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OUR MOTTO
BLIND AS A BAT TO EVERYTHING BUT RIGHT.

The Shocking Sight of Suspenders

By Henry M. Tichenor

Here is a press dispatch that appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of November 15 last:

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.

—An order was issued today by Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, paymaster-general, barring the wearing of suspenders by men employed in the Paymaster's Department who remove their coats and waistcoats. Admiral McGowan, who is a stickler for sartorial perfection, and quite a "dresser" himself, was prompted to issue the edict against the exposure of suspenders in his department because there are many women in the office under his control.

This is sure one of the most radical and far-reaching reforms that the great Reform party now in power has put across. Its general effect on the morals of the country will doubtless soon be felt.

What can be more embarrassing in the eyes of a modest maiden, than the sight of suspenders on a man? They disclose the shocking fact that they are what keep his pants from slip-

horrors! it must not be spoken. With a belt it is different. When trousers are sustained in their proper position by a belt, there is no bold and offensive suggestion of the fact. There is

a sort of subtle and artistic disguise about a belt that conceals its real purpose. It makes the trousers appear as though they might be a natural part of a man's anatomy. The things

almost look as if they grew on him, like his whiskers.

Of course there are some men so constructed that a belt isn't worth a darn for holding up a pair of pants. They have no hips for the belt to hang on. The fat around their waists sticks away out beyond the hip-bones, and a belt buckled tight enough to be depended on gives the victims cramp colic. These unfortunates, it is rumored, will be obliged to depend on Christian Science to do the job. Where Christian Science fails the men will have to use army blankets. Under no circumstances can they wear suspenders.


It is expected that this Anti-Galluses bill, as the new ruling is called, will be a big campaign argument in the next presidential election. Already the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Unmarried Women is reported as unanimously supporting the measure.

In spite of the hard times and the continually soaring prices of our daily feed, reformers all over the nation can heartily join in the glad refrain, "Thank God for President Wilson!"



—Wood in the New York Tribune.

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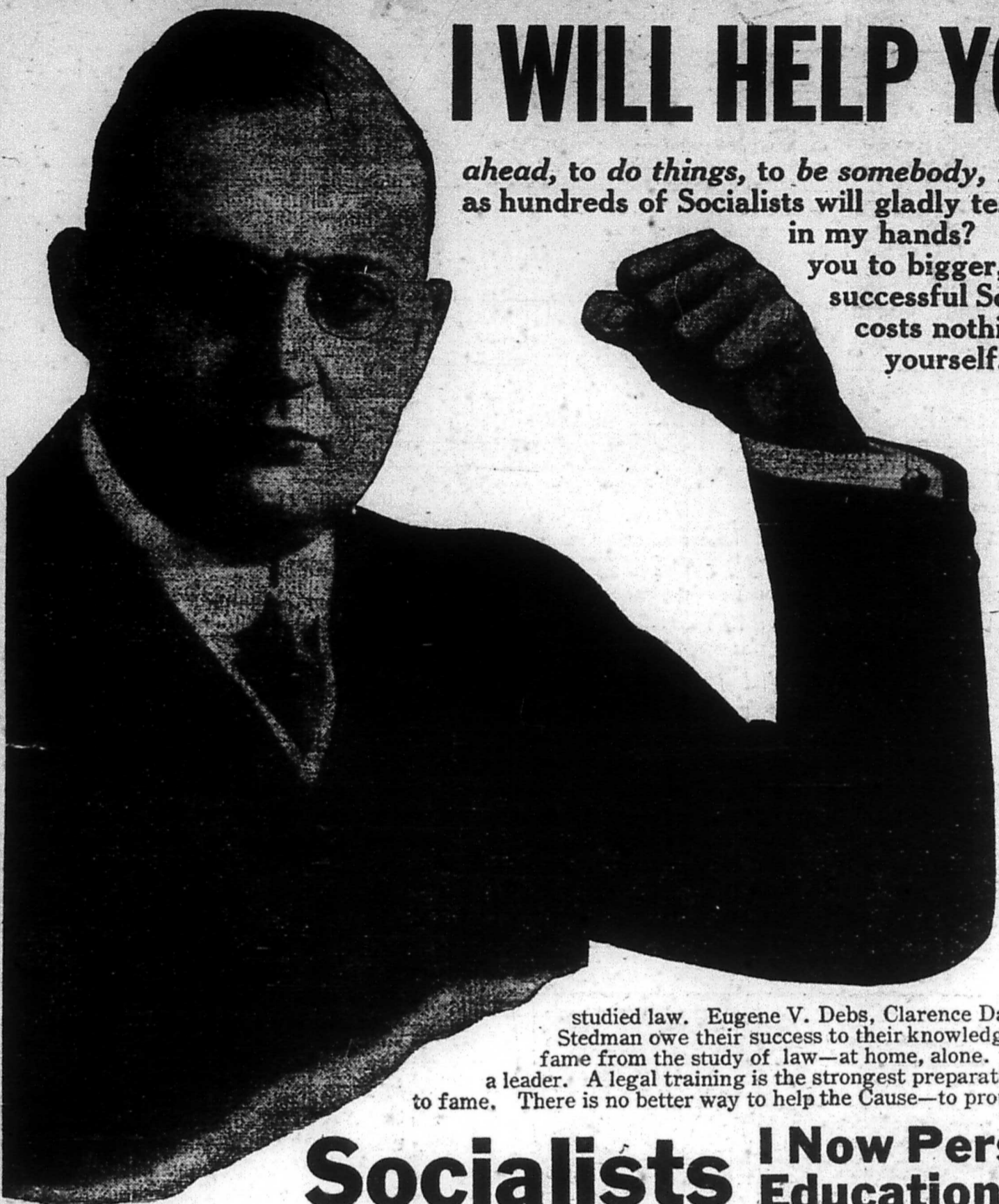
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Editorial



OUR MOTTO
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By EUGENE V. DEBS

Section

MEYER LONDON

The congratulations of the RIP-SAW are extended to Comrade Meyer London, congressman-elect, and to the working class of the ninth district of New York.

Comrade London was elected two years ago and counted out. This year he was elected by such a majority that Tammany did not dare to deny him his seat.

As the only socialist in the coming congress Comrade London will occupy not only a unique role but he will have a great responsibility. Fortunately for himself and the party London has an exceptional equipment for the trying position he is to occupy. For years he has been in the service of the working class and never once found wanting. He is of unimpeachable character, is a game fighter, and understands thoroughly the tricks of the game and the wiles of the enemy.

The RIP-SAW has full confidence that Meyer London will worthily represent his constituents and the working class in general and make a record for himself and the party for which neither will ever have to blush.

CHURCHMEN AND THE WAR

The question as to why the church was so utterly impotent to prevent the war now raging in Europe, if indeed it had any real inclination to do so, is at least partially answered in the revelation recently made in England, showing that the most prominent churchmen there are stockholders in the gun works and in the concerns which manufacture armament and munitions of war.

Here we have a truly edifying state of affairs, and one well calculated to make innocent Christians sit up and take notice.

In the disclosure just made it is shown that "Canon Inge, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, is a heavy stockholder in Armstrong, Whitworth and Company and the Vickers-Maxim Armament Company, as are also the Bishops of Adelaide, Hexham, Kensington and Newport, and the Arch-Deacons Campbell, Clarke, Watkins, Richardson and Seagrave, the president of the Y. M. C. A.", and others too numerous to mention.

These are the pious gentry who are looked up to as godly and who pray for peace while they draw the dividends of war and thrive in the profits of murder.

Is there greater hypocrisy than this conceivable?

A similar investigation would quite likely disclose a similar condition of affairs in this country.

It would be interesting, for instance, to know how Arch-Bishop Ireland, right-hand bower of "Jim" Hill, has his millions invested.

The Krupp cannon works is said to number some of the most prominent churchmen of different nations among its stockholders.

Churchmen, like other men, are on the side of profits.

They pray for peace, but at heart they are for war, for where their treasure is, there is their heart also.

The class that own the cannon factories and manufacture the armament of war very shrewdly contribute to the building and maintenance of churches and quite as shrewdly see to it that the "fathers" of the churches, the meek and lowly followers of Jesus' are given a chance to invest and become dividend-drawing stockholders in the capitalistic institutions of murder so that they can the more fervently pray for peace on earth and good will among men.

President Wilson should especially designate the churchmen who are stockholders in gun works and powder mills to lead in prayer when he appoints the next day of national prayer to end the war in Europe.

SMOOTH CRACKSMEN

The corporations which rob workingmen know all the tricks of the game necessary to keep their victims at their mercy.

One of their pet moves is to find some pretext for interference in their behalf by the federal courts and the federal administration.

A case in point is that of the miners on strike in Arkansas, where they had all the better of the fight until the mine owners, by an adroit move, applied for a federal receivership, which was promptly granted and which placed them under the protecting wing of the federal court and the federal troops.

Federal judges are not elected by the people, but are appointed for life by the corporations, or at least through their influence.

