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WORLD EVENTS

Happenings of Interest to All Who Desire to Keep Abreast of the Times.

The food situation in Europe is growing worse day by day. American government officials are given deep concern because of recent reports of shortages in the allied nations. The only grounds for optimism is found in the reports that Germany is in even graver straits.

Food Administrator Hoover and other government officials plan further legislation to extend the President's powers to enforce the conservation of food. Among other subjects comes up the question of a law COMBATING THE HOBO. The government is compelling public eating houses to observe wheatless and meatless days. We assert there are many "private" eating places which have observed these holy days for some time, with a "sweetness" day thrown in occasionally and without any legal compulsion either.

The Bolsheviki commander-in-chief, Ensign Krylenko, has begun raising a volunteer army. This army, he says, will be used not only against the bourgeoisie of Russia and against Germany if the peace negotiations fail, but to liberate the proletariat of other continental European countries as well.

Shall Ohio have a Cossack army? An organization calling itself "Veterans of Foreign Wars" is distributing literature displaying the beauties of Cossack rule, and with the hope of overcoming the prejudice existing in the minds of labor union men and the workers generally. The Cleveland News reports Commander Hunter as saying, "The force would be directed exclusively by the head of a state department of police, responsible to the governor." As for us, we prefer a police force directly responsible to the workers and other useful citizens.

The recent overwhelming vote against conscription in Australia is the cause of the resignation of the entire cabinet. This is the second time conscription has been defeated in Australia.

Revolution is spreading. Recent reports from Spain indicate that country is in the midst of an economic crisis which is resulting in a distinct revolutionary movement. Establishment of martial law may be instituted as a means of quelling the revolutionary spirit of the people.

The daily press reports Republican leaders as being opposed to the section of the President's message providing free trade after the war, insisting American industries must be protected. From what, we ask.

German workers in huge numbers demanded that their government make peace with Russia. Immense throngs filled the streets of Berlin, Essen and Leipzig when the peace parley was recently broken off. Their cry was, "We want peace."

The nations' President supports the federal amendment for woman's suffrage. Perhaps this action of the President is in line with the acts of other heads of governments who "feel the force and thought of the people." Anyway if this country intends sending any more commissions to Russia to lead her along the path-way of democracy, it is at least fitting that we keep somewhere within hearing distance of her footsteps. Russian women have enjoyed the franchise since the overthrow of the czar. Of course, we have no czar to overthrow.

England's attorney general, Sir Frederick Edwin Smith, predicts the war is in its last stages and will end as soon as the central powers realize President Wilson's peace terms are the best they will get.

In an editorial regarding the present censorship of war news under control of the "intelligence department," the Cleveland News of Jan. 9th says, "In other words, censorship as we have it openly attempts to make the American people THINK AS IT WOULD HAVE THEM THINK, basing their judgment on SUCH FACTS AS IT PERMITS THEM TO GET, embracing as their settled convictions SUCH ERRORS AS SUIT ITS CONVENIENCE. Because we are fighting to "make the world safe for democracy," we are expected to submit to a DICTATION OF PUBLIC OPINION THRU SUPPRESSION OF FACTS as autocratic as any performance of Prussian despotism—indeed, a virtual duplicate of the government-controlled press that has so welded the German people to their Junker government that civilization is compelled to destroy the one to exterminate the other."

With each succeeding storm of winter the charity associations are flooded with requests for food, clothes, fuel and bedding. Hungry yesterday, cold today, naked tomorrow—the three fates which dog the steps of the worker from the cradle to the grave.

The inefficiency of capitalism was portrayed vividly recently by a committee of miners who called upon Governor Cox. The Hyslvania Co., they stated, with a capacity of thirty

cars a day, had only been able to obtain 113 cars for the month, thus entailing great suffering among the miners by lack of work and at the same time a state wide shortage of coal.

Comrade Scott Nearing, member of the Socialist Party of Ohio, called upon President Wilson and Attorney General Gregory recently, to have them remove from office Thomas D. McCarthy, United States Marshal for the southern district of New York. Marshal McCarthy attended a meeting of the People's Council where he stated among other things: "If this war lasts much longer there may be hemp picnics in Central Park for such as you." The reason given by Comrade Nearing for his request is that "Mr. McCarthy has made to public and press statements provocative of overt violations of law, particularly of mob violence."

While postal employees remain underpaid and find great opposition from postal authorities in their endeavor to organize a union, Postmaster Burleson piles up a surplus of nearly ten million dollars, the largest in the history of the postal service. The surplus, however, is accumulated at the expense of service it is claimed, tons of mail awaiting delivery to the soldiers in camps and in France.

