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The Russian Situation

There seems to be a conspiracy on the part of the Capitalist Press in this country to distort the actual situation in Russia, or they are ignorant of the Russian people. It is hardly reasonable that the Russian people who have tasted freedom under the Bolsheviks are going to accept the Prussian rule of iron with open arms; they were tired of fighting and hoped to gain time to establish a real democratic form of government, and that is why they arranged to cease hostilities on the western front. Do not be misled by the news sent out by the Capitalist Press for the fact that the matter is that the Capitalist class do not want to see the Bolshevik government successful, because it would mean that the Capitalist system throughout the world would be overthrown that much sooner.

example, people who lived in hotels could not get enough to eat, enough heat or enough light; service was bad and servants insolent; there were few cabs to drive about in, and on the railway trains a first-class ticket was no guarantee that one's compartment would not be invaded by a score of unwashed, ticketless soldiers, who disliked the "bourgeois" * * * Everything was fearfully expensive.

Workers Are Fed
But the workers in the factories, the soldiers in the barracks, the peasants in the villages got enough to eat, enough heat and light—pretty short rations, it is true, but still as much as Russians have been getting ever since the Czar in his infinite wisdom tried to starve Russia into peace in 1916 * * * And the two-course dinner which the bourgeois traveler had to pay 60 roubles for in the Hotel d'Europe I could get for two and a half roubles in the great communal dining hall of Smolny Institute.

This Bolshevik state—it is hard for us to understand, for it is no bourgeois parliamentary democracy, in which theoretically every man has a vote, and practically a small capitalist group rules; it is a dictatorship of the proletariat, of the unskilled, propertyless masses of the people, for the purpose of forcibly and permanently wrenching from the hands of the property-owning class the weapons of its dominance. In its resistance to this process, the Russian bourgeois has shown itself ready to join the Kaiser himself.

Loyal Only to Property
It has taught me three things: That, in the last analysis, the property-owning class is loyal only to its property. That the property-owning class will never readily compromise with the working class.

That the masses of the workers are capable not only of great dreams, but that they have in them the power to make dreams come true.

The Mooney Case

The latest news of the Mooney case is that it will now go direct to the U. S. Supreme Court on appeal. A new trial was denied by the California court. The case is the only legal means of giving Mooney anything like an even break with the Fickert frame-up crew.

Throughout the entire Mooney trial this fact stands out conspicuously as a sign of hope for an exploited class. That is the international character of the agitation which developed in his defense. From England, Scotland, Russia and other lands came DE-MAANDS (not, erasing, pleas) for Mooney's release and condemnation in open terms of the stupendous farce of his trial. Of course all these demands for Mooney's release were demands of workingmen, organized workingmen, and that these demands were given significant recognition by the government of the United States is apparent to all.

Mooney will never hang. We say this not because we have an abiding confidence in courts, certainly not in the United States Supreme Court, but because we do have an abiding faith in the growing solidarity of labor and we know that labor in America and in Europe are determined that Tom Mooney shall walk the earth a free man entirely vindicated of the monstrous crimes laid against him. It is now up to the workers to continue to develop an aggressive and world wide defense of Mooney amongst labor of all countries. Stand by Mooney.

"Hold the Fort"

Sing I. W. W. as They Return to Prison.

One hundred and one members of the I. W. W., on trial at Chicago last week, heard the jury's verdict, "Guilty" and were returned to prison pending an attempt of their attorneys to secure an appeal. When the boys marched back to their cells, which have for ten months been the homes of the song, that industrial warrior's song, "Hold the Fort."

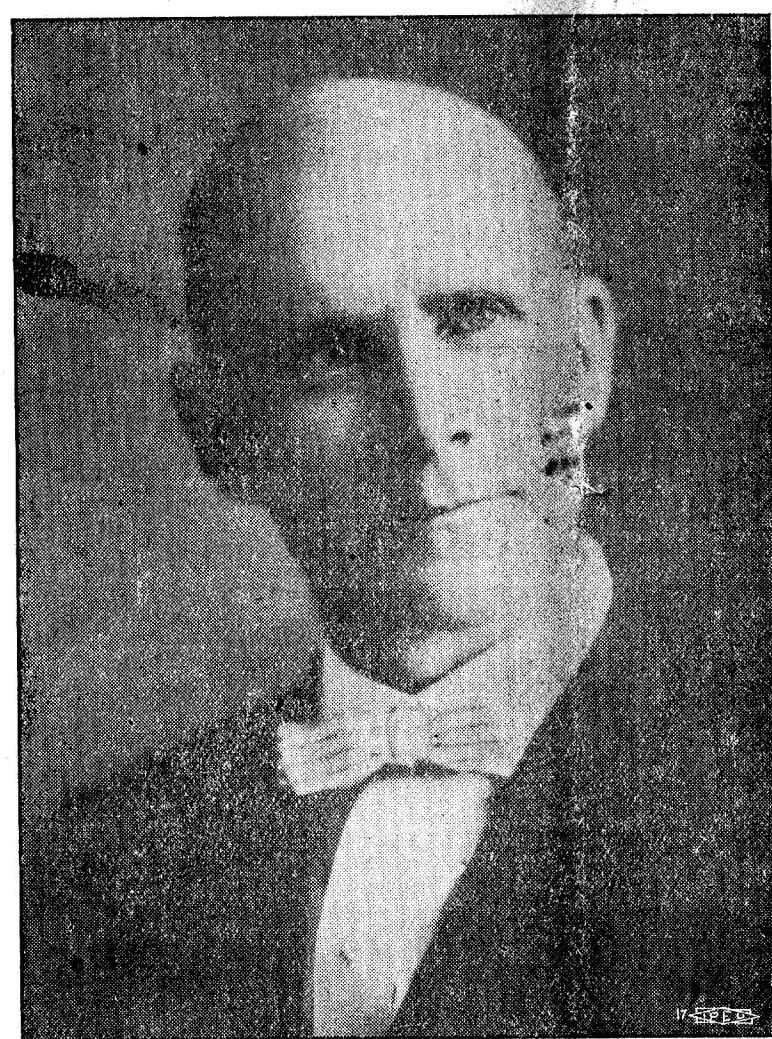
Again this famous rebel song is heard from the lips of men grown accustomed to the tragedies of life as lived by those who have the hardihood to give battle to capitalism with labor's new weapon of the new age, industrial organization.