Thus Taft made Youmans a federal judge for life in the mining district of Arkansas, and now Youmans is the chief ally of the

mine owners in the fight to break the strike of the miners and destroy their union.

It was a smooth bit of strategy for these rich and powerful corporations to go into a federal receivership and thus secure to themselves the backing and support of the United States government in their fight to drive out union men and fill their mines with scabs, and certainly every workingman who voted for capitalism in the late election should congratulate himself upon the fact that the federal soldiers are now in Arkansas to kill union men to establish the inalienable right to scab in the United States.

President Wilson should in his approaching message to congress insist upon an immediate increase in the standing army so there may be regular troops enough available to send to all the states where wage-slaves dare to go out on strike, to either drive them out or inculcate in them at the point of the bayonet the sublime truth that in capitalism all slaves have certain and inalienable rights and that chiefest among these is the right to scab on their fellow-slaves.

THE INTERNATIONAL

That the international socialist movement is being tested as never before by the European war is undoubtedly true, but that it is or can be permanently disrupted, or even retarded, is simply out of the question.

That the war will have its lessons for the socialist movement goes without saying and that there will be a realignment of forces along more thoroughly revolutionary lines is equally certain, but whatever the outcome of the war may finally be, or its immediate effect upon the movement, there can be no doubt that when the smoke of war has cleared away the international will stand forth more powerful than it ever was before.

An accounting of responsibility there will certainly be when all the facts are known and when sober judgment may be pronounced upon those who have failed in their loyalty to the international movement.

But however long the war may last or however shocking and disastrous its results may be, the one thing certain is that the international movement, tried by fire, will remain unscathed and with power increased and enthusiasm renewed, will march on to glorious victory.

THE CAMPAIGN JUST CLOSED

Returns are still far from complete as the RIP-SAW goes to press, but enough is known to cause general rejoicing in revolutionary circles. Although but one congressman was elected—Comrade Meyer London in the Ninth District of New York, who will make good in every sense as a working class representative—a number of others were only beaten by narrow pluralities, while in several states numerous senators and representatives were elected, and on the whole there was an increase in the vote which indicated clearly the steady and substantial growth of the socialist movement.

The campaign was distinguished chiefly, so far as the socialists were a factor in it, for its revolutionary spirit and for the intense ardor and enthusiasm with which it was waged.

In this as in every other campaign it is not the mere votes that socialists are seeking, but the unity and solidarity of the workers, and this was expressed in the socialist vote this year as never before.

But the socialist vote does not begin to express the strength of the socialist movement in the United States. At a conservative estimate a million of socialist voters at least who are out of jobs and are disfranchised from one cause or another, had no chance to register their vote for socialism at the recent election. It is probable that two million would not be too great an estimate for the number of disfranchised socialist voters in the United States.

But whatever the number of disfranchised revolutionists may be it is quite certain that the complete returns will show a largely increased socialist vote throughout the country.

And now that the voting is over we are to enter upon the new campaign without loss of time and with greater energy and activity than ever before.

We have learned our lesson and learned it well. We have to fight every inch of the way and every hour of the day. Others may pause or quit but we must go on. We have no choice. The great cause demands it and we cannot refuse. To us desertion would be death.

FORWARD IS THE CRY ALL ALONG THE BATTLE LINE!

FORWARD TO SOCIALISM AND VICTORY!

THE CRISIS IN COLORADO

The situation in Colorado is more critical than at any time since the strike of the miners began over a year ago. It is now quite clear that President Wilson and the national administration have sided with the mine owners and that the federal troops have been sent into Colorado for no other purpose than to protect the property of the mine owners and to stock the mines with scabs.

Incidentally, the union miners are to be driven out of the state or starved into submission.

When President Wilson submitted his peace plan to the operators and miners, the latter promptly accepted it. The operators on the contrary rejected it and there the matter stands.

Since the operators turned down his peace plan President Wilson has had nothing to say.

It thus appears that the mine owners are at the head of this administration and that President Wilson dare not refuse their bidding.

President Wilson has the power to bring the Colorado mine owners to terms in five minutes, if he will but exercise it.

But he will not because he dare not, as the president of a capitalist administration, turn against the class that financed his campaign and placed him in power.

We have heard much about the great advantages of having a union man in the office of President Wilson's cabinet, but just what good Secretary Wilson of the department of labor has been to the Colorado strikers, members of his own union, is not apparent. He has parleyed gently with the operators, pleaded with and coaxed them to please make some little concession to the miners, but this is practically all. If he has any power to bring the operators to time he has not exercised it, any more than has his superior, the President of the United States.

The Colorado miners are having to fight it out for themselves and if ever a body of men have been brave and have stood staunch and true, they certainly have, and in this crisis they well deserve and should freely have all the support, moral, financial and physical, of every unionist and every socialist in America.

MODERN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

East and West, North and South, as far as the globe is humanly habitable, extends the conquest of modern industrial development. The remotest regions are penetrated and the most ancient nations are awakened to the new life.

One after another the nations of the far East, so long dormant under the influence of Oriental civilization, are being industrialized and taking their places in the international procession of modern development.

The transformation of Japan into a modern industrial nation in the short space of a single generation is one of the marvels of our age. Eugene Brieux, the French writer, has paid a recent visit to Japan and in writing of what he saw there he says: "Industrial development here, as elsewhere, has created socialism, and misery has given birth to revolt."

In this terse utterance the famous Frenchman has described the process of the social revolution. Capitalism, being based upon exploitation and the use of modern machinery, necessarily creates the conditions which make socialism inevitable, and as a logical sequence socialism follows in the wake of capitalism all around the world.

Where capitalism penetrates, socialism is bound to follow. The exploited and displaced workers are forced into misery and finally driven to revolt.

One after another the nations of the far East are succumbing to the conquest of modern industrial development and one after another they are recruiting the international socialist movement.

Modern industrial development is rapidly paving the way and preparing the peoples of all nations for the International Socialist Republic.

THE WAR IS SPREADING

The outlook in Europe is anything but assuring to those who look for peace. On the contrary the area of the conflict is widening and all indications point to a grim and relentless war to the bitter end. Eleven nations are now involved and more are expected to follow soon. At this writing it seems highly probable that Italy and the Balkan states will soon be drawn into the vortex. Neutrality in the present situation is becoming more and more difficult and all Europe threatens to be embroiled before the conflict is over.

The longer the war lasts and the more its horrors increase the more profoundly it is to be regretted that the socialist movement lacked the power to prevent the awful conflict.

It is too soon, as we think, to venture judgment in a matter

so important, but this much is certain, that if the four million socialists and union men in Germany had absolutely refused to go to war and in the last extremity had ordered a general strike and their representatives had voted solidly against the war credits, the war craze could have been throttled in its inception and humanity spared the slaughter that is now disgracing civilization.

Undoubtedly the leaders would have been shot and perhaps a good many others, but the moral influence of their loyalty to the cause of peace and of civilization would have been incalculable, and for every one of the lives thus sacrificed, ten thousand of their comrades who are now perishing upon the field of war would have been saved.

Had the 110 members of the German Reichstag stood immovable against war and been shot by the Kaiser for treason, the tragedy of their taking off would have aroused the moral sense of the whole world and they would have passed into history as humanity's greatest heroes.

THE CLAYTON BILL

Very much has been said and written about the Clayton bill, the administration measure recently enacted to amend the anti-trust law and incidentally to exempt labor unions from prosecution under that law and to curb the power of courts in dealing with labor unions engaged in strikes.

The much heralded principle of the Clayton bill is to be found in section six and reads as follows: "The labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce."

Much ado has been made about this statement and some prominent union leaders have gone so far as to pronounce it a new declaration of independence.

But as a matter of fact there is nothing in the Clayton bill to give the least comfort to any intelligent union man. The bill was so amended before its final passage that it was practically emasculated and there is nothing in it as it now stands that is in the least objectionable to the corporations or that will be of any real advantage to union members when their rights are contested in capitalist courts.

Congressman Martin B. Madden of Illinois, himself a union man, delivered a speech in the house denouncing the bill as amended as a fraud upon the working class.

Under the Clayton bill union labor stands precisely where it stood before. It has no rights previously denied it and no power or standing it has not hitherto possessed. A labor union is lawful under the Clayton measure just as long as it confines itself to activities that are unobjectionable to the ruling class, and no longer.

As for the declaration that labor is now no longer a commodity, or an article of commerce, that is the sheerest buncombe. Labor is bought and sold in the labor market today just as it was before the passage of the Clayton act and just as it always will be while capitalism lasts.

The mere declaration that labor is not a commodity does not change the commodity nature of labor in capitalist production.

Quite as consistently and as truthfully could the same measure have declared that labor is now no longer exploited and that poverty no longer exists. As long as the working class has no tools of its own and is compelled to sell its labor power to capitalist exploiters labor will be a commodity and a thousand Clayton bills will not make it otherwise.

