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industrial revolution. Less than six months ago the conservative and liberal press of England was sure that Socialism could never gain a

foothold in Great Britain. The capitalist press of this country has maintained

legislation, the same as their cousins the Japanese in their own mills in their across the water; and the fact that they own country. Instead of the little brown need it is proof that they will get it. men buying flour in Washington, they The English workman was slow to move; buy the wheat and take the bran and but when he moved he jarred the earth. shorts material along with the flour man temperament of English speaking wage ton millers to the bad, but also creates slaves on both sides of the Atlantic. a bran and shorts famine that has dou-Like his European cousin, the Yankee bled the price of these articles and seri-drudge has tried all the wrong ways to ously embarrassed those who use them.

The capitalist class of this country realize the situation. Without so much as waiting for a formal opening of the national political campaign, they are hiring the columns of hundreds of daily papers in which to print their witless and hopeless attacks upon union labor and Socialism. The only thing that remains is for the workers to see the signs of the times to realize that their hour has come. With their English comrades invading Parliament, and German workingmen all but ready to claim their own, they need no longer wait for company.

The foundation of the Co-operative Commonwealth is already laid. It is time to build, and the builders are getting busy .- Appeal to Reason.

Is it Possible ?

Rev. Eliot White, former rector of St. John's Episcopal church of Worcester, Mass., some time ago resigned from the ministry and avowed himself a Socialist, joining the local in that city. As a minister he was of the highest standing, and as a citizen he was universally respected. Besides being a man of unquestioned character and of the purest morals, Mr. White is a man of exceptional mental capacity. He is a student, a thinker and a philosopher; and some of his addresses, which we have been privileged. to see, are models of clear thinking and lucid expression.

Since Mr. White became a Socialist his flowery pathway has been strewn with thorns. He has been persecuted in many petty ways, and many doors that were formerly opened at his touch have been closed against him. All of this Mr. White, now our comrade, fully expected, and he has borne it with the quiet dignity of one who understands.

On the evening of March 17th, Alexander Berkman, the anarchist, was billed A bill was recently introduced in the English house of commons which provid-siderable excitement in police circles, ed that the state must supply work, at the standard rate of wages, to all workingmen who register themselves as unemployed; or, in lieu of work, the state on the evening in question he was standmust maintain the applicants and all de- ing on a street corner conversing with a lawyer, when he was ordered to move But, more remarkable than the pro- on. He quietly objected, and was imvisions of the bill, is the fact that 116 medially arrested and taken to jail. Fifvotes were cast in its favor. Over a ty persons volunteered bail for him; but hundred members of the English house it was refused. He said that he was no of commons supported a measure that is better than the poor fellows who were more revolutionary than would be a res- in jail and had no friends to give bail, olution to abolish the house of lords or and that what was good enough for them was good enough for him. This shows

power behind the lords as well as be- him, but the prisoner calmly defended hind the throne. As Prof. Charles Booth his position. His temper was unruffled, has written: "Our modern system of in- his dignity undisturbed. This quiet, dustry will not work without some unemployed margin, some reserve of labor."

To employ the unemployed is to remove might have been a life of ease to follow this unemployed margin, to transform the example of the Master and preach this unhappy reserve of idle labor into to the lowly and suffering, has been something less than a hungry mob com- seized and locked up in jail like a peting with those at work for the privi- common felon because he is a Socialist, lege of holding jobs not numerous enough and for no other reason. Had he been a banker, or a ward-heeling politician, or a would mean the end of competition a bloated dive-keeper, standing on the in the labor market, and enable those sidewalk in conversation with another unemployed to successfully demand one of the same stripe, and a policeman had concession after another from their mas- ordered him to move on, the policeman ters until, shorn of economic power by would have been promptly fired from taxation to feed the hungry, and by the the force. But there is good in all these aggression of the comparatively inde-incidents. Each of them has its lesson, pendent workers, the kings of industry and each of them makes for Socialism. would abdicate to escape the tide of the Our enemies are, after all, our best propagandists .- Ibid.

Evolution in Japan.

The effect of industrial evolution in the same optimistic tone, and will no Japan is exemplified in an unexpected doubt be complacent so long as the way in the State of Washington. Wash-American workers make no general ington is a wheat-growing state, and movement to organize politically. But has heretofore been a flour-making state the same conditions that made the Brit- -- the surplus flour of the Washington ish workingmen unite are present in the mills being sold in Japan, and the collat-United States to-day. Recent action of eral products-bran, shorts, etc.-being the supreme court discounts the notori- used by Washington dairymen and farmous Taff-Vale decision. An industrial ers. But American manufacturers have panic is teaching the lesson that no sold milling machinery to the Japanese, amount of persuasive education could with the result that the wheat that used to be ground in Washington is now being American wurkingmen need real labor worked into flour and by-products by And there is but little difference in the terial. This not only puts the Weshingget relief, and he is now up to the only This is an illustration of how capitalism remaining means of working-class politi- is digging its own grave.—American Ex.

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