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We Are Closing Up The Gates Of Hell

By J. L. ENGAHL. THIS is being written on International May Day, May 1, 1916. After a year and nine months of world war...

NO BREAK WITH GERMANY

By LUCIEN SAINT. WASHINGTON.—Wilson will not break off relations with Germany. If Germany wants to break off relations with the United States...

FOR REASONS best known to itself, the press of the country, especially the press of the east, is trying to make as much trouble for the United States in its negotiations over the niceties of international law as it possibly can.

Wilson is clever enough to perceive these facts and to utilize them. In the opinion of many old political warhorses here, his last message to Congress and his note to Germany were masterpieces.

FEW HERE believe that the notes which are passing between this country and Germany represent the real situation. It is stated by a man recently returned from Germany...

Wilson has been lashed into saying the sharp things that he has said recently to Germany mainly by his political enemies.

THE MACHINATIONS and plottings of the big interests who have constituted themselves the keepers and priests of the "honor of the nation" would form a story beyond belief fantastic and romantic.

DOOM OF MILITARISTS. THIS peace will sound the doom of the short, hysterical reign of the militarists in this country.

Only 772 men were accepted at all the recruiting stations in the nation during the week ending April 22. This number fell to 718 for the week ending April 29...

THE dying sentiment for universal military service is found in the decreasing enlistments which, according to the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune...

VOTERS GETTING WISE, TOO. All of which leads us to the prediction that the vote this fall will show a great awakening on the part of the working class voters of the nation.

HELP HOAN WAKE UP THE DUBBS! Have you taken advantage of the great subscription offer that appeared in our Henry Dubb Edition last week?

GRAFT IN THE MILITIA. Recruiting for the national guard as well as for the regular army threatens to fall off as a result of the exposures made by Senator Borah in the U. S. senate.

HERE'S SHAMELESS LIE. One of the most shameless lies in this campaign of mis-education has just been perpetrated by the Hearst newspapers.

A FRAUD AND A FAILURE.—A FRAUD AND A FAILURE—A FRAUD AND A FAILURE—tells you how Comrade Hoan fought the big public utility corporations of Milwaukee during the six years he was Milwaukee's Socialist city attorney.

THE money appropriated under the Dick military law has been shamelessly used, declared Borah. But that didn't prevent the august U. S. senate from proceeding to vote

American papers these days than Dr. Karl Liebknecht. "This must create a lot of laughter in Germany."

JOKE IS ON HEARST. The unanimous verdict of human intelligence is that the Hearst sheets have made a "grotesque joke" out of themselves by publishing such an editorial.

TEACHING PATRIOTISM. From the Portland (Ore.) Journal. The other day a little negro school boy at Des Moines, Iowa, refused to salute the flag.

1,000 GUNNER WANTED to man 1,000 guns to bombard capitalism. Details in the Million Dime column on page four.

THE first Socialist member was elected to the city council at Grand Rapids, Mich., at the recent election.

Education in Mexico —and Elsewhere— by WILLIS ANDREWS. The deplorable condition of educational affairs in Mexico is giving rise to many a goodly tear among people living outside that country.

COUNTRY NEEDS "EDUCATING". It is reported that George W. Perkins, steel trust and harvest trust man, who is the advance agent for Roosevelt, is very much disturbed over the peace vote.

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U. S. SENATE GOADED BY PRINTING WALSH REPORT

Washington.—The Senate listened with a sour face to a smart criticism of itself and methods before it ordered printing of the Industrial Relations Commission report.

Senator Hoke Smith had read this comment that appeared in The American Socialist: "Unless pressure is brought this report will be suppressed by a small group of reactionaries led by Hoke Smith, of Georgia."

"The report, like that comment, is a lot of bunk," said Smith. "I have no respect for anything the commission did."

"The comment on the Senate is fully justified," answered Borah. "The Poindexter plan, for 100,000 copies of the report and 10,000 of the testimony, was passed. It will cost \$92,000."

We Must Act

By ADOLPH GERMER.

DEED, "these are times that try men's souls" and that require a firm resolve that this nation shall not be deluged with an ocean of human blood.

SHALL they succeed? This question the workers, who must be the ones to bleed and dying must answer. And the answer cannot be delayed.

WHY MUST we have war? We are told that "International Law" has been violated by Germany in her submarine warfare.

THE well kept press is all astir and sends out inflaming headlines because some American lives have been lost thru the German U-boat policy.

THE REAL enemies of "American lives" are to be found, as Scott Nearing said, "in New York, Chicago and St. Louis."

THOUSANDS of railroad men, miners, factory hands, workers in other walks of life and the traveling public are crippled and killed every year thru the reckless defiance, by the owners of the industries, of AMERICAN LAW.

