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Europe's War Is Warning To This Nation, Says Hillquit, Entering Race For Congress

Hope of having two representatives in congress is spurring the New York Socialists on to great efforts in this campaign. The struggle to re-elect Meyer London from the twelfth district is gaining new strength daily. No less an effort, however, is being made to elect Morris Hillquit, member of the party national executive committee, from the twentieth congressional district. Tammany Hall, at its wits' end, withdrew its original candidates, as being unfit, and put up candidates of the "goo-goo" stripe in the hope of deceiving the workers into voting for them. In the accompanying statement accepting the nomination for congress, Hillquit shows why every right-minded citizen in the district should vote the straight Socialist ticket.

To The Socialist Party Of The 20th Congressional District.

COMRADES:—A Socialist nomination for public office is not a political reward nor a personal preferment. It is a call to service.

With a full realization of this fact I accept your nomination for member of the House of Representatives from the 20th Congressional District, and pledge myself to give the best that is in me in the struggle to wrest the District from the unwholesome grip of the boss-ridden and boss-owned old political parties and to reclaim it for the workers, who constitute the vast majority of its inhabitants.

There is every reason why the citizens of this District should vote the Socialist ticket; there is not a single reason why they should throw away their franchise upon the candidates of the other parties.

SOCIALISM stands first and foremost for the full human rights of the working people. The United States is blessed with immense natural wealth, and with a large, enterprising and industrious population. If the country were owned by the people and its vast resources were utilized for their benefit, every willing worker would be enabled to live in comfort and to enjoy his legitimate share of the pleasures of life. But our country is not owned by the people. Our land and forests, our mines and highways, our railroads and factories, our machinery and raw material, in short all the things we need to work and to live, are monopolized by a small group of capitalists, while the large masses of the people pay tribute for the permission to make more wealth for the wealthy, and are contented to pass their lives in ceaseless toil and suffering.

The Socialists propose to take from the capitalists the means and instruments of work and to place them into the hands of the whole people, so that wealth may be produced for the use and enjoyment of all.

IF ELECTED to Congress I shall consider myself the servant and spokesman of the workers. I shall introduce and support legislation which will secure for the toilers of the country a better living, more leisure, larger freedom, greater justice—greater happiness. As a Socialist I am pledged to this course of action, just as my Democratic, Republican and Progressive rivals for office, as the representatives of their parties, are bound to uphold the present system of class privilege and class robbery.

If any human being still doubts the need of a complete and immediate change of the existing social and economic institutions, the heavy tragedy of blood-stained Europe should effectively dispel his doubts. For whatever might have been the immediate pretexts for the ghastly world-war, its ultimate and determining cause must be sought in the commercial rivalry of the capitalists of the different countries, their struggles for new markets, colonies, ports and spheres of commercial influence.

The international capitalist competition reared the insane institution of militarism, and eventually precipitated the savage orgy of blood and fire, death and destruction. The millions of Europe's workers are paying with their lives for the greed of their masters.

THE TRAGIC fate of the nations of Europe should be a warning and a lesson to the workers of this country. For already the magnates of American capital are busy at work cultivating the deadly germs of strife and bloodshed. Thru their powerful international trading corporations they are reaching out their greedy hands for the wealth of foreign countries, and the government of the United States will be called upon to back up their selfish adventures with huge armies and navies; with the wealth of the country and the blood of the people, as it has in our recent crisis with Mexico. This is the explanation of the sudden and violent access of capitalistic "patriotism".

Under the deceitful slogan of "National Preparedness" the Democratic, Republican and Progressive politicians have joined in a conspiracy to build up in this country a system of militarism as stupendous and crushing as those of the most militaristic European monarchies. Hundreds of millions of the people's hard-earned dollars have been added by the last Congress to the military and naval budget, while the crying needs of the workers for social betterment have received scant attention.

THE EVIL fruits of this spirit of militarism are rapidly maturing—in the most abominable of all forms—race hatred and national prejudice. In this melting pot of nations and races, in this country, which is made up entirely of immigrants and descendants of immigrants and which in its more glorious days was glad to serve as an asylum for the persecuted of all countries and proud of its broad spirit of tolerance, the leading political parties and their candidates vie with each other in their insults to foreign-born citizens, whom they contemptuously brand as "hyphens".

Socialism alone stands for justice to the workers, peace among nations and the brotherhood of all men of all races, creeds and nationalities. Its cause is exalted, its fight is noble, its methods are pure. That is why I accept your nomination with gratitude and pride, and that is why every worker and every just and right-minded citizen in this District should vote the straight Socialist ticket in the coming election.

MORRIS HILLQUIT.

REMEMBER IT

By JOHN M. WORK.

THE PRESENT industrial system—capitalism—with its private ownership of the exploiting industries enables the private owners to secure for themselves the bulk of the earnings of the masses of the people.

All the great social evils of the day—poverty, overwork, lack of work, child slavery, prostitution, intemperance, crime, immorality, excessive luxury, material groveling, disease, waste, graft, bribery, lying, cheating, lockouts, injunctions, police and military oppression, judicial usurpation, food adulteration, degeneracy, parasitism, intellectual prostitution, pessimism, ignorance—all these are primarily due to the private ownership of the exploiting industries—capitalism.

THE only remedy for these evils is the collective ownership and control of the exploiting industries—Socialism.

THE republican and democratic parties stand for the continuation of capitalism, and the consequent continuation of all these evils.

The Socialist party stands for the introduction of Socialism, and the consequent abolition of all these evils.

The republican and democratic parties are therefore opposed to your interests.

And the Socialist party stands directly for your interests.

REMEMBER this.

When you come face to face with the commonplace monstruosities of capitalism, remember it.

When you see the idealism of youth assassinated, remember it.

When you see a wage worker look up timidly at his master, remember it.

When you see a boy leave school and look for a job, remember it.

When you see an old man competing with youth, remember it.

When you see an overworked man gulp his lunch, remember it.

When you see a drunken man reeling along the street, remember it.

When you hear foul jokes and coarse laughter, remember it.