President Frank J. Hayes and other officials of the United Mine Workers were ordered by the Supreme Court to show cause why they should not be declared in contempt of court for violating injunctions restraining them from attempting to organize employees of the Hitchman Coal and Coke Co., of Wheeling, W. Va., in 1907, when Federal Judge Dayton declared the miners union an illegal organization.

Captain Frank P. Harding, sailing ship owner, recently returned from a voyage to South America, is quoted as saying, "South America is practically forced to be with the allies, because she is so much dependent upon them for manufactured goods." Just another instance of the Socialist contention that the manner in which we get our living determines our attitude on all questions, including war.

At last the Cossack is receiving his innings. It was at one time a favorite indoor sport of the press of the country to point to the czar and his henchmen, the Cossacks, as the last word in cruelty, bloodshed and general hell. All this is changed now. The czar has gone the way all autocrats must go and is about forgotten. In his place sits the representatives of a political and industrial democracy. The Cossack, however, remains for a while, following his age-long vocation of fighting the onward sweep of liberty, in the pay of what remnant of reactionaries remains in Russia. Capitalism is one the world over, and as one part is threatened, its spokesman, the daily press, comes to the rescue. This explains the showers of gratitude, adulation and brotherly love so suddenly heaped upon the Cossacks these days by the capitalist press of America.

Violations of the Garfield "shut-down" order were many. And were the owners of the industries who violated this order and the hundreds of stockholders that registered good sized kicks against it—were they called pro-German, Kaiser lovers, traitors? Were they?

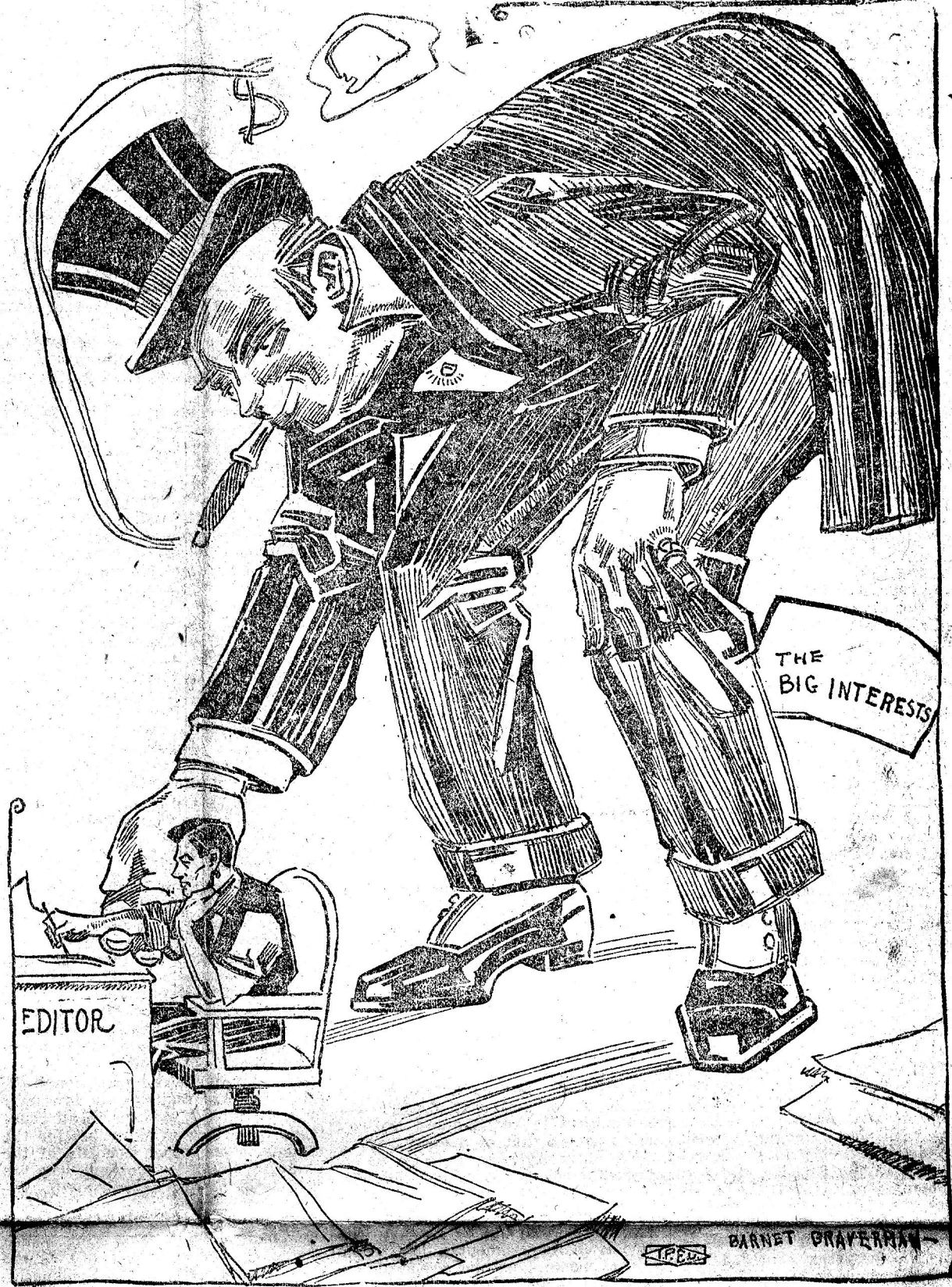
The Russian Socialists have dissolved the constituent assembly by force. The reason given is that its majority is composed of elements of the Kerensky type, who desire to fool the people with fine phrases instead of following the revolutionary program of a division of the land among the peasants and the industries for the workers.