The Clayton bill is simply a sop to the discontent of the working class. There is nothing in it but meaningless phrases, a fraud upon the face of it, and this is the great measure of relief and justice the Democratic party hands to the working class for having been foolish enough to place it in power.

The Clayton bill serves one good purpose at least and that is to show clearly the difference between the Democratic party and the Republican party, so clearly indeed that it requires a blind man to distinguish it.

LABOR WAR IN ARKANSAS

President Wilson has ordered the federal troops into the coal fields of Arkansas to aid the mining corporations in that State to crush the striking miners. This is the sole object of the government in dispatching the regulars to the scene of the strike.

The trouble in Arkansas began in March last when the Bache-Denman corporation, which had a time contract with its employes, deliberately annulled and repudiated its contract and served notice on them to "clear out."

There was no charge brought against the miners and they did not know that their contract was to be made void and that they were to be ordered out of the mines until the day the command to that effect was issued by the corporation.

The next move of the corporation was to swear in a lot of thugs and murderers as "mine guards" and then of course trouble began, as the mine owners intended. Their object was to kill the union and to this end they did not scruple an instant about repudiating their own contract and discharging their employes without an hour's

notice and in direct violation of its provisions.

In all the preliminary skirmishes that followed, the corporation and its thugs were worsted, and then a strategic move was made by the mine owners to secure the federal government, its courts and its armed man-killers, as allies, in the fight precipitated by themselves to defeat the miners and wipe out their union.

As to the issue involved in this conflict there is no need of any bill of particulars. The issue is the same as it is in Colorado and was in Michigan and West Virginia, namely, the right to organize and to living conditions.

The miners in Arkansas, like those in Colorado, are making a heroic struggle with all the powers at the command of the millionaire mine owners solidly arrayed against them.

Needless to say that the federal soldiers here, as in Colorado, will not only protect the property of the mine owners, but they will also stand guard while the mines are being scabbed.

President Wilson might as well have manned every mine on strike with scabs directly, under protection of the federal troops, so far as the effect upon the striking miners is concerned.

Attorney General McReynolds who as early as May last took a hand in the strike in behalf of the mine owners and authorized the United States marshal to swear in deputies to guard the scabs, has since been appointed by President Wilson a member of the United States supreme court, where he rightly belongs, having qualified by servile obedience to the ruling class his fitness for a supreme judicial lackeyship.

The workingmen who recently voted the Democratic ticket, thereby approving the democratic administration, are with the mine owners and the federal soldiers in Arkansas in breaking the strike of the miners, destroying their union, and starving their families, and if in some day to come they find themselves out on strike against inhuman conditions and their jobs are taken by scabs backed by soldiers, they will be reaping what they have sown.

But federal administration or no federal administration, soldiers or no soldiers, we are with the striking miners in Arkansas and we shall back them up in their fight in every way in our power. They are not the kind who can be cowed by uniformed scab-herders, but the kind who will fight with all the greater determination in the face of increasing odds and keep it up until the day is won.

O Merry, Merry Christmas, Some Day!

By Henry M. Tichenor, the Rip-Saw Poet.

There's going to be a Christmas, some day,
In honor of Jesus' birth,
When devils won't be running things their way,
With hell turned loose on earth!
There's going to be a Christmas, some day,
When the masters are no more—
The devils shall not be here alway,
To curse mankind with war!

There's going to be a Christmas, some day,
When the Comrades all shall sing
A joyous, loving roundelay,
Of a world without a king!
O do your very best, my brother,
Do all you can, I pray,
For the love of one another,
To hasten this Christmas day!

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O Merry, Merry Christmas, some day!
In honor of Jesus' birth,
When devils won't be running things their way,
With hell turned loose on earth!

In the excitement of the hour due to multiplying tragedies of the class struggle the work of education must not be neglected. The revolution must first take place in the heads and hearts of the workers, due to their mental and moral enlightenment, before it can become a realized fact in the external world.

A man's prejudice smothers his intelligence.

Extortion is one of the paths that lead to hell.

Perseverance is the virtue which crowns heroes. The weak and easily discouraged fail and sink from sight as if they had never been, but the strong and resolute and persistent who refuse to be beaten back or to acknowledge defeat, reach their goal, for they are favored of the gods, who deck their brows with the laurels of victory.

The idler, rich or poor, is a menace to society.

Monopoly has no heart, no soul, no conscience.

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From "Standard Oil or the People?" by Henry H. Klein

HURRAH FOR WAR!

Hurrah for War!
Hurrah for blood and entrails, for lungs shot through and eyes gouged out, for faces torn off and limbs blown sky-high, for weeping mothers and fatherless children, for disease and death abroad, for starvation and destitution at home.

Hurrah for War!
Hurrah for Blood and Bankruptcy!
Hurrah for Hell!

Into the streets, ye patriots! Wave your little flags and shout like mad. War! war! war! Hurrah for War!

Here's a sailor. Gather round and shoulder him high! "Jack is ready for anything." You read that at your breakfast tables yesterday morning. Ready for anything. Ready to do his "duty," you know. Ready to slaughter and be slaughtered.

Up with him. Cheer, ye patriots! Tomorrow this sailor lad may be a mangled corpse; tomorrow his mother may be sobbing for the loss of her fair son.

But, you're all right. You will be alive—and cheering. Carry him shoulder high—the Sacrifice!

There's a soldier. Up with him, shoulder high! Good old Tommy Atkins! He's the boy. Cheer, ye patriots! Pat him on the back. You will not see him again. He is off to do his share of the fighting; his share and yours.

This lad in khaki may be lying at the bottom of a trench a few days hence, dead, with a dozen comrades on top of him, dead. Dead and mangled beyond recognition. God's image, after Mars and Mammon have done with it.

But, you will be all right. You will be bending over your little ledgers when this boy is shrieking in agony. Hoist him to your shoulders, ye patriots! Carry him shoulder high—the Sacrifice!

Glorious, isn't it? War, war, glorious war! Three cheers for the red, white and blue—particularly the red.

Here come the troops. Cheer, ye patriots! Wave your little flags. Sing your little music hall ditties. These men are marching to Death, and you will march bravely with them—to the railway station.

Hurrah for War! Cheer, ye stay-at-home heroes! Hurrah for the Flag! Hurrah for the Empire! Hurrah for Insanity! Hurrah for Hell!—C. Langdon Everard, in London Daily Herald.

A gunman is a reptile in human form, who has the heart of a hyena and who for the price of a bottle of whiskey would murder an infant suckling its mother's breast.

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By Himself
 (W. S. Morgan)

Mister Editor:
 When I got that check fur a thousand dollars I shuk hands with the Prezident and promisin' tu rite tu him az sune az I got tu see Bill, I maid a dubble quick hike fur the bank tu git the munny. The banker sed if I wuz a goin' tu Yurrop I had better take gold, but I told him I wuz a goin' tu carry it on my purson and if the bote wood sink the waight uv the gold wood sink me while the paper munny wood hold me up. I got it all in one and two dollar bills, and sum fives. Then I went and bought me a new soot uv clothes and went back tu the hotel where I staid all nite the nite before. I didnt drink enny, or nun tu speak uv that afternoon, not more'n a duzzen drinks. I knowed my failin', that if I drank much I wood git drunk and mebbe luze my munny or buy anuther inkubator. When I got bak tu the hotel I tuk a needle and thred and sowed purty neert all them bills inside my clothes, a stuffin' the linin' full uv em'. When I tride on the clothes I looked like a fat tode. But it helped my looks. It filled out the thin places and maid me look portly and dignifide.

The next day I bought a ticket tu Lunden by the way uv one uv them big liner steamers; I furgit now what the naim uv the ship wuz; but it wuzent a Dutch name. I tride tu git a ticket tu Burlin but they wuzent enny botes a runnin' up that fur. I tuk a bote that wuz guaranteed tu dodge all the ice-burgs. A chunk uv ice about the size fur a mint julep iz big enuff fur me. We had a big storm on the way over and the bote rocked and romped a good deel. It maid me sea sik. Say, Mister Editor, wuz you ever sea-sik? If you aint bin you don't know all the things yoor stummick can du. It can cut up more capers than a little puppy in the bak yard a playin' with the washin' jist hung out on the clothes line. I have heerd a good menny kures fur sea-sickness but they all fale but 1. If you don't want tu be sea-sik don't git on a bote.

When I got tu Lunden I thought I wuz purty neert in the war zone. Live soljers wuz a gittin' on the tranes on one side uv the depot and they wuz a takin' the ded and woounded soljers off uv the tranes on the uther side. Thare wuz a lots uv eggstement; sum wuz a lookin' at the live soljers and sum wuz a lookin' at the ded ones, sum wuz a talkin' tu the woounded but the most uv 'em wuz out doors lookin' up in the ski a watchin'

fur a Zeppylin fleet uv airships they thought the Gurmans wuz goin' tu send over tu bombard Lunden.

