

LET MEXICO ALONE!

SOCIALIST PARTY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELLS PRES. WILSON VIEWS OF ONE MILLION VOTERS

Voting the opposition of the one million Socialist voters of the nation to armed intervention in Mexico, the Socialist Party National Executive Committee adopted and forwarded to President Wilson a memorial on the question of his recent mandate on the Mexican situation. The memorial was in full as follows:

MEMORIAL TO THE HONORABLE WOODROW WILSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
WE, THE members of the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party

of the United States, in regular meeting assembled, and speaking for more than one million voters, view with grave alarm the implied threat contained in your recent warning to the contending elements among the liberty seeking people of war-torn Mexico.

The Socialist Party is unalterably opposed to armed intervention, and if that is the hidden meaning of your changed attitude on the Mexican situation, then we do hereby solemnly protest against your mandate, issued from the White House on June 8, 1915, in which you declare that "It is time, therefore, that the govern-

ment of the United States should frankly state the policy which in these extraordinary circumstances it becomes its duty to adopt. It must presently do what it has not hitherto done or felt at liberty to do, lend its active moral support to some man or group of men, if such may be found, who can rally the suffering people of Mexico to their support in an effort to ignore, if they cannot unite, the warring factions of the country, return to the constitution of the republic so long in abeyance, and set up a government at Mexico City which the great powers of the world can recognize and deal with, a government with

whom the program of the revolution will be a business and not merely a platform." We have, since the evacuation of Vera Cruz, Mexico, felt with deep satisfaction that your administration of the affairs of government at Washington intended to honestly assist, in every way possible, without resort to arms, the enslaved people of Mexico in achieving their liberty. We feel now, more than ever, that the United States will best serve the interests of the Mexican people by not meddling or interfering in the present crisis. You say, "Mexico is starving." The United States is starving.

national government can better engage itself by attending to conditions at home rather than interfering with the internal affairs of our neighboring nation. In the United States millions are idle for want of employment. We do not know how many are starving in the dark places of our cities; but this number must far exceed the number who are in want in Mexico. We feel that armed intervention in Mexico by the United States means the practical assassination of the aspirations of the liberty loving Mexican people; just as the sending of the troops into West

Virginia, Michigan, Colorado and elsewhere, meant the crushing of the hopes of our own citizens for better working conditions, increased wages and an ever widening industrial liberty. This course we earnestly protest and will oppose with all the power at our command, so matter upon what pretext such action may be based. Respectfully submitted, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOCIALIST PARTY. — James H. Maurer, Adolph Germer, George H. Goebel, Arthur LeSueur and Emil Seidel.

POINT WAY TO END THE COLORADO HORRORS

Two immediate steps to help remedy conditions in Colorado are outlined to President Wilson in a memorial adopted by the Socialist Party National Executive Committee which will be forwarded to him immediately. It urges that the corrupt officials of Colorado be dealt with in the same manner that those at Terre Haute, Indiana, were treated, and that indictments be found against those who have been hit by the evidence produced before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations. The memorial in full is as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY WOODROW WILSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE undersigned National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in regular session assembled, respectfully represents that it has closely followed the occurrences in the State of Colorado during the last two years; that it has watched the developments in the coal miners' strike with the attending ruthless

the military officials, the trials of John R. Lawson and Louis Zaccanelli; and lastly that it has very carefully followed the hearings by the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations touching upon the Colorado situation. Following these in the order of their occurrence, the above named National Executive Committee can-

THE ROOF LEAKS



WITH THE BLOOD OF LUDLOW

not escape the conviction that there exists today in the State of Colorado, a government which meets out two kinds of administration—one for the rich and another for the poor; two kinds of judiciary—one condoning the crimes of the rich, another of brutal terror to the poor.

We, therefore, speaking on behalf of more than a million voters of the United States, present for your earnest consideration at every possible effort be made by the government of the United States to prevent a repetition of the travesty on justice resulting in the conviction of Lawson, Zaccanelli and others. This can be done by convicting and removing from office those responsible for these irregular convictions, and who were elected to office by fraud and violence, this to be accomplished by the same methods as those employed by the department of justice at Terre Haute, Indiana, with such conspicuous success.

We further declare it to be our firm conviction that no effort should be spared to bring about the indictment of all against whom proof of guilty knowledge has been presented before the Commission on Industrial Relations, and the Congressional Committee on the Colorado strike.