Two million people are now taking part in uprisings in Austro-Hungary. Bread and peace is the cry. Strikes are taking place in all large cities. Production of war munitions is crippled.

The hottest conflict since the declaration of war is now taking place between the President, who is supporting Baker, and congressmen who demand a special war cabinet which will take the conduct of the war out of the hands of the secretary of war.

Socialist representatives from Russia, members of the Bolsheviki, are on their way to attend the trial of 166 I. W. W. members in Chicago.

Arthur Henderson of the Independent Labor party of England says that the convention of the party now in session means revolution and peace.



What Do You Feed Your Brains?

Or to state it more in accord with facts—WHAT DO THE INTERESTS FEED YOUR BRAINS? Do you intend to live wholly upon the poison which the enemy places before you? Or do you intend to permit the "Ohio Socialist" to keep you posted upon events as seen thru the eyes of Socialists?

Plans are being made to place candidates in 600 districts and in this way capture England for the workers. Russian, Belgian and French delegates are in attendance.

Roosevelt is in Washington laying fences—the kind that will get him the Republican nomination in 1920.

Republicans and Democrats are not going to combine in this state to defeat the Socialists, so a news item reads. Very well, say we, for either way we win.

Geneva, Jan. 24.—A mutiny has broken out in the Vienna garrison and the soldiers refused to fire on mobs that were destroying property, according to information from the frontier today.

London, Jan. 24.—A revolution has broken out in Vienna, according to information received today from Petrograd. The revolutionists are attempting to seize all government power in the dual monarchy and have organized a provisional government, the dispatch added.

Information of the revolt was received by the Bolsheviki government at Petrograd from Austro-Hungarian soldiers on the eastern front.

Philip Scheidemann, leader of the German majority Socialists, said in a speech before the Main Committee of the Reichstag, according to the Vorwaerts:

"The German government is playing with fire; Germany's situation is but little different from Austria's."

The Bolsheviki merchantship Shilka, which paid a recent visit to the port of Seattle, was given an ovation as she pulled away from the docks. During the time she lay in port the sailors and officers abroad fraternized freely with the I. W. W., making speeches in their hall and giving them interviews on conditions in Russia, since the workers took control.

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We Don't Believe You

Do you mean to tell us that you still owe dues for the year 1917? Do you mean to say that you so far forgot yourself as to fail to square up with the party the first of the new year? Do you mean to say that you are practicing sabotage upon the party? Honestly, comrade, we can't believe it!

WANT 'A REYNOLDS' LECTURE?

Socialists Begin Legislative Work

Official Business

Every once in a while local comrades get tired of being tired and resolve to "start something."



Collective effort in factories, in agriculture, need of collective ownership, collective owners, and consumers.

APPLY FOR A REYNOLDS DATE AT ONCE. NOTHING BETTER YOU CAN DO TO PUT GINGER INTO YOUR MEMBERS.

REYNOLDS' LECTURE SUBJECTS

"The Changing Order" is the lecture subject Reynolds has chosen for his first trip thru the state.

What They Say About Reynolds

"You certainly hit it right when you put Reynolds on tour. He is just the right kind.