When you see delivery wagons cross each other's path, remember it.

When you see a child playing in the street, remember it.

When you mark what a preacher does not say, remember it.

When you see a hobo stealing a ride, remember it.

When you count your income, remember it.

When you pay your rent, remember it.

When a man asks you where he can get a job, remember it.

When you see a woman bending over a washtub, remember it.

When you see a girl working for six dollars a week, remember it.

When a harlot beckons to you, remember it.

When you see a workingman risk his life for two dollars a day, remember it.

When miners are buried alive, remember it.

When the policeman's club descends on the head of a striker, remember it.

When the troops are called out to help the capitalists to win a strike, remember it.

When the judge issues an injunction, remember it.

When the editorial policy of a newspaper is dictated by the business office, remember it.

When the doctor sends in his bill, remember it.

When you breathe smudgy air and drink filthy water, remember it.

When you buy groceries or coal, remember it.

When a beggar asks you for help, remember it.

When there are bribes and rumors of bribes, remember it.

When you see a hevel or a tenement, remember it.

When a witness perjures himself, remember it.

When you hear of a marriage for money or for a home, remember it.

When the divorce court is busy, remember it.

When you see lines of worry, remember it.

When you eat adulterated food, remember it.

When you see a lawyer sell his brains to a corporation, remember it.

When you read about the charity ball, remember it.

When you read of a railroad wreck, remember it.

When a workingman is killed by whirring machinery, remember it.

When you hear the silly gibbering of an idiot, remember it.

When a mob lynches its victim, remember it.

When you learn that the suicide's bullet reached home, remember it.

When a murderer swings off the gallows, remember it.

When you hear the innocent laughter of a child, remember it.

When you see your fellow men and women starving themselves mentally, morally and spiritually in order to keep from starving physically, remember it.

When the election clerk hands you a ballot, remember it.

When you step into the square canvas booth and see the melted wax running down the side of the candle, remember it.

WHEN YOU TAKE UP THE STUBBY PENCIL TO MARK YOUR BALLOT, REMEMBER IT!

3,000,000 Socialist Votes Will Force Draft Law's Repeal And Halt Militarism

—Says ALLAN L. BENSON, Socialist Candidate for President, in Leaflet No. 6

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By ALLAN L. BENSON

Our Candidate For President.

GAIN I warn America.

A Congress has passed and the President on June 3 of this year signed a bill into which had been smuggled a section which gives the President power, in time of war, to draft into the Federal Army all male citizens of good health who are between the ages of 18 and 45 years.

The newspapers of this country are trying to prevent this fact from becoming known. They will print almost anything else I say except a statement of facts about this draft law.

I compelled the Associated Press, by a series of verbal and printed attacks, to put nightly reports of my speeches on its wires, and it is now sending to the 700 newspapers to which it supplies telegraphic news nightly reports of 350 words of the great meetings I am addressing.

As a result of telegraphic interchanges between the United Press and myself, the United Press is sending telegraphic reports of my speeches to the 660 afternoon newspapers to which it supplies telegraphic news.

WONT PRINT FACTS.

BUT the newspapers, for the most part, are not printing the news that I have forced into their offices. They are either throwing it away bodily, or so cutting it down that only the pale shadow of it is left for their readers.

I know of no newspaper in the United States that has printed the facts about the draft law as I have given the facts to these two great news distributing agencies.

GAVE NEW FACTS.

AT Indianapolis, on September 19, for instance, I gave the Associated Press a new chapter of facts in connection with the smuggling into the Hay-Chamberlain Army Reorganization bill of the section empowering the President, in time of war, to draft citizens into the army.

I told how Representative Huddleston, of Georgia, after the bill had been signed and he had discovered the word "draft" in it, had introduced a bill to repeal the draft section—and Democratic and Republican members of Congress alike refused to vote for the repeal of the section.

I told how Representative Huddleston confronted Representative James Hay, of Virginia, in the House and complained that the word "draft" had been smuggled into the bill in place of the word "call".

I quoted Representative Hay's statement, made in Congress on August 25 of this year, which follows:

"The gentleman from Georgia bases his criticism on the fact that the word 'call' was stricken out and the word 'draft' substituted in conference. I do not now recollect whether this is true or not, but what is the difference between the President being authorized to call men out and to draft them? There is no difference, so far as the President is concerned."

Then I quoted an absolutely contradictory statement made in Congress by Representative Hay five months ago—on March 23, 1916. Congress was then considering a bill which has since become a law under which the President is given power to draft the entire national guard of any state or of all the states.

Representative Miller, of Minnesota, objected to the use of the word "draft" and suggested



GRAB-IT-ALL: Here come three cyclones and they'll all hit me.

Repair Notes

that the word "order" be substituted. On this occasion, Representative Hay, then chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, said:

"The word 'order' has not the same legal significance as the word 'draft.' The word 'draft' has a distinct meaning in all military bills and laws, and the word 'order' does not mean the same thing. If the gentleman will look into the debates during the Civil War, as I have done, when the draft sections were considered by Congress, he will find that the same question arose, and that after a full debate upon it, it was concluded that the word 'draft' was necessary to give the President the powers desired."

And Representative Hay, be it remembered, was one of the conference committee of seven who changed the word "call" in the Hay-Chamberlain Army Reorganization bill to "draft."

There is no use of mincing words about this. The authorities at Washington, in enacting the draft law, have done something that they know the American people, if they knew it, would not like and would not tolerate.

BOTH EQUALLY GUILTY.

REPUBLICANS and Democrats are equally guilty, because both Republicans and Democrats voted for it in Congress and President Wilson, a Democrat, on June 3, of this year, signed the bill containing the draft clause.

President Wilson has claimed the country's praise for nearly everything he has done since he became President, but neither in the Democratic platform which he wrote nor in his speech of acceptance did he dare claim praise for signing, or did he even dare mention that he had signed, a draft law.

