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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 Bolsheviki 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 of the matter is that the Capitalist class do not want to see the Bolsheviki government successful because it would matter is that the Capitalist class do not want to see the Bolsheviki government successful, because it would mean that the Capitalist system throughout the world would be overthrown that much sooner.

Tations, it is true, but still as indent as Russians have been getting ever since the Czar in his infinite wisdom tried to starve Russia into peace in 1916 to starve Russia into peace in 1916 the bourgeois traveler had to pay 60 roughles for in the Hotel d'Europe I thrown that much sooner.

In a few words, the situation can

the summed up by the following:

(By M. Phillips Price, long time
Russian correspondent of the Manchester Guardian).

opened a debate on foreign relations. He began by pointing out the possibility of the creation of a league of the capitalist nations of the world be-cause of the fundamental antagon-isms between the two chief Imperialist states of Europe—England and Germany on the one side and the Far East on the other. America and Japan, he said, prevented these powers from establishing a stable system in Europe and Asia. The capitalist system thereby showed its bankruptcy, for the modern financial capital could only exist by the struggle for undeveloped areas of the earth'

Lenine said the problem of the Soviet government was therefore to keep clear of the two struggling groups of world-capital till the crash should come and the proletariat of these lands should take the reins of these lands should take the reins of government. The Soviet government would use diplomatic methods as far as possible, to tide over the time, but if the German military party determined to tear up the Brest-Litovsk treaty, they would meet with all the resistance the Red Army could offer, and also of the millions of armed possents who now had their land and peasants, who now had their land and knew what they were fighting for."

By John Reed

Russia under the Workmen's and Peasants' Government is not at all a sign of hope for an exploited clas diplomats and business men have

made America believe. The world, fed with lies by the capitalistic press, conceives the proleta-rian republic as an inchoate jumble of disorganization and tyranny where anarchists, drunken soldiers and German agents dance a destructive bac-

No. As for the disorganization, that was accomplished under Nicholas the Second, who, as everybody then knew, wrecked the Russian army and the Russian system of transportation in order to bring about a separate peace with Germany; it was intensified by the bourgeois element in the Coalition Government of Kerensky, in order to wreck the Revolution. *

The Bolsheviks inherited a ruined Russia, whose soldiers were deserting in millions, whose transportation system was in a state of dissolution—a Russia starving and exhausted. At the time of the peace treaty with Germany, Russia was not so disorganozed as it had been the last two months of the Kerensky regime. There was more food in the cities, better order in the streets and a quickening of Russian life such as had never before occurred in her history.

* * * Kerensky had merely perpetu-

ated, under the slightly changed conditions of capitalism the institutions of Czardom; under the Bolshevik regime there sprang up an entirely new conception of the state—new political forms (the Soviets); new industrial organization (the Factory Shop Committees); a new educational system, from top to bottom; a new kind of national army and navy; a new agrarian scheme, and a tremendous and myriad formed outburst of popular expression, in thousands of newspapers, books, pamphlets, in ceremonies and songs, in the theater—rich, happy and free. * * *

Where "Tyranny" Lives

The "tyranny" of the Bolsheviks exists largely in the minds of interested industrial organization. persons who rarely if ever object to the violation of the rights of free speech and free assembly in other parts of the world. Yes newspapers were suppressed in Russia, people were put in jail, Bolshevik commissars made illegal searches and requisitions. But it will surprise Americans to learn that almost nobody in Russia was or is in jail because of his

The greater number of suppressions cades on the wharf at Everett, Wash of newspapers resulted from their vio- and half a hundred workers fell, dead lation of the Bolshevik law making advertisements a government monopoly; other papers were shut down for printing, in time of civil strife, lies (such as the widely heralded rape of the Women's Regiment in the Winter of its history has long since become Palace), which incited frantic people to bloodshed on the streets; and still others, with a small bourgeois constituency and a large endowment, fruit that has been bitter indeed in were put out of business because the the mouths of the exploiters of labor. newspapers of the proteltarian parties, with their enormous public, need-

reason for the travelers' tales which say. But we do know that no jury, have come out of Russia these last no law, nor any number of "Bloody six months. The entire basis of society was reversed. In Petrograd, for march of industrial democracy.

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 bour-"Last night I was present at the sitting of the Central Executive of the All-Russian Soviet, at which Lenine opened a debate on foreign relations."

Moscow.

"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 its 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 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 prop rty-owning class is loyal only to its

That the property-owning class will

working class.

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

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
that was denied by the California
courts and Mooney's attorneys appealed the case as the only legal
means of giving Mooney anything
like an even break with the Fickert
frame-up crew.

frame-up crew.
Throughout the entire Mooney trial this fact stands out conspicuously as which the bourgeois reporters and That is the international character of the agitation which developed in his defense. From England, Scotland, Russia and other lands came DE-MANDS (not cringing 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 working men, 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 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 the United States Supreme Court, but 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 monman entirely vindicated of the mon-strous crimes laid against him. It is now up to the workers to continue to develop an aggressive and world wide 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 pending an attempt of their attorneys to secure an appeal. When the boys marched back to their cells, which have for ten months been their homes, they sang that industrial warrior's song, "Hold the Fort."

lived by those who have the hardi- reach us not later than Sept. 10. hood to give battle to capitalism with labor's new weapon of the new age,

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 hearty lungs of a thousand loggers of the

northwest woods.
We remember it was met with a death volley from rifles of the Chamber of Commerce deputies, spies and stool pigeons stationed behind barrior wounded on the deck of the

That this predetermined slaughter was a direct cause of the greatest an acknowledged fact and from the blood of those workers spilled on the deck of the "Verona" sprang a fruit that has been bitter indeed in "Bloody Sunday" produced an hundred thousand I. W. W.

ed the paper and printing shops.