We look with horror upon these criminal usurpations of government and earnestly demand on behalf of innocent men sentenced to jail for life and starving workers driven from their means of subsistence in violation of every principle of law, that the Government of the United States obey the mandate of the Constitution and restore a republican form of government to the State of Colorado.

Most respectfully submitted, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOCIALIST PARTY.—James H. Maurer, Adolph Germer, Georg. H. Goebel, Arthur LeSueur and Emil Seidel.

The Scandinavian Socialists in the Swedish, and "Social-Democratic" United States have now established in Danish-Norwegian. Both the their own printing plant papers and the printers are now located at 3023 N. California Ave., Chicago, Ill.

PUSH PHILOSOPHY

By LINCOLN PHIPER
No man ever meant anything very strongly, except he showed sentiment.

If you don't think Socialism will do the things you wish done, what else will?

There is enough knowledge in the world, if applied only as far as known, to provide leisure and abundance for all who live.

A dead one is a man who is ruled by the customs and thoughts and debts of the dead. And judged by this standard there are very few live people in existence.

See what individualism and nationalism are doing in Europe. Surely it is time to turn to Socialism.

There is nothing higher in the world than the idea of Socialism. Capitalism puts every man to work even the bodies of men and women.

Whenever the government aids private business it assists in holding up the mass of the citizenship.

War is not wholly destructive. It comes to be a great many "war babies."

Every day William Howard Taft seems to be getting more of the spotlight that was once turned on Roosevelt. And William Howard is no hypocrite, though he may be funny.

Every nation is losing in the war, just as every people loses under capitalism.

Whenever an old partyite wishes Socialists to give up some of "their" variances so that the "good things about Socialism" may be adopted, he always demands abandonment of the idea of ending exploitation, the only thing that is absolutely essential to Socialism.

Half the money that has been spent over the world has turned the industries to the people and have enabled them forever to do away with the cause of war.

HERE'S LOOK BEHIND THE PRISON BARS

Did you ever get a look into a prison? Have you ever felt its horrors steal over you until every fibre in your being revolted and demanded that you do something to get an end to the kind of a penal system that prevails in the land today.

All of you are interested in prisons because it is the members of the voting class, almost exclusively, who are sent to prison. That is why we want you to get a good look at the inside of the prison pen at Fort Smith, Ark., where Fred W. Holt and other coal miners who sought to win a little more industrial liberty for the enslaved miners of Arkansas are confined.

In telling of the conditions surrounding him and his comrades, Holt writes to the editor of The American Socialist as follows:

"This is a miserable place. For example, our cell is located in the negro department, with the male animals on one side and the female on the other. Back of us is located the cells where they keep the insane. And there is nearly always one or more of this product of capitalism on hand.

"Between the constant stinging and cross firing of the colored population and the occasional yells and curses from the lunatics, you can picture the luck one might have in concentrating his thoughts on any subject."

Holt broke down under the strain but there was enough energy left in this prison pen to send him to a hospital where he slowly recovered. But he will not be able to regain complete health until his release which is promised for June 29.

"I have just received my American Socialist," Holt also writes. "It's a jewel. If all of our Socialist and labor papers would only take

WAR WITH MEXICO

By EUGENE V. DEBS
Written for The American Socialist
WHAT means the sudden and complete about-face of President Wilson in the Mexican situation? He has repeatedly said in positive terms that the Mexican people must be allowed to work out their own salvation and that it is none of our affair how long they require to do it. In his Jackson Day speech at Indianapolis in January last he was especially decided and emphatic in this matter. And now in a twinkling he squarely repudiates himself and discovers in his own person the deliverer of Mexico.

Something has happened! President Wilson has suddenly

entered to Wall Street and that the armed forces of this nation are to be used to crush the revolution in Mexico.

The solicitude for Mexico expressed by the President is but the pretext for intervention according to his own previous declarations, and intervention means war!

THE WASHINGTON administration has long been giving special aid and comfort to Villa but in spite of all the support that can be given him Villa has lost prestige with the revolutionists in consequence of the

ing to make known their armed posse surrounded them, marched them in double file to the depot and made them board the first outgoing freight train.

It is not known whether the starving men at Caldwell, Kans., were the same men driven from Caldwell, Kan., but these men must exist somewhere and they will no doubt be heard from again.

It is announced in the cable dispatches from England that the Daily Citizen, the daily organ of the British trade unions, published at London, has been forced to suspend. This is no doubt due to the war.