Our memory goes back nearly two years when on a sunny Sunday afternoon on the placid waters of Puget Sound this stirring rebels' song floated out upon the air from the heavy lungs of a thousand loggers of the northwest woods.

We remember it was met with a death shudder by the members of Commerce deputies, spies and stool pigeons stationed behind barricades on the wharf at Everett, Wash., and half a hundred workers fell, dead or wounded on the deck of the "Verona."

This predetermined slaughter was a direct cause of the greatest growth of the I. W. W. in any period of its history has long since become an acknowledged fact and from the blood of those workers spilled on the deck of the "Verona" prang a fruit that has been bitter indeed in the mouths of the exploiters of labor. "Bloody Sunday" produced an hundred thousand I. W. W.

What will the Chicago jury's verdict beget? We do not attempt to say. But we do know that no jury, no law, nor any number of "Bloody Sundays" can stop the victorious march of industrial democracy.



EUGENE V. DEBS

Eugene V. Debs' Hail to Comrades

At the dawn of every day my hearty hail goes out to all the workers of the world. They are my comrades and I covet no higher honor than to share their lot and no greater wealth than to have their respect and love.

And I include them all, on equal terms, regardless of race or creed or sex; and my loving greetings goes out to them all as it follows the sunrise around the world.

For centuries and centuries these workers, these doers and makers of all things, these living and breathing foundation stones of the social fabric, have been loaded with fetters and bowed to the earth; but at last—at last!—touched by the magic of their common misery and inspired by the genius of solidarity, their latent power is beginning to pulse in their veins, they are learning to stand erect, and as they lift their eyes they behold that a new sun has risen in their somber skies.

In their long travail their unpolluted hearts kept time, and now they beat in unison as the one great heart of the human race. With the love-light in their eyes and their hands outstretched they greet each other as "Comrade," while in their united heart-throbs may be heard the drum-beats of the Proletarian Revolution.

All hail the sons and daughters of this glorified international host, with whom I proudly march to Victory or Death!

Order Bundles Now

The trial of Eugene V. Debs for alleged violation of the espionage law will begin at Cleveland on September 9th. The trial will be reported in The Ohio Socialist each week. A special Debs' Trial Edition will be issued on Sept. 11th. Every party member will want to get and read the news of this momentous trial from the start. It should be read by every worker in Ohio from first to last.

Read the first news of the great trial and distribute it broadcast over the state. For this edition, special bundle rates of 50c per hundred will be given. Every local should order a large number of this edition. Send in your orders for bundles so as to reach us not later than Sept. 10.

TO PARTY MEMBERS

Since The Ohio Socialist became a weekly it has been a heavy financial drain on party funds. The only reason it has been so, is that not all party members are subscribers. If all party members were subscribers there would be no deficit.

Referendum "E" supplies the method of proper support for the state paper. Vote for it. It is the only way we can continue to build the paper. It is the organized way. It is the sure way.

You don't have to wait for the referendum to carry to support your own paper. Let's stop the deficit now. Start now to place every member of your locals on our subscription list by selling O. S. Press Stamps, to them. ORGANIZE, EDUCATE, AGITATE, CO-OPERATE, FORWARD MARCH!

H. WAGENKNECHT

The Last Chance

Two days to win, two days to get 2,000 names on State Petitions. We must have them. Do your part. Mail petitions so as to reach State Office by Aug. 31.

Help Build Debs' Defense

Your help is needed now. Get your Defense list in circulation. Debs has aided you, now help him. Heavy expenses must be met. Workers must supply the funds. Do your share. Do it right away.

7,000 Socialists Shot

Nuorteva Tells National Conference of Bourgeois Atrocities.

Santeri Nuorteva, representative in this country of the Finnish workers' republic, appeared before the conference and told of conditions in Russia and Finland.

He described how, as the result of ceaseless activity, the Socialists gained a majority in the Finnish Parliament, and how they worked long in building up their political, co-operative and trade union movement. This has been temporarily obliterated through the coalition of the Finnish bourgeois with the invading Germans.

