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THE FOURTEENTH VOLUME.

Begins with this issue and we thank all those who by their subscriptions or ads. or in any other way have enabled us to continue THE JOURNAL for so long. The outlook was never very bright and during the past two or three years the clouds have sometimes gathered very dark and threatening, by an heroic effort we have been enabled to pull her through. The sky is now somewhat brighter and we enter upon the Fourteenth Volume with greater hopes than for some time past.

Although our subscription list is large the revenue derived from every branch of the business little more than pays running expenses and we have always had to supplement it by other work or business to get along and have sometimes had a hard brush to do it. The tone of the paper for at least the past year is we think enough to assure the people that we intend to keep our promise to keep out of unpopular politics, and unless they manufacture some other reason they have no earthly excuse in not helping me along.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

The chief feature of the German elections held throughout the empire on the 16th and 25th ultimo was the great gains made by the Socialist party. In 1898 the Socialists polled 2,120,000 votes—considerably more than one-fourth the entire vote of all parties; and in 1903 the vote had increased to over 2,500,000. In 1898 fifty-nine members of parliament were elected on the Socialist ticket; in 1903, eighty-one. If the party were represented in the

Reichstag in proportion to its share of the total electorate, it would have at least 120 of the 397 members. To elect 81 members it had to have the majority over all other parties combined in 81 districts. The Socialist vote was the largest in 176 districts, although only 81 members were finally elected. On the second ballot all other parties generally combine against the Socialist candidates. The increase since 1898 is very gratifying. It shows that Socialists are increasing more than twice as fast as the total population. Now that the party has at least 30 per cent. of the entire vote, it is a matter of only very few years when, at its present rate of increase, it will predominate in the German Empire. The States of Saxony, Hamburg, Lubeck, Bremen and the city of Berlin, now cast a good majority of votes for Socialism; and since the recent election the Kingdom of Saxony has been dubbed "Red" Saxony. The Emperor has lately toured the country urging the workmen to vote against the Socialists as "enemies of the State." The only result of his efforts has been the making of 400,000 of what he calls "enemies" in five years. At this rate he won't be able to depend upon his army much longer.

Recent reports from Italy show that Socialism is growing much more rapidly than any other party or the general population. And in Russia the Socialist propaganda is making marvellous headway in spite of all the autocracy's efforts to destroy or retard it. In all other countries the party is making headway, even among the Chinese. The days of Capitalist domination are numbered, and the supremacy of more Christ-like methods of industry and government is assured.

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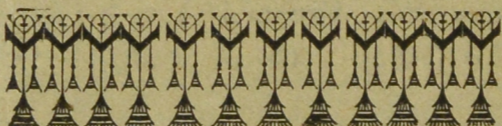
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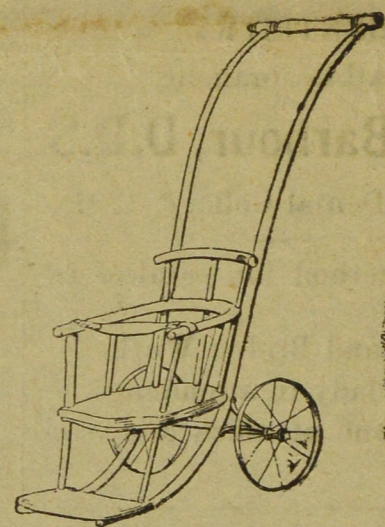
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