

The American Socialist
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WHEN EUROPEAN WAR WILL END

THE European war will not be stopped until blood has choked up the wells of national patriotism, until starvation has cooled the insane jingoism, until bankruptcy has shut off the power to kill, until a working class-led and starved into cool sanity shall turn upon and destroy war-craved rulers who are cooling on the arid peaks in this headlong war.

It is for that time that the workers of America should make ready. At present all we can do is to talk much nonsense to give the starving masses and prepare us to give aid when the war will have run its course.

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Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

LITERATURE OF PROTEST.
Will you grant me space to state that I have made a collection of all the letters and poetry, from all lands, both prose and poetry, from all lands, for the American Socialist, and I will be glad to give a large circulation, and I will be glad to give a large circulation, and I will be glad to give a large circulation.

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Reading Notices.

The American Socialist will review the reading notices to be run as advertisements in this column at the rate of 10 cents an agate line or \$1.00 an inch.

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Two Big Special Editions
We are going to have two big special editions. September 26—Women's Anti-War Edition. October 17—Congressional Edition.

Executive Department
National Executive Committee
WALTER LANSFERSIHK, Secretary

HAS SOCIALISM ONE MILLION VOICES TO FIGHT THIS WAR

The slogan of "ONE MILLION VOICES FOR SOCIALISM" was inspired by Charles Edward Russell writing from the field of slaughter in Europe and voicing the desire, "I wish I had a million voices to tell what I know in every corner of America!"

Official Business

NATIONAL REFERENDUM
Proposed by Local Columbia, Kan.
Whereas, By national referendum A. 1914, closing April 1914, Article XV, Sec. 1, was amended, restoring to the party membership the right to have any motion submitted for a referendum on request of locals representing five per cent of the membership...

They are thousands of Socialists in this nation planning and working for a giant American Socialist movement. They hope for the day when the land will be won for Socialism. They do not alone hope. They work to achieve that hope. They make up the big volunteer army of Socialism.

from Fred Underhill, of Denver, Colo. He writes: "I wish to congratulate you on the letter you are putting out—especially the Labor Day issue. I would like to see a good cartoon in it each week. I would also like to see you start an organization department in our paper similar to the circulation department, where we can see what the membership of the party is; also watch the growth and development of the party from week to week; also articles urging organization such as were in the Labor Day issue; an outline of work for locals to do, and work up friendly contests among the states to see which one can make the largest gains in membership, etc."

"ONE MILLION VOICES FOR SOCIALISM" SUBSCRIPTION BLANK

American Socialist Headquarters, 883 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. I enclose \$....., for which please send The American Socialist for 40 weeks, at 25 cents each, to the following volunteers for "Socialism's Army of One Million Voices":

Table with columns: Name, Street and Number, City, State. Includes names like Fred Underhill, Denver, Colo.

(Paste the above on ruled sheets, and don't stop until you have secured at least 12 subscribers. That should be the minimum. There is no maximum. When you have filled one list, sign your name and address, hurry it to Chicago, and then start another list.)

COMMENT: The National Committee abuses the confidence of the party membership by proposing in its resolution the national constitution by ordering to referendum proposed sections that have the practical effect of taking out of the hands of the membership the right to initiate any motion by requiring a referendum of 25 per cent of the membership. Manifestly, 25 per cent cannot be secured where the membership is actually less than that.

Local Columbia record (incomplete) of referendums since Jan. 1, 1910, shows 11 from all states, and 17 from seven were initiated by the national party membership, clearly refuting the charge that the national party membership is too small to initiate referendums. The National Committee in its resolution attempts to trick the membership out of its right of initiative.

RECORDS TO PROPOSED NATIONAL REFERENDUM
Referendum proposed by Local Columbia, Kan., and the Socialist party of America demand that the president of the United States be elected by direct vote of the people.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE COMMENT
Chicago, Sept. 11, 1914. Dear Comrades:—The following motion by LeBauer of North Dakota, seconded by Germer of Illinois, Houston of West Virginia, Latimer of Michigan, Kirkpatrick of Illinois, and Ball of Maine, is submitted for a vote of your committee:

Since the above motion was sent to a vote of the committee, seconds have been received from Schwartz of Georgia, Harold of Texas, and others.

COMMENT: McCullin—For unemployment Socialists offer the positive program of For Government by Government, an independent form of militarism. Socialism is the only consistent and logical program for the United States which will be inviolable and which have the detail program and it is highly expedient and a wise

view of the rapidly changing phases of the war situation I think it is desirable that the Campaign Committee meet on Sunday at the Riverview picnic for an informal conference. This will be without cost to the organization. I understand that Comrade Simons is to be in the city on that date, and in all probability the other members of the committee would attend the picnic also, if the conference were not called. Fraternally submitted, WALTER LANSFERSIHK, Secretary Campaign Committee.