But there is another and simpler dict beget? We do not attempt to



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 term, regardless of race or creed or sex; and my loving greeting 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 outstreched 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

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 week, heard the jury's verdict, will want to get and read the news of this momentous trial from "Guilty" and were remanded to prison the start. It should be read by every worker in Ohio from first ried on especially in the northern Read the first news of the great trial and distribute it broad- the Negro vote in the last New York

cast over the state. For this edition, special bundle rates of 50c Again this famous rebel song is per hundred will be given. Every local should order a large number that of 500 Negro women enrolled 100 heard from the lips of men grown ber of this edition. Send in your orders for bundles so as to accustomed to the tragedies of life as

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

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, FOR-WARD 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 Workers must supply the funds.

Do your share. Do it right away.

7,000 Socialists Shot

Nuorteva Tells National Conference of Bourgeous Atrocities.

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

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 Bolsheviki carried Vladivostok

Workers' Government Goes to Russia During the Red Guard revolution, Nuerteva 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 govern-

Nuorteva said the fall of the workers' republic in Russia would mean a 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 Ne-

groes.
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 de-clared the opportunities for the spread of Socialist propaganda among the Negroes were never better than They urged that work be car-

city election went to Morris Hillquit, ocialist candidate for mayor, and enrolled as Socialists. They now have a Negro candidate for congress in New York city on the Socialist ticket. They have a strong publication advo-cating the cause of Socialism among the colored people.

Order Now

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"THE DREAM OF DEBS" A few years ago Jack London wrought a masterpiece on the general 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 dues books are spikes in different story. I hope the next steps will be taken quickly. If our motion for a new trial is denied, we shall, of

The Cat's Out of the Bag

come across anything quite so frant creased wages.
as the circular of the American Ex Another note of tragedy is conas the circular of the American Exchange National bank for August. It reveals the inner workings of the "social order" that are just now creaking 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 swind'ed 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 lock-step of capital's chain-gang. This rosy portrayal evokes a philosophical mood in the author of the circular, Ex-

Government regulation of prices has not reduced the cost of living to an appreciable degree. As the taxes rise, producers and mer-chants add the imposts 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 DIS-TRIBUTION, 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 ence and told of conditions in Russia and Finland.

He described how, as the result of caseless activity, the Socialists gained a majority in the Finnish Parniament, and how they worked long in building up their political, co-operation building up their political, co-operation is repeated. You may be able to appreciate the bankers' philosophical calm, even the profited and the workers, as 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 the profited and the workers, as the greatest body of purchasers, pay the "added impost." Tax again, and the workers, as the greatest body of purchasers, pay the "added impost." Tax again, and the workers, as 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 through you may hate the picture he paints for you. Salt is then rubbed into the wound by the admission that labor is "the basic element of pro-duction and distribution." Labor is the fundamental factor, an unusual statement from such a source. Yet labor must pay the "added imposts" by way of contributing to the banker's philosophical mood. The painting is a charming one. A sweating fool, 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 extending the surveying this with sweet satisfaction. sfaction. 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 N THE LONG RUN, for the balance between costs of production and the prices ultimate consumers pay is constantly going through a process of readjust-ment. 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 invest-

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 litical parties and their leading men." life. It is a tragic contradiction; he It favors a social order in which labor gets more, yet gets less. Wages may will not be only the basic element in ratio of increased prices are compared with increased wages, the worker is are realized the dollarocracy of bankworse off. The mythical figure in hell ers and their "leading" parties and ever reaching for the drop of water to cool his parched lips has a parallel in ory.—N. Y. Call.

In all our experience we have never this worker who suffers from inof the suffering of "widows, orphan children and other persons" who have ncomes derived from investments? Why does not the circular enumerate the "other persons"? They are the banker who "add 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 prowoke your profanity, but be consoled with the knowledge that the bakner 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 of the principal parties are discussing the advisability of selecting one pa-triotic candidate in each congressional district to oppose the can-didate 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 latter have a tend-ency to disturb the banker's philoso-phical 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 par-ties" to unite on one "patriotic can-didate" to oppose the "avowed ene-mies" 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. "Patriotism" by them 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 socia system as the banker sees it. triotism," according to them, is identified with the progressive degradation of the workers and heaping up loo for profiteers until they are drunk

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 bankers' sinister conception of "patriotism." It is opposed to their po-

A Letter To All Reds

After 41-2 months of the most bit- | "We are still good I. W. W., all of terly fought legal battle in the history of American labor, the prosecution ganization. We look upon our con-

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

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 Haywood gave out the following: "I have no fault to find with Judge Landis, and none of the rest of us said Haywood, at the county have," said Haywood, at the county jail. "He was fair to us, absolutely square throughout the whole trial. His

instructions were fair, I thought, and certainly 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

reposed in us, but that all were on hand for the final day.

"I think if the jury had followed inand correspondence should be addressed to him." structions there would have been a

scored an initial victory in the trial viction as merely an incident in the of one hundred of our fellow workers history of the I. W. W. In reality we regard the organization as only A masterly defense was provided by Attorney George F. Vanderveer, assisted by William B. Cleary of Arizona, Otto Christensen of Chicago and Miss Caroline A. Lowe of Seattle. It of the globe."

One hundred of our fellow workers tivity 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. 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

"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. out of jail a continued fidelity to the principles of Industrial Unionism as set forth in the Preamble. This is but the birth of Industrial Democ-

A. S. Ambree is now Acting Secretary-Treasurer of the General Defense own recognizances. I am glad that Committee with the Secretaries of the none of us violated the confidence he Industrial Unions, acting in an ad-Industrial Unions, acting in an advisory capacity. Offices at 1001 W. Madison St., Chicago. All remittances

> Yours for Industrial Democracy,
> A. S. EMBREE, Acting Secretary General Defence

THE CONVERSION OF JOHN ERWIN

By JESSE JASON RUFNER CHAPTER FOURTEEN

small village were proofs of false re- For myself, I want no more of it.

Summary of Previous Chapters

Johnathan Crane, pastor of the village church of Friendsburg, in order to arouse his congregation to activity his evangelist friend "Bob" Chalmers, to assist him.

