

WARDEN CONNOLLY PRECIPITATES STRIKE

Penitentiary Grandee Runs up Against Organized Labor but Finds International Unionism Different from Men with Ball, Chain and Stripes—Solidarity of Skilled Crafts at Deer Lodge

FAR-SEEING BUSINESS

MEN OF DEER LODGE

Want no Trouble and Leave Unions Undisturbed. Political Boss May Bulldoze Convicts, but Can't Run the Business of Skilled Labor

Deer Lodge is an old town within the state but one that has been born again, as it has thrown off the frontier style and become an up to date twentieth century industrial center...

Recently the retail store clerks organized a union and drafted a schedule and rate of wages and endeavored to secure a working agreement with their bosses...

The Merchants' Association met and agreed to sign the agreement with the clerks and all seemed peace and harmony until Frank Connolly, Warden of the State Penitentiary...

Another meeting of the Merchants' Association was held and Mayor Connolly, the Warden of the State Prison, was present and commenced to bulldoze the merchants...

Some of the merchants expressed that they believed that organized labor had come to stay and that they were going to sign the agreement with the union...

On Saturday Dec. 11 J. P. Mueller, president of the Clerks Union, was discharged by the Bonner Mercantile

Company, and a general fight commenced against the union. On Monday Dec. 13, the clerks went on strike for the reinstatement of their president...

Three merchants signed the union scale and the unions enforced an effective boycott against the unfair stores, even the Jap laborers working on the Milwaukee railroad lined up and refused to patronize the stores...

Connolly can bulldoze convicts all he wants to, but when he tries it on organized labor, his bluff is called.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 13th, 1909. To Affiliated Unions, Greeting:

The Clerks' International Union recently organized in the town of Deer Lodge, Montana, in order to secure decent living conditions were denied these conditions asked for by them.

The president of the Clerks' Union for his active interest in building up the Clerks' Union was discharged, the conditions asked for by the union were denied by the employers, at the instigation of the warden of the State Penitentiary...

O. M. Partelow, Secy.

Deer Lodge, Mont., Dec. 20th, 1909. Special to the News.

The striking clerks have gone back to work this morning. The business men's association held a meeting Sunday afternoon and decided to sign up an agreement with the union...

This makes the second victory for organized labor in Deer Lodge within one week. The prestige of the Great Caesar—who is Mayor of the city and Warden of the Penitentiary, has suffered a great blow by the two successive defeats he has suffered at the hands of organized labor.

A strike of the shopmen in Deer

Lodge was almost a reality last week. Simpson Maxwell, president of the Machinist Union, was discharged under rather curious circumstances. He was transferred to a round house on the Milwaukee railroad...

While the union had the matter under investigation, Mayor Connolly, warden of the State Penitentiary, met Maxwell on the streets of Deer Lodge and commenced to make overtures to him.

Mayor Connolly opened the conversation with, "Maxwell, if you will give me your word of honor to quit agitating and will get the shop unions to withdraw their support from the striking store clerks, I will get you your job back in the shops."

Connolly reckoned without his host, he is used to bulldoze convicts, bluffing business men, and is well posted on political trickery, but when it came to monkeying with a militant socialist and president of a machinist union, Connolly went up against a buzz saw in operation.

When the unions heard of Connolly's act, the conclusion arrived at was, that Maxwell was being victimized at the instigation of Mayor Connolly, because of his activity in assisting to organize the clerk's union.

With such a situation facing them, the union men were hostile and the Boilermakers' and Blacksmiths' union notified the machinists that they were ready to give any assistance necessary. A joint meeting of all three unions was held and a joint committee was appointed...

The local officials of the Milwaukee railway received a dispatch from their superior officers to reinstate Maxwell if there was nothing against his workmanship and to compensate him for all time lost.

This was the first time that Mayor Connolly, the warden of the penitentiary, political boss of Powell and

Granite Counties received a turning down and from a bunch of union men.

For years Connolly has said that Deer Lodge would never be a union town and he has done all he could to fight labor. He is afraid and so expressed himself that if the unions got into Deer Lodge they would be mixing up in politics and that would be a bad thing.