ABOUT two million little child lives are ground into fortunes in American industries. They are overworked and underpaid; they are dwarfed and stunted, crippled and killed here at home.

A THOUSAND times more reasons exist to engage in a war against the enemies of "American lives" here at home than against a nation because a few have ventured into danger, in some instances for newspaper notoriety.

SOME Americans have been killed, 'tis true, but the reason why we should send more out to be killed? When that expedition gets killed, should we send a second because the first was killed? When and where will we stop?

AGAIN, the "Navy Leaguers" the munition ring in disguise, will not go to the front. It is a safe bet that J. Pierpont Morgan, Herbert L. Satterlee, J. Fredrick Pams, Horace Porter, Charles Glover, Robert Bacon, Senator Clark, Charles M. Schwab and other Navy Leaguers and munition crowd will not shoulder a rifle and take a place in the very front rank where they can do some real "avenaging".

THE crisis is apparently upon us and we must act and act at once. The workers can stop the impending slaughter by refusing to be shot.

TELL Wilson, your Senator and your Representative that you refuse to fight to murder and be murdered. If

Print 100,000 Copies of Report Proving Socialist Contentions

WASHINGTON.—"The commission has proved the contention of the Socialist that political democracy and industrial absolutism can not go hand in hand," Socialism Congressman Meyer London told the House when that body adopted the resolution calling for the printing of the report of the U. S. Industrial Relations Commission.

EXPOSES PLOT TO DISCREDIT REPORT. LONDON exposed the criticism to which the report of the commission, over which the Senate has been wrangling for weeks and weeks.

REPEATS MADISON'S PROPHECY. LONDON reviewed for the benefit of members of the House the principal findings of the Commission. He quoted with effect the prophecy of James Madison, made during the Constitutional Convention of 1787, when he said:

THE UNITED States government which should know says in its advertisement for recruits to the naval service: "Young Man, think over what you have NOW and what promise the FUTURE holds out for you; then, learn what the navy offers you."

READ EVERY WORD OF THIS. IN CIVIL LIFE. 1. Jobs uncertain; strikes, layoffs, sickness. 2. Promotion and advancement uncertain and slow.

IN THE NAVY. 1. Steady and healthy employment, with good pay. 2. Promotion quick and sure for deserving men.

THERE You have it straight from your Uncle Sam. Industrial life in our great America holds out no hopes for anything but uncertain jobs, strikes, layoffs, sickness; same old monotonous, tiresome grind day after day; stuffy, gloomy, uninteresting work place; no chance to save a dollar, and finally old age, or physical incapacity, thrown out on the scrap heap to die in a Henry Dubb pauper's home, and be buried in the Henry Dubb potter's field; while the loafer in the navy is taken care of, pay goes on all the time, doctor and hospital care free, lives the healthful outdoor life, sees the women of the industry, goes to the theatre, the capitalistic masters.

REMEMBER this arraignment of the working man's abuses, this exposition of his sorry plight is not the mad vaporing of some crack-brained socialist. It is not the mouthings of the reformer. Not at all. It's the calm, judicial summing up of the industrial situation by the highest authority in the land—the United States Government.

Now what are you going to do about it? This is your problem. This is your government. You make the laws and you prescribe the conditions under which you shall labor. If you don't like it, don't blame the government, don't blame the employers, don't blame the capitalistic masters. They have no power save that which you give them.

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COSSACKS DEFEATED. Assailing the bill to create a State Constabulary force in New York as a measure aimed to establish an organized band of strikebreakers, Socialist Assemblyman Abraham I. Shipacoff on the floor of the House flayed the legislators for their attempt to rush thru the act at the very last hour of the present session.

A NEW PLAN! Read the Million Dime Column on page four for full particulars.