John Erwin, a landlord of many tho he had never since met her. acres, is the main support and pillar in the church, a conscientious but grasping man. Among his several tenants are Bill and Sally Long and not a church-goer, is influenced to their brood of youngsters.

worker is secretly in love Shane, the blacksmith, a hearty, sharp-tonqued and sincere friend of the poor, who is in love with Lucy, the poor and of criticism to the wealthe too diffident to speak of it.

Chalmers arrives and in conversaoffend the rich members of the church ily, has turned his daughter, Allie,

der if there were not many more such

as he in the church who only needed

awakening. Erwin had always been

sincere and had tried to follow as

best he knew the doctrines he had con-

be just as steadfast as a Socialist and

what a mighty power this new factor

theories, knowing full well that they

were inadequate, and groping for

rely? That night after parting with Chalmers, Erwin sat out behind his

the same; each placed here through

no fault of his own. Back through

aeons of time, other beings like these had lived and hoped and died, each

all a black cloud hovered, the spirit

munity, love and service and substi-

must have been the beginning of

the "pretenders" waxed fat at the

expense of the workers, even, thought

creed amount to which passively ac-

quiesced in prevailing methods? What

could a church amount to filled with

In all time where were recorded the

the race, had endorsed this great evil,

this great crime with scarcely a thought. He saw clearly that if the race survived, this terrible profit sys-

tem must end. Even the windmill

near the barn bestirred by the rising

wind, creaked "profits, profits," until Erwin shuddered, thinking of the

part he had played for profit's sake

in despoiling the community.

Around him for miles the darkness

What, after all, did a religion or

Erwin, as they do today.

Erwin's mind delved back to what

tuting individualism in its stead.

would prove in the community.

as unfaltering in living up to Social-conscience, Erwin was ashamed. How ism's dictates. Chalmers realized could the churches in the city rear

How was it with John Erwin, who to an imagined heaven above the

something more tangible on which to think, think as he had never thought

Here was a world full of human-ity, each with an inherent right to of the church and thither John Erwin

live, to progress and to develop, all was summoned. Erwin stood twirling

moulded after the same pattern; all his hat in his hand waiting for the

with needs, hopes and desires much proceedings to begin. Reverend Crane

perhaps leaving the world a little blasphemers who seek to destroy our more advanced than he found it. Over faith in the old time religion of our

of selfish acquirement with which the astray with strange new theories; men religions of every age had futilely who would do away with old ideals

dealt; a greedy spirit which obsessed and revolutionize the world and the

individuals with a terrible desire to church. Restore to us the simple live at the expense of others, a spirit faith of our fathers and help us to

which entered the church and played drive these false teachers from among

hob with the brethren and the teachings of the Bible—putting everything second to ME and MINE, erasing com-

things, when in the animal age, in-tic. Ahem, this church has always stinct evolved into brain, and thought stood a solid pillar of light in the

began to take the place of habit and pathway of the sinner. We have lived man began that eternal 'why?' that in the integrity of our creed. This

everlasting search for causes that new preacher has ridiculed that creed

has been fostered in all except spirit-ual realms. Why should men dig and fact, but we have always been honor-

delve when a ilving might be easier able, upright citizens. Ahem." Some-

acquired by influencing other men to dig and delve for them, thus half-uncerting and his eyes fell, "and I move

consciously perhaps, Erwin imagined the first "pretender." we dismiss this man at once and let the first "pretender."

ed by fear of gods of fire, water or wind, continually were they required to give sacrifices to appease the hunger and anger of these terrible that Reverend Crane preach the rest

deities, who, although unseen by the of the week. Are there any renaked eye, stalked abroad everywhere marks?" John Erwin came to the

seeking whom they might destroy. front and looked Jonas Radcliffe

Along came the priests, crafty and squarely in the eye.
wise, who confiscated the offerings and demanded still more for the unJonas. When I look around on you

seen deities whose wrath was so terrible, thus the life of early man was lives, my own included, I have a lot one long fear of the supernatural. to say. I think we are about the worst

Thus began in those ancient days the bunch of sinners coralled in one build-wholesale tithing of the race whereby ing in some while. Now tell me what

stockholders or, in other words, men never explained. Did it keep you who hold mortgages on the working from doing each of us out of a few

In all time where were recorded the deeds of greater criminals? Yet he a story about it being worthless so had been one of them, nay, was one you might buy our shares dirt cheap?

of them, for he was drawing dividends | Where was your religion then? You

from several such concerns. Erwin shunning the minor evils that beset one, I believe in this bunch are men

settled black and sinister, alike over that is controlling the earth.

"Now, here we are, the representawith their wealth of undeveloped fertive citizens of Friendsburg and vicin-

the children of the poor gave up the In my childhood in that church I was unequal fight for life because of him taught it was as wicked to steal a pin

and others like him who had coolly as a penny. When I grew up I stole monopolized their very right to live the right to live from my fellow men. Yet, his church and his father's I held out of use hundreds of acres

church before him, had called him a of good land, and because I was finangood man and made him a deacon, he, one of the supreme criminals who be-home, turning the land into big fields

fore a just tribunal must plead guiltiest of all.

Not many men of 70 will of their same right to live that I had, were

own free will endeavor to change the thoughts and methods of a life time, but this John Erwin resolved to do. He hardly knew how to begin. Tomorrow, Chalmers and he would figure it out together. At any rate, citizen' I sat in judgment on those less

Herded in reeking tenements, ity. I shall take myself for instance.

Early man was continually torment- out the week."

was just casting off the old worn out greed and lust of man?

sidered right. Doubtless, he would

wealthy and high minded man, too her little daughter. scrupulously honest to remain rich, who became a beacon light in his life

Chalmers meets Shane and strikes a friendship with him, recognizing his strength of character. Shane, tho heir brood of youngsters.

Sis daughter. Lucy, a sincere church church attendants to hear Chalmers' first sermon.

thy members.