Connolly has made all his money in politics. Together with his partner McTague he has run the state prison under contract and has used the labor of the convicts to create wealth for their, Connolly and McTague's, special benefit.

It is through politics and politics only that Connolly holds his power and makes his money. He is the Aldrich of Western Montana, the chief tool of Senator Tom Carter and Attorney General Galen and Powell and Granite Counties are always considered safe republican counties owing to the influence of Connolly.

It is no wonder that Connolly is afraid of the unions and more especially the influence of the unions and socialist party in politics. It is a sure thing that Connolly knows it only too well that if the socialists ever get a foot hold in the Montana legislature that it will be good bye graft for Connolly...

The Great Caesar of Deer Lodge fell off his pedestal, tumbled over by a bunch of class conscious union men.

"Keep Dominion issues out of municipal elections."

"Don't bring your religion into politics."

"Don't think for yourself."

"Don't be a Socialist."

In other words, be a blamed fool! Do as you are told! Let somebody else think for you, and tell you what to do! Just keep on working and keep your mouth shut, there's a good fellow! You'll die poor.—Ex.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN A BONANZA FARM IN MONTANA

and have two hundred slaves, whom you did not have to feed, cloth or pay wages to, till the soil and you retain the crops? For further particulars read next week's Montana News.

The next issue of the Montana News will tell all about Peonage in Montana. Order extra copies for distribution, as this issue of the News will be a hummer.

Have your Union order a bundle of the Montana News telling all about Convict Labor in Montana. The Montana News will expose the greatest graft in the state in its next issue.

Did you know that Convict Labor exists in Montana? For further details read next week's Montana News. Every Union man should read it. Ten thousand extra copies of the News should be distributed among the Union men.

To Organized Labor in Montana and Socialists—Greeting:

The convicts at the Penitentiary of the State of Montana are being used to compete against free labor, for the benefit of the Warden of the State Prison who uses them to make money for himself. The prisoners are employed as lumber jacks, saw millmen, carpenters, painters, building and street laborers, teamsters, dairymen, and farmers to create wealth for the man who is employed at \$3,000 a year by the state to manage the State Prison.

It is time that Organized Labor knew the facts and took a decided stand to put a stop to this kind of graft and to offset an attempt that is going to be made to start convict labor in Montana for the benefit of some corporations.

The Montana News of Dec. 30th begins the great expose of the convict labor graft in Montana and a copy of this issue of the Montana News should be read by every union man in the state.

Do you want to know of the great bonanza farm in Montana operated by convicts?

Do you know that one hospital in Montana supported exclusively by money kept from the wages of railway men, gets its supply of butter from the Penitentiary Creamery?

Do you know that union men who are inmates of the State Prison were threatened with solitary confinement in the dungeon, on bread and water diet, if they persisted in refusing to use their craftsmanship in the building of houses in the city of Deer Lodge?

Do you know that one man receives all the products of the toil of the convicts in the Montana State Prison?

Bring this matter before your union and see if your organization will order a bundle for distribution among the union men of Montana. We will send the Montana News in bundles to any address for ONE CENT a copy.

Send in your orders for extra copies at once. Let the facts be known. Stop this imposition on free labor at once. Put an end to convict labor.

Send all orders for extra copies to the Montana News, Helena, Mont. Box 908

The articles on the Deer Lodge strike this week are the preliminary to the detailed statements of the revolting conditions that prevail in connection with labor in that section of the country.

These will be followed by carefully investigated accounts of the peonage that prevails in Montana, and the Convict Labor by which enormous fortunes are made off the unpaid labor of human beings.

Organized Labor in Montana should arise in a body and resent this outrage.

Let the people rule. Let the workers plan and vote in a body.

Every union man in Montana should read these articles. Order a bunch for your union at one cent a copy.

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Under the present system, as the worker becomes rich, he would do as the rich do. Socialism will do away with the overburdensome rich and will prevent poverty. The nations are arming themselves to the verge of bankruptcy. The capitalist system will go out in a whirl of blood or will go out by the bankruptcy of the nations.