REPORT SPEECH SUPPLEMENT
Those who are acquainted with specific instances of suppression of speech in the past, and who are familiar with the operation of summer during strike disturbances will favor us by reporting the business of campaigns at home to pay any attention to it or finance it.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1914
1914
June July August
Ala. 15.00 15.00 15.00
Ariz. 15.00 15.00 15.00
Cal. 40.75 40.75 40.75

COMMENT: I repeat these motions, believing that the wall of manufactured prejudice against the motion which you committee itself that districts and localities are too busy with their own business of campaigns at home to pay any attention to it or finance it.

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Party contributions..... 12.25
Russian political movement..... 20.00
Campaign fund..... 25.00
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Refund Int. Cong. Victor L. Berger..... 100.00
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Table with financial data: Interest, Telephone, Free literature, Information Dept., Campaign fund, etc.

Table with financial data: Our cash balance Sept. 1, 1914, Campaign Fund Sept. 1, 1914, Total bank balance Sept. 1, 1914, etc.

Table with financial data: Speakers, Organizers and Expenses, Prudence Stokes Brown, H. F. Kendall, etc.

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Table with financial data: Young People's Dept., J. A. Row, Information Dept., Carl D. Thompson, etc.

Table with financial data: American Socialist Dept., J. L. Engdahl, Editor, etc.

Table with financial data: Wages, Expenses, etc.

ROTTEN FOOD AGAIN BEING FED TO BRITISH ARMY
That the food barons of Great Britain are again feeding rotten food to the British army is shown by a charge made in the London Daily Citizen, the organ of the British trade unions, as follows: "Few people can have forgotten how certain commercialists showed their 'patriotism' during the South African war. It must still be remembered how many soldiers were poisoned by food unfit for consumption, so that there was sometimes more danger from British food than from German shells."

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Regular Price
500 Socialism Lone Foe of War..... \$2.00
500 Socialists and the Sword..... 1.00
500 Starve War! Feed America..... .25
50 Posters..... .75
Total regular price..... \$4.00
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This offer is open only until November 1st

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What Socialists Have Done

Do you want to know what the Socialists have done? Not what they are going to do, mind you, BUT WHAT THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE. Then read

The Legislative Program of the Socialist Party

by Ethelwyn Mills (of the Information Department). This book tells you of the actual work done by the 21 Socialists elected to the Legislatures of 9 different states. It tells you the story of the 50 different bills which these men have been able to guide through the Legislatures for the benefit of the working class.

WE WILL SEND THIS INVALUABLE BOOK AS A PREMIUM TO ANYONE WHO SENDS A CLUB OF FOUR SUBS AT 25 CENTS EACH TO THIS PAPER. ASK FOR IT WHEN SENDING YOUR LIST.

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Dr. Lunn's Anti-War Editorials

Will be the Chief Features of The Schnecktady Citizen

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HOW ABOUT COLORADO?

By ADOLPH GERMER

Vice-president of the Illinois Mine Workers and National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party.

WHILE we are completely consumed with an interest in the European theater of war...

REPLY TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

[Editor's Note.—When the strike of the coal miners started, nearly one year ago, in southern Colorado, Adolph Germer was in command at Walsenburg...

AND NOW, after the strike is a year old and scores of lives have been sacrificed...

The whole scheme reads fine until we come to paragraph B of Section 4, and here is where we encounter the joker.

BUT MY CRITICS may say that the plan provides for a commission to adjust all grievances.

We have some experience with such a commission in the anthracite fields, which was created by Roosevelt in 1902...

(watchmen) and at the same time they were paid by the state of Colorado as Colorado National Guards.

Walter Bell, the self-confessed murderer, imported from West Virginia by the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency, and others, are as active today intimidating the miners...

Other promises have been as freely made and as freely broken.

SO LONG as sheriffs farm out their office and distribute commissions to the paid hirelings of coal companies...

Colorado. And these offices will be bargained for and farmed out as long as the mines of Colorado are the private property of the Rockefeller and Goulds.

The private ownership of the mines furnished the incentive to maintain a private army of professional man-hunters to stamp out any union movement...

While the mines are private property, the private owners will operate them to make the greatest possible profit, regardless of the health of the people.

It is more profitable to run mines in violation of law than to obey it, when judges, sheriffs and coroners are the errand boys for the mine owners.

One and only one thing will bring peace to Colorado, and that is the seizure of the mines by the government...

