democratic platform could see nothing of this, or at least pretended that they could not, which amounts to the same thing.

relled upon to conceal the fact that the "well-organized state militia," which was put forward as a substitute completely fulfilled the functions of a standing army as far as they were concerned.

To the socialist, "militarism" of this kind need cause little alarm. He has only to look at the growth and spread of socialist principles amongst communities whose ruling classes possess sea and land force as yet far superior to those of the United States.

Every instrument used by the ruling class in the process and continuance of the exploitation of labor will ultimately become an agent in the destruction of that system.

PROSPERITY—AND AFTERWARDS.

Leaving out of account for a moment the interests of the vast body of the wage-earning class, a survey of the present economic conditions undeniably leads to the conclusion that the "prosperity," about which we have heard so much, is no fiction when considered solely from a capitalist point of view.

The election of the pliable McKinley has left a clear field for the march of capitalism. Foreign competitors are rapidly being overtaken in the mad rush for markets.

But, while our masters are jubilating over the prospect of commercial bliss in the near future, the elements which will call a halt upon this triumphal march are even now beginning to make their presence felt.

In the meantime "prosperity" grows apace. Where wages have not been already "readjusted" they remain stationary while the prices of the necessities of life steadily increase.

Whether this relapse which is surely coming is to bring fatal results to the damnable system of capitalist production, or whether it is permitted to recover for another "boom" with a still more disastrous finish, depends upon the intelligence of those who suffer from its existence.

ception of class interests exists among them, capitalism is surely enjoying a Belshazzar's feast. If not its doom is only delayed, not averted.

THE "PARTY OF LINCOLN."

Capitalist Connivance on the Matter of Disfranchising the Colored Workers.

Some of the Republican leaders—and I understand the president is among them—think it would not be wise to do anything that will excite unfriendly feeling in the South.

The above is taken from W. E. Curtis letter in the Record of November 16th. In that letter he discusses the probability of the Republicans in the approaching session of congress taking action to cut down the representation of the southern states which disfranchised the colored population.

Simply that as between the southern "business men" and the COLORED WORKINGMEN of the South, and the Republican leaders, side with McKinley, (the successor of Lincoln), the "business men" and against the colored voters.

Effective Measures.

Children from eight to nine years of age work in the mills of North Carolina from six at night to six in the morning for the princely sum of ten cents a night.

We would suggest to our contemporaries that "more effective measures" are already being prepared to deal with instances of this sort.

Premium Offer.

Just to liven things up for the next few weeks and give the hustlers for The Call something for their trouble, we will make the following premium offer:

For each two dollars worth of subscriptions sent in or postals purchased, one copy of Lissagary's "Commune," cloth bound, regular price 75 cents.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

Many of those who were persuaded to vote the Republican capitalist ticket in the strength of the promise of a "full dinnerpail" are beginning to suspect that useful utensil of possessing a false bottom.

Bye the bye, that word "re-adjust" which is the latest addition to the vocabulary of capitalism, is so much more pleasant, more polite, than "reduce" that it seems destined to occupy a permanent position in the bright lexicon of exploitation.

We don't know whether the slang phrase "getting an axe out for him" is current in Germany or not, but it seems that the Kaiser has been literally subjected to this process by a woman who buried one at him last week.

The czar Nicholas is sick. He may die. Well, what then? Is it an irreparable loss to humanity when one of the world's hypocrites and tyrants is gone?

It may be remembered that when the findings of the massacre (which never occurred), at Peking reached the ears of the "civilized world," a howl for vengeance went up from the throat of every hypocrite in Europe and America.

The "hold up man" is abroad, and the cry of his victims is being heard through the land. These simple folks have been lured into positions where they were defenceless and have been compelled to stand and deliver.

It would seem that in the struggle for securing the last available fields for exploitation capitalism will bring back all the horrors of the wars of the old-time.

to enact the role that Weyler attempted in Cuba.

Speaking of heroes—well there are different kinds, so to speak. The Boers are making their last hopeless but heroic stand against the resistless approach of "civilization" in the garb of modern capitalism.

A perusal of the Socialist papers from the Pacific coast makes very pleasant reading. The comrades there are solidly united and are going right ahead with their propaganda in the work of collecting, organizing and educating the new accessions to the movement.

An Encouraging Sign.

The latest example of capitalist control of educational institutions was offered by the recent bouncing of Prof. E. A. Ross from Stanford University.

Lafarge in his pamphlet on "Socialism and the Intellectuals," points out that in a shop, if a workman is discharged his comrades will raise a protest.

Must Have It.

Dear Comrades:— We must have money to clear up our deficit for the campaign just passed.

The Campaign Fund.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount, Total. Includes Campaign Fund for the week ending November 19.

"Hobson's Choice."

The increase of the Socialist vote has awakened a sort of terror in the minds of the capitalist class.

A Suggestion.

The police authorities of this city are clamoring for one thousand additional men to enable them to cope with the criminal element.

On election day the "paramount issue" consists in providing a job for the other fellow. The rest of the time it consists in getting one for yourself.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Suggests Plan for Unity.

Editor Workers' Call:— The mass meeting, which was held in this city last Sunday, and which is described in another column of this issue of the Workers' Call, marks a long step in advance in the Socialist movement of Chicago.

Now in view of these facts, and as a means to start an intelligent discussion upon the points which remain to be settled I offer as a suggestion, the following scheme of local organization.

Let there be but one City Central Committee to have absolute control of ALL affairs within the city of Chicago.

Let this committee be made up somewhat as is the present City Central committee of the Springfield, S. D. P. That is, let there be two delegates from each ward organization.

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Fraternally, A. M. Simons.

Declares for Unity.

To the National Executive Board of the Social Democratic party, located at Springfield, Mass., and also at Chicago, Ill.

Comrades:—The undersigned committee beg leave to submit to you the following: At a mass convention of the members of the Social Democratic party.

Said convention, by unanimous vote, declared that the two national bodies, mentioned above, and claiming to be the national executive committee of the Social Democratic party, immediately, as far as possible, take steps to unite the party under one head.

Said convention also declares that a committee of three, (one from each faction), be elected to forward the above resolutions to both national committees and also to the various party papers for publication.

Notice. A grand ball for the benefit of the Workers' Call will be held on January 5th, at Brand's Hall, corner Erie and Clark streets.