Seven thousand of the flower of the Finnish Socialist movement, men and women, were shot down, he said. There is now one lone Socialist in the Finnish Parliament; there is not a single labor newspaper in the country, while the ruling class is planning to establish a monarchy and to invite a German prince to ascend the throne, said Nuorteva.

The Finnish reactionaries fear, he said, that if a republic is established and the people given an opportunity to elect a president, the Socialists would come back into power in spite of all opposition and persecution, just as the Bolsheviks carried Vladivostok.

Workers' Government Goes to Russia
During the Red Guard revolution, Nuorteva pointed out, there were only 37 people killed, while the conditions that prevailed after the Finnish bourgeois-German imperialist alliance are only fittingly described in Jack London's "The Iron Heel." When the ruling class stopped at nothing in their efforts to crush the working class, the Finnish workers' government was transferred to Petrograd, where it is working hand in hand with the Russian Soviet government.

Nuorteva said the fall of the workers' republic in Russia would mean a great setback for the entire international Socialist movement, and urged the Socialists of this country, as well as of other lands, to carry on an unceasing agitation to secure recognition of the Russian Soviet republic.

Negro Socialists Ask Aid
Chandler Owen and A. Philip Randolph, of New York city, Negro Socialists, appeared before the conference and urged the carrying on of Socialist propaganda among the Negroes.

Owen pointed out that 99 per cent. of the Negroes are workers who have lost faith in the Republican party, while they have never had any faith in the Democratic party. They declared the opportunities for the spread of Socialist propaganda among the Negroes were never better than now. They urged that work be carried on especially in the northern states.

They declared that 25 per cent. of the Negro vote in the last New York city election went to Morris Hillquit, Socialist candidate for mayor, and that of 500 Negro women enrolled 100 were Socialists. They now have a Negro candidate for congress in New York city on the Socialist ticket. They have a strong publication advocating the cause of Socialism among the colored people.

Order Now

"THE DREAM OF DEBS"
A few years ago Jack London wrought a masterpiece on the theme of a strike. He called it "The Dream of Debs." It was a word picture of a probable future happening in the conflict between labor and capital. It compares with the "Iron Heel" in vividness of portrayal. It is a classic.

Every comrade should read this 10c book. The picture of Debs on the cover in one of his most striking poses is worth ten times the price. Order of the State Office, 10c a copy.

O. S. Press Stamps in your dues books are spikes in Capitalism's coffin. Drive 'em in.

The Cat's Out of the Bag

In all our experience we have never come across anything quite so frank as the circular of the American Exchange National Bank for August. It reveals the inner workings of the "social order" that are just now breaking under the strain of world events. It portrays a society in which the producer of wealth is bound by economic forces to ill-rewarded tasks. Labor is chained and skinned and swindled by the inexorable forces of the bankers' "social order." Turn as he may, protest as he must, the worker is made to mark time in the lockstep of capital's chain-gang. This story portrays a philosophical mood in the author of the circular, Exhibit 1:

Government regulation of prices has not reduced the cost of living to an appreciable degree. As the taxes rise, producers and merchants add the impost to the cost of the goods, and the whole burden is ultimately transferred by the retailer to the consuming public. The federal government's attempts to regulate or force down prices begin at the wrong end. Selling prices cannot be controlled or lowered while production is maintained, unless the cost of labor, THE BASIC ELEMENT OF PRODUCTION, AND DISTRIBUTION, IS CONTROLLED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

The banker is talking to other bankers, not to workingmen. He tells them what they already know and what all workingmen should know. Tax the profiteers and it is added to the cost of goods, and the workers, the greatest body of purchasers, pay the "added impost." Tax again, and the operation is repeated. You may be able to appreciate the bankers' philosophical calm, even though you may hate the wiser points for you. Said is then rubbed into the wound by the admission that labor is "the basic element of production and distribution." Labor is the fundamental factor, an unusual statement from such a source. Yet labor must pay the "added impost" by way of contributing to the banker's philosophical mood. The painting is a charming one. A sweating foot, on the one hand, paying each "added impost," and the banker, on the other hand, surveying this with sweet satisfaction. Now we are ready for exhibit 2:

Everything from shoe laces to land becomes dearer as wages advance. Labor receives more money. BUT NOT MORE OF THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE IN THE LONG RUN, for the balance between costs of production and the prices ultimate consumers pay is constantly going through a process of readjustment. The dollar shrinks in value as measured in wheat and other commodities of prime importance, and this imposes hardship and suffering on widows, orphan children and OTHER PERSONS dependent upon fixed incomes derived from trust funds or investments.

The sweated worker receives more money, but not more of the necessities of life. Increasing money wages turn to ashes when the worker tries to realize more of the necessities of life. It is a tragic contradiction; he gets more, yet gets less. Wages may double, may triple, and yet if the ratio of increased prices are compared with increased wages, the worker is worse off. The mythical figure in hell ever reaching for the drop of water to cool his parched lips has a parallel in

this worker who suffers from increased wages.