I might be asked whether it is true that arbitration is one of the principles of the United Mine Workers of America...

ARBITRATION HERE would be compromising a law, and a compromise in that event would be the mother of tragedy.

miners based upon the law. Many grievances would grow out of a violation of the law, and under the scheme proposed by the president...

The strikers completely routed the gunmen militia, and the federal came to their rescue. Since that time the strikers' demands have been re-examined, and they are now preparing for another battle...

The men who have been arrested by the militia at the instance of the coal barons, all this with the connivance of the federal soldiers. Persons who have the courage to find recourse against a pliant judicial hiccupette, under the recall law, are sentenced to jail for contempt of court.

Whether we are drifting as a nation? And what are we going to do about it?

The time for decisive action is here. There is but one thing to do in this grave emergency: Adopt the slogan, "LET THE NATION OWN THE MINES," and let the president know that this is what you want.

100,000 Subs By January 1, 1915

Last week 38,548 Of 878 On 37,671 On 2,008 Gain 99,679 Another gain 1,131

SOCIALISTS AND THE WAR

By EMILE VANDERVELDE Chairman of the International Socialist Bureau and Minister of State for Belgium

[Editor's Note.—Emile Vandervelde, chairman of the International Socialist Bureau, made minister of state for Belgium since the outbreak of the European war, has arrived in this country as a member of the Belgian commission...

In all international conflicts of later years the International has found itself united. It was still so on the eve of the present conflict.

Among Books

"MY STORY," by Tom L. Johnson; published by B. W. Huebsch, New York; \$1.50; cloth, 317 pages.

At the age of 11 years, immediately at the close of the civil war, pressed by extreme poverty to earn his first money, Tom Johnson had his first experience as a monopolist at Staunton, Va., where the conductor on the one train running into the town gave him the business of the town.

wages ranging from \$3 to \$5 inclusive. The prevailing rate of wages in the coal fields was from \$1 to \$2 a week, while for girls under 18 years of age the prevailing rates are from \$3 to \$5 a week.

GET THIS AND HAVE ALL SOCIALIST BOOKS IN ONE The new campaign book is really an epitome of all Socialist books.

"Out of the darkness and the depths we hail our workingclass comrades of every land across the roar of guns we send sympathy and greetings to the German Socialists.

Invitation Forced Resistance.—The Belgian Socialists only yielded to the pressure in favor of war after Belgium had been invaded by the German troops.

COPIES LAW OF FREEDOM FOR SOCIALISTS AVAILABLE W. C. Bates, Socialist lawyer of Columbus, Ohio, has recently written Samuel L. Black, Judge of the Probate Court and member of the Working Class League of New York City...

Can any of our readers tell us where we can get a copy of Upton Sinclair's book "Our Bosses' Literature," or selections from it?



MORRIS HILLQUIT

Heard Hillquit for more than four years, the president of the American Federation of Labor endeavored to show that the Socialist party not only did not help the trade unions in their daily struggles, but that it actually hindered their work.

HILLQUIT'S SECOND SPEECH It was an easy task for Hillquit to disprove everything that Gompers intimated, to show the utter falsehood and insincerity of his complaints.

When Comrade Hillquit, going into the question of the class struggle, forced Gompers into a corner, where the latter showed himself to be either unbelievably ignorant or utterly insincere.

MAX HAYES SPEAKS. The last day brought the direct-examination of Comrade Max S. Hayes, who showed in a straightforward manner with uncontrovertible arguments, the intimate relations between the Socialist and the general labor movements.

A NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION. This debate, published in a book of 250 pages, is one of the most interesting, and at the same time one of the most important and enlightening contributions to our literature.

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INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Professional Man Gets Little Under Capitalism Much concern is evinced by critics of Socialism in the rate of the professional man under Socialism.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Catholic's Question and Answer. QUESTION: What speaking at last night a young man, member of the Knights of Columbus, asked me if it was not true that the Socialist Party platform of our party, to the effect that religion is a private matter, was passed by a majority of only one vote.

OHIO JOINS IN MOVE FOR LIVING WAGE FOR WOMEN The Industrial Commission of Ohio investigated 1,065 mercantile establishments with a view to learning the wages paid their 15,744 women employees.

ROLL OF HONOR ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO names arrive this week from P. D. Landman, Portsmouth, Ohio.

YOUR LOCAL NEXT. The following locals have decided that our plan of sending The American Socialist to all new members is a good one.

I have been looking for The American Socialist and made it what it should be. To show my appreciation, please send me a list of names.—P. W. Woodfill, Olean, N. Y.

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