Several months ago, The Herald, also a labor daily, was also forced to suspend. They will no doubt both be able to resume as soon as the war is over.

SALVATION BY IMITATION

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK
THESE are indeed wonderful times we live in. Why, almost any moment you may have a perfect opportunity to be a fool, and, speaking out of the fullness of my abundant information born of experience and observation, I assure you it is an awful thing to be a fool. Just look at Europe. Really it is serious—to be a fool.

By the way, if you should have a good opportunity to fight a war you do not declare, fight a man you do not know, fight for a flag that does not protect you when you struggle for higher wages for your wife and children to live on, fight for a class who despise you, fight because you are told to, fight like a dog, fight like a tiger, fight like a fool—what are you going to do about that opportunity?

Your opportunity may mean death for you. Let me make a suggestion:

To avoid death in the next war—when the drums beat, and the horns blare, and the fife's screech, and the flags wave, and the pro-war orators and the pro-war editors and the pro-war preachers and other prominent people—and the recruiting agent—when all these thrill you and with hoe-air fill you and cunningly call you to "come forward; now and be a manly man, true to the flag, a fearless hero and a chesty patriot"—at such a time, at such a critical time, PRAY FOR ICE; keep cool; take a firm restraining grip on your natural disposition to be a big, blundering boob, and, if possible, side-step this carefully perfected opportunity to become a victimized fool. Just calmly keep your eyes, both eyes, glued to the great majority of the best dressed and most notably eloquent men in your community, and you do quietly as they do shrewdly about enlisting for actual immediate firing-line service in the war for which they are cunningly shouting. Then no cannon shot will reach you and no bayonet will rip you—and you will enjoy salvation through imitation.

I never wore a silk hat, but I have learned some things by observing those who do wear high silk hats. Do you know why silk hats are so high? Well, there seems to be a good deal of wasted space in a silk hat—in the part above where the brains ought to be. My dear friend, let me give you a hint. That space is not wasted—that's where they keep the ice.

POSTSCRIPT: THE ONLY EFFECTIVE thing the ruling class permits the working class to do against war is to TEACH against war, and that privilege is given to the working class only during times of peace. The time to prepare against war is in times of peace; for when war is declared, CARS, KAISERS, KINGS and Presidents—Caesars everywhere—about "SILENCE!" to all opposition.

THESE ARE PRECIOUS DAYS—OF PEACE—IN THE UNITED STATES.

SAVE MEXICO! (For Me)



(From The New York Call)

well-grounded conviction that the bandit chieftain had sold out to Wall Street and that his triumph would mean the triumph of the powers that are looting Mexico and the defeat of the Mexican revolution.

The sinister significance of President Wilson's startling change of front and the manifesto issued by him which is tantamount to a declaration that Mexico is to be invaded by the United States, now overshadowed the European war in the gravity of its importance and possible consequences to the American people.

The dispatches state that the ambassadors and other representatives of foreign powers are in hearty agreement with President Wilson's new Mexican policy and that they will cooperate with him in "restoring peace in the unhappy nation."

THE VULTURES are about to descend upon their prey and pluck out its vitals in the name of neighborly regard and brotherly love!

All the powers of loot and plunder are now one in falling upon Mexico and President Wilson and the United States government are to be the beneficiaries in the commission of this international crime.

For to crush the Mexican revolution at this crucial hour when its promise of deliverance to the long-suffering Mexican people was never so bright and promising as now, is not only an assault upon a nation struggling for freedom, but a shameless alliance with as brazen a gang of free-booters as ever plundered a helpless people, and a monstrous crime against civilization itself.

What is the duty of Socialists in this grave and threatening situation? There can be no doubt as to where they should stand and what they should do. They are in duty bound to their struggling comrades in Mexico to protest in thunder tones against intervention in Mexico.

NOW IS THE time to issue the protest and it ought to be made to ring from coast to coast and from the lakes to the Rio Grande. Every socialist

HOW ABOUT PORTO RICO?