Another note of tragedy is contained in the above paragraph. What of the sufferings of "widows, orphan children and other persons" who have incomes derived from investments? Why does not the circular enumerate the "other persons"? They are the banker who "aid the imposts" and shove them on for you to pay. It is so convenient to take "widows and orphans" and use them as a screen behind which these "other persons" may hide while they are passing imposts on to others. Increased prices bear on them as harsh as they do on "widows and orphans." This may provoke your profanity, but be consoled with the knowledge that the banker is calm, still philosophically calm. Cultivate this mood, as he has cultivated your ignorance, and we will proceed with exhibit 3:

As the war progresses, the tendency toward eliminating party lines in Congress becomes marked. In districts where the Socialists and other AVOWED ENEMIES OF THE EXISTING SOCIAL ORDER have a chance of winning when all other political parties put candidates in the field, the leading men in the principal parties are discussing the advisability of selecting one patriotic candidate in each congressional district to oppose the candidate of the avowed pacifists and enemies of this country.

The banker has painted a picture of the social order as it effects the worker and now points out the miscreants who are avowed enemies of it, and these scoundrels prove to be Socialists. The banker is becoming uneasy to disturb the banker's philosophical calm while he is portraying the worker in chains. And bear in mind that it is the quintessence of their kind of "patriotism" for the "leading men" in the "principal political parties" to unite on one "patriotic candidate" to oppose the "avowed enemies" of the bankers' "social order." As they pass the "imposts" on to you to pay in the market, so they "pass the buck" to you in politics and urge you to support THEIR social order.

If ever a banker looked upon others as a set of social ninnies, it is certain that this one so regards the voting cattle the leading parties "round up" in each election. The banker is regarded as support of a social system that crushes labor and makes its standard of living more insecure each day. There is to be one "patriotic" candidate in each district where workingmen are becoming intelligent enough to see this social system as the banker sees it. "Patriotism," according to them, is identified with the progressive degradation of the workers and heaping up loot for profiteers until they are drunk with it.

What this banker thinks is what most of his class thinks. But they and their "leading men in political parties" will never be as frank in public. The Socialist Party is opposed to the "social order" of the bankers. It knows that "labor is the basic element of production and distribution." It is opposed to the "patriotism." It is opposed to their political parties and their leading men." It favors a social order in which labor will not be only the basic element in production, but the basic element in government also, and when its rights are realized the dollar of the banker and their "leading" parties and politicians will be only a bitter memory.—N. Y. Call.

A Letter To All Reds

After 4-1-2 months of the most bitterly fought legal battle in the history of American labor, the prosecution scored an initial victory in the trial of one hundred of our fellow workers in Chicago.

A masterly defense was provided by Attorney George F. Vanderveer, assisted by William B. Clary of Arizona, Otto Christensen of Chicago and Miss Caroline A. Lowe of Seattle. It is not too much to say that everything seemed to point to an acquittal, even the charge to the jury by Judge Landis, who, we gladly admit, proved himself to be impartial in all respects. The verdict of "Guilty" came as a shock, a thunderbolt from a clear sky.

The jury was out fifty-five minutes. It may have been only a formality that they left their seats to go to the jury room. A Chicago paper states it is evident that only one ballot was taken.

Motion for a new trial will be filed immediately and if necessary, appeal will be taken. All defendants are now in Cook County Jail. A word of cheer from the fellow workers in the field will be appreciated by them.

Fellow Worker Hayward gave out the following: "I have no fault to find with Judge Landis, and none of the rest of us have," said Hayward, at the county jail. "He was fair to us, absolutely square throughout the whole trial. His instructions were fair, thoughtful and impartial. He treated us excellently while the trial was in progress. "Everything possible that could be done for us during the trial was done. This is shown by Judge Landis letting about seventy of us out of jail on our own recognizances. I am glad that none of us violated the confidence he reposed in us, but that all were on hand for the final day.

"I think if the jury had followed instructions there would have been a different story. I hope the next steps will be taken quickly. If our motion for a new trial is denied, we shall, of course, appeal.

"We are still good I. W. W., all of us. Everyone is still loyal to the organization. We look upon our conviction as merely an incident in the history of the I. W. W. In reality we regard the organization as only born yesterday, and are sure it will flourish. We're not for Germany, as they said we were. For me, I'd like to see the Kaiser licked off the face of the globe."

One hundred of our fellow workers are thus temporarily barred from activity in the organization. There are about 199,800, taking the figures of the prosecution, still active. The organization has weathered many storms. It is for you to determine how this blow will affect it.

The next case in line is the Wichita indictment. The fellow workers there are entitled to the best possible legal defense that can be procured. We realize that a great strain has been put upon our membership and sympathizers in raising funds for the defense, is a sacrifice for the workers, and we believe nothing will be left undone for all fellow workers in jails from coast to coast.

The following message to all fellow workers comes from Cook County Jail: "Hold the Fort! We, who are on the inside are cheerful and have nothing to regret. We look to and expect of every member of the I. W. W. a continued fidelity to the principles of Industrial Unionism as set forth in the Preamble. This is but the birth of Industrial Democracy."

A. S. Ambree is now Acting Secretary-Treasurer of the General Defense Committee with the Secretaries of the Industrial Unions, acting in an advisory capacity. Offices at 1001 W. Madison St., Chicago. All remittances and correspondence should be addressed to him.

Yours for Industrial Democracy,
A. S. EMBREE,
Acting Secretary General Defense Committee.

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SOCIALIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

Late Organization, Social and Other News of Live Members and Locals

Get stuck on a Press Stamp.