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1910 CONVENTION.

The National Committee of the Socialist Party has issued a call for nominations for a city and date for holding the party congress of 1910.

The Montana News would suggest that this conference be held in June in the city of Milwaukee.

The national conventions that were held in Chicago in 1904 and 1905 demonstrated the unfitness of that city as a proper meeting place for the party conferences.

The noise, the dirt and the confusion of the Chicago downtown district are depressing, inconvenient and distracting.

Milwaukee is a beautiful city to visit, and the socialist movement is so developed there that the conference would be shown the utmost hospitality and attention.

June is the pleasantest month for gathering in the east, outside of the fall.

As the International Congress at Copenhagen occurs the last week in August, a fall date for the American congress might interfere with many Americans who are planning to attend both.

Let us hold our conclaves at various points, and benefit both the party members and the localities by the occasions.

GOOD-BYE COMPETITION.

The grocers and butchers of Helena have exploded the old farce of competition being the life of trade as thoroughly as the most radical socialist could have wished.

Socialists are always explaining in their lectures, under the head of the waste of competition, the uselessness of so many milk wagons, or so many delivery wagons in a block, and only one mall carrier to a block.

They have entered into a combination by which only one delivery wagon goes a given route at a given time. These routes are all arranged on a schedule, and every housewife knows just when a delivery wagon will arrive.

The business is all conducted on the

plan of the postal service. When the packages are done up in the stores a tag is put on them designating for which route they are intended.

So much for the systematization of the distribution service. Let the city own the service, and eliminate the profit to individuals, and give the workers in the service the total value of the service, and we would have socialism in that line.

ORIGIN AND PATERNITY OF THE BUDGET.

It is interesting in the midst of the thrilling crisis that has confronted the feudal aristocracy in England, by which the lords were placed between the devil and the deep sea, "damned if they did and damned if they didn't", when, by rejecting the government's budget, they opposed rights of the people granted them for 300 years; and, by endorsing it, they would have put the knife of a suicidal taxation at their own throats; to note where the lords placed the credit for the budget plan.

Lord Cawdor stated openly in his speech against the budget, it was framed from a pamphlet written by Mr. Phillip Snowden, socialist member of parliament. The noble lord said:

"Line by line, and clause by clause, we find the budget of the day dictated and demanded, not by the government, but by Mr. Snowden and the socialist party."

So we see the power of intelligent socialists at work with their political powers, and their building of the new society. The fifty labor and socialist members in the British parliament, are sweeping the remnants of feudal privilege before them, strengthening the powers of democracy and popular rule, and doing the work that they find to their hand on the road to ultimate personal freedom and opportunity for all.

L. W. W. PAPER

The first copy of "Solidarity", published at New Castle, Pa., and announced as the only L. W. W. paper east of the Rocky Mountains, is at our desk. The paper is quoted as "The official organ of the Pittsburg District Union of the Industrial Workers of the World", and published weekly by the local unions of the L. W. W. at Newcastle, Pa.

If Socialism in America can ever begin to live in deeds, not words, and do the actual building of some of the "revolutionary evolution" that Marx used to like to talk about, the clarion calls of the L. W. W. will doubtless have had their share in arousing the dead and dazed from their slumber.

SPOKANE ATROCITIES.

The Diaz-Russian methods still continue in Spokane. The Industrial Workers are not beaten, and have not given up the fight. The Industrial Worker, the organ of the L. W. W., whose entire edition was confiscated by the lawless police, has been moved to Seattle and is being issued from there. This is a fight for Free Speech and a Free Press. It is a big thing. It is a great thing to be able to show to the American public what lawless democracy will do when its easy riding with the rich and powerful is disturbed.

Since Graham has been in the field for the News more job work has come into the office of the Montana News from the unions in the state than for many months. If there is a union man in the town where Graham goes he is sure to find him. Comrade Graham is so familiar with the difficulties, troubles and grievances of the various organizations that he can

give intelligent advice on the local difficulties that are continually arising.