By Wm. S. Hayes
If President Wilson is really anxious to intervene in something or somewhere, he might try his hand in Porto Rico, where the wealthy plantation owners and trust barons have created a state of war. At the hearing of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, in Washington, Santiago Iglesias, and other representatives told how Iglesias had been imprisoned 22 times for merely advising and helping the workers to organize, denied the right of free speech, held incommunicado and prevented from consulting an attorney. Scores of workers have been killed and wounded because they dared to strike, and witnesses testified how of the hundreds and hundreds of poor strikers, some of the wretched, poverty stricken laborers who live in trees and in the swamps of the sugar fields were black-jacked, bullied, beaten, murdered and thrust into the cells by the police; how incendiary fires were blamed on the strikers in order to discredit their cause; how these same hundreds of laborers when arraigned before magistrates, were railroaded to jail or given heavy fines without the constitutional right of securing counsel or of summoning witnesses. Here is a chance for President Wilson to clean his own doorstep, before meddling with neighbors' affairs.

Through its organs, The Labor Leader, the British Independent Labor Party has announced its opposition to representatives of the workers joining the British coalition cabinet.

TWO BIG TWO-PAGE EDITIONS

BECAUSE of the big demand from the farmers who read The American Socialist, it has been decided to get out a two-page special edition containing the excellent material appealing specially to farmers that has appeared in recent issues of The American Socialist.

First of all there will be the rousing article by Walter Thomas Mills on "What is the Matter with the Farmers?" Then there will be that convincing parable by David K. Young called, "A Lesson from the Chicken Coop," giving the philosophy of Socialism in language so simple that any one can understand. This issue will also include Robert Hunter's article on "The Land," one of the burdens borne by labor.

This special two-page issue will sell for the same price, the two-page issue containing the great answer to some of the attacks against Socialism, this being an answer subscribed to by the anti-Socialists now touring the country under the direction of the Knights of Columbus.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.
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BURDENS BORNE BY LABOR

By ROBERT HUNTER

THE BURDEN of the poor bear many. As one of the Apostles says of the sayings of Jesus, if they were all written the world itself could not contain the book.

And the greatest burden borne by labor is the burden of wealth itself and this is most strange of all.

How can wealth be a burden you ask? Men work to produce wealth in order to ease their burdens. They feel that if they work hard enough they can lift their burdens.

And so how splendidly men labor through the days of youth when the hot blood courses in the veins.

And how hopefully men labor through the days of early married life when all is young and beautiful.

And they labor with might and main to lift their burden so as to leave old age free from want and care.

THINK OF the millions of fine lads this year taking their place in the ranks of labor.

They stand over their work with vigor, strength and enthusiasm starting to lift every burden and finally conquer.

But the greatest burden they must bear, and they know it not, is the burden of the very wealth they produce.

In the old days men produced for themselves and what they made they largely consumed.

Today a large portion of what men produce is turned into capital for further hoarding and the more men labor and toil the bigger the burden of labor to capital.

When by their united labors they have produced a billion dollars for John Rockefeller their labor is only begun.

They stand over their billion dollars and every year up to the end of this system they must produce interest and profit on that billion dollars.

ROCKEFELLER will not spend his billion dollars by dollar, he will keep it so long as he can get interest and his children and his grand children and his great grandchildren.

For that billion is what is called capital and that billion says to the workers in all the world "Come unto me, all you that are weary and heavy laden."

You owe me tribute. Pay me! Make haste you generations of toilers, pay me tribute, ten per cent, twenty per cent, thirty per cent, year by year.

And the burden that wealth grows the heavier is the burden it lays on labor. It costs labor to greater and greater tasks and to ever more and more anxious exertion to pay its demands.

When labor has produced the one hundred and sixty billion dollars of wealth in the United States its work has just begun.

It has produced only a part of this wealth to use as food, clothing and shelter and the rest of this vast sum it has given to its masters to use as a tool with which to exploit labor.

AND UPON this wealth labor must pay interest, rent and profit. Labor cannot escape. The demands of capital are as inexorable as a prison sentence.

So labor taxes and lifts and awaits to pay that interest, rent and profit which ever increases the volume of wealth.

And the preacher, the lawyer and the professor are silent. And the rulers and politicians are dumb. They will tell the secret of all things.

And laborers and can't this? It is too hurried and heavy laden.

There is the importance of the standard for the slave and the slave driver. While the mistress of the slave is a part of their very life blood that the factory wheels may turn through the summer days, the fall days, the winter days, the spring days, the employer of these mothers of the race striving himself for his slave driving task by playing golf and indulging in other outdoor pleasures.

But the women of Illinois have secured the ballot and they will soon abolish this double standard in Illinois. Socialists everywhere will aid them in abolishing the system of exploitation and robbery that makes this kind of a double standard possible.