WITH OUR EDITORS

Let's see. Socialists say that our morals, ethics, ideals, religion, are determined and qualified by our method of gaining a living. And so we take this pearl from the press of the day.

"Folks in considerably numbers find out daily
 That reasonably square dealing pays best."
 "Reasonably square dealing" is the phrase that strikes us as fit. Not actual, absolute or just plain square dealing, but "reasonably square dealing" is the kind that pays best, understand. "Reasonably square dealing" is the kind that's nearly square. The kind that's nearly square is the kind that's a little crooked. Therefore it's the kind that's a little crooked that pays best.

It's true. Living under an unjust, unequal, crooked arrangement of wealth production, a robber-robbed system of earning our livelihood, it's the "reasonably square dealing," the kind that's crooked and slick enough to get you by, that pays best. And folks in ever increasing number find this out daily. A crooked system, crooked morals.

SLEEP ON—SLEEP ON!

For instance, suppose an ordinary thief were to rob you day after day. Suppose he would fleece you so thoroughly that you'd be compelled to live in a dilapidated box car—you and your family. And then suppose he'd publish an editorial in his paper which gave you to understand that the reason you were forced to live in a box car was because of a scarcity of good homes to rent and buy. And worse yet—suppose you believed it! God, Oh God!

Right here we quit supposing and place before you a Cleveland Plain Dealer editorial entitled—

THE PENALTY

"Any community that neglects its housing reaps an inevitable harvest of moral and physical disease. Conditions found in the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce survey are precisely what might have been expected. Conditions in certain city 'colonies' are declared to resemble 'the worst type of mining camp housing.' Old freight cars, wheelless and decrepit, are turned into double 'houses,' each sheltering an unbelievable number of lodgers who pay unobtainable prices for what insignificant comfort such quarters are capable of providing.

"An astonishing fact in connection with the survey is that it falls to the lot of employees of the United States government to be living under the worst conditions of any people in Cleveland."

"Cleveland has been falling behind in the building of moderate priced homes for many months. Thousands more of such homes are needed immediately. The failure, while perfectly explicable, invites a condition that no community cares to contemplate a condition costly in many ways and to be avoided because avoidance is possible.

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce is composed of the fattest capitalists of that city. They are fat in wealth because they so expertly fleece their wage slaves. These capitalists ordered a survey of the housing conditions of their wage slaves. The survey disclosed that many of their slaves live in dilapidated freight cars. And the reason they live in tumble-down box cars is because there are no 'moderate priced' houses for them to live in—so they want to make you believe.

Do you believe it? Really, why don't you buy a little home of your own? Is it because there are none or because you can't afford to buy one? Suppose we admit there are no moderate priced homes to buy. Why are there none? If you had the money you could build one, couldn't you? If enough of you slaves had enough money, real estate capitalists would build homes for you at a good percentage of profit, wouldn't they?

Of course, you could and would buy a moderate priced home at \$1.00 down and \$1.00 per month. You might afford that. But capitalists in their right minds are not going to fool around with little profits in pennies, building little homes for sale or rent, when they can make big profits in dollars in war industries. You don't expect them to, do you?

Let's sum up, then. There are no moderate priced homes in Cleveland for you. There are none because none have been built. None have been built because it's poor business to try to do business with poor people. Poor people are poor because the Chamber of Commerce crowd fleeces them out of the major portion of what they earn in Cleveland industries. Therefore, you can't buy a home, not because there are none, but because you haven't the money.

But don't let this logic worry you for a minute. Hovels and box cars are good enough for you. Good enough until you learn better. In the meantime, sleep on, sleep on. Worse is yet to come and that ought to make you glad.

The day you hear that the class above has given the working class justice will be the same day you'll see an accident going some place to happen.

And the Bolsheviks still puzzles them. Or is it only an attempt to puzzle us so that we may not know the Bolsheviks for what it is.

A LIGHT PRIMARY VOTE MEANS WHAT?

Democrats, Republicans and election officials of both parties admit that the primary vote on Aug. 13, was unusually light.

They blamed the hot weather. They blamed the absence of the soldier vote. They blamed the harvesting of crops. And also—they blamed the war.

Why blame the war for the light Democratic and Republican primary vote? Should not citizens especially interest themselves in politics in war times, when a most careful selection of candidates must be made? Did not both Republican and Democratic politicians try their very best to get out a big vote, even going so far as to inaugurate lively contests upon the question of patriotism?

Yet the war is to blame for the light primary vote. The voters don't seem to favor either Republican or Democratic politicians' ideas as to what constitutes a patriot or ideas upon war. Therefore these voters refused to take an interest in the primary election.

It is because we feel sure that the light old party primary vote foretells a heavy Socialist vote this fall that we sound the bugle, calling every comrade to take his place in the army of actives. We must educate these voters. You must help.

We are going to "IF" a little. Now let's see—IF, when a hurry call is issued to our party membership for funds for, say Debs Defense and State Campaign—IF every member would answer the call on the spot—IF every member would contribute more than he could afford instead of what little he could spare—IF, in place of dollar contributions, ten dollar contributions per member would be the rule—well, figure it out for yourself. Ten dollars from each of 5,000 members is how much?

Give much, not little. Do much, don't shirk. Act wisely. Step lively. Keep at it. Team work.