It has been the custom of labor men when they are in Helena to drop into the Montana News office to get the opinion of Graham on various union matters. The socialist party is nothing unless it makes the problems of labor its own.

Wages in Great Britain.

Our Consul General at London, Mr. Griffiths, reports that there is a tendency in Great Britain toward a general decline in wages.

His figures show, in particular, for the latter part of last year and the beginning of this, that more than half a million workers lost ground, while something more than a hundred thousand had their pay increased.

The fact that half those who have made a gain in wages are public employees, in the service of the general government or the municipalities, should have an important bearing on the question of public ownership.

Public ownership of street railways in Great Britain has increased the pay of those employed in that service for about 40 per cent of the working hour.

The Consul General says in his report that the British government has under consideration a bill which would give to the Board of Trade power to establish a minimum rate of wages in certain employments.

The introduction into English law of the principle of the minimum wages is perhaps a more far-reaching and revolutionary proposition than anything contained in the much-debated budget which has just passed the House of Commons.

But it is a principle that stands in the natural line of promotion.

Growth of Tramways.

Some interesting figures in connection with the development of tramways have just been issued by the Board of Trade. Of the 305 undertakings, 177 belong to local authorities and 128 to private companies. Local authorities working their own tramways made a net profit of 3,286,713 Pounds on the year's traffic, out of which they applied 916,391 Pounds towards the reduction of tramway debt and 319,676 Pounds in relief of rates, while carrying 728,653 Pounds to reserve funds.

The members of Local Milwaukee are now making nominations for the city and wards tickets. The nominations will be submitted to a referendum vote of the membership. Prospects for the city election next spring are very promising.

What Glasgow Has Done.

Ever since Glasgow undertook the task of enlarging the River Clyde, making it 390 feet wide and 30 feet deep, instead of 200 feet wide and 4 feet deep, at a cost of \$50,000,000, it has been one of the most progressive cities. Some of its enterprises are as follows.

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2. It owns and manages seven model lodging houses, charging 7, 8 and 9 cents a night for lodgers.
3. It built a "family home" for widowers who have small children. Last year 110 widowers with 217 children were lodged here.
4. It bought out the private water company and reduced the water rate from 24 cents per thousand gallons to 8 cents.
5. It bought out the gas companies reduced the price of gas to 52 cents per thousand feet. It spent \$12,000,000 and made a profit of \$2,000,000.
6. It bought the street car system, doubled the business, reduced the hours of labor of the street car men from 12 to 8 hours a day, increased wages over 50 per cent, and cleared over a million dollars profits last year.
7. It established a public telephone system, with a two cent rate.
8. It has opened nineteen children's playgrounds and set aside 1,055 acres for public parks.

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Poet's Corner

Ferrer and Daughter.

The sculptor Derre has just completed a statue of Francisco Ferrer, which represents his daughter, Senorita Pay Ferrer, pressing a farewell kiss to his cheek in the prison.

The daughter who is an actress is to make a tour of England, Belgium and Germany in a drama entitled "Ferrer's Death".

Go into the night, father; The martyr's horror calls thee. The march of mighty Progress is o'er thy crushed and bloody corse

Upon thy wan and tortured countenance The travail of the future ploughs its pain.

I kiss thee, O so close—but not so close As Death and Martyrdom forevermore.

Go thou into the night, dear father. I live henceforth—my joy, my youth my all.

Life's blushing morn, the plea of happy hearts—That I may wing thy message to the world Of darkness, bruteness, which thy shaft of courage pierced.

Thou diest; I live, and I shall die; But this sad fate of ours shall blossom into myriad roses, stars, and leaping sparkles of celestial streams

Father, farewell, The night calls thee—The splendor lends above thee— The last, sweet kiss—farewell!

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

Municipal Laundries.

Comrade Marguerite Stubbings' article has opened up an interesting subject on which socialist women can concentrate at the next municipal elections in November.

If any comrade can give me information as to the exact locality in London in which this municipal enterprise is situated, I will go and visit it and give my readers a more detailed account, because, as L. Scarlett writes, "There is nothing more likely to arouse the interest of working women and help to bring them to the movement than this idea of publicly-managed laundries."