On the other hand, Mr. Hughes, who has blamed the President for almost everything he has done since he became President, has never uttered a breath of criticism of Mr. Wilson, because he signed a draft law. Indeed, Mr. Hughes has

never mentioned that Mr. Wilson, on June 3, did sign a draft law, tho anybody can get a copy of the law by sending to the Government Printing Office in Washington. The draft clause is in Section 79.

WHY SO SILENT.

WHY ARE these gentlemen so silent about this matter?

Why do the newspapers throw away these facts when I give them to the press associations and the press associations carry them to the newspapers?

Every voter who this fall shall vote either the Republican or the Democratic ticket will thereby vote his approval of the draft law. There is no other way of voting against the draft law except by voting the Socialist ticket.

Three million Socialist votes this fall will cause the draft law to be repealed!

Every other political party in America is also in favor of our unparalleled military appropriations of \$662,000,000, the greatest ever made by any nation in time of peace—greater than any European nation made in 1913, when they were all pulling them-

selves together for the great war that is now on.

SOCIALISTS STAND ALONE.

STUDY the table at the bottom of this page. The figures are all official. This is the program of militarism that wrecked Europe. The Socialist Party is the only political party in America that is opposed to it.

Three million Socialist votes this fall will stop militarism in this country!

We beg the American people to take warning before it is too late and to support the only party that would not sacrifice the American people in war for the sake of private profits for the few.

NOTE.—The table showing the military appropriations of the United States this year compared to those of European nations before the war has been published in the last five issues of The American Socialist.

If Nevada and Oklahoma should swing into the Socialist column, as seems possible, it would cheer the comrades of the whole world and do more to end the war than anything else that could be done.

This paper has been paid for by someone. If you have not paid for it someone else is so anxious to have you read it that they have paid for it instead.

Send in Your Lists and Punch Cards!

The Campaign must be brought to an end befitting the great opportunity confronting the Socialist Party. The most effective blows must be struck between now and election day.

We have a stock of literature that must be placed in the hands of the voters before the day of election. To do this we must have money. Hundreds of contribution lists are still in the hands of comrades. SEND THEM IN! Hundreds of punch cards are still in the hands of comrades. SEND THEM IN! If this is done, we will go thru a campaign that will inspire the comrades with new hopes and energy and mark a new epoch in the politics of this country.

Fraternally yours,
ADOLPH GERMER, Executive Secretary.

Great Throng Listens To Benson and Kirkpatrick In Madison Square Garden

NOTE—New York City Socialists usually furnish the record mass meeting in every national campaign. This year they have not been behindhand. It is estimated that 10,000 persons listened to our national candidates, Benson and Kirkpatrick, and several state and local candidates at Madison Square Garden, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24. Here is the report in part as it appeared in The Call, the New York Socialist daily:

By CHARLES W. ERVIN. NEW YORK CITY.—The audience that filled Madison Square Garden and for four hours listened to the national and local candidates of the Socialist Party was one of the greatest ever gathered under one roof during a political campaign.

And this in spite of the fact that the cheering thousands filling the immense space had been compelled to walk many miles on foot, as they refused to ride on cars manned by scabs and guarded by police.

Oldest Socialist There. Young and old were there, all thronging with the great passion of the coming social revolution. Lucien, the oldest Socialist in the United States, his four score years resting lightly upon him, was surrounded by a group of youngsters who were doing their share to bring about the better day for all mankind.

It was an audience to inspire the best in any speaker. Benson and Kirkpatrick hit home with every sentence. Cannon, Hillquit, Lee and London sent shivers of indignation into the enemy's trenches with telling effect. While Fitzgerald, the leader of the car strike, handled Shonts and his gang in a manner that will long be remembered by his hearers.

Madison Square Garden has housed many audiences of many kinds and of many minds. The few who fatten off the toil of the many were wont to gather there once a year to flaunt their wealth in the faces of those whose misery they had minted into millions. As an excuse for this vulgar flaunting, they exhibited their blooded stock and called it a horse show.

New Note In The Garden. Piffing politicians, promising the millennium without disturbing the existing order, have filled the Garden with polished phrases, rounded periods and sonorous sentences, dulling the minds of the people while the plumes picked their pockets.

Bryan came out of the West and pictured for cheering thousands in the Garden the promised land, but the picture is the only thing his dupes have to remind them of the Peeries. One and his wordy nothings.

All of these word merchants told the people what they and their parties were going to do for them. And they surely did them good and proper. Yesterday the Garden was filled with a different audience and a different

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SHERBET SCOFFMAN'S PAGE The Need Of Greed

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

When Napoleon and the Caesars started out to conquer the world they never gave thought to obstacles. First they sought, then fought and wrought.

In fighting life's battles today you must contrive and connive to survive. Sharpen your claws by framing the laws. Then down the years you can safely glide, with all the armies on your side.

This the workers seem never to learn, for socialist advice they haughtily spurn. Workers willing to subsist on grass indeed give joy to the master class.

And 'tis well that this is so, according to wise old Plato, for if there were no Henry Dubb, milady, alas! would have to scrub.

By cunning and gumming at Homestead mill, Carnegie put men thru severest grill. Canny Andy grew rich in silver and gold, in hovels were children both hungry and cold.

And workers grew lean to their very bones, that this name might be chiseled in polished stones. By gouging money from the poor, to buy the diamond of Kohinoor, he built fine libraries on every hand, to enlighten the people all over the land.

But can these books of current fiction, couched in words of proper diction, be made to pay for all they cost in lives at Homestead that were lost?

So greed must ever be your creed, if fortune is to be your need.

Hay's Definition Of Draft

By Willis Andrews.

It was signed by the President on June 3 of this year. After he had signed it a gentleman from Georgia named Hudson discovered that the word "draft" had been stricken out and the word "order" substituted in the bill.

"Mr. Hudson base his criticism on the fact that the word 'draft' was stricken out and the word 'order' substituted. I do not now recollect whether that is true or not. But what is the difference between the President's 'calling' the troops out or 'drafting' them? There is no difference as far as the President is concerned.