"By far the most interesting and instructive speech ever given before the branch to which I belong.

"W. E. Reynolds talked for local Cleveland on the coldest day of the year, therefore under circumstances very unfavorable to a speaker.

This is to tell you and the locals throughout Ohio who are intending to secure efficient speakers for the coming campaign that Com. W. E. Reynolds is there with the goods.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Stuebenville, O., Jan. 16, 1918. Dear Comrade Wagenknecht: Saw by the capitalist papers that the "council" at Washington manipulating the check valve on democracy had affirmed the decision of the lower tribunals.

In filling out the blank recently sent me, I stated that our regular meetings occurred on the first and third Tuesdays.

the state office for anti-military stamps. If you will continue to be patient with us, we will settle things satisfactorily.

A. Wagenknecht, Lakewood, O.

Received your letter of the 15th, and I cannot tell you the feeling of distress the first paragraph brought over me concerning yourself and Comrades Ruthenberg and Baker.

Yours in Comradeship, LOCAL EAST LIVERPOOL, S. P. D. J. Morgan, Sec'y.

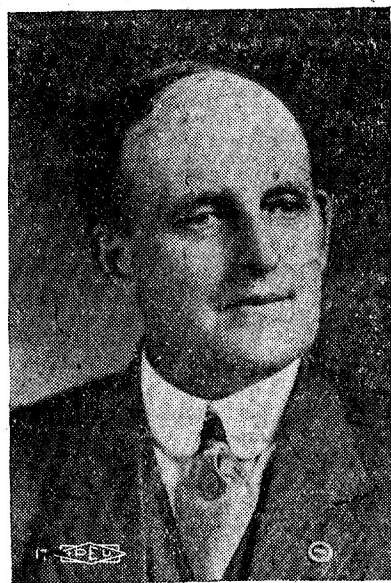
This month marked the beginning of a new epoch in the political history of Cleveland. For twenty years the Cleveland Socialists have been nominating their candidates and making campaigns.

Socialist Councilmen Mandelkorn and Willert have already made plain to the other city "fathers" just what kind of ordinances emanate from Socialists.

In Toledo Thomas Devine, who won the office of councilman by one vote, has been seated and has joined Councilmen Curtis, Smith and Bitter in making Toledo safe for the workers.

Mayor Hamilton of Piqua is to be praised for the cautious manner in which he enters upon his new duties.

coal yard, asked that the question of securing water for the city be decided in harmony with the vote of



Mayor Hamilton of Piqua

the people of Piqua upon this matter, called attention to financial irregularities, and made other recommendations which will form a basis for action in favor of a working class administration.

Reynolds Says:

"We must organize to win. Organization presupposes solidarity. Solidarity is impossible without unity of aim and unity of aim is impossible without education.

Here Are New Supplies for Locals

- MINUTE BOOKS—COMBINATION ACCOUNT BOOKS—RUBBER STAMPS—WALLETS
Locals should take pride in minutes properly written and accounts well kept.

STATE OFFICE PRICE LIST

Table with columns for item name and price. Includes SUPPLIES (Dues Stamps, Dual Dues Stamps, etc.) and LITERATURE (American Socialists and the War, Socialist Songs, etc.).

December 22, 1917.

To the State Executive Committee.

The state office herewith reports the vote upon questions recently submitted to the state executive committee, the vote upon which is now closed.

- 1. Shall W. E. Reynolds and Wm. Thurston Brown be toured?
Voting yes: Bundy, Wilkins, Beery, Clifford, Baker, Patterson. Sharts votes in favor of a tour by Reynolds but against a tour by Brown with the comment: "Am informed that Brown is an anarchist. Think his record should be investigated first."

Comment: By Sharts: "I think the party should continue the salaries of party officials sent to jail for carrying out the party activities; but to do more than this is not only uncalled for, it is impossible.

By Patterson: "I am heartily in favor of the several propositions you have submitted and vote yes on all of them. I believe the party will give these measures liberal support and I feel it is a duty we all owe at this time.

A. WAGENKNECHT, January 15, 1918.

- To the State Executive Committee. Comrades: Report is herewith made of the result of the vote upon executive committee motions No. 1 and 2, 1918.
Motion No. 1: By Patterson, to the effect that the state secretary notify all locals not to collect money for the national office until requested to do so by the state office.

December Roll Call

Table with columns: Local, New Mem., Good Stg., Total. Lists various localities and their membership and dues status.

Do You Owe DUES? PAY UP!!

Your First Duty---PAY UP!