Paraphrasing the New Republic in part we say: Yes, business does consist of a group of respectable(?) enterprises, owned and controlled by honorable(?) and patriotic(?) men, who will be recorded in history as insisting, not merely upon "profits as usual," but upon a premium of many cool billions to assure their full co-operation in winning the war.

EACH SHOULD DO SO

Barberton, O., Aug. 17, 1918.

Dear Comrades: Please find enclosed the Debs' petition you sent me some time ago, also a money order for \$4.00, which I collected on same. Each member of the party should contribute at least a dollar toward the Defense and Campaign Fund. If the Socialists can give to other funds surely they should be able to make a little more sacrifice by giving a dollar toward their own funds.

I wish to say a word in favor of the Ohio Socialist. It is the best party owned paper that has come before my eyes, with the exception of the (killed) American Socialist. I wish you would publish more news in it of the L. W. W. trial in Chicago for those boys are being prosecuted for the same thing that Debs and our other comrades are being PERSECUTED for and that is for standing by the working class.

Fraternally yours,
 C. R. HARTLIER.

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Result of Vote on Referendum "D"

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
 Amendments Appear in Black Face.

Yes—569 No—8
 Art. 6, Sec. 3.—The duties of the legal State Executive Committee shall be to legally confirm the nominations of candidates for political office, selected by the members of the party on referendum vote and confirm the actions of the Party State Executive Committee. It shall have no power to initiate any action nor shall it alter nor change the decision of the Party State Executive Committee.

Yes—556 No—4
 Art. 8, Sec. 3.—Strike out the word "other."

Yes—549 No—2
 Art. 9, Sec. 1.—Insert the word "State" instead of "party" and strike out the words "in January, April, July and October, after submission of the original proposition."

Yes—552 No—1
 Sec. 1b shall comprise the balance of the original section.

Yes—522 No—27
 Art. 10.—Strike out the complete section.

Yes—540 No—23
 Art. 16, Sec. 2.—Strike out the words "one month's dues" and insert "fifty cents."

Yes—553 No—22
 Art. 17, Sec. 5.—Strike out the section and substitute as follows:

"Every applicant for membership in the Party shall make an initial payment of not less than 50c, of which amount 25c shall be used to pay for three months' subscription to the Ohio Socialist and the other 25c shall pay for his initiation stamp, which stamp shall be bought of the State Office. The entire initial payment of 50c by each applicant shall be remitted to the State Office with full name and address of applicant."

Yes—582 No—9
 Art. 17, Sec. 6.—Each local shall elect a committee of Dues Collectors and a Dues Secretary for the purpose of maintaining a 100 per cent. paid up membership. Locals shall also elect an Ohio Socialist correspondent whose duty it shall be to keep the state party informed of all activities of the local.

Yes—544 No—6
 Art. 17, Sec. 8, (new section)—The State Secretary shall forward monthly the percentage of dues from the Translator-Secretary to the respective local secretaries.

Yes—589 No—8
 Art. 20, Sec. 4.—Party members elected to political office shall employ only party members, excepting in cases where qualified persons cannot be found in the ranks of the Socialist Party. This shall include all officers of the respective legislative bodies and any employees voted on by such legislative body as provided for by law.

Yes—589 No—4
 Art. 20, Sec. 6.—A conference of elected Socialist Officials shall be held annually. They shall meet with the State Executive Committee at the first meeting following the fall elections. Mileage shall be paid from the State Campaign Fund.

Yes—588 No—3
 Art. 20, Sec. 7.—All elected officials must attend at least one party meeting per month of the branch, local executive committee.

Yes—585 No—3
 Art. 20, Sec. 8, (new section)—A report in writing of all official activities of elected officials shall be submitted to the State Office for publication in the Ohio Socialist.

NEW RUSSIAN FLAG
 Russia's national emblem henceforth will be red, with the inscription "Russiskaya Socialisticheskaya Federativnaya Sovetskaya Respublika (Russian Socialist Federative Soviet Republic). This was decided upon in a resolution passed unanimously by the Central Executive Committee of the All-Russian Soviet.

In proposing the resolution, Chairman Sverdloff of the Executive Committee, who presented it, said it was imperative to decide on the question of the flag immediately, as "the Russian flag will have to fly over the embassies in Berlin and Vienna, and

A Word From Atlanta

My Dear Flora: I have received both your letters and very glad to get them. Remember that all the small trifles are news to me. Have heard from mother and pa twice also. Am very sorry to learn of the poor crops there and the extreme hot weather. It is warm here but not nearly so hot as it has been north. Saw a Wednesday Press, 107 on the Public Square in Cleveland and 90 here in Atlanta; also we are 1100 feet above the sea level while Cleveland is 500.

We had a shower tonight and it is cool, but the last two days people here have said how hot it was.