Si Perkins, a hard man who has detion with Rev. Crane is told to speak veloped his farm at the expense of guardedly of such subjects as might the happiness and welfore of his fam- perience.

until he concluded something must be

church taught true community serv-

ice? On every hand, even in this

ligious teachings and with awakened

their stately spires over the filth and poverty and crime and stolidly point

In deep thought, John Erwin went

into the house and to bed, there to

before, and there day light found him.

Radcliffe called a hurried meeting in

opened the meeting with prayer which

ran in this wise: "Our heavenly Father, we come to thee for guidance

in this hour of trial. Among us are

fathers; men who seek to lead us

with a preliminary "ahem" and began

in his deepest oratorical manner: "The time is upon us when we must

cast out the unbeliever and the here-

good, if any, that church has done

since you can remember. Jonas, did your religious training in that church

prevent you from turning the widow

band died? You had some sort of shady transaction with him that was

thousand on that mining deal when

who have deliberately broken two-thinds of the commandments and who

just as deliberately, plan to continue

breaking them as long as they can hire a preacher to salve over their

short-comings in the eyes of the world. If there is a God, as taught in

our creed, not one of you here believe

it, or if you do, you imagine he is

some mercenary monster who is in accord with this get-and-grab scheme

Jones out of her home after her hus-

The next morning Squire Jonas

Why, mused Erwin, had not the

wrong, he started out to fetch him.

Chalmers replies with the story of his from home upon the discovery that evening Ned Shane and Lucy engage poverty-stricken childhood and strug- she has been led astray. Allie returns in conversation which leads Shane to gle for life. With his meeting with the nurse at the hospital, Eulalie his aged mother. A nurse from the city is sent for to care for Allie and life his aged mother. A nurse from the city is sent for to care for Allie and life his aged mother.

sermons became the talk and surprise community. his way fighting alone against social retained.
injustice or if he shall yield to the Miss Malcom reads the minister a tug of the silken cord which binds consciousness prevail.

At Allie's bedside he discovers the

"Did this church interfere? Did

our preachers tell me wherein I was

wrong? No, they serviley groveled at my feet along with the rest of you

because I was a success financially.

am heartily disgusted with all of you

and with myself the most of all. You

will grant that so far as I knew I was

honest. Not a man among you that

would not take my verbal promise to

pay instead of my note. I was honest as far as I knew, and I shall continue

"When we try to bring our indus

trial world down to old time Bible

standards, we are trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. Con-

sider for yourself the wonderful changes in the methods of industry.

When our fathers were boys they

started out in the wilderness with no

capital but an axe, a gun and a good

stout arm and conquered that wilder

ness, built their log cabins and fenced

off their land, shot their meat in the forests and made their own cloth. Of

course they had privations but they

So far, so good; then came the ma-

chine taking the place of labor. Coun-

ty after county was settled until land

and men settled in the cities engaging

in the textile industry and in the mak-

ng of machines to lessen labor. Every

of skilled laborers until the cities were

machine invented displaced thousands

filled with men seeking employment

The brains of men were filled with get-rich-quick schemes. Fabulous for-

unes were made and through interest,

profit and rent, money was made to

work for its owners by mortgaging

the workers of the world. The human

race was caught in an industrial whirlwind. Labor became helplessly

tied to the machine. The old time in

dependent tradesmen became machine

tenders, work which required little or

no initiative, and which a child might do equally well. Machine after ma-chine was invented, each machine

turning out on the average of thirty

hand labor. Men became interested in

race that they might supply them for ninety per cent. of us are obliged

live, and must buy back all of our

product the ten per cent. cannot other-

wise dispose of. Thus we have passed

from the peaceful age of production for use, textiles, farm machinery,

and implements of peace, into the

iron age of conquest; where man is held as nothing, taught a false sys-

tem of economics and kept in ignorance as nearly as possible of all the

real truths. Thus the race as a mass

s headed for destruction unless we do

neans of life or in other words, the

"I tell you we have all been in the

wrong. I do not know what I shall do as yet, but I shall make some drastic

changes in my mode of life. As far as the church is concerned, I vote we

close its doors until we arrive at some

Amidst the hubbub that ensued

John Erwin slipped quietly out. That morning Chalmers called at the Shane's. Miss Malcom met him at the door. "I am proud of you," she

began, "now I believe you will get somewhere. You have certainly dealt

the present system a blow in this community from which it will never recover, but what will you do? You have taken the very bread out of your

mouth by your fearlessness, and where will you get employment? You know the capitalists hold our very right to life. I am afraid your hon-

esty will prevent your obtaining a job at even the commonest kind of labor.

One is doomed financially who attacks the present system. Capitalism is a

terrible octopus whose tentacles are

fastened around everything of value in the world. It will never willingly

"Never mind," said Chalmers, "I

shall live. I want you to do me a

favor. Go with me up to Erwins. He,

like myself, is in a quandary. Perhaps

Together, that afternoon, they wended their way to the Erwin man-

sion. John Erwin was very glad to see them. Miss Malcom had met him

"Chalmers," he began, "I am com-pletely dazed. I never had considered

things in this light before. I hardly know what to do, now I am seeing

things so differently. How could I best use the wealth I have acquired in the service of humanity? Socialists

believe in dividing up I am told, now where shall I begin?"

"Mr. Erwin," said Miss Malcom.

away with private ownership of the

profit system.

definite conclusion."

relinquish its hold."

you can help us out."

times more than could be produced by

ould no longer be had for the taking

were independent. We who came after gathered in the fruits of their toil

to be honest with myself and you.

Returning home from church one as a father.