"On March 23 this same Mr. Hay expressed in Congress an entirely different opinion as to the meaning of the word 'draft.' At that time there was under consideration in Congress the powers of the President in time of war. Representative Miller, of Minnesota, rose and objected to the word 'draft.' He said it grated upon his ears. He did not like it. He suggested that the 'draft' be changed to 'order.' Whereupon we see Mr. Hay rising in his place and defining 'draft' as having the same legal significance as the word 'order.' Therefore, the section in the opinion of the lawyers who have looked into it, would not have the same meaning if the word 'order' were substituted for the word 'draft.'

When did Mr. Hay properly define the word 'draft'—when he said no other word would do, or when he said that 'call' would do. He did not properly define it on both occasions.

Wilson Submerges Word "Draft." "Now, I would respectfully call your attention to this: Whereas, Mr. Wilson has praised himself in the Democratic platform, which he read, and in his speech of acceptance for everything that has been done since he became President, nowhere has he praised himself for signing a draft law. On the other hand, the late Mr. Hughes has blamed Mr. Wilson for almost everything he has done since he became President, on no occasion has he blamed Mr. Wilson for signing a draft law. Mr. Hughes blames Mr. Wilson for not having recognized poor old Huerta, now dead and gone. It seems as if any dead subject is a live enough subject for Mr. Hughes. And it also seems that any really live subject is live for both Wilson and Hughes.

"Mr. Wilson has said that labor has been given a veritable emancipation act, by that means the Clayton act, exempting labor unions from prosecution under the Sherman Anti-Trust law. A strange fact is that some twelve years ago Mr. Wilson did not think he had been emancipated. He had very serious doubts about his ability to make a living. He was then about to resign as president of Princeton University to accept the Democratic nomination for Governor of New Jersey.

Wilson And Carnegie. "He applied to Andrew Carnegie for a pension, on the ground that he was going to give up his life-long occupation and might not be able to make a living in any other line of endeavor. And the equally strange and humorous thing about it all is that the great Carnegie politely turned him down. And I wonder when Mr. Wilson sits down to think sometimes, whether he does not quietly smile to think of the fine opportunity Mr. Carnegie lost to get a President of the United States on his payroll.

"If Mr. Wilson, after thirty-five years in the world worth while, an educated, a brilliant man, still felt that there might be some doubt about his ability to make a living, why does he tell you that you have been veritably emancipated when he knows that you cannot work another day if the owners of the tools and machinery by which you work withhold permission?

Wilson And Hughes Capitalist. "We, the Socialists, charge both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Wilson with being representatives of the capitalist class. We tell you that Mr. Hughes is the political favorite of Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Wilson is the political favorite of Mr. Morgan. Mr. Wilson's campaign manager in 1912 was Mr. William G. McAdoo, formerly practicing attorney of Georgia. This Mr. McAdoo bought street car franchises. He bought some in New Jersey shortly after he came to New York and revived the idea of building a tube under the Hudson. The tube was built, and, as everybody knows, Mr. McAdoo did not have enough money to finish it. As everyone also knows, the firm of Mr. Morgan did have the money, and furnished it. Shortly after his election Mr. Wilson complimented Mr.

Hay-Chamberlain bill before signing it. There are stories in Washington that he signed the draft law without having a full knowledge of it—particularly of the presence of the word 'draft.' Will Mr. Wilson answer this question: Does he approve of the draft law that he signed?"

Leader Of Carmen Speaks

William B. Fitzgerald was the next speaker and the leader of the car-strike spoke briefly, but made every word count. Said he: "I fully realize and appreciate that, as the chairman said, I am in the hands of my friends. I am not going to take up my time at this meeting at any length by discussing the street car trouble."

"It has been decided that upon Wednesday the call will be issued for a sympathetic strike of the workers of Greater New York. I know of no class of labor other than those working on the labor press of this city that should not quit work at this time. We must have the labor press because we haven't got the subsidized press."

Denounces The Times. "The Times, which has been pronouncing the death of the 'Fitzgerald strike' as it calls it, for days, is mortgaged to a million and a half to the Equitable Assurance Society, which Morgan controls. The New York Trust Company, controlled by Rockefeller, owns \$1,200,000 of Times bonds.

"The New York Life Insurance Company has a \$600,000 mortgage on the Times' fixtures and franchise. George McAneny, who signed the contracts between the Interborough and the city of New York for the new subways, as president of the Board of Estimate, is a high-salaried official of the New York Times."

"And all the rest of the papers of the city of New York are controlled, one way or another, by the directorship of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company or allied interests. That's why they are fighting the strike against the Interborough."

"I want to compliment sincerely the thousands of women of the Socialist party for their efforts to help the street car men win their fight. The fight is to kill the individual contract system, which will be applied all over the country if it gets by in this city."

150,000 Hear Our Candidates. Already more than 150,000 persons have heard the message of Socialism as delivered by our national candidates, Benson and Kirkpatrick.

Every day thousands are being added to the vast audience, and it bids fair to pass the quarter million mark before the close of the campaign.

Add to this the hundreds of other speakers already in the field thru the national, state and local offices and you have a combined audience of millions hearing the message of Socialism. Add to this the millions who will read the Benson leaflets, the Socialist papers and scores of other Socialist leaflets that are being distributed in this campaign and you have the Socialist message reaching practically every man and woman voter in the country that toils for a living.

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BLINDFOLDING THE FARMERS. We have just received a copy of an open letter to the farmers of Indiana by Harry S. New, republican candidate for U. S. Senator. It starts out as follows: "In civilized communities, human happiness as well as accumulation rests on industry. Agricultural pursuits alone are underwritten by nature. In every other activity, however persistently prosecuted, continued and unending failure is possible, and even probable. It is claimed that over 95 per cent of men fail in every field of professional and business activity, except agriculture."

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Reimer Seeks To Injure Debs' Chances Of Election

The American Socialist has just received the following letter from Theodore Debs, telling of the recent visit to Terre Haute, Ind., of Arthur E. Reimer, candidate of the Socialist Labor Party for president.