I wuzent a bit skeered; I felt like Job's war-hoss: I "smelt the battel frum afar." I thot I wood rather smell it that way than tu be rite up tu it. But I had Woodsaw's lettur in my pocket and I knowed Bill Kizer woodent let 'em bombard me fur I wuz a sort uv embassydor and had a white flag which I carried within my hip pocket fur emurgencies.

I stayed in Lunden over a week tryin' tu git sum way tu git over tu Burlin tu see Kizer Bill, but thare wuzent enny hacks, or botes or tranes a runnin' thare, and the livery men woodent hire me a rig fur enny kind uv munny: "besides," they sed, "the ferry bote had stopped a runnin' akross the channel az the Gurmans got tu shootin' at it."

Purty neert evry boddy I seen wuz a tryin' tu find out what cauzed the war, but I didnt see enny boddy that knowed fur surtin. Sum sed it wuz becoz sumboddy had killed sumboddy over in Servia, but most uv 'em sed it wuz becoz Kizer Bill had bin a bilin' over fur a fite fur 20 years and coodent hold in enny longer and jist let loose at every boddy at oncet so as tu maik it interestin', fur they all agreed that the Kizer wuz well fixed fur a skrap. This maid me want tu see him wurse than ever, and I told them that I wuz on my way tu see him fur the Prezident uv the United Staits az a speshal embassydor tu du a little embassing with him. They 'lowed I'd have a good time a gittin' tu see him.

I went up tu the Bank uv England tu turn my 2 thousand dollars kredit intu cash. Kredit iz a good thing tu have but I have always found that I cood du better with the cash than with kredit. When I told the feller that handled the munny what I wanted, he asked me whare I wuz a goin'. When I told him he sed it wuz a very important mishun, but he didnt think it possible fur me tu git over intu Gurmany az the fitin' line wuz so long that I coodent git round it. I told him I wuz a goin' tu try tu go throo it.

The prezident uv the bank heerd us a talkin' and invited me intu hiz private offis. He tried tu find out all about my mishun over there, but I diplomated tu him like one uv the old regulars, that iz I lied tu him like a dog. He asked me if I sympathized with Gurmany. I knowed what the old coon wanted; if I had sed yes, he wood have had me arrested fur a spi;

and I had tu diplomat sum more; you see it aint no harm tu lie when you air a diplomatin'. I told him I wuz frum a fitin' family and how my grand-father had fit in the Revolushunary war and had killed 1 hundred and sixty7 Britishers in one day. He got red in the face when I sed that and I knowed then I had throwed him off the track, and before he had time tu git bak on I roze tu go. He rekuvered hiz presence uv mind rite away and shuk me by the hand, sayin' he hoped I wood be able tu git throo the Gurman lines, transakt my bizziness with Bill Kizer and stop in on my way bak home. He looked at the clurk or cashier or whoever it wuz in the offis with him and wunk one uv hiz ize az though he thought I wood never git bak. I allways git bak, even if I have tu walk, like I did frum Washington Dee See when I went up thare after a post offis and didnt git it. I tuk my munny in gold fur I knowed that Bill Kizer wood not taik old John Bull's promises tu pay, or enny notes uv enny kind. Then I knowed that Bill Kizer needed gold and might want tu borrar fifteen or twenty dollars uv me so az tu put sum more soljers in the field tu fite. The gold wuz too hevey tu carry in my pockets, so I got me a belt tu put it in and then buckled the belt around my waste.

When I found out that travel had stopped between England and Gurmany I wuz sorter kur-flummixed, but I didnt give up; I wuz deturmined tu git Woodsaw's lettur tu Bill. I coodent git in by the way uv the north fur the Rooshians wuz a scrougin' uv the Gurmans frum that pint. So I konkluded tu go over tu France and pierce throo the French line uv battel and be captured by the Gurmans. But when I tried that I coodent git up tu the French battel line; they won't low enny body up thare exsept the live fighters, the woounded and the ded—not even noozepaper korrespondents or diplomats. I slipped in before they knowed it but they sent me bak intu the kuntry in a hurry. I kin feel it yet when I set down where they hit me with the flat side uv a sword. But the munny I had sowed up in the seet uv my pants proved a boon uv protekshun on that okkashun. I wuz afrade tu show them my lettur tu Bill Kizer fur feer they wood arrest me and shoot me fur a spy. When I got bak intu the kuntry away frum the noize uv the battel, I stayed all night with a old farmer whoo raised things tu ete and hauled them off tu market.

That nite az I lay on a little white kot in the attick uv this old farmer's house a thinkin' and wunderin' how I wuz a goin' tu git throo them 2 battle lines and git a audience with Bill

Kizer and giv him the Prezident's lettur, a brite idee cum intu my hed. I wood tell the old farmer that meat wuz a dollar a pound in Burlin and uther things in proporshun. I wood tell him how much he cood make by takin' a lode up there, and, by jing, I'd help him buy it and try to git him tu start right off. I cood hardly wait til morning cum tu disklose tu him my plan. When morning cum and I told him how much higher prices wuz in Burlin he wuz deelightid. He sed he'd start jist az soon az he cood gether up a lode. He wanted tu know how fur it wuz tu Burlin. I told him I dident know eggsackly but I thought it must be 40 or fifty miles. I pitched in and holped him and we got all reddy tu start next morning. We have a good old speckled horse and a stout wagon filled with meat prinsipally. I don't know how we will maik it but I think we'll git throo all rite.

Yours trooly,
TOBE SPILKINS,
 (Special Diplomat Between Wood-saw and Bill Kizer.)

P. S. The next morning. We air reddy tu start. I am mailin' this lettur jist az we drive off. I will tel you how we git throo in my next. T. S.

BEN WILSON PLEASURES

Cheney, Wash., Oct. 6, 1914
 Dear Comrades:
 Our peerless Ben Wilson was with us tonight and all day too, for that matter. Was at the State Normal school at 10:15 A. M. to address the student body of that institution for twenty minutes at assembly. Also by special invitation of the principal of the high school he spoke to the high school pupils in the P. M. Then at 8:55 P. M. at the Christian Church. He gave us the moral and spiritual significance of Socialism as only Ben can. For two and one-fourth hours he held the audience to the very last and nearly all raised their hands to have him again this winter. To say that it was good is not enough. It was splendid. Fraternally yours, A. A. Aines, Organizer, Cheney Socialist Local.

IT WAS A GLORIOUS VICTORY

By Robert Southey
 It was a Summer evening,
 Old Kaspar's work was done,
 And he before his cottage door
 Was sitting in the sun,
 And by him sported on the green
 His little grandchild Wilhelmine.

She saw her brother Peterkin
 Roll something large and round,
 Which he beside the rivulet,
 In playing there, had found,
 He came to ask what he had found
 That was so large, and smooth, and round.

Old Kaspar took it from the boy,
 Who stood expectant by;
 And then the old man shook his head,
 And with a natural sigh,
 "'Tis some poor fellow's skull," said he,
 "Who fell in the great victory."

"Now tell us what 'twas about,"
 Young Peterkin he cries;
 While little Wilhelmine looks up
 With wonder-waiting eyes.
 "Now tell us all about the war,
 And what they fought each other for."

"It was the English," Kaspar cried,
 "Who put the French to rout;

But what they fought each other for,
 I could not well make out.
 But everybody said," quoth he.
 "That 'twas a famous victory.

"My father lived at Blenheim then,
 Yon little stream hard by;
 They burned his dwelling to the ground,
 And he was forced to fly;
 So with his wife and child he fled,
 Nor had he where to rest his head.

"With fire and sword the country round
 Was wasted far and wide;

And many a childing mother, then,
 And new-born baby died;
 But things like that you know must be
 At every famous victory.

"They say it was a shocking sight
 After the field was won,
 For many thousand bodies here
 Lay rotting in the sun;
 But things like that, you know, must be
 After a famous victory.

"Great praise the Duke of Marlborough won
 And our good prince Eugene."

"Why, 'twas a very wicked thing!"
 Said little Wilhelmine.
 "Nay, nay, my little girl," quoth he
 "It was a famous victory."

"And everybody praised the Duke
 Who this great fight did win."
 "And what good came of it at last?"
 Quoth little Peterkin.
 "Why, that I cannot tell," said he,
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By Kate Richards O'Hare

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Mr. Laut informs us that: "Uncle Sam, three thousand miles from the scenes of conflict, thought he was secure in the neutrality of watchful waiting; and in the twinkling of an eye, with the exception of cereal and meat products, his enormous foreign trade of four billion dollars a year is thrown back on his hands. Cotton, the best and biggest crop the country has ever known, remains unsold. California citrus fruits must find a market in America or rot. The bottom has literally fallen out of the price of the apple barrel, because England and Germany were the great buyers of American apples. Apple dealers, in fact, will hardly quote foreign prices."

"In New York eight thousand stenographers are out of work. Round Wall Street and the exporting houses it is estimated seventy thousand man clerks have been laid off; and on the shipping front one hundred thousand men are idle."