The borough council election campaign meetings are just now beginning, and socialist women comrades who desire to arouse a spark of interest and imagination in the minds of their less developed neighbors, should talk to them about municipal milk-supply for the children, coal supply for the long, dreary winter, and municipal laundries for relieving working-class mothers from some of their drudgery.—London Justice.

The Socialist members of the Milwaukee School Board succeeded in having Comrade John Spargo of New York, placed on the list of school lectures for the winter term.

There are two Ways to Secure the Establishment of Woman Suffrage.

First: The legislature of each state can submit the question to the voters and, if it receives the necessary majority, the women of that state are enfranchised. This method requires practically twice as many campaigns as there are states in the Union; first, one to create a public opinion strong enough to influence the legislature to submit the question, and then one to educate and persuade the great mass of individual electors to vote in favor of it.

Second: The congress of the United States by a two-thirds majority can refer the question of woman suffrage to the legislatures of all the states, and, when three-fourths of these have ratified it, the women of the entire country will be enabled to vote on exactly the same terms as men. This is the shortest, quickest and most direct method, but the congress never will take such action until directed to do so by the people.

Are you willing that American women shall be possessed of fewer political rights than the women of other lands? They may vote in all elections in Australia, New Zealand, Finland and Norway, and will do so in England ere long. Why not in the United States?

Tempters of Shop Girls.

Nor are the shops humane, says Maude E. Milner, a New York probation officer. Again and again I have had broken, degraded girls, yet young in years, open their hearts to me, and I have learned that to the very same counters in Sixth Avenue department stores over which you and I make our purchases of notions and small wares and pass on, there come every day in the week girls and women, well dressed and prosperous looking, who hold out every allurements which can appeal to the natural love of pleasure and "pretty things" instinct in every feminine heart—and the tired underfed, under-paid girl behind that counter listens and ponders and falls.

Yes, it is the economic conditions of today which are making it all worse! Girls working for a pittance at best—and their ignorance of how to do things which pay, is amazing, but irremediable under present conditions—are reduced to part time. Where hitherto, the weekly envelope held \$4.00, it now contains but \$3.16, because Saturday afternoon is cut off. I know one little Italian girl of 18, married and deserted two years ago, who has been working in a paper factory for 11 hours a day earning 85 cents thereby. Orders diminished, and on half time. Untrained, undisciplined how far would 85 cents a day for only three days out of seven, provide this girl, with many others, was put aside home and food and clothing, to say nothing of the innocent, girlish longing for an occasional simple outing to break the hard monotony of the long, burning summer days in lower New York?—The Bohemian for September.

Lesson IV.—The Economics of Capitalism: 3.

Capital and Wage Labor.—Capital is often defined as "means of production" or as "products of past labor used in further production". These definitions are too broad. There is an essential difference between the hand tools used by the independent artisan of medieval Europe or colonial America and that which is known

as capital in modern industry. What is characteristic of capital is that it is operated by wage labor and yields a profit to its owner. Any capital which ceases to yield a profit ceases to function as capital.

The existence of a propertyless working class is just as necessary to the development of capitalist industry as is the existence of power driven machinery. In a country where most of the people have easy access to land, forests, fisheries, etc., even the best of modern machinery cannot be made to yield a revenue to its owners—cannot be made to function as capital—because workingmen cannot be got to operate it for wages materially less than the value produced by their labor.

Labor Power as a Commodity.—When the two conditions co-exist—i. e., when the progress of invention has developed the means of great social production under private ownership, and when there exists a class of workers unable to employ themselves—then capitalism arises. These means of production are then capital; and the labor power of the propertyless workers is then a commodity whose value and price are determined by the same forces which determine the price and value of any other commodity.

The relation between the employer and the wages worker is a relation of purchase and sale. The wage worker is a seller of labor power, the employer a buyer of labor power.

Wages are the price of labor power. In the labor market the fluctuations of supply and demand affect wages and, in turn, the fluctuations of wages affect the supply of labor power and the demand for it, just as is the case with other commodities.