KEEP TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM

By ALLAN L. BENSON Socialist Candidate for President. Vote the Socialist ticket. Tell everybody you know that you are going to vote the Socialist ticket.

show and brag about. He set a trap for Gene expecting a denial that he would then have published in The People, instead of which he finds himself caught in his own trap.

mer where he belongs and to destroy the little influence he may have in the dirty work he may do of the same kind in other districts.

Shipley's Letter To Reimer. The letter sent by Maynard Shipley, campaign manager in the Debs District, to Reimer, is as follows:

"A letter written by you to Eugene V. Debs, under date of Sept. 9th, is before me.

"One statement you make in the letter calls for correction, but before taking this matter up, permit me to remind you of the fact that when Eugene V. Debs wishes to express himself on any subject he does not do so through an agent, but speaks direct, in the first person.

"You state that I had openly accused the Socialist Labor Party with having sent you into Terre Haute for the express purpose of injuring Mr. Debs, and that I had made the charge that your campaign was financed by the capitalists in order to divide the Socialists into warring camps.

"This is true. I did make this charge. Then you came and demanded the proof of my charge.

"You state in your letter to Mr. Debs that I admitted that I 'was in error', meaning of course, that I admitted that I was wrong in believing that your campaign was financed by the capitalists themselves.

"In this you are mistaken. I only admitted that I was not prepared to furnish proofs of your guilt. I admitted that I made the charge on circumstantial evidence and common report.

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"In this you are mistaken. I only admitted that I was not prepared to furnish proofs of your guilt. I admitted that I made the charge on circumstantial evidence and common report. But I had never claimed to hold actual legal proofs of the guilt of the leaders of your little club.

"You said that you had not come here to injure Debs. 'No, and maybe Mr. John Francis and 'J. Ham' are just coming here to get votes for themselves in Illinois! Maybe.

Slanders Debs. "In your Weekly People you slander Mr. Debs and accuse him falsely, and you have a great abundance of these slanders with which to fill the country.

"Just so: the more you abuse that splendid champion of the workers, Eugene V. Debs, the lower will fall your income—THRU THE REGULAR CHANNELS.

"Yes, I can furnish no absolute proof that the Socialist Labor Party is financed by Wall Street, but we have a right to judge a man or a political party by the friends he or they keep.

"I made my charge upon the circumstantial, or prima facie evidence. 'I admitted to you that I had no direct proof of the charges I made against your party' (1) and against you. But this is very different from offering you and your party a clean bill of health.

"So, Mr. Reimer, while I am willing to concede that there may be in your party a few honest, but misguided souls, the whole record of the S. L. P. and especially of the Weekly People is, in itself a standing evidence of your party's insincerity.

"You're truly, 'Maynard Shipley.'

The New York Call, the well-known Socialist daily, has been endorsed by the New York State Federation of Labor, New Jersey State Federation of Labor, the Central Federated Union of Greater New York, Brooklyn Central Labor Union and half a dozen other central organizations in the vicinity of the metropolis.

"A punch in time saves a licking." Suggested Socialist campaign slogan.

Do you know all the planks in the platform? If not, you aren't a good Socialist. Order copies from the National Office.

There still is lots of time to make your neighbors read and think. Look over the literature lists again and see what you haven't used.

Contributions are coming in from labor union locals all over the country. Local 25, Ladies Waist and Dress-makers Union, sets the pace so far with a \$25 donation.

Even in Alaska the call for campaign funds has been heard. Comrade W. R. King of Fairbanks sent in \$6, his own contribution and that of two other comrades.

Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, Branch 249, Western Electric Shop, Chicago, sent in a subscription list to which no less than 68 comrades had contributed.

The contributing never was better than it is right now. The National Office gives as neat a receipt as you ever saw for each campaign contribution, be it ever so small.

"Chief of Police Healey Puts the Ban on Punchboards in Chicago"—Headline. This refers to gambling devices, however, and not to the Socialist punch cards.

Many campaign contributions come from women. The wise members of the fair sex can see which party promises them freedom as well as mere suffrage.

Benson Designs the Bombshells, the party manufactures them, but YOU must fire them. Throw them where and when they will hit the hardest.

Another comrade sends a contribution, but asks that no literature be sent to his community, as it is "hopeless." He is all wrong! Where the "NUTS" are hardest to crack, we ought to begin pounding soonest.

Local Marion, Indiana, has purchased and distributed 6,000 copies of Oscar Ameringer's book, "Socialism. What it is and How to Get It." Now they want an address in their town by the author as a "follow-up" event.

Most of the letters ordering the Benson Campaign Bombshells also contain requests for other campaign material. The posters, pennants and campaign buttons bring socialism to the notice of those who will not read.

Benson's leaflets are the Bombshells of the campaign. Oscar Ameringer's little book is ammunition for sharpshooters. Anyone who is hit by it and does not fall is lacking equally in reasoning power and sense of humor.

In the Republican candidate for governor of Illinois, Hughes has landed a capital teammate (with the emphasis on the "capital"). Col. Lowden married into the Pullman family and apparently quite a slice of shares in the Pullman company.

Have you seen the latest edition of Comrade Benson's book "The Truth About Socialism"? Better than the old one and that was a wonder of a vote-getter. It made a Socialist of me—and I was as hard a "nut" to crack as any I've ever seen.

John R. Thompson III, son of the millionaire restaurant owner, rose in thirty days from a position as counter-man to manager of one of his father's Chicago eating houses. This proves conclusively that everyone has an equal chance in this world of ours to get ahead if he only has ability, ambition and a lot of other amiable qualities.

"TRUTH" is the keynote of all Socialist advertising as well as of the motto of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America. The National Office has the advertising material; you must be the medium. Order your campaign supplies now before it is too late.

The old parties are using the movies, too, to lead their cause. The Republicans abuse Wilson in the films and the Democrats rail at Hughes. Neither party mentions Socialism for fear people might become interested and do some thinking.