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THIS IS THE UNITED STATES, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN. And

what is the remedy Mr. Laut gives the hungry, harrassed mothers of the nation? "Back to Grandmother's Cooking, Take in Each Other's Washing and Keep Boarders."

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"Handle a midday dinner in the same way. You have the same cost, plus soup and meat. If you buy a porterhouse steak, or a sirloin, or mock duck, that meat cost will send the price of a dinner up to a dollar; but do not buy expensive cuts. Let the housewife go to market and do her own marketing, and pick out a neck bone for soup, or a joint, or a boiling piece. A boiling piece costing forty cents will supply soup and meat for three dinners—or make the dinner cost only thirteen cents higher than that of the breakfast.

"Supper can be supplied at the same cost as breakfast; so your family of five can keep their living down to forty-eight cents for food a day—or less than fifteen dollars a month.

"When times are so hard there are multitudes of boys and girls out of a home who would gladly pay twenty dollars a month to board in the home of such a family. That would in many cases pay both rent and fuel.

"Let us put our foolish pride in our pockets, resole our shoes and turn our dresses. When women like the Duchess of Sutherland roll up their sleeves and swash round in boiling soapsuds, helping in European hospitals, why should not our women—on another kind of firing line—be bucking right up to the necessities of this winter?"

There you are, you extravagant women, it takes the Saturday Evening Post to show you how to feed your family on forty-eight cents per day, but I wonder why Mr. Laut did not tell us where to get the forty-eight cents when daddy is out of a job!

Mr. Laut not only shows us how to feed our family cheaply but also proves that we have been eating far too much in the past. A quart of milk divided into three parts is five and one-fifth ounces for each meal, divide that by five and each one of a family of five would have one

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ounce of milk and one twenty-fifth to stick to the saucer.

A ten-cent package of breakfast food weighs from twelve to fifteen ounces; divide that by five and each member of the family may feast on three ounces of fodder per week or three-sevenths of an ounce for each breakfast.

Potatoes at fifteen cents per peck is just about one cent per pound. One half cents worth of potatoes is one-half pound and one-half pound divided between five people is one and three-fifths ounces for each person.

Mr. Laut figures five cents for butter, coffee and sugar for the family breakfast. Butter is forty cents per pound, coffee thirty and sugar seven cents per pound. Two cents worth of butter would be three-fourths of an ounce; divided between five persons it would give each one one-fifteenth of an ounce of butter for breakfast. Two cents worth of coffee would be just a fraction under one ounce and one cent's worth of sugar would be about three ounces. Divide that by five and each member of the family would sweeten up on three-fifths of an ounce of sugar.

One loaf of bread would give each one and one-half ounces. This is the way Mr. Laut's breakfast stacks up for each person.

One ounce of milk. Three-sevenths of an ounce of breakfast food.

One and three-fifths ounces of potatoes.

One-fifteenth of an ounce of butter.

Three-fifths of an ounce of sugar.

One and one-half ounces of bread.

And what one ounce of coffee would do to five cups of water.

All told, including the alleged coffee, Mr. Laut informs us that less than six ounces of very thin food is quite sufficient for a breakfast on which dad can go out to hunt a job, Jimmie and Susie and Johnny go to school and mother do a neighbor's washing.

For the midday dinner, mother is to go to market and buy forty cents worth of neck meat on which the family must feast for three days. The aforesaid neck to furnish meat and soup for five people for fifteen meals. For supper, mother may indulge in the same bountiful meal as at breakfast and now and then change from neck to liver, but Mr. Laut fails to state just how much mother may safely spend on riotous living like liver.

Mr. Laut overlooks another very important thing in his benign effort to solve the problems of the poor. In order for we mothers of the working class to carry out his instructions, Mr. Laut will be compelled to appeal to President Wilson to send a special message to congress insisting that

a law shall be passed compelling every beef critter intended for slaughter to grow three necks and four livers or the supply of neck and liver will be exhausted instantler.

Of course, Mr. Laut never intended that the women to whom he was giving this benevolent advice should reason it out for themselves "(women are not creatures of reason but of intuition)", so being a woman and without reasoning faculties I asked the RIP-SAW poet to help me follow Mr. Laut's advice to a logical conclusion and this is about the way it dopes out.

First—We let the untold tons of foodstuffs produced by the working class of the nation rot on the ground, frugally existing on a few potatoes, a little bread, milk, butter, coffee, beef neck and liver. Even the humble prune and lowly sparerib being too luxurious for these troubled times.

Second—We bake all our own bread at home which would make the gas companies smile but throw every baker out of a job.

Third—We resole our shoes and throw all the shoe workers out of employment.

Fourth—We turn our dresses and leave in idleness all the weavers, garment workers and salesgirls.

Fifth—We take in boarders and do each other's washing.

Sixth—After we have all become properly economical and thrifty we will pull our belts up to the last hole, close our industries for lack of markets, then twiddle our thumbs and sing the Democratic doxology.

Praise Woodrow from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all hungry donks below, Praise him all ye long eared host, Praise Woodrow and his psychologic ghost.

I realize that I am only a Rib, haven't intelligence enough to vote and lack reasoning capacity, but I am going to tell you how this war-in-Europe-and-hunger-in-America situation looks to me, then give you a woman's remedy and let you choose which looks most sane and intelligent to you.

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above the average and the number of hides available for shoe leather is quite up to the normal. There are just as many houses standing as ever and quite a number of new ones being built. Right here in the United States, three thousand miles from the seat of war we have everything necessary for the comfort and happiness of every American citizen.

We can't sell our foodstuffs to Europe. ALL RIGHT, LET'S EAT IT OURSELVES. My feminine brain can not grasp the necessity for millions of human beings starving while tons of foodstuffs rot on the ground. Why should not the United States government mobilize an army of peace, made up of the jobless men and send them out to harvest the crops of fruit, grains and vegetables and transport the food to the hungry mouths and empty stomachs crying for it? Many times in the past this government has mobilized armies and sent them out to kill and maim, lay waste and destroy, why should not our government become a force for conservation of human life as well as for destruction?

You say "the railroads would not transport the foodstuffs without exacting a price that would be prohibitive." But during the Civil War when the United States government needed railroads and rolling stock to transport armies and army supplies, the commanders simply took possession of the railroad, used it as long as necessary and marched on without even a thank you in return. If the government has the right to use a railroad to transport the means of death, why not the right to transport the means of life?

If all the fruits and vegetables rotting on the ground in this country were gathered by men in government employ, shipped on government commandeered railroads and distributed free gratis to the hungry it would cost less in dollars and cents than will be expended on insufficient charity and brutal policing. The farmers would be just as well off, for no matter whether the food rots on the ground or feeds hungry human beings. But the robbery of the farmer is not at all necessary though it has been the rule in every war ever waged. We as a nation can well afford to pay a fair price for every pound of foodstuff rather than to let it rot and our people starve.

The fields of Dixie are white with cotton, the cotton mills of Dixie stand silent and idle and untold millions shiver and freeze for want of clothing. If the private owners of the cotton mills will not weave cloth, why should not the United States Government take possession of every cotton mill for six months, put the idle weavers to work, buy the farmers' cotton at a fair price and produce clothing for

the naked at the labor cost of production.

If the gathering of food and weaving of clothing did not absorb the idle labor of our country then there are slums to be razed and decent homes to be built for the people. Why should not the cities use their power for public improvement, clear out their rotten crime incubators and replace their vicious slums with wholesome dwellings as many European cities have done?

If there are still idle men, then what more glorious work than for Uncle Sam to conquer the rebellious Mississippi as he conquered the vicious Panama? The mighty dredges no longer needed in Panama could dredge the channel of the river and forever do away with the insane, unscientific graft ridden system of levee building that has been a stench in the nostrils of every decent citizen of the southern states for years. The trained force that built the Panama Canal could officer the army of

Every war that United States has ever waged has been financed by greenbacks, then why not the war on poverty and starvation? My dream could be made real and the money cost would not equal the money cost of the Civil War and a life would be redeemed for every one murdered in that bloody strife between slave master and capitalist employer.

But my dream is a woman's dream, the longing cry of a mother heart. Because I have given life and know the bitter price we pay for life, I have greater respect for human life than private property. And if the choice must come between human life and private property, I am willing to abolish every form of private property that would starve, or freeze or murder human beings to maintain the rights of property.

YES AND MY DREAM IS SOCIALISM. Mr. Laut's cursed creed is the nightmare of CAPITALISM. BOTH ARE HERE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

Results of the November Election

Only scattering returns of the Socialist vote have been received as this issue of the RIP-SAW goes to press, and it will be another month before the total vote for the entire country can be announced. Hundreds of precincts in Texas have been carried by the Socialists. Many counties in Oklahoma came within a few votes of electing Socialist officers. Hundreds of minor officers were elected in Oklahoma. From all parts of the United States come reports of great increase in the Socialist vote, and of losses by the Republican and Democratic parties.