On the whole, labor power tends to sell at its value, neither more nor less, as do other commodities; in general, therefore, wages represent the value of labor power.

The Law of Wages.—The law of wages may, then, be ascertained by applying the general law of value to the particular commodity labor power. In making this application, we must observe that to speak of "the production of labor power" is the same as to speak of the maintenance of the worker's life and what ordinarily goes with it—the maintenance of become self-supporting. Hyndman states the law as follows:

"The capitalist buys labor power as a commodity at its cost of production as measured by the quantity of food, raiment, house rent, fuel, and other materials which go to create it and keep it in order without deterioration. Labor power, therefore, is bought at the cost of subsistence, according to the standard of life of the workers who sell it, which varies in different trades and in different countries, but always tends to approach the mere subsistence level."

It is a mistake to speak of the "iron law of wages", as Lassalle did. Marx repudiated this phrase. In economics there are no "iron" laws. The subsistence theory of wages is, however, a correct statement of a general tendency. Some workers at any given time get always considerably above the subsistence level; others get wages considerably below that level, and slowly starve or are partly dependent on charity. But competition among workingmen and among employers, as well as other influences, tend always to equalize these extremes, drawing workers from those places and trades where wages are low to those trades and places where they are high, increasing demand and reducing supply in the former, increasing supply and

reducing demand in the latter, leveling low wages up and high wages down.

Product and Surplus Value.—Having the necessary land, buildings, machinery, etc., and the necessary raw materials, the capitalist buys the labor power he needs to run the machinery and work up the materials. Owning all these things, he owns the product.

Deducting the cost of materials and the wear and tear of the machinery, etc., from the value of the gross product, we have the net value produced, from which must be further deducted the wages paid for the labor which produced it.

Now the progress of invention has long since enabled social labor to produce a value far in excess of the cost of subsistence of the workers—i. e., far in excess of their wages. This excess of net value produced over the value of the labor power used up in producing it (or, this excess of the value of the gross product over all the values consumed in the productive process) we call surplus value.

Surplus value is that portion of the product of social labor which remains after deducting the wages of labor, and which is appropriated by the capitalist by reason of his ownership of all the elements of production—i. e., labor power and the machinery, materials, etc., to which it is applied.

The Aim of Capitalist Industry.—Under a system of private ownership of the means of social production, the creation of surplus value is the aim of all productive enterprise and the necessary condition to its being undertaken and carried on. If in any case the value of the product fails to exceed the value used in its production, the enterprise is abandoned or, at least, suspended until conditions have so changed that a surplus can be realized. The ruling motive in capitalist industry is not the making of goods for use, but the appropriation of surplus value.

Rent, Interest, and Profit.—Surplus value may be divided into three portions—rent for the land owner, interest for the lender of money used in establishing or conducting the enterprise, and profit for the undertaker of the enterprise, the direct possessor and employer. These three may be combined in one person; oftener, they are three persons or group of persons—e. g., a realty company owning the land or receiving a stipulated rent; a large number of bondholders or other lenders who have furnished a part of the capital, but who take no part in controlling the enterprise, and who get interest at a fixed rate on their investment; and a large number of stockholders who constitute the operating company and receive in dividends (profit) whatever is left after paying all the others.

References:

Marx, Deville, or Hyndman, as before.

Questions for Review.

- 1. What effect does competition among buyers have upon prices? What effect does competition among sellers have upon prices? What effect does competition among employers and competition among workingmen, respectively, have upon wages? In each case, why? 2. Suppose that in some particular industry competition among sellers is keener than in any other industry at the time; what effect will this have upon the investment of capital and employment of labor in this and in other industries? 3. Suppose that in some particular trade competition among workingmen is keener than in any other trade at the time; what effect will this have upon the distribution of workers to this and other trades?



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We are making progress, but it is yet very slow. You do not get your paper just regularly.

The reason is that we can only get the paper out as we have money to pay the men.

When you do not get your paper on the day it ought to come, you may know there is no money in the office to go ahead with.

And then there is the rent.