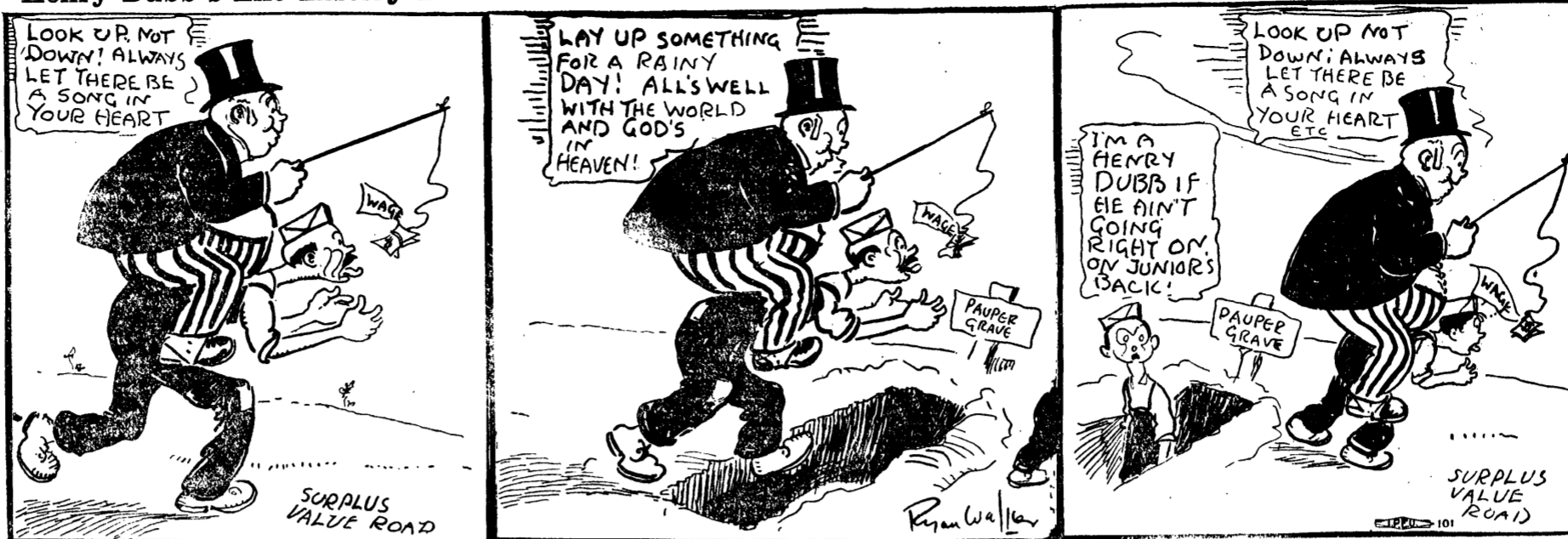
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- Comrade E. B. Schell, financial secretary of the sixth and seventh branches of St. Louis, orders seven initiation sub cards. Comrade John Kenneth Turner comes in with an order for four sub cards all the way from Carmel, Cal.

Henry Dubb's Life History From Generation To Generation



By Ryan Walker

Why Tony Wanted "Bloody" War

By GRAHAM CLARK (Maud Davis Walker)

WITHIN SOUND of where I live a hideous quarry is spoiling one of God's choicest picture-corners, a knoll of red-brown traprock, shaded all the year by tall, deep-green cedars. And the gentle land adjacent to the quarry is marred by unsightly shacks which squat in groups, the habitations of those who burrow and blast into the bowels of the hill to bring forth the traprock to feed to the grinding, groaning crusher...

be dead, very quick. If you are alive, you fight, sooner or later, or go home with the rifle here. But here you fight and fight all day the thing that hasn't got any blood. You fight the traprock and it hurts your back, your eyes, your here. You touched his chest. "The traprock throws dust into your eye get breath. At night you try to cough it out. You can't. It stays and stays. It would take a blast of powder to get it out. Next day you get a little more. You go to bed a little early and want to stay long. But next morning you're back to fight the beast, but no blood in you small. You hear no music of life and drum. You hear no cheering. Only the thunder of the blasts as the powder rips open the dirt; and the noise of the crusher like it was grinding men's bones. And you hear the big boss say: "Git a move on you, you god-am wop."

"BUT" I said, "you can leave the quarry and find a job which is not so hard." "Not so hard?" Tony's voice was hard. "I have heard the big young boss which he was breaking his fine young body. "Every job is the same for the man that works. Only nice, easy for the big boss. One time I worked in the cotton mills. Worse than the crusher, they were. Here I get the wind and snow. Then I get sick all over me. Once I worked where they get the coal—deep, deep down. Ugh, that was the hell!" He shuddered. "Always the thing that kills is watching for you—that what you call it?"

"DO YOU ever dream a better life than this?" I asked him. He smiled; but there was no gladness in his smile. "Why should I dream in America?," he asked. "It is always the same kind of—what you call it?—wake-up. Buzz buzz! sptt! sptt! Off goes the alarm at six and I jump up and eat my hunk of bread and drink my can of coffee and run to the quarry. Why should I dream in America?"

"But America is better than Italy," I ventured. He shook his head. "Maybe no worse, but not better," he said with marked emphasis.

Current Comment By Walter Thomas Mills

THE POINT OF IMMEDIATE ATTACK.

ANY war it is not possible to fight the last battle first. Each advanced position is more certainly taken just to the extent that the preceding places of attack have been wisely chosen and completely won. In the battle for the emancipation of labor to be fought out in this campaign, no one anticipates the immediate inauguration of the co-operative Commonwealth. That hoped-for event will be hastened as the point of attack in this battle is well-chosen and effectively fought for.

A LARGE Presidential vote for the Socialist candidates, and for all State and local candidates will largely increase the grip of the Socialist proposals, and in that way contribute to the winning of the final victory. But by no such vote, however large, within the bounds of reasonable expectation, can a point of such strategic advantage be secured as in a fight to put twenty Socialists into Congress.

