### THE SOCIAL IREVOLUTION, Still It Grows.

It has frequently been said by opponents of Socialism that, no matter how many Socialists there might be in European countries, the doctrine had made no appreciable beginning in English-speaking lands. This can be said no longer, now that the great Socialist gains in the British Isles is

becoming apparent.

The British parliament, elected in October, 1900, contained one Socialist and 13 Labor members, the latter being merely advanced Radicals. This month 50 Labor men have been elected, of whom not less than 30 are Socialists, the remaining 19 or 20 being classified as Labor-Liberals. The Liberal government itself was largely elected by workingmen's votes, and won by promising all sorts of radical measures, chief among which was the promise to undo the law under which, a short timeagothe judges decided that tradesunions were liable for damages in case of strikes. The judges' decision, known as the Taff Vale case, threatened to ruin the Trades Unions, and the latter finding no hope of relief from the late ministry turned against it and relegated Balfour and Chamberlain to back seats. From now on, the Socialist Party will grow rapidly at the expense of the Liberals.

In July, 1905, the Australian Labor Party at its Melbourne Convention, declared for Socialism by adopting, among others, the two following reso-

lutions:

"The aim of the Workingmen's Party should be the establishment of a co-operative republic founded upon the socialization of the means of production, distribution and exchange;" and one deciding "That the Australian Labor Movement should be put in organic relation with the international Socialist movement, and to this endefforts should be made to assure to the assembly direct representation at the next International Socialist Congress."

When it is remembered that in Australia the Labor Party has one-third or more of all the parliamentary seats, the importance of the above resolutions will be readily seen.

Last year the Socialist party of Natel polled over 80 per cent. of all the votes cast at an election in the seaport city of Durban. There is a Socialist paper in Capetown, and a Socialist party in Cape Colony and Transvaal. All over the Empire the movement steadily increases.

February 1906. H. H. S.

#### Note and Comment.

If the city is going to subsidize industries they should insist on a demand from the firms thus benefited, that the minimum wage for laborers be \$150 per day; allow them to keep no stores so as to make a double profit out of their employes and prohibit such death-traps as have been responsible for the recent fatal accidents. The capitalists should not have things all their own way.

If you want a new set of harness or repairing of any kind done go to T. J. Kehoe, Regent St.

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