1 Chalmers replies with the story of his from home upon the discovery that evening Ned Shane and Lucy engage

Chalmers' sermons continue Chalmers' radical and "unorthodox" arouse the greatest interest in the of the community. He becomes a critic aroused, discuss dismissing him for of prevailing social institutions. He battles with himself if he shall go on ment in the church prevail and he is

sermon on the hopelessness of expectthe mental prostitute. He feels the ing the church to take a revolutionary loneliness of those who tread unbeat-en paths, yet his manhood and social from the rich. This discussion deepens the interest of each in the other. Allie Perkins gives up the battle for identity of her nurse. She is the life and happiness, leaving her baby "Who-so-ever-girl" of his hospital ex-behind. Her remorseful father has been brought to a sense of his failings

That night, Chalmers having cast f the rest of his life should be spent fortunate than myself; on men who my duty to try, and perhaps by taking the burden from his mind, slept correcting existing evils. Old Rover never had the opportunity to develop a few notes I can do it." Soon they soundly. He resolved on the morrow became uneasy and whined at the feet as I had done, creatures of environmade their way back to the Shane. to hunt up Erwin and go over the ground with him. He felt very warm toward this man whom he had at first so heartily despised and began to won-listening for his master's footsteps and winned at the reet as I had done, creatures of environ-made their way back to the Shane's ment who animal like, slept and at where one of Mother Shane's famous and drank with no thought of the suppers was awaiting them. MAKING SOCIALISTS

"Well," said the workingman, "you can't make a Socialist out of me."
"That's all right," I replied, "I
don't have to. If I don't make a Socialist out of you some other fellow

"And if some other fellow won't, some Socialist paper will; "And if some Socialist paper won't, vour boss will:

"And if your boss won't, the city "And if the city council won't, the

"And if the mayor won't, the legislature will: "And if the legislature won't, con-

gress will; "And if congress won't, the president will;
"And if the president won't, the

judiciary will: "And if the judiciary won't, the two old parties will;
"And if the two old parties won't, the trusts will;

"And if the trusts won't, the high cost of living will;
"And if the high cost of living won't, the whole damned system will

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Socialist Movement Revolutionary

By CHARLES H. VAIL

form but a revolution. A reform our efforts upon reform measures, merely proposes a re-adjustment of This method may sound reasonable, the relations within the present class but the fact of class government organized society. It does not in-renders it impracticable volve a change of economic base, but The proposition compared to the proposition co herely a change of externals. Revolooks the fact of class rule. It fails lution, on the other hand, involves a to see that in the present class orchange from within—a change in the ganization of society, no measure can internal mechanism of society without which there could be no progress.

As to whether a measure is socialistic or not depends upon its internal mechanism-upon the standpoint from which it proceeds. A measure may be apparently socialistic; that is, it may be so in outward form, while its internal working may be anti-socialistic and designed to serve the interests of some portion of the capitalist class. For example, both the reformer and the Socialist want to socialize the rail-ways, electric light plants, trolley systems, etc. The former desires to socialize them as a reform, while the latter proposes socialization as a

In either case there would be change in external form. The difference is that the reformer would confine the change to externals, while the Socialists would cause a change in the internal mechanism. The reformer proceeds from the standpoint of middle class interests as against the interests of the plutocracy; the Socialist proceeds from the interests of the working class as against the interests of both the middle and upper class capitalists.

The reformer, for instance, wishes only to abolish the railroad mononoly which is fleecing the middle class, the Socialist wishes to abolish all fleecers by abolishing the wage portion of the wealth they pro-

The scheme would undoubtedly reduce the cost of transportation, but there is no evidence that the middle there is no evidence that the middle class would reduce the price of their products to consumers. All they are interested in is to transfer the large profits of the railroad magnates into their own pockets. The Socialist their own pockets. The Socialist plan, on the other hand, proposes a plan, on the other hand, proposes a plan, on the other hand, proposes a continuous form. change not only in the external form but in the internal mechanism. It the way. proceeds from the proletarian point

social revolution. The term revolu-

tainment. But here note that evolution does How many times have the laborers At first, during the germinating passed supposedly designed to bene-period, it proceeds slowly, but it fit labor, but afterward were fre-gains in rapidity, and finally the de-quently found to be inadequate or cisive step is often accomplished ineffective, and, if not, were declared quickly and is termed revolution, unconstitutional by the capitalist

evolution, a decisive point, and is extend the public service in the ingenerally the last step in a period of slow growth and preparation, alwill not be state Socialism or state though there may be many such capitalism, but rather, what has been steps, revolutions and counter revolutions, before the ultimate end is into the state. This would result attained. In the coming transforma- in immediate benefit to the working tion the final step, whether peaceful class. The public powers would then or violent, which interchanges the be an instrument in the hands of relations between the ruling and subthe organized proletariat, to work

ists use this term has led to much of transformation.

confusion. We are surely nearing the consummation of the industrial evolution. But this does not mean that we have nothing to do, that we are to sit quietly down and patiently wait for the transition It is our business to take such action as will facili-tate, in every way possible, the real-

The Socialist movement is not a re- the ultimate aim and concentrate all

The proposition completely overbe introduced that touches the citadel of vested rights; that is, as long as the capitalist class is in complete control of political power.

Capitalists frequently permit re-orms that do not interfere with their privileges, but the moment some measure is proposed that threatens their interests the tables are turned. Can we expect it to be otherwise as long as the government is in the hands of a master class? For one to imagine that he can effectually curtail the power of the privileged class, so long as that class is in possession of the machinery of government is the height of absurdity.

It is true Socialism will not spring at once full fledged into existence-Socialists have no magic wand which will effect the social transformation in a single day—but the first step toward that end is the overthrow of the present ruling class through the mastery of the public powers. When Socialists are in control of the gov-crnment they will then proceed to out their ideals into practice. It vill not all be accomplished at once, but as rapidly as possible industry after industry will be socialized, unil businesses are brought under collective control.

Of course, before Socialists have captured the national government they will gain control of municipalies and states, and as fast as they socialization would not secure the workers' emancipation—they would still be wage slaves and exploited by the capitalist government out of a portion of the worldth them.

To the scientific Socialist there is no contradiction between the present

Labor conditions will improve just of view, and has for its object the abolition of all exploitation and the captured by the Socialist party. Not improvement in the condition of the only this, but any temporary relief railroad workers. To public owner- that is granted by the capitalist class ship we would add democratic man- will be in proportion to the fear agement.