I got LaFolletts, also Ohio Socialist, but have not got the Citizen nor the Cleveland Socialist News. See that the State Office will contribute \$2 per week for use of confined comrades. I say accept it and forward by postoffice order as there are many comforts that we are allowed to buy here that cannot be sent from out side. It will help very materially to lighten our burdens. Give Mrs. Ruffner my hearty congratulations on the "Conversion of John Irwin." When it is published in book form I will want an autographed copy. It is a great story. The Ohio Socialist is a fine paper, gets to me on Friday or Saturday. Now, Flora, don't you feel so about what is published from me. Remember that I am getting letters from all the Comrades and they should be acknowledged some way. Mrs. W. would know what to print and I freely thank all the friends for thinking of me, away down here when they have so much to do and so few to do it. Can't wait until they get time to write, but all the time I am impatient to know how November will turn out. You might subscribe for the Plain Dealer for September, October and November for me for I will be wild to know how things are breaking in Cleveland. Tomorrow is order day and I will get some peanut brittle and have a little candy. Just like a kid, eh? I don't think I will ever get old, and there are so many young fellows here just starting with the exuberance of youth and vigor that it helps to live us older ones up though at times I find them ready to listen to serious discussion, some very bright men here. Everything is doing along quite satisfactorily with me so I am quite content to make. My love to Mary and wife and Lyn and Doris, you know how I love children. I hope they grow up to be man and woman of a better world than his name sake did.

My fisherman friend and I had a good visit today. He wants me to go to Florida. I could go down the river that runs through the city here. It would only take a few days to build a skiff to drift down and would be a fine trip after leaving here. However, it is too early to plan, but he is a fine fellow. But meanwhile let us be up and doing to have a better world for me to come out into. Later on I will want some books, but not now as I am resting my eyes. They don't bother me nearly as much as they used to. Love to all.

A. L. HITCHCOCK.

Notice—Comrade Secretaries

We wish to call special attention of the comrades to some of the new constitutional amendments, just adopted by the membership. First, let's consider Art. 17, Sec. 5. Please read it. This section provides that all new members admitted shall pay, with their initiation fee, 25c for three months subscription to the Ohio Socialist. Local Secretaries will please bear this in mind and secure these subscriptions.

Next amendment under consideration is Art. 17, Sec. 6. Please read it, comrades, it is important. It provides that local secretaries elect a committee of dues collectors. Nothing can possibly be more important to a local than that its members keep in good standing. Elect your dues collectors and proceed to get your membership in mass.

The second part of this amendment is none the less important. Elect your O. S. correspondent at once. The O. S. belongs to the party. News of each local's activities are of the greatest interest to party members. Elect this correspondent and proceed to send in the news.

Art. 20, Sec. 7, says: All elected party meeting per month of the branch, executive committee. Put this amendment in force at once.

Art. 20, Sec. 8, also deals with an important matter concerning our elected officials. Read this section and see that your elected officials comply with its provisions.

Beery Surveys

As one of the Socialist Party speakers who have been campaigning quite extensively in and through Ohio and watching closely the attitude of the people with reference to their interest in Socialism, I believe my observations will be of interest to the Comrades and readers of the Ohio Socialist.

Sunday, July 7, I had the good fortune to be with the Socialists of Piqua, Ohio, to deliver a talk at their picnic held in Piqua's beautiful public park. There was a fair sized audience to hear our message in spite of light showers and threatening weather. Everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves hugely. I found the Piqua Comrades to be a bright, capable and aggressive bunch of rebels, and fighting like trojans to bring about better conditions for the working class. It was also very evident that the capitalist class and old party politicians were doing all in their power to sabotage and nullify the efforts of Socialist Mayor Hamilton and his co-workers. But it seems that Piqua's political politrons are not meeting with much success as the Socialist municipal program is going right ahead.

My next date was Sunday, July 28, at Bellaire, Ohio, where Belmont county Socialists were holding a picnic in a grove out along a valley between the hills. Quite a large crowd attended this occasion and all had a very enjoyable time eating lunch and ice cream, drinking pop and lemonade, playing games and dancing. Music being furnished by the Socialist string band. One of the most interesting features of this gathering was the capitalist ball game, which was being played with a great deal of vigor, with the result that old king moneybags was betting badly balled up at last accounts. A very interesting feature of the rendering of a number of Socialist songs by the sweetest little working class girl comrade it has ever been my pleasure to hear. This little comrade, Lena Sambuco, sang, and her father, Pietro Sambuco, played the guitar as an accompaniment.

Other important features of this gathering was the fact that these comrades are very militant and working hard to educate and organize the working class for Socialism. Quite a number of Socialist literature stand and the fact that it was being very liberally patronized. The Debs' Defense petitions were also being liberally supported, also a protest against the attempt to judicially murder Tom Mooney was registered.

On Sunday, August 4, I sojourned to Galton, Ohio, to attend the Crawford County meet of Socialists which was held in the annex of the Episcopal church, presided over by Comrade Bishop Wm. M. Brown. Quite a large audience of young and middle aged people greeted me and listened very closely to my explanation of Socialism. After the talk a volume of questions were asked and answered, a large amount of literature sold and local Galton reorganized with a large membership; also the Bucyrus comrades present, promised to get busy and reorganize Local Bucyrus and the Crestline comrades left for home determined to redouble their efforts for Socialism.