MEYER London must, by all odds, be returned from New York. His splendid work in Congress must be re-inforced. Oklahoma ought to send four members, Pennsylvania three, New York, Illinois, Wisconsin and South Carolina two each; Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Texas and Montana one each.

While it is admitted that only fighting chances are offered, still the farmers of Oklahoma, the manufacturing workers of Pittsburgh, Newcastle, Reading, New York, Schenectady, Chicago and Milwaukee; the mining workers of Northern Michigan, Minnesota and Montana, and the commercial and horticultural workers of southern California may not be able in each instance to elect Socialists until an effective basis of protection for the elective franchise; and, finally, with the support of the Socialist proposal to make an end of war between the nations by creating a World-Congress representative of all nations and able to compel obedience to an established code of international law, protecting all boundaries and covering all international questions of controversy.

FOR MY own part, I am arranging, so far as possible, to help to make this fight for victory in those Congressional Districts where there is a fighting chance for victory. That program will be even more effective in securing a large vote for other national and local candidates than any other.

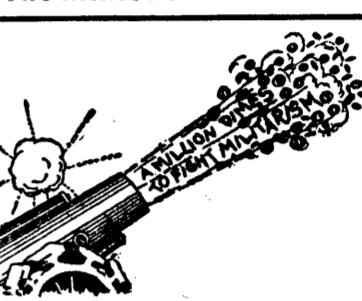
THE FIGHTING slogan for this campaign must be: "ON TO WASHINGTON WITH TWENTY SOCIALISTS IN CONGRESS."

THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT. By a 12-year-old Socialist. I feel it to be my sacred duty as a young Socialist to give my full expression on this important subject.

then they need a different uniform, and different arms. Next? Ready, to kill! Who? The teachers who taught them such things? No! The capitalist own father. If necessary to protect Mr. Boss. If his father shall attempt to strike for more bread and butter. This has already happened, in this free country. To my school mates I must say this: Remember that our parents have never had a country, neither a flag; their country is wherever they can get a job; their home is the one above the roof. My father is an Italian born. So am I. Beautiful Italy had no bread for us. We came to this country and were compelled to go from state to state for a mere existence. The same identical situation is that of your parents. For me, if they ever attempt to organize a Boy Scout Movement, I will take my coat and go straight home.

What makes me feel sorry is to see my very classmates think about organizing such a movement as the boy scouts. Certainly those boys have been poisoned by their parents, who are slaves under the present industrial system and still believe in such foolishness. If they had been taught about liberty to secure the presence of a teacher, they would not mention the boy scouts at all. I will try to describe this unnecessary movement. They begin to march, in and out in the school yard, with the flag. By and by they are induced to buy their own uniforms; to see themselves dressed like an American soldier; they feel proud and ready for action. Next they buy a little rifle (of course with their own pennies) and start to practice shooting; as time passes, as is natural,

The Million Dime Column



Conducted by MAX SHEROVER.

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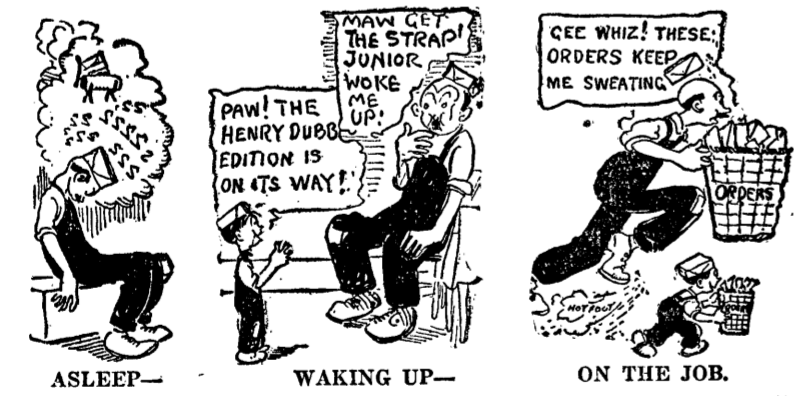
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NOTES FROM KRUSE LECTURE TOUR. The St. Louis Y.P.S.S. showed itself made of live stuff when it packed an audience of 250 into the prettily decorated Achenbroedel Hall for the Kruse lecture.

Indianapolis (Ind.) is on the map all right, and the calm and sedate "Mr. Woman Hater" members are all "there". A splendid organization session was held after the meeting; the yells were rehearsed with a vim, and it was midnight before the jolly group of youngsters finally broke up. Efforts will be made here to extend the scope of the league to all parts of the city, and they hope, later in the summer, to enlist the services of an organizer to help them carry on this work.

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