Socialism, then, proposes a complete transformation of society—a change so radical as to constitute a social revolution. The terms of the proportion to the fear caused the class by revolutionary agitation. If labor laws are passed it is only to pacify the proletariat, but the capitalist class will only see social revolution. the need of such pacification as the tion is used to describe the final goal proletariat organize into a class-conto be attained, but not the method or tactics employed in its realization while Society and the scious party. Even then, upon the plea of getting something now, the tion. While Socialism is revolutionary in its program, it follows the up the Socialist vote. Revolutionary laws of evolution in its method of at- agitation and social reform go hand in hand.

not always proceed with regularity, been buncoed! Measures have been Christianity in the Roman Empire, courts. The only way to secure efthe Reformation, the French revolu- fective labor legislation is to have tion, the abolition of chattel slavery, are notable examples of the working of this principle.

it backed by a class-conscious labor party. Just in proportion as the Socialist party gain ascendancy it Revolution, then, is but a form of will secure this end and will also

ject classes, will constitute the so-cial revolution.

Thus we see there is no contralight between the contra
Even when we have gained comdiction between evolution and revo-lution, whether we employ the terms to describe methods and ideals or the different phases in the progress of the movement itself. Of course, protectariat class to effect its comwhen we speak of the movement as revolutionary, we refer to the ultimate aim and purpose. A failure to understand how scientific Social-

> But, remember, all changes that tend to leave the present class government intact are mere reforms, and no change that threatens class rule can be introduced until the present class rule itself is subverted. This can only be accomplished by the triumph of the Socialist party.

Debs' trial will be an education in itself. Read

NEWS IN BRIEF

hurried workers A call has been issued for women to A call has been issued for women to do railroad work. Clekrs, accountants, er of colonization, Canada, estimates ticket sellers, station agents, crossing that an unemployed army of nearly watchmen, car cleaners and track la-200,000 will form a serious after-theborers are needed.

Automobile shop employes refused to pay increased street car fare in Detroit. They demonstrated their displeasure by overturning cars. Council subsequently passed an ordinance reducing fares from six to five cents.

The eight largest express companies show a deficit of a million and a half for January, 1918. Is it for the purpose of discouraging government control or to avoid payment of profits

The Massachusetts Constitutional Convention rejected, by a vote of 107 to 43, a resolution to "establish systems of social insurance," upon the argument that health insurance by the state was not in harmony with the democratic institutions jof the United States, it being of German origin. The insurance companies are undoubtedly still celebrating this victory of theirs for "democracy."

The National Union of Railwaymen (England) held its annual conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, recently. One hundred delegates, representing 400,-000 workers, attended. The alacrity with which women were joining the union, contrary to expectations, was mentioned. Resolutions were adopted of the motion to adjourn to enter a calling upon the government to assume complete control of food to prevent all profiteering; for an early meeting of the international; against introducing military training in the

Leaders were arrested and machine guns used to supress a strike which recently broke out at Kalk, Rhenish

Referring to the political truce of labor with the British government, recently broken, Robert Smillie, president of the Miners' Federation said: 'I am all for breaking the truce. The country is sick of the truce and sick of the government. The labor movement is not so strong as it could be if labor men were outside the govern-

A certain Mr. Jamieson is disclaiming through the daily press, that ably the cause for the new journal.

Clarence Darrow is a Socialist. The social structure is a social structure. Socialist Party agrees.

A 24-hour strike in behalf of a shoremen, many ship yard workers and other trades took part. Street car service was completely tied up and the Coughlan Steel Shipyards left without a man. Returned soldiers of this committee have been selected it is said, without regard to party affiliation.

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July 25 was declared an "idle day by the workers in the works of the Dominion Steel Corporation at Sydney, Cape Breton. Not a wheel turned. A wage adjustment was demanded. the Socialist Party of Washington, The Steel Workers' Union gives notice was arrested at Havre, Mont., on his hat it intends repeating the "holiday" unless satisfaction is forthcoming.

the president to acquire, construct or operate power plants of all kinds es-sential to the prosecution of the war sential to the prosecution of the war has been proposed by the War Indus- of the new All-Russian Government,

Recent news of World-Wide occurren 23, will be a "war convention." Are ces presented in short paragraphs for they going to fight? Yes—for profits!

war industrial problem in the Do-

Col. Richard Gaedke, military expert, speaking through the Vorwaerts, German Socialist paper, admits that "tonnage and measures of sicety have been provided in sufficient measure for the bringing of hundreds of thousands of Americans across the sea."

On the basis of the Federal Trade Commission reckonings, profits of the five big Meat Packers were nearer \$200,000,000 than \$120,000,000, as previously reported, for the three years preceding 1918.

The British Imperial War Cabinet has denied the request of the Labor Party Executive and the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress for passports for Arthur Henderson and three other delegates to visit Switzerland to confer with Mr. Troelstra, Dutch Socialist leader. It is claimed by the Imperial War Cabinet that Troelstra favors the Central Pewers Position Internal Pewers Pewe tral Powers, whereas British Labor contends that he represents the laboring class of the Central Powers only.

In the House of Commons, Friday, Aug. 9th, the pacifists took advantage plea for peace negotiations. Mr. Anderson laid it down in the way of a general statement that the basis of wars was trade. To this Mr. Balfour replied that he thought the personal ambition of rulers, as well as religions and race feeling were causes. The House adjourned to Oct. 15th.

More than seven million letters from American soldiers in France have been received at Atlantic ports since July 29.

The extreme right wing of French Socialists have started a paper in Paris with a settled policy of "win the war" first and Socialism after. It will be under the direction chiefly of M. Morel, M. Rozier and M. Weber. M. Varenne and M. Thomas will be frequent contributors. The victory of the left wing over the right wing in the

A committee numbering 600 members has been named by the Italian government to consider the transition draft evader occurred in Vancouver, period after the war. The members B. C. All street car employes, long- of this committee have been selected

An unusually light primary vote is reported by both old parties, east,

President Hays of the United Mine Workers' Union, has issued a state-ment declaring for a flat raise in wages of coal miners.