SHORTAGE OF LABOR. Perhaps the most astounding information that has issued from the brains of capitalism for some time is that coming from J. G. Butler, Jr., president of the Bessemer Pig Iron Association, who sees a threatened shortage of labor in the iron and steel industry.

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AMONG BOOKS

LABOR IN POLITICS

By Robert Hunter, Published by the Socialist Party National Office, 303 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Paper, Price 25 cents prepaid.

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With masterly logic, he shows the untenability of Mr. Gompers' position. He shows how the political policy of the American Federation of Labor has corrupted many of its leaders, has robbed labor of some of its most men, and has made the organized labor movement the laughing stock of the football and the tool of the manufacturers' Association and its political henchmen.

How absolutely fruitless of results this undignified begging policy, has been, he proves by a comparison of the labor legislation of some of the countries of Western Europe, where the workers enthusiastically support independent working-class political action, with the labor legislation of the United States. He quotes Gompers himself as saying that the United States "is no less than two decades behind many of the European nations in the protection of the life limb and health of the workers."

So incisive is Hunter's logic that at times, it turns the Federation's policy into ridicule without really seeming to do so. Hunter sums up his case as follows:

"There are, as it appears to me, certain main reasons for the failure of the political methods of the A. F. of L. First, no two persons in the Federation agree as to what those methods are. Second, the methods do not succeed in obtaining to office efficient representatives of labor who remain faithful to labor. Even when 'card men' are elected to office, they have no political independence necessary to enable them to carry out a consistent policy.

Third, the methods do not develop self-reliance, independence and integrity in the labor movement. Instead of teaching the workers to free themselves from the capitalist parties, they fasten more and more securely the chains which bind them to those parties. The fight against the 'trust-busting' industrialists, while labor struggles for industrial freedom, these methods force it to remain in political slavery. In the corruption of the political methods of the American Federation of Labor are so generalizing that the bulk of the 74 votes cast against giving it a Ministry of Labor power to engage in the conflict, the comrades standing almost like a stone wall against the fierce howls and jeers of the loyalists, who were determined to drive the workers to slaughter to satisfy their lust for more territory and greater power. The wild demonstrations of the professional patriots and a few confederates called themselves Socialists, who were waving their feet by the bourgeois hysteria, does not win battles, and if the experiences of the campaign in Tripoli is any criterion, there will be stormy times ahead in Italy if the interventionists cannot show results. There is a deep current of revolution running in Italy despite all the efforts that are being made by the politicians, titled nobility and big capitalists to make the outside world believe that the nation is united. The writing class is busy crossing the Rubicon, and the grinding of the bones of the working class into powder to feed the modern war machine may spell disaster to the laborer. Caesar and if the Italian workers engage in revolt there is no doubt that the confederation will spread to other countries.

Coal miners at Linton, Ind., held a protest mass meeting calling the attention of Gov. Brown to the increasing unemployment in the mining districts. In reviewing the conditions at Linton they state, "Not less than 1,500 men in this vicinity are without work, and that while the situation has been bad for a year or more, it has been extremely so during the last three months and is getting worse rather than better; and recently landlairs are threatening evictions. We fear for the peace and dignity of the community."

Reviews of the battle between the Socialist candidate for County Clerk at Milwaukee was elected last November. The returns as certified by the Board of Elections gave the Socialist candidate 19,891 votes and his opponent 19,818 or a majority of 77 for the latter.

Enough errors have been uncovered to wipe out that margin and give the Socialist a safe majority. The case is in the courts.

Communist, Ind. Socialist got on the job and challenged James E. Watson, the anti-Socialist lawyer-politician of Indianapolis, he debate with F. G. Strickland the question, "That Socialism has the same ethical purpose as Christianity. Not wishing to be shown up himself, Watson promised to send some one else to debate, but so far nothing has been heard from his proxy.

WHY DID PRESIDENT WILSON FLOP?

Here are questions from two statements showing unaccounted for change in position.

WE MUST INTERFERE - Mexico is apparently no nearer a solution of her tragical troubles than she was when the revolution was first kindled. And she has been swept by civil war as if by fire.

It is time, therefore, that the Government of the United States should frankly state the policy which it pursues in Mexico, and it should therefore, publicly and very solemnly call upon the leaders of factions in Mexico to act, to act together and to act promptly, for the relief and redemption of their prostrate country. I feel it to be my duty to tell you this great purpose within a very short time, this government will be constrained to decide what means should be employed by the United States in order to help to solve her herself and serve her people—President Wilson, in his note to the Mexican leaders on June 2, 1915.