The following are some of the Socialist victories:

Congress—Meyer London, New York City.
4 State senators—one each in Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Montana.
26 State representatives—Wisconsin, 8; California, 4; Illinois, 2; Minnesota, 1; Pennsylvania, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Kansas, 1; Oklahoma, 5; Utah, 1; Montana, 2.

The Socialist vote in Oklahoma is placed at 52,570. One voter in five in that State is a Socialist. It is claimed that Texas will roll up 50,000 votes. The results of the election have been gratifying indeed, and every Socialist comrade enters into the new campaign with renewed enthusiasm and determination.

peace that might build great reservoirs along the upper Mississippi, store the surplus water in the springtime, send it down for irrigation in the parching summer and at the same time create electric power enough to banish every coal range and oil lamp in the Mississippi valley and provide every housewife with an electric cookstove and electric lights.

"A SILLY WOMAN'S DREAM" you cry. "DON'T YOU KNOW THAT ALL THIS WOULD TAKE MONEY?" Certainly! But Uncle Sam has the finest money factory in Washington that has ever been built. Why, I have stood by these marvelous presses and watched sheets of beautiful, clean, crisp money roll out like water over a mill dam. And it was perfectly good money. Not a human being on earth that is not glad to grab a piece of this crisp paper and hang on to it like grim death.

THERE WAS A FOOL, BUT IT WASN'T DEBS

By Arthur Morrow Lewis

I had just concluded a lecture in Grand Junction, Colo., when a burly railroad man stepped forward and introduced himself. I forgot his name, but remember well what he said. Here it is, about word for word:

"I was an engineer years ago, as I am today, but in those days Debs was my fireman. Having a little better job than he, I naturally thought I was the smarter man. We used to sleep in the same room. We would both turn in all tired out from the long trip and I would be asleep before you could count ten. After I had slept three or four hours, I would wake up about 2 in the morning and there would be Debs with a candle shaded so as not to disturb me, reading away at a book as if everything depended on his understanding all there was in it. Many a time he got only one or two hours' rest before going to work again.

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Socialism and War

By Oscar Ameringer

III. The Position of the International

At the time of the Franco-Prussian War the International Workingmen's Association, the parent of the Socialist Party, had established branches in every modern country, America included. The General Executive Committee resided in London and was directed by the master mind of Karl Marx. Nearly all of the manifestos and proclamations which follow here were written or inspired by the founder of scientific socialism.

At the third congress of the International held in Brussels in 1868 the clear-headed Internationalist already perceived that the policy of Bismarck and Napoleon must inevitably lead to a war between Germany and France. The German delegates introduced a resolution which said: "We must regard a war between Germany and France as a civil war for the BENEFIT OF RUSSIA. The International demands of all workers to raise their voices against every war and to oppose with all means their participation in the systematic murder and to carry on a propaganda for the enlightenment of the unhappy people who are forced to wage war." In the end the Congress recommends the general strike as means of preventing war.

At the same congress delegate Tolain of France urged the adoption of the following resolution:

"In consideration, that the relation between natural groups, races and nations, as well as between the individual citizens must be regulated by justice; that war only brings forth the right of might and not the consecration of justice; that it is but a means to bring the nations under the subjection of rulers and privileged classes; that it strengthens despotism and smother freedom; that it brings sorrow and ruin to families; spreads demoralization, immorality, ignorance and misery; that the money and blood of the nations only serves to perpetuate the brutish instincts of primeval men; that under the present conditions in Europe the governments do not represent the just interest of the workers; the congress declares that it protests with the greatest energy against war."

The International remained true to these principles.

On July 9, 1870, the government of Napoleon convicted twenty-seven members of the Paris section of the International for high treason. The prison sentences ranged from two months to one year. But before the sentences of the last of the twenty-seven peace-makers had expired the throne of Napoleon had fallen.

Three days after the arrest of their leaders the Paris section issued another proclamation against war.

"War, as a question of racial preponderance as for dynastic interests is in the eyes of the workers criminal absurdity. We protest against the systematic destruction of the human race, against the pillaging of the national wealth which should serve to fructify the soil and industry; the spilling of blood for the satisfaction of the vanity and the conceit of egoistic monarchs. We raise our protest with all energy against war, as human beings, as workingmen, as citizens. War only awakens the wild instincts and national hatred. It is a disguised means of the governing classes for the suppression of popular freedom. War is the destruction of wealth, the result of our daily labor. German brothers! In the name of peace do not hearken to the voices of the subsidized and servile scribes who desire to deceive you in regard to the true spirit prevailing in France. Remain deaf to the insane provocations. The war between us would be a brother war."

The General Executive Committee

issued a manifesto on July 23d containing the following expressions of highminded statesmanship:

"We define the foreign policy of the International Workingmen's Association in these words: 'MAKE THE SIMPLE LAWS OF MORALITY AND JUSTICE WHICH SHOULD REGULATE THE RELATION BETWEEN PRIVATE PERSONS THE HIGHEST LAW FOR THE INTER-COURSE BETWEEN NATIONS.' * * *

"When the German workers permit that the present war loses its strict defensive character and degenerates into a war against the French nation then victory or defeat will be alike fatal."

The splendid spirit of the French workers found a counterpart in the German toilers.

At a mass meeting held in the city of Braunschweig on July 16th the workers disavowed the idea of national antagonism and adopted a resolution which said among other things:

"We are against all wars, and especially against dynastic wars.—With sincerest regret do we accept the unavoidable evil of a defensive war, and we demand that the recurrence of such a social calamity be made impossible for all times to come by vesting in the people themselves the power to decide over war and peace."

At a delegate meeting in Chemnitz representing about 50,000 members of labor organizations, a resolution was accepted containing the following:

"In the name of the German Democracy, and especially in the name of the members of the Social-democratic Labor Party we denounce the present war as purely dynastic.—Cheerfully grasp we the hand offered by the French workingmen. Remembering the slogan of the International Workingmen's Association: 'Workingmen of all countries unite,' we shall never forget that the workers of all countries are our friends and the despots of all countries our enemies."

Section Berlin of the International answered the manifesto of the Paris workers in these inspiring words:

"With heart and hand we join in your protest. We promise solemnly that neither the blare of trumpets nor the roar of cannons, neither victory nor defeat shall swerve us from the common goal, the union of the workers of all nations."

In August, Becker, a prominent member of the International wrote:

"Thanks to this war we have demonstrated to the world that the working class is the sole bearer of the interest of humanity. How could it be otherwise! There can be no peace without labor, without labor no prosperity, without prosperity no liberty, without liberty no justice, and again—without justice no peace."

ALSACE AND LORRAINE

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With this turn in the affair we hope that the end of the war is assured. So long as the mercenaries of Napoleon threatened Germany it was our duty as Germans to defend the independence of Germany. Such a defensive war does not exclude offensive measures. It includes as does every war the necessity of forcing the enemy to accept peace.

But now, in the hour of victory it becomes our duty not to be swept away with the drunkenness of the victory, but to remain cool and thoughtful and to ask ourselves what shall be done.

The new republic must and will seek peace with Germany. It must and will recall the declaration of Napoleon.

Was it the French people who declared war against us? No! It was Napoleon. Let us not be deceived by the circumstance that the victorious invasion of the German army turned the hearts of France toward war. It is impossible for a great nation to tolerate an enemy on its soil for very long. But the present republic will remember that Germany and France are brother nations whose interests are identical and whose holy duty it is to rival in the new spirit in the arts of peace.

Verily France has suffered sufficiently for tolerating the disgrace of the Second Empire and it is the duty of the German nation and to its own interests to offer an honorable peace to the French Republic.

But, we are told, it will be at least necessary that we take Alsace and Lorraine from France. The war camarilla, the professors, the burgers and the tavern politicians claim that this is the only way to protect Germany for all times from a French war. On the contrary it is the surest way to transform the war into an European institution. It is the infallible medium to immortalize the military despotism of the new Germany, forced by the necessity of holding a western Poland, that of Alsace and Lorraine. It is the infallible means of converting the coming peace into a truce to be broken as soon as France has recuperated sufficiently to recapture the lost territory. It is the infallible means to ruin France and Germany through self-laceration.

The knaves and fools who claim that they have discovered a guarantee for eternal peace should have learned something from Prussian history, from the Napoleonic horse cure after the peace of Tilsit, how these violent measures for the pacification of a virile nation produce the exact opposite result. And what is France, even after the loss of Alsace and Lorraine as compared with Prussia after the peace of Tilsit?

He who is not totally stupefied by the noise of the moment or who has no interest to stupefy others, must realize that the war of 1870 bears within its womb the necessity of a war with RUSSIA even as the war of 1866 had within its womb the war of 1870.

I say necessarily inevitable, except in the doubtful event of a Russian revolution.

If this doubtful event does not take place, then the war between Germany and Russia must be treated as an accomplished fact.