Emil Herman. State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Washington, way to the National Conference of that party. His arrest was due to jumping his bonds of \$20,000 by leav-A war emergency bill authorizing ing the jurisdiction of the court trying him under the espionage ac

tries Board.

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It is announced that the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association, to be held in Chicago, Sept.

The new All-Russian Government, declares that nothing less than 150,000 allied troops will be required to prevent Germany from gaining control of the food resources of Siberia and Monsociation, to be held in Chicago, Sept.

Deceivers of Children

By W. E. REYNOLDS

Last Sunday in company with a | In another part of the building we couple of friends it was my good fortune to visit the Field Museum, located in Jackson Park, Chicago. As we were viewing the various exhibits I chanced to hear some of the question asked by children. Let me give

machinery).

Next, as we were passing a group of stone idols from Yucatan, which strongly resemble Egyptian sculpture, a little child says, "what are those things?" The big grown-up answered, "Oh, they are idols." "What is an idol?" was the next question of the child. The answer came readily. "Oh. they are stone or wood carved images westigating tour with the child and which foolish folks used to worship before they had found out about God." STOP DECEIVING CHILDHOOD.

you just a few samples.

While we were looking at an exhibit of stone tools and implements a women read a sign iffrom the old stone age." A little ten-year-old girl was much interested and then asked

was much interested and then asked this question, "Mamma, what age are we in now?" Mamma answered, "Come on now, we've got to hurry or we can't see it all!"

(I fairly ached to get the ear of that young seeker after knowledge and inform her that this is the age of machinery)

child. The answer came readily, "Oh, that you do not know! Go on an in-

Trotzky's Fortune

One of the stratagems always resorted to by the enemies of the workers in all countries to divide and conquer them has been to cultivate suspicion regarding the intentions. suspicion regarding the intentions of the good faith of those whom the with the wide knowledge of Trotzky workers may elevate to positions of and his associates were capable of representatives of labor being cor-rupted either by the direct influence they chose poverty and the hazard of money, by indirect method of association with the enemy or by being cajoled into framing policies that represent backward views. Somethe agony of the Russian masses times the intellectual capacity of into cash for himself, he could have such representatives is, because of done it by becoming an agent of the habit and environment, naturally czar in the days when that calling inprogressive, though they are personally honest. This variety of opinion and character is sufficient to enable the enemy to make a blanket charge against all such representatives, and when it is made it is manifestly dishonest. An example of this is the frequent reference to many

sthe frequent reference to many such representatives as "walking delegates," the inference being that they are a combination of a Tammany heeler and a bunco man.

The representatives of the Soviet government of Russia have had their share of this sort of thing since their ascendancy to power. It has isually taken the form of charging them with being the receivers of "German gold," just as politicians in this country to the end of the last souther to the end of the end

trust. There have been instances of winning ease and comfortable stiwas a lucrative one in Russia. This latest canard is in direct contradiction with what is known of Trotzky's career, and may be regarded as a part of the general campaign of sa-botage against the Russian government.—New York Call.

this country to the end of the last scribe for the O. S. and get serting they were bribed by "British the truth.

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"I never made a public speech in my life," she hesitated, "still, I think it is

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"you are wrong there. Socialists do not believe in dividing up. If you will have a little patience with me, tomorrow I will explain to you what we do believe and also explain economics from a Socialist viewpoint.' "Better still," replied Erwin, "suppose tomorrow night you explain not only to me but to others who care to

listen what Socialism really is and what it aims to do. We can turn the front of this house into one large room by means of the folding doors

But what action will be effective? evidence and argues that, as So-

cialism cannot be completely realized complete trial news in O. at once, we should abandon our advocacy of proletarian supremacy and S.

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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 delapidated 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-

"Any community that neglects its housing reaps an inevitable harvest of moral and physical disease. Conditions found in the Cleveland Chamber AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE of Commerce survey are precisely what might have been expected. Condiof 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 mining camp housing.' Old freight cars, wheelless and decrepit, are turned mining camp housing. Old freight cars, wheeless and decrepit, are turned into double 'houses,' each sheltering an unbelievable number of lodgers who pay unconscionable 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 employes of the United States government to be living under the worst conditions of any people in Cleveland.'

"An astonishing fact in connection with the survey is that 'it falls to be to legally confirm the nominations of the party on referendum vote and confirm the actions of the party on referendum vote and confirm the actions of the party of the party on referendum vote and confirm the actions of the party of the party of the party on referendum vote and confirm the actions of the party of the par

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 change the decision of the Party State 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 delapidated 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 of the original section. 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 section. 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 fleece 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

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 mean- Ohio Socialist and the other 25c shall time, sleep on, sleep on. Worse is yet to come and that ought to make you

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

ALIGHT 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 ques-

tion 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 canstitutes a patriot or ideas upon war. Therefore these voters refused to

canstitutes 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. and any employes voted on by such legislative body as provided for by

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.

Paraphrazing 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 owned paper that has come before my with the exception of the (killed) American Socialist. I wish you would publish more news in it of the I. 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

Fraternally yours, C. R. HARTLIEB.

NEW RUSSIAN FLAG Russia's national emblem henceforth will be red, with the inscription Russisskay Sotcialitchestkaya Federativnaya Societsky Republica (Russian Socialistic 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 Com-

mittee, who presented it, said it was important matter concerning our decide on the question of the flag immediately, as "the Russian flag will have to fly over the embassies in Berlin and Vienna, and about the management of the party."

Art. 20, Sec. 8, also deals with an important matter concerning our important matter concerning our decided officials. Read this section and see that your elected officials and your yellow the yellow t

Result of Vote on Referendum "D"

SOCIALISM THRIVE IN OHIO.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 8, Sec. 3—Strike out the word

Art. 17, Sec. 5-Strike out the sec-

"Every applicant for membership in

the Party shall make an initial pay-

ment of not less than 50c, of this

amount 25c shall be used to pay for three months' subscription to The

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

elect a committee of Dues Collectors

and a Dues Secretary for the purpose

of maintaining a 100 per cent. paid up

Art. 17, Sec. 8, (new section)—The State Secretary shall forward month-

ly the percentage of dues from the

Translator-Secretary to the respec-

Art. 20, Sec. 4-Party members

elected to political office shall employ

only party members, excepting in

address of applicant."

tive local secretaries.

executive committee.

tion and substitute as follows:

Executive Committee.

the original proposition.'