WE MUST NOT INTERFERE - until this great revolution in Mexico, until the end of the Diaz regime, 80 per cent of the people of Mexico never had a look-in in determining who should be their governors or what their government should be.

It is none of my business, and it is none of your business, how long they take in determining it. It is none of my business, and it is none of yours, how they get about the business. The country is theirs, the government is theirs, and the liberty, if they can get it—and God speed them in getting it—is theirs, and so far as my influence goes, while I am President nobody shall interfere with it.

Have not the European nations taken as long as this in determining who should be their governors or what their government should be? Shall we be any more impatient than Mexico because she is weak?—President Wilson at Indianapolis, on January 8, 1915.

THE STEEL TRUST DECISION - After a four years' wrangle, in which the public had, as a whole, completely lost sight of or utterly forgotten the operations, it has been decided that the Steel Trust is not a trust, and therefore cannot be dissolved. If it could, it would make little difference, judging from the amount of the trust which undercuts this operation.

Nevertheless, the result of necessity must be hailed as a great moral victory, by the public, and the decision as "far-reaching in re-enslaving the business men of this country. It may be noted that every decision, whether it be in the hands of the public or in the hands of the trust, was heralded as bearing this import.

From the amount of space given this matter in the press, it is evident that the public is still greatly interested in trust prosecutions must be kept up. It is perhaps considered bad policy to say that the idea of the trust has been conquered, and that all that remains is to be a little doubt that

an account of this or any other decision, but as a result of the world war, the same press that gives news of the trust decision noted that Mr. Henry P. Davison, of the J. P. Morgan company, insists that combination in the foreign trade is more of a necessity now than ever before; that all manufacturers exporting goods to Europe should combine; that the bigger these units were, the bigger trade would be carried on, and that already several of the largest trust plants in the country, Standard Oil, the National Cash Register Company and the Harvester Company, were virtually combinations for the purpose of foreign trade.

As against this, the most rabid desire to do a successful foreign trade must stand in the face of the fact that the war conditions in Europe mean increased trustification here.

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Young People's Dept.

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By a referendum vote just closed the Young People's Socialist League have adopted a national constitution. All substitute sections offered carried and also all sections for which there were no substitutes. A detailed tabulation of the vote is being set at all League. For lack of space we cannot publish it here. At the same time the League adopted a national emblem.

Emblem of the Y. P. S. L.
KRUSE CHOSEN.
William F. Kruse, state organizer of the New Jersey Young People's Socialist League, has been selected by the national executive committee of the Party as the Director of the Young People's Department and National Secretary Y. P. S. L. Ballots for the approval of the selection are being sent to the League.

Three-quarters of a billion dollars, at a very conservative estimate is the annual money tax levied by ill health upon wage-workers in the United States in the form of lost wages and expenses of sickness.

Workers PATRONS YOUR OWN SCHOOL
Earn while you learn. You cannot come to the College so let us bring the College to you. This is your School, — USE IT.
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There is a deep current of revolution running in Italy despite all the efforts that are being made by the politicians, titled nobility and big capitalists to make the outside world believe that the nation is united. The writing class is busy crossing the Rubicon, and the grinding of the bones of the working class into powder to feed the modern war machine may spell disaster to the laborer.

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Reviews of the battle between the Socialist candidate for County Clerk at Milwaukee was elected last November. The returns as certified by the Board of Elections gave the Socialist candidate 19,891 votes and his opponent 19,818 or a majority of 77 for the latter.

Enough errors have been uncovered to wipe out that margin and give the Socialist a safe majority. The case is in the courts.

Communist, Ind. Socialist got on the job and challenged James E. Watson, the anti-Socialist lawyer-politician of Indianapolis, he debate with F. G. Strickland the question, "That Socialism has the same ethical purpose as Christianity. Not wishing to be shown up himself, Watson promised to send some one else to debate, but so far nothing has been heard from his proxy.

THE DOUBLE STANDARD. The employing class has never been so busy as it is now in arguing for the continuation of the present system. It has called upon its great economic power to secure what it desired.

It has had to believe, for instance, that the slave drivers of the industries of Illinois really feel that nursing girls and women like to work nine and ten, or more hours a day, for the mere love of it. They know that women desire a little leisure occasionally just as well as the men.

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