B. L. T. works for the World's Republicanist Newspaper. In spite of his obedience to the policies of the Chicago Tribune, his sense of humor occasionally gets the better of his loyalty. Observe this from one of his recent "Line O' Type or Two" columns: "G. O. P. Leaders to Open Whirlwind Campaign—Headline. A whirlwind, especially hereabouts, means much dust in the eyes."

President Ripley of the Santa Fe says his railroad "will not obey the eight hour law until ordered to do so by the Supreme Court." Just imagine one of us workers breaking a minor law and telling the copper who tries to pinch us that we "will not obey the law until the Supreme Court tells us to." Just you imagine it. We can't. Incidentally what confidence friend Ripley has in the fidelity of the Supreme Court to "see" his side of the question.

EVERY LIBRARY SHOULD CONTAIN SUGGESTIONS for a PERMANENT PEACE

By a Swiss officer. Perfectly neutral. Why have the European war? Why did the Teutons march to Belgium? Why did England join the contest? How was the war started at the end of 1915? PART TWO: How can war be waged more effectively, without the use of arms? How can Militarism and Navalism be suppressed? How can the map of Europe be readjusted? How can the gigantic war loans and war indemnity be met without drawing on any man's purse? Friends of Peace, Arise! Give your help! Address the author: HANS OBERHANSLI 3458 Elaine Place, Chicago.

The Million Dime Column

Conducted by MAX SHEROVER.

"We send herewith 15 shots (dimes) to be used against militarism and capitalism. We are with you heart and hand for the red hot intelligent and bloodless revolution."

"Sometime ago I received one of the chain letters from a comrade, sent in my dime and promptly received from you a complete outfit. Secured 4 dimes, three farmers and one from a preacher and gave another one myself," wrote J. M. Rhodes, Jr., who is a Spanish War Veteran, and "enclose: a Spanish rifle for 50 cents.

"Herewith is my bank with 43 dimes which I secured inside of two days. Return the bank to me when empty," writes Comrade W. L. Hill, Ardmore, Oklahoma, sending a list of 12 applicants for banks.

Below is a list of names with the corresponding bank numbers and amounts collected. Hereafter acknowledgments will be published in this column by cities, states, in accordance with the new arrangements made with the state and local secretaries:

Table with columns: No. of Dimes, NAME, ADDRESSES. Lists names and addresses from various cities like New York, Chicago, etc.

Total number of Dimes in 104 banks... 2,244 Average per bank... \$2.10

The Australian Labor party is going to make an effort to demolish another unjust custom that has been inherited from the class rule of the old parties, namely, the prevailing jury system.

As has been stated in this paper, Meyer London Socialist Congressman, recently told the House that as capitalism's candidates there is but one difference between President Wilson and Charles E. Hughes. The Congressman leaned forward to catch the profound observation to follow.

The Appeal to Reason calls attention to the fact that the Friend of London seems to have forgotten that Wilson has declared for untainted Americanism, while Mr. Hughes has thundered his demand for undiluted Americanism. So really there is more difference than Mr. London would admit.

A Socialist magazine for Japanese workers has been established in San Francisco, called the Heimin. It reports that activity among the Socialists in Japan has been increasing greatly during recent months despite the efforts of the government to suppress organization and progressive thought.

Unite Against Debs

By MAYNARD SHIPLEY.

That the master-class of the United States realize as well as do the Socialists themselves that the election of Eugene V. Debs to Congress from the Fifth District of Indiana is not a LOCAL but a NATIONAL ISSUE, is evidenced by the fact that they are concentrating all their available forces at this point, with a view to the defeat of this powerful champion of Labor's rights.

Despite his professed determination to scorn the "elect-me" platform, President Wilson has consented to enter Debs' District in order to help defeat a real champion of the working-class. His Honor, Judge Hughes has also accepted an invitation to enter the field and do his "bit."

Not a few trade union officials have lost their heads and are joining in the hysteria to pay homage to the chief executive. We object at that kind of hero-worshipping. What about the 400,000 railway workers—and several million other organized toilers who have already pleaded and thundered, fought and starved for the eight-hour day—don't they deserve some credit for this achievement, if such it finally turns out to be?

President Wilson did not espouse the eight-hour day until the railway employees voted to strike, after their patience had been exhausted and after nearly everybody else in the country except Big Business and its editors, who are the self-appointed guardians of "the public," expressed sympathy for the movement.

It comes pretty wearisome to have politicians, who are always conveniently perched on the fence while the hard struggling is going on to secure recognition for a great principle, hop off at the psychological moment and shout "me, too," and then have them acclaimed as saviors.

Will the working class of America ever cease their fool hero-worshipping and have a little confidence in and self-respect for themselves? THE ION. Chas. Hughes is surely making our Republican brothers good and disgusted by the valiant manner in which he is lambasting the eight-hour law (?) forced thru Congress by his political friends and foes. We admire Charley for his frankness—an almost unknown trait in the average politicians' composition.

Have you noticed, gentle reader, that none of the local capitalist papers that threw all sorts of fits when the railway employees refused to accept the fake arbitration provided in the Newlands act, charging that the brotherhoods were arbitrary, etc., have not lipped a syllable since Shonts and Hedley, the New York City traction magnates, declared that "there is nothing to arbitrate" after the striking employees accepted Mayor Mitchell's proposition that the trouble be adjusted by disgraced citizens?

Have you noticed it? When labor refuses to go up against a brace game it is denounced; when capital refuses to accept genuine arbitration the silence is thick enough to cut with an axe.

Who says the plute sheets aren't class-conscious? Use your vote in the interest of economic freedom and you cannot lose it.

Capitalism is the enemy of private property. It has left a majority of the people without any.

Alive With Speakers. Meanwhile, the District is alive with Socialist speakers and organizers, with our 'Gene himself in the field, eloquent, magnetic and convincing. Full of his old-time fire and

Every Copy Makes A Convert

If you want to make votes distribute Benson's "The Truth About Socialism." (Campaign edition with new chapter on Hughes and Wilson and with 1916 platform). If every voter read this book Benson would be elected unanimously.