RESOLUTIONS Yes-396 No-183

MONTHS SUBSCRIPTION. SUBSCRIBE FOR A YEAR. BUY FOUR STAMPS.

in the state of Ohio, form and conduct a school for the purpose of instructing the child mind in our propaganda 560. of the Party State Executive Commit-tee. It shall have no power to initiate any action nor shall it alter nor instead of the bourgeois, capitalist school room ethics.

members of Local Columbus that the state convention of the Socialist Party 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 at Canton, Ohio, June, 1918, formulate a platform for all congressional districts for the state of Ohio. The platform to be submitted to referendum lighten our burdens. Give Mrs. Ruffner and if adopted, shell be advocated by all congressional candidates. Sec. 1b shall comprise the balance

Yes—596 No—1 No. 10—Whereas, the disposition of

words "one month's dues" and insert gressmen and senators and to motives of the Bolsheviki.

No. 11—Whereas, the infamous, tyrannical and undemocratic State Constabulary bill now before the corpowater fronts, prevent forest fires, etc., which same is only the cloak of pre-tense which the capitalist-serving minions hide behind, their real object Art. 17, Sec. 6—Each local shall being, as has already been demonstrated in our neighboring state of Pennsylvania, to serve the monopoists and profiteers in industry by dimembership. Locals shall also elect an Ohio Socialist correspondent whose duty it shall be to keep the state paper informed of all activities of the local. recting or commanding these forces in their own interests, when strikes and industrial disturbances occur and in order to further subjugate the working class. In order to thwart the further subjection of the working class we desire an expression of the

> and referendum, therefore be it Resolved, That the Socialist Party of Ohio call upon all workers to oppose with all means at their command, the enactment of such legislathis proposed law to devise means of

> people through the powerful initiative

No. 12-Resolved, That the Socialist Party of Ohio, in convention assembled, is opposed to the continu-ance of the foreign language federations as an adjunct to the Socialist Party, and favor their abolishment through an amendment to the national constitution for the following reasons: Art. 20, Sec. 6—A conference of elected Socialist Officials shall be held Most of the foreign language branches neglect to send representatives to the annually. They shall meet with the local with which they are connected. Thus they remain out of touch with Executive Committee at the first meeting following the fall elec-tions. Mileage shall be paid from the State Campaign Fund. political activities of the party. The foreign language press is controlled by the federations, and their efforts are directed solely toward the building up of the federation, and the interests Art. 20, Sec. 7—All elected officials must attend at least one party meeting per month of the branch, local of the party at large are consequently neglected.

No. 13-Resolved, That the state No-3 stamp, same to be given free of charge to all members doing military Art. 20, Sec. 8, (new section)—A service in the present war. report in writing of all official activities of elected officials shall be sub-mitted to the State Office for publi-

The vote on the adoption of the Party Platform was: Yes, 563; no,

think it most proper to adopt the red flag under which we fought and gained O. S. Press Stamps mean workers' control of work-

we cannot have the old tricolor, so I

ers' press. If you are a Socialist your place is

A Word From Beery Surveys Atlanta

My Dear Flora: I have received

No. 9—Whereas, The Socialist Party advocates co-operation, national and international democracy, therefore, nor the Cleveland Socialist News. See that the State Office will contribute \$2 Resolved, That it is the sense of the per week for use of confined com-

president of the United States, to the end that this government shall recognize the Soviet government of Russia and that every effort be made by the Socialist Party to put before the peoble of the social Party to put before the peoble of the peoble o ple of Ohio the true character and know how November will turn out. capitalist ball game, which was be-No-2 Dealer for September, October and November for me for I will be wild bags was betting badly balled up at to know how things are breaking in last accounts. A very interesting fea-Cleveland. Tomorrow is order day ture was the rendering of a number rations-serving legislature of Ohio is and I will get some peanut brittle of Socialist songs by the sweetest and have a little candy. Just like a little working class girl comrade it based upon the assumption that it is necessary in order to safeguard the interests of the people, to establish a state police force which shall patrol state police force which shall patrol the exuberance of youth and vigor that it helps to liven 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 have no complaint to make. My love to Mary and wife and Lyn and Doris, you know how I love children. I hope

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 tion and this convention instructs the and doing to have a better world for State Executive Committee to get in touch with all labor unions fighting 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.

they grow up to be man and woman of a better world than his name sake

A. L. HITCHCOCK.

Notice—Comrade Secretaries

We wish to call special attention of by the membership. First, let's consider Art. 17, Sec. 5: Please read it. This section provides that all new members admitted shall new members admitted shall new members admitted shall new members. 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 class in its own emancipation. Combear this in mind and secure these rade Brown is quite well to do with

tee of dues collectors. Nothing can possibly be more important to a local than that its members keep in good than that its members keep in good that the capitalist class to suppress the truth and keep the workers in subjugation. He frankly and openly contending.

branch, executive committee. Put this was graciuosly granted. Art. 20, Sec. 8, also deals with an important matter acrossment and acrossment matter acrossment matte amendment in force at once.

Socialist Activities

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

Sunday, July 7, I had the good for-tune to be with the Socialists of Piqua, Ohio, to deliver a talk at their picnic held in Piqua's beautiful public We had a shower tonight and it is park. There was a fair sized audicool, but the last two days people here ence out to hear our message in spite ence out to hear our message in spite of light showers and threatening Ohio weather. Everybody seemed to be en joying themselves hugely. I found the Piqua Comrades to be a bright, capable and aggressive bunch of rebels and fighting like trojans to bring rades. I say accept it and forward by about better conditions for the workpostoffice order as there are many comforts that we are allowed to buy 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 my hearty congratulations on the "Conversion of John Irwin