If they take Alsace and Lorraine, then Russia and France will make

war on Germany. It is superfluous to point out the disastrous consequences.

This was the last proclamation of the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Germany. The government of his majesty, the Emperor of Germany, had no more love for prophets than the government of his fallen brother swindler, Napoleon. The jail received the peacemakers.

In a subsequent manifesto issued a short time after, the General Council of the International at London again protested against the annexation of the two provinces. Here we read:

"Do the Teutonic patriots seriously believe that the independence, liberty, and peace of Germany may be secured by driving France into the arms of Russia? If the luck of arms, the arrogance of success and the intrigue of the dynasties lead to the robbing of French territory, then there are only two ways open for Germany. It either must pursue the dangerous course of a tool for the furtherance of Russian aggrandizement, a policy which coincides with the tradition of the Hohenzollerns,—or, it must after a short pause, prepare itself for a new defensive war; not one of those new-fangled 'localized wars' but a race war, a war with the united Slavs and Roman races. This is the peace prospect held out by the brainless patriots of the German middle class."

In another part of the manifesto appears this passage: "History will not measure her retribution by the circumference of the square miles conquered from France, but by the intensity of the crime of having reestablished in the second half of the 19th century the policy of conquest."

It would have been well for Germany, for Europe and the human race if her destiny had been in the hands of the despised internationalists instead of the pious patriots of 1870. Well indeed if the exile Marx, whom Prussia had driven from the Fatherland, had stood in the place of Bismarck, the blunder in blood and iron.

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Many people have been "fired," and a lot more are to be. Some because they were too old, others from inefficiency or weakness; others because of their bad reputation; and still others because they were using their positions for the propagation of heretical ideas.

Teachers, too, get theirs. I am one of them. I had been for four years a student at the University of Rochester (N. Y.), and had also been an instructor there for twenty-one more summers—and as many winters. Then my salary stopped, and I looked elsewhere for the wherewith to keep my family from the poor-house. Why? This article will tell you. It will also be another good example of the undoubted truth (undoubted by those whose eyes are open), that our educational institutions, like the churches and almost everything else in sight (or out of it) are under the heel of the Money Power.

My first red card is dated June 17, 1910. I was born a couple of months previous to that. I am therefore some four and a half years old—for why put our birthday before the day when our eyes were first open?

For over sixteen years I had been teaching, with perfect satisfaction, in a good college. For years I had also been in great demand as a speaker at functions of the public schools, of the churches and Sunday schools, the Christian Endeavor, the Y. M. C. A., and the Y. W. C. A.; also at all of the Capitalistic banquets until attendance upon them had become a veritable "chestnut." I used to keep a list of those multitudinous addresses. I wish now that I hadn't burned it up with my "barrel" of addresses, sermons, and other "slobber." But I did in an hour when I was heartily sick of the thing I used to be.

Yes, I was very popular in my own city just as long as I preached contentment and success and all the other stuff that the ignorant and designing Capitalists so love to have speakers spread. I then had a "lead-pipe cinch" on my job at the University. If you had been so bold as to tell anybody in those days that "Professor" Shedd would in a few short years be an exile, so to speak, an outcast, an ostracised and banished figure, a persona non grata, in fact in his own city and state, you would have been hailed as a madman. Why, it were impossible!

I had a reputation as a "sun-

shine" man. I had a Sunshine Club, and we had long been in the papers as spreaders of sunshine and contentment and blessed charity. I had lectured on Teddy Roosevelt and proven to the satisfaction of myself and my audience (a few "damn" Socialists excepted) that he was an Angel with a Capital A. I had a thousand times proven that poverty and unemployment and sickness and death and all other samples of adversity were the best things that could happen to people to chasten them and bring out the beautiful rainbow of character, etc., etc., ad nauseam.

Now then, the point is this: Just as long as I spread that sort of fool stuff; just as long as I spent my days and my nights (unconsciously) in the blessed service of the Capitalist System, keeping the innocent and the ignorant in beautiful darkness as to the actual conditions of life; just so long I was a "good boy," and a grand influence in the education and inspiration of the young, and my picture was often in the newspapers (outside of the police column); I was then welcome, too, at all University functions, and was a steady boarder, so to speak, at public school and church doings all over the town, and out of it.

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though not in my class-room. There I taught German, and other languages. I was hired for that and I kept consistently at it. Finally I was asked to make an address in the largest Social Center in Rochester one Saturday evening, where a thousand people had gathered. I told them about Socialism, my new religion, and incidentally spoke of the red flag and its world-wide meaning, comparing its breadth with that of any or all of the national flags.

Gee Whizzzzzz!!! You ought to have seen the head-lines the next morning and from that time on. My name was henceforth Mud. I had fallen from grace. I was now one of the "undesirable citizens." I was a dangerous lunatic, a vilifier of the glorious banner, an anarchist, an atheist. I had mentioned the dreaded and awful thing in a school-house!!!! Yes, my name was Dinnis. It was Mud. It was Outcast. It was Devil. From that glorious day on I was a sort of "Wandering Jew," so to speak, in my own town and country. I had hit sacred Capital, and I was to suffer for it.

Not in two weeks was I put out of the University, nor in two months; but I was being watched. The enemies of Socialism were on the job with both feet and the rest of their anatomy. Everything I said from that time on, if radical, was likely to appear exaggerated and distorted in the press. The evident object was to "put me in bad" with the University, and force the Trustees to fire me.

Success came to the conspirators after a time. I made one speech too many. Auburn did me up. I spoke there one night with Frank Bohn. My innocent remarks were distorted and twisted into crimes in the next morning's papers. The college groaned. Spies were sent out to sneak about and find what awful things I had (not) said, and I was duly called before the Committee of the Board of Trustees.

After a few days, I was told that my resignation was desired. I wrote it—with a gun behind me, so to speak. Were the thing to happen again, the College could kick me out bodily, but I would not resign. Why? Listen. For what crimes should a teacher lose his position? For being a bad egg morally; or an efficient teacher; or for using his position to spread heretical and dangerous doctrines? Yes, of course. But the President of the College and the Spokesman of the Trustees admitted the following six points:—(1) I had been a highly satisfactory teacher; (2) I was O. K. morally, in fact, had always been a splendid example and influence from the moral viewpoint in and out of the college; (3) I had always taught my subject (language and literature) and had never at-

tempted in any way to propagate Socialism or any other "unsound" doctrine in my classes; (4) The Trustees thoroughly believed in the untrammelled constitutional right of free speech, and accorded the same to all of the faculty; (5) They had no fault to find with my convictions; and (6) They had no objections to my being a Socialist!!

Please take another squint at these six fatal admissions made by the authorities of the University of Rochester. Then ask yourself upon what possible ground they could force me out of a position I had held satisfactorily for almost a quarter of a century. But the mouthpieces of Capitalism can always find a reason, when looking for it. But it takes some considerable capacity along the rhetorical line to phrase the same. President Rush Rhees was equal to the situation, however. He wrote out the reason, and I am going to put it before you, so that you may realize the enormity of my crime. He said:

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There you have it. How's that for a state's-prison offence? Isn't it a dandy? That's some crime. And that's some rhetorical ability also. The fact is, I had attacked their system (and incidentally their beloved Mayor Edgerton, the figure-head of the party that carries Rochester in its vest-pocket.) The President of the Board was the bosom friend of the Mayor, and the man who had nominated him in the convention was the legal officer of the Trustees. See? But wait. The college was looking for a million dollar endowment. From whom was the million to come? From the working class? Not on your tinnn-tyyyypeee!! Carnegie and Rockefeller and George (Kodak) Eastman had already given liberally to the college, and it was looking for even greater things from the same source. Hark. The President and the Spokesman of the Trustees told me with their own lips that moneyed and influential men had told them that they would no longer support the institution as long as "that wild Indian was on the faculty"—and I was the wild Indian. See? See? See? Money was shouting. The college wanted to grow and have increased "success." I stood in the way. So I was sacrificed! Expediency was struggling with Principle, and Expediency won. Simple as ABC. It is almost always so.

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"A Fool There Was"

(By Thomas Worth)

Apologies to Kipling.

A fool there was, and he had no job,
Even as You and I
And he lacked the nerve to steal or rob,
Even as You and I,
And so each day (as he thinner grew)
He tightened his belt (a hole or two)
Till the darned thing cut him 'most in two,
Even as you and I.

He hunted for work day after day,
Even as You and I,
Sometimes he'd curse, and sometimes pray,
Even as You and I,
His shoes wore out, and with bleeding feet,
He searched for a chance to work and eat,
But wherever he turned, he met defeat,
Even as You and I.

His last dime went for a can of beer,
Even as You and I,
And his soul was filled with black despair,
Even as You and I,
For he knew at last, that his quest was vain,
And the knowledge gave him a nagging pain,
But—HE VOTED THE SAME OLD WAY AGAIN,
Even as You and I (?)