\$15.00 per hundred net f.o.b. N.Y. Sample copy 30c. postpaid. Order of the National Office or of B. W. HUEBSCH, Publisher, 225 Fifth ave., New York

\$150.00 FOR SOCIALIST ARTICLES

Ten Prizes ranging from \$50.00 to \$5.00 THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST, 5350 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill., will pay above amounts for the best ten educational and propaganda articles on Socialism in a contest ending Dec. 15th. Any phase of the subject may be discussed. Write at once for particulars

The C. S. Weekly is \$1.00 per year. The C. S. Monthly is 50c per year.

CAMPAIGN PENNANTS NOW READY FOR SHIPMENT. We have just received our new Campaign pennants. They are beauties. The cut above is an exact reproduction. The finest pennants the party has ever had.

CAMPAIGN LEAFLETS Up to date, live stuff that will make the readers think. Printed especially for this campaign and sure to make votes this fall and socialists for future campaigns.

BE PREPARED. Select Your Leaflets NOW Before The Final Rush Begins And The Supply Is Gone. Socialist Party 803 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO.

MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

The Record: Last Week 56,711 Gain 2,141 This Week 58,852 And Still Going Up!

ROLL OF HONOR

Those five week subs are going to make many Socialist voters this year. Comrade C. A. Moseley sends in a list of 40 from Clinton, Iowa. 'There later,' writes Comrade M. J. Donahoe, of Haverhill, Mass., as he rushes in with 53 five week subs. Comrade J. L. Hare, of Lock Haven, Pa., puts 42 names of voters in his neighborhood on our list for five weeks.

"The Open Way to Freedom"

Warner's month this wage-slave system. Come now, turn to the light an see. Behold the Open Way to Freedom. Lies thru the ballot politically. Sending the latent power within us. Straightening alike the bent necks: United as classless workers. Our numbers bespeak our victory.

Congressman Meyer London declared in a speech in Washington that the preparedness legislation had been engineered by the capitalist interests that are trying to head off social improvements of the people, which threatened the very foundation of the old order.

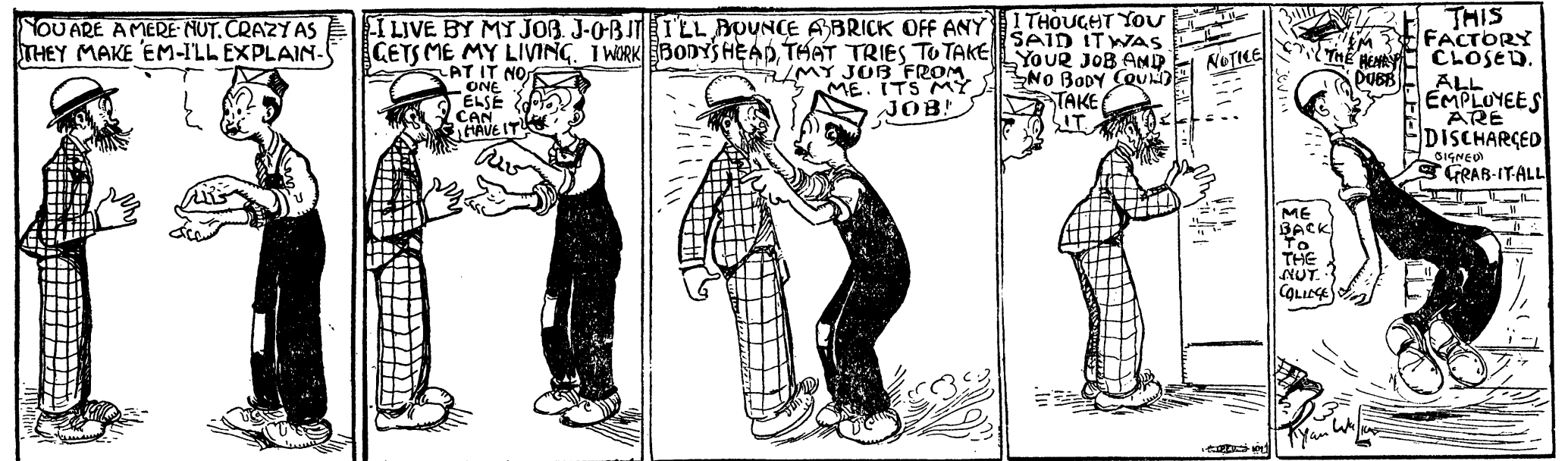
The Montana Equity News, official publication of the Montana State Union American Society of Equity, in its current issue, publishes the Socialist platform along with the republican and democratic platforms.

Comrade Alice S. Eddy, State Secretary of Arizona, reports that the membership dues for the month of August are the highest since September of 1912. What have the other states got to say for themselves.

Benson-Kirkpatrick Film Gives Satisfaction.

We are receiving many letters from the Comrades that have received the Benson-Kirkpatrick Film and tried it out. Comrade Dalton Clarke, of Washington, Pa., writes: "We received the Benson-Kirkpatrick film, and immediately placed it in a local theater, and we are more than pleased with it.

Henry Dubb Owns His Job - Nit!



State Legislature Most Powerful Body in Our System of Government

By CHRISTIAN M. MADSEN Socialist Member Illinois State Legislature. During a presidential campaign, when so many questions of national and international scope occupy the attention of the people, the importance of our state legislature is apt to be lost sight of.

Division of Powers.

Congress has only such powers as has been granted to it by the United States constitution. While the state legislature has jurisdiction in any matter not already covered in the national or state constitution; and while it has no power to amend the constitution of the state, it can block any attempt to have it amended.

Governs Your Everyday Life.

The legislature reaches into the shops and factories, it regulates the hours of labor, it determines the conditions under which you work, your health, your safety and even your life depends to a large extent upon the laws enacted in your state legislature.

Even your so-called rights to freedom of press, speech and assembly depend upon legislative action to a large extent. When the Clayton bill was enacted by congress it was hailed by the labor unions as a second emancipation proclamation.