And we are trying to save the linotype machine, that we have all worked so hard for, in order that socialism and labor might have a voice, here in the home of the Amalgamated Copper Company.

It is a great thing to be able to have an equipped working class printing plant.

Will you think of these things, comrades, and think that they mean money? Will you do what you think would be the right thing to help along?

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It will not take you long to go out and get a list of ten subscribers for the News.

You will be surprised to see how easy it is. People know the News; they have always liked it.

Comrade Graham has been gathering up the subs by the shovelful wherever he has been.

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Union after union is sending in its subscription for a bundle.

You do not want to miss these articles on Convict Labor and Peonage in Montana.

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No true revolutionist is ever a quitter. Yours for Freedom,

MONTANA NEWS.

Debt of Honor

There still remains a debt of \$700 contracted by the Socialist Party of Montana while it owned and was publishing the Montana News. The State Committee has done nothing to liquidate this debt, and the creditors are looking to those who are at present running the News for their money.

To pay the debt is an exceedingly heavy task and is handicapping and worrying us considerably. \$500 must be paid as soon as possible, and we are asking individual socialists and locals to loan the Montana News any sum that they may feel disposed and able to advance.

The response has been as follows:
Local Lima \$20.00
J. E. Bush 5.00
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Wm. Dew 5.00
C. Anderson 1.00
C. Felck 1.00

Total \$37.00
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Bee Hive

By Tryem Helper.

Three people came around to Comrade J. C. Murphy of Deer Lodge and begged him to take their 50 cents and send them the News a year. —NIL. Comrade Murphy went out and hustled subs to the amount of \$1.50.

One hundred and fifty new subs go on the list this week. Perhaps some day you will rub your sleepy eyes, stretch your legs, realize that there is a workman's paper in Montana, and go out and do your share of hustling.

Comrade Liedtke of Missoula sends in the advertisement of his bakery to the News. He supports his paper

with his advertising. Wouldn't it be a good example for you to follow? Comrade Alor Hilland of Michigan, N. D., goes to work and gets a sub, and Comrade Lars Koltrend of Basin follows him closely with another.

C. G. Polter of Kelthville, Canada, don't do thing by halves either. He got one.

Fergus County just can't keep still. They would bust if they did not do something, so they send in for \$30 worth of job work. Look out for Fergus County.

Contrary to the expectations and hope of the Montana party, the reorganization of the party has not succeeded in soothing the disruptive tendencies of a few disgruntled individuals. Local Helena, which should adopt the tomahawk as its emblem, is still on the warpath—what there is left of it. This is the local distinguished by its fusion deal with the Insurgent Republican club. If these insurgents would go to the capitalist politics where they belong the politics of the workers might have a chance.

Spend \$3.00 for Montana News sub cards. You'll get your money back, and send rousing socialist electricity into six ailing ones.

Any books advertised in the News will be sent postpaid on receipt of price. We are going to make a specialty of our book department. The larger socialist papers are all cutting out their commercial advertising. The News has always advocated this as a correct policy, and it was only the need of shekels that caused us to vary at times. We would rather give the space to advertising literature. If you buy enough books, we will not need to take the other advertising.

If you are a worker, it is your duty to support a worker's paper.

Hamilton, Mont., Dec. 15, 1909
Dear Comrade: I have just read Bishop Carroll's lecture. Well did you ever! What are we going to do about it?

I for one, say we must make a reply to it. And you are the best qualified to deliver the reply.

I will send you a dollar towards paying the hall rent any time; a few thousand dodgers must be printed and scattered broadcast and invite; insist, that the reverend gentleman be in the audience to hear who the socialists are. I think any of us are white along side of the most of priests. And to think it has come to a point that a man can stand before an American audience and say that priest-ridden Spain did right in murdering that Professor.

But after all, he certainly is doing more for socialism than we are. I have already talked to three catholic socialists and they condemn him in the strongest terms; they understand that socialism deals only with the things of this world, and has nothing to do with the corner lot and mansion in the sweet by and by.