One of the big pleasures of this occasion was my getting acquainted with Comrade Bishop Wm. M. Brown, a man of mature years and thought, but very young in mind, heart and body, a student of science and economics and thoroughly imbued with a sincere desire to aid the working class in its own emancipation. Comrade Brown is quite well to do with reference to this world's goods and thoroughly realizes the existence of an exploited class and an exploiting class. He also recognizes that pulpit and press are but instruments used by the capitalist class to suppress the truth and keep the workers in subjugation. He frankly and openly professes that he has, as a minister, unconsciously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxious to make amends, by effectively working for Socialism and literally begging the comrades present to point out to him the most effective methods to pursue. At the close of the meeting Comrade Brown asked to be permitted the pleasure of writing a check covering the expenses of the meeting including supper for myself, wife, daughter and daughter's girl friend, at Galton's best hotel. His request was graciously granted.

Sunday, August 11, the Socialists of Richland county, about 400 strong, assembled for a rousing picnic in Long's grove, just outside the corporate limits of Mansfield. Refreshments, cats, ice cream, cigars, games,

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music and dancing were indulged to the heart's content of all present. This was the third picnic held by the Richland County Socialists this summer, including a picnic given by the Y. P. S. L. Circle of Mansfield. At each of these affairs, speaking and singing Socialist songs were added to the regular program and have resulted in much good to the party, financial and otherwise. The Y. P. S. L. in this city is growing in membership rapidly, having 67 members on the books at present and is quite active.

A pleasing feature to be observed at all my meetings was the intense earnestness on the part of the comrades to educate and organize for the purpose of aiding in making the world safe for democracy. In conclusion permit me to say, comrades, every where our slogan should be: EDUCATE ORGANIZE AND DISCIPLINE OUR FORCES. GET READY FOR THE BIG BREAK UP OF OLD PARTY POLITICAL MACHINES. IN OTHER WORDS GET READY FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD WHICH IS TO FOLLOW THE WAR, for if I am any judge of human beings and present day history my guess is that BIG EVENTS ARE DUE TO ARRIVE ON SCHEDULE TIME. The question then will be, have we the EDUCATED, TRAINED AND DISCIPLINED ORGANIZATION that will be needed to guide the masses out of Camp Capitalism and into Camp Socialism?

"Swing back today, O prison gate,
 O winds, stream out the stripes and stars,
 O men, once more in high debate
 Denounce injunction rule and czars.
 By freedom's travail pangs we swear
 That slavery's chains we will not wear."

"Ring joyously, O prison bell,
 O iron tongue, the truth proclaim;
 O winds and lightnings, speed to tell
 That ours is not a czar's domain.
 By all the oracles divine,
 We pledge our defense of Freedom's shrine."

"Oh freemen true, O sons of sires,
 O sons of men who dared to die,
 O fan to life old freedom's fires,
 And light with glory freedom's sky.
 Then swear by God's eternal throne,
 America shall be Freedom's home."

"O workmen, O labor's hosts,
 O men of courage, heart and will,
 O far and wide send labor's throats
 'Till every heart feels Freedom's thrill;
 And freemen's shouts like billows roar
 'O'er all the land from shore to shore."
 M. J. BEERY.

WHAT O. S. PRESS STAMPS WILL DO

They will stamp out disorganization.
 They will organize the party members.
 They will create interest in party work.
 They will keep the membership informed of party activities.
 They will educate party members in better propaganda, organization and educational methods.
 They will replace indifference with lively interest.
 They will revive members and locals to renewed activity.
 They will strengthen members' efforts in the fight.
 They make for more intense activity, more concerted action, more comradeship and a better understanding of party aims and purposes.
 They will create the will to do one's best for Socialism every day by informing the comrades of others' work and successes.
 They will inspire confidence in our high purpose and the correctness of our philosophy.
 They will make scientific Socialists out of unscientific ones.
 They will add to the power of the Socialist press and to the proletarian movement.
 They will do all this and more, providing—you buy them. Vote "Yes," on referendum "E" and ask your local secretary for four press stamps for a dollar.
 Help build the Socialist press. Lend a hand in your own emancipation.

LOCALS MONTHLY REPORT

Local	Members	Good	Roll
Alton	7	218	354
Ashland	0	7	45
Belleaire	0	29	49
Buffalo	0	7	9
Cambridge	6	10	10
Carrmore Br.	0	11	24
Cincinnati	9	258	272
Clark Co.	1	26	46
Cuyahoga Co.	35	26	26
Derwent	0	7	23
Fairview	0	16	20
Grover Hill	0	10	10
Hamilton	0	221	339
Kenmore	0	21	30
Jenera	0	50	77
Leotonia	1	12	15
Mantua	2	8	11
Marion	0	13	41
Marysville	0	3	3
Massillon	0	50	85
Montpelier	0	50	110
Mt. Vernon	0	14	14
New England	0	4	4
New Philadel'a.	0	8	70
Niles	6	44	52
Portage	0	74	137
Piqua	32	32	32
Portage Co.	0	25	47
Sandusky	0	25	47
Salem	0	43	66
Seneca Co.	0	43	75
Steuersville	0	12	18
Wadsworth	0	13	16
Winchester	0	5	5
Youngstown	1	75	81
Zanesville	1	30	30

HE'S LENDING A HAND

Alliance, O., Aug. 14, 1918.

Comrade: Enclosed find money order for Ten Dollars. Three dollars for my year's dues, five dollars for the Campaign Fund and the other for the good of the State Party.

Yours for the cause,
 E. H. MELLINGER.