Strong protests will be made by the Socialist party of Porto Rico against the action taken by Congress suppressing elections in Porto Rico. It is desired that the Socialist party of the United States create sentiment by which President Wilson can be induced to take steps to have the elections in Porto Rico held in conformity with the laws of the country.

Impeach Injunction Judges.

The legislature can not only limit the power of judges to issue injunctions but it has the power to deal with this abuse in a very effective manner by impeaching and removing from office any judge who violates his obligation to uphold our constitution by depriving our citizens from enjoying their rights as a free people in a free country.

The Big Business interests have long since realized the importance of electing men to state legislatures that would guard and protect them at every turn of the road; they regard their large contributions to the campaign funds of the old political parties as an investment upon which they expect return.

Life and Liberty At Stake.

There never was a time when united action by the workers at the ballot box was more necessary than now. Let every free and liberty loving American citizen exert all his powers, use all his influence between this date and Nov. 7th, to the end that men will be elected to the state legislature who will stand up and be counted against the powers of greed and profits, and for the rights of humanity whenever the roll is called.

The Yellow Menace

Have you seen the latest, silliest and craziest moving picture serial entitled "The Yellow Menace"? It is a blood curdling scenario in several dozen reels, melodramatically portraying an attack upon America by the Yellow race as a prelude to world domination. But PREPAREDNESS or scaredness saves the day for the white race.

I saw the real Yellow Menace which is not the crazy dream of a prostituted brain. I realized that The Yellow Menace is upon us now, not as a phantasy, but as a sad and tragic reality. It is the greatest conceivable menace to our freedom, to intellectual progress, and to the emancipation of the world's workers.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

Organization - Education - Solidarity. WILLIAM D. KRUSE - Director. To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialist Leagues.

MORE HELP FOR OKLAHOMA.

We have just received a letter from J. E. Shafer, of the Llano Del Rio Colony, at Llano, Cal., enclosing \$21 to help send the Benson leaflets to the Oklahoma comrades for distribution in the campaign to carry that state.

SOME CURRENT LEAGUE ACTIVITIES.

MUSKOGEE, MICH., has made up its mind to become more active in the work of the League. They recently boosted their membership from 15 to 25 in one month and declare that they will go even higher. They are going strong on the comradeship stuff from now on. Watch them grow.

APPEAL FROM HAMILTON.

The Baker Defense League of Hamilton, Ohio, has issued a pamphlet entitled "The Class Struggle at Hamilton, Ohio." The purpose of this pamphlet is to raise funds to defray the expense of Editor Charles Baker, of the Hamilton Socialist, who has been arrested on a charge of sending seditious matter thru the mails, and placed under \$5,000 bond.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

Public Ownership Successfully Worked Out in the Canal Zone; by W. J. Donaldson, Seven Years a Foreman on The Panama Canal. Fourteen years of marvellously successful business. During 1913 the Isthmian Canal Commission (United States) netted \$105,533.63 in the Subsistence Department on a business of \$7,500,000.

HAMLET IN HEAVEN.

A remarkable book purporting to have been written by Shakespeare to celebrate the fourth centenary of his death. Takes the characters of the play of Hamlet, and shows how they "mixed it" in the other world before they found peace and happiness in a five act play. Fred D. Warren pronounces it "One of the finest things I ever read. The pictures are striking and beautiful, the language is superb, the humor is infectious, and the philosophy very much like my own conception of the future, here, there, and yonder." It doesn't matter in the least what you think of the claims of the book, as William Marlow Reedy, of the St. Louis Mirror, says, "It is worth the fifty cents asked for it. It is published by The Green World, Lincoln Platter's Paper-Magazine, Girard, Kansas."

By RYAN WALKER.

Occasionally, even in these days of political campaigning and vote catching, some of the capitalist sheets dare to discuss the great issue-private and public ownership. The World-Herald, of Omaha, comes thru with an editorial that is a little more intelligent than the ordinary run of plutophile philosophy. In an editorial entitled "Public and Private", it says in part: "It has always been considered that there were some things that could not be privately owned, but of late years private ownership has been encroaching upon them. One Chicago aristocrat says that he has no objection to bathers using his privately owned beach. Since when some extent, law so changed that beaches of the ocean and on the great lakes could be privately owned? If that is to be allowed it may not be long until the aristocrats will be talking about their privately owned air and sunshine. If they can fence off the shores of the great lakes and those of the ocean, they may yet put up a sign "no trespassing" and assert ownership of the world.

THE LABOR PARTY GOVERNMENT OF WEST AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN OVERTHROWN AGAIN.

The Labor party government of West Australia has been overthrown again and the Liberal-Conservative fusionists are once more in power. The Laborites were in the saddle by the suffrage of several agrarians who held the balance of power, but finally broke away when the Labor government became too radical in pushing along socialistic legislation for the benefit of the workers.

Nothing succeeds like hard work.

The order you work the more your employer succeeds. Now IS THE Time TO ADVERTISE SOCIALISM Election is Only Six Weeks Away ARE YOU DOING YOUR BIT? Order CAMPAIGN NOVELTIES while they still do some good CAMPAIGN BUTTONS. Neat, Novel and Useful. The picture of the candidates and the motto: "To the Workers the Full Measure of Their Toil". Price: 25c each; \$2.40 per Dozen; \$17.50 per 100.

Advertisement for National Office Socialist Party featuring campaign materials like buttons, pencils, and pennants. Text includes 'Now IS THE Time TO ADVERTISE SOCIALISM', 'Election is Only Six Weeks Away', and 'ARE YOU DOING YOUR BIT? Order CAMPAIGN NOVELTIES while they still do some good'. Lists items like 'CAMPAIGN BUTTONS', 'PENCIL CLIPS', 'CAMPAIGN WATCH FOBES', 'CAMPAIGN PENNANT', '30 FEET OF MOVING PICTURE FILM', 'THE LIBERTY BELL BADGE', 'NEWSPAPER CUTS', and 'LANTERN SLIDES'. Contact information: National Office Socialist Party, 803 WEST MADISON STREET, CHICAGO, ILL.