The fool was a "patriot"—so he thought,
Even as you and I,
Whose Dad in the Civil War had fought,
Even as You and I.
They fed him up with "The grand old flag,"
And he marched and whooped—for a bit of rag,
And afterward—HELD THE EMPTY BAG,
Even as You and I!

He loved his wife and he loved his "home,"
Even as You and I,
But he had a solid ivory "dome,"
Even as You and I (?)
And he never knew that his vote would fall
Like a blow on the heads of his loved ones all,
Or enter his family life at all,
Even as You and I.

Oh, the blunders we make and the blows we take,
And the mess we make of life!
Oh, the joys we kill and the graves we fill,
And the soulless, senseless strife!
We whirl along in a devil's dance,
And throw our lives to the gods of chance,
Because we haven't the common sense
To vote for the kids and wife!

But it isn't his vote that makes us sore,
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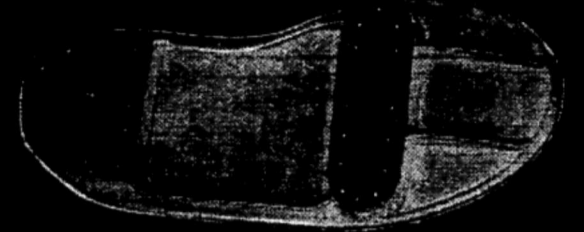
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Industrial Organization

By Eugene V. Debs

There is a serious lack of efficient industrial organization among the workers of the United States.

But a small percentage of the working class is organized at all and nearly all of these are organized along reactionary lines.

The progress and final success of the labor movement are dependent primarily upon the industrial organization of the workers.

Without such organization the Socialist party becomes a mere political party whose advent to power will but signalize its impotency to carry out its own program and make effective its platform pledges to emancipate the working class.

The overthrow of the capitalist system and the consequent abolition of the wage system presuppose the preparedness of the working class to assume control of industry and to carry forward the productive activities of the nation.

How can the workers be expected to take hold of the industries and operate them successfully, unless they have been trained and fitted by industrial co-operation as revolutionary unionists, and where but in the industrial union can they develop the economic power, capacity and self-discipline to assume the mastery and control of the nation's industries.

The industrial union is in fact the beginning of the industrial democracy and all hope of the democracy is vain without the union.

It is in the industrial union that the workers undergo the transition from wage-slaves to free workers and it is there that they are educated in the new unionism and are taught all the essentials of intelligent and harmonious co-operation with their fellow workers and prepared consciously and methodically for the higher duties and responsibilities which their industrial emancipation and consequent industrial mastery involves.

The union that does not aim at the overthrow of wage-slavery and at the industrial emancipation of the working class is a reactionary concern of more harm than benefit to its members and of more benefit than harm to their masters and exploiters.

The whole future of the labor movement depends upon industrial organization and until this vital truth is recognized and the energies now wasted are directed in lining up the workers in industrial unions, there will be but little substantial progress and we shall have to become more and more accustomed to failure and disappointment.

Had the workers of Europe been industrially organized they could

have prevented the massacre of which they are now by countless thousands the helpless victims. A general strike of the workers launched in the industries which provide the armament and upon which the prosecution of the war depends would have paralyzed the war at its inception and revealed the utter impotency of the ruling class to wage a war to which the working class are opposed.

But the workers of Europe were not sufficiently organized industrially to make their power effective when the crisis came and now, alas, they are paying for it dearly in the common slaughter which has fallen to their lot as the penalty of their lack of industrial solidarity.

The industrial union of today is and must be revolutionary or it is not an industrial union at all. The mere fact that all the workers in and about a given industry are members of the same union does not necessarily mean industrial unionism. On the contrary such a union may be quite as reactionary as a simple craft union. If the union does not stand four-square to all the world for the overthrow of the capitalist system and for the abolition of wage-slavery, it is in no true sense an industrial union. The officials and representatives of such a union must prove by their every act that they and their union stand unalterably for industrial emancipation.

In this connection I feel moved to say that recent developments in the two unions of miners are well calculated to excite the concern of those who are interested in promoting real industrial unity among the working class. I have repeatedly taken occasion to express my faith in these two unions and my hope that they would lead in unionizing the working class along industrial lines. But now comes the report out of Colorado that the United Mine Workers are desirous of "establishing permanent and harmonious relations with the mine owners" and I cannot doubt the truth of this report, for the names of some of the leading union officials are attached to it. At the same time there comes another report from an entirely reliable source that the miners are being lined up by certain of their leaders in Colorado to support the Democratic ticket.

If these reports be true, then it cannot be too plainly charged that the miners are being once more betrayed and that their union is being perverted into a reactionary machine which can but hinder them in the real struggle for emancipation.

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Workers are lining up the miners there in support of the Republican ticket and in proof of this the capitalist newspapers announce the names of the national, district and local officials of the union who are to take part in the campaign and appeal to the miners to give their support to the Republican ticket.

These reports would seem to be almost unbelievable in the light of what the miners have suffered in Colorado and West Virginia under Republican and Democratic administration and yet the evidence that they are true is so strong as to scarcely admit of doubt.

**THE UNITED MINE WORKERS IS IN DANGER!
GRAVE DANGER!!**

The capitalist politicians who are once more attempting to lead the unsuspecting rank and file into the shambles must be headed off and put out of commission if the union is not to go on the rocks.

Does the United Mine Workers court a repetition of Butte in some of its own strongholds? If not, the political huckstering now going on in its ranks to deliver the rank and file to the political parties that are controlled by the gang who murdered them and their wives and babies at Cabin Creek and Ludlow would better be brought to a summary end.

Any union official in Colorado or West Virginia who attempts in the light of the outrages perpetrated upon the miners under both Republican and Democratic administration to steer them into the political shambles of these criminal and utterly rotten capitalist parties, is a traitor to the working class and the union that tolerates him must be judged accordingly.

The time has come when a union official has got to be one thing or the other, either a whole union man or a whole scab. If he is a political adherent of a capitalist party, be it called Republican, Democratic or Progressive, he is not a real union man. All these parties are capitalist parties and all stand alike for wage-slavery and for the robbery and debasement of the working class. No union man can support such a party without giving the lie to his professed unionism.

No man can be at the same time an industrial unionist and a political non-unionist.

To vote against the working class is the denial of unionism and no industrial union will tolerate an official guilty of such betrayal of his class.

Both the United Mine Workers and the Western Federation of Miners have officials that are either openly affiliated with capitalist parties or are non committal so as not to jeopardize their jobs.

These officials are not and cannot be industrial unionists. They do not and cannot stand for the overthrow of wage-slavery as long as they politically support the parties of the master class which uphold the wage slave system.

Powerful influences are being brought to bear upon both these miners' unions to strangle their revolutionary aspirations and keep them in the reactionary ruts of pure and simple craft unions.

Butte has furnished a grim warning of what the consequences may be when the reactionary element, backed by the mine owners and capitalist politicians attempt to stifle the revolutionary spirit of the class-conscious rank and file. It is at such a time and under such circumstances that the detective and secret-service agent of the corporations find a fruitful field for their destructive activities.

It is too late in the day to straddle the issue or to take half-way ground. The miners who are now uniting in one body must either be wholly a reactionary trade union or wholly a revolutionary industrial union. They cannot be both, nor part of either, and any attempt to smother the revolution in the ranks is certain to result in an explosion.

There has been too much sound economic education and too many of the rank and file have been up against the guns of capitalism and have had their eyes opened wide to the meaning of capitalism to them. They can no longer be fooled or misled by reactionary officials who are at the same time crafty politicians and are far more concerned in holding their offices than in putting an end to wage-slavery.

Every attempt of a union official to steer the rank and file into the shambles of a capitalist party ought to be resented and rebuked without delay, and every attempt of such an official, who is usually on friendly terms with the bosses and politicians, to commit the union to a policy of "permanent and harmonious relations" with the robber mine owners, should be repudiated by the rank and file as treason to the working class.

The only safety of any union is in the rank and file. Let them beware of the leaders who strive to shape the union so it may have the approval of the bosses, and insist above all things upon the union standing squarely for the overthrow of capitalism and for working class emancipation.

(This article was written for the November issue and should have appeared prior to the recent national election, but on account of limited space, its publication had to be postponed.)

ORGANIZE STUDY CLASSES

Comrade C. W. Garrett, of Charleston, Washington, has sent us a splendid contribution to Socialist literature in the form of a pamphlet—"Scientific Socialism Study Course," which was developed by the members of Local Puyallup, Washington, as the result of several years experience and study. Hundreds of Socialist study classes exist all over the nation, and this pamphlet fills a long felt want, in supplying in concise form a manual for the systematic study of the underlying principles of Socialism. The price of the pamphlet is only ten cents per copy—three for 25 cents, seven for 50 cents, fifteen for \$1.00, 50 for \$3.00, prepaid. Every group of comrades should send for a supply of this pamphlet and proceed to have at least one hour's study each meeting. Order from the RIP-SAW.

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