Jimmy Graham was here and a local was again organized; but to think the American comrades here were not holding meetings nor paying dues, when we have just discovered there is a Finnish local here with charter and 35 dues paying members. The American is certainly a stupid thing, all they know is we have so much money per capita, our country has exported so much, it the We and Ours and a hungry belly.

Let me know if you need help for hall rents

Respectfully yours,
W. R. GIBFORD.

Pocatello, Idaho, Dec. 11, 1909.

Dear Bro. Comrades and Friends of the Working Class.

Your letters of recent date; one containing four Montana News subscription cards and two Appeal cards, the other containing two News cards, received promptly and contents noted.

Find enclosed six subscriptions for the News, you will notice that some of these subs are for people in distant states, but this one method I employ for the conversion of the working class to the art of their class.

Please send me two copies of the "Mills of Mammon" and one copy of the "People's Hour". What is the price of "The Sun Mechanical Writer"?

Find enclosed money order for \$6.00 in payment for

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If this amount is not sufficient, send me notification of the balance.

Some time ago I ordered two copies of the "Mills of Mammon" from the publishers and they have been read until every page is finger marked, have read all but a few chapters myself and can highly recommend them for propaganda use. Only my advice to those lending them to readers or selling them, it to make it plain that the book is one great story backed by facts al-

though in the beginning chapters it might lead one to think that it was a book of short chapters or stories having no end, but it all winds up with a terrible end of our present Industrial, Political, Religious and Capitalistic System too horrid to be sanctioned by any intelligent human being.

Comrade O'Mahoney is sitting here, wishing you all the success in the world for propagating the revolution.

With best wishes I beg to remain
Your Comrade
GREELEY BAKER.

Roundup, Mont., Xmas 1909.
Montana News, Helena, Mont

Dear Comrades: Enclosed find P. O. order for five plunks; sold all the cards you sent me. Forward ten more to me and I will do my best to dispose of them. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and may you see many more. With success for the News, I remain

Fraternally yours,
ALEX FAIRGRIEVE.

The following is sent us from Missoula: "I have just read your excellent editorial on "Vital Issues", and I cannot refrain from writing you a few lines. Ever since I have joined the party, I have deplored this lack of perception of vital issues. The issues are all about us, but we rest supinely, and do not venture to wrestle with them. Right here in Montana as elsewhere the public is being robbed on every hand; graft is omnipotent; living expenses increase daily. The people are discontented, and even the most ignorant realize that they are being exploited. Never since the civil war has there been such a chance for a live third party. Our principles are becoming better known daily.

La Follete has many followers here who will soon learn that the Insurgents can not long remain in the republican party. Some of these would undoubtedly come to us if we were awake to the situation. We do not need to despair when the future is bright with hope. Our opportunity is here; shall we seize it?"

Remember that the "Mills of Mammon," James Brower's great book on the "White Slave Traffic", is given free with ten new subscribers for the News. We have just received a new consignment of the book. Comrade Graham says that they sell like hotcakes among the socialists. This is by far the best book that American socialism has put before the public. You want to get some subscribers for the News anyway. You do not want to see the workers of this great northwest without a single paper where they may have expression. Work for labor and a good cause, get subs for a worker's paper; and get this large work of fiction of 400 pages.

Our old friend, Mrs. Melinda Hudson, now Mrs. Melinda McDonald, writes from her home in Laurel, Mont., and remembers the News with a birthday gift of 50 cents; not for the News' birthday, and the "fifty" does not exactly represent Mrs. McDonald's birthday. But it is somewhere included in that number. She writes: "This is for my birthday offering, and I hope there will be lots

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of offerings so as we can enjoy reading the Montana News every week, as I realize that every issue sent out puts more energy into us comrades. I will close, hoping that Christmas will bring you a lot of half dollars for the paper."

Do you know of any job work, or any printing of any kind that you could just as well get for a worker's print shop as for a capitalist shop? If so send it in to the News.

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A labor temple to cost \$150,000 will be erected in the Bronx, New York, by the Socialists and other progressive organizations. The building will be five stories and cover a plot of ground 60 by 180 feet, which was purchased for \$23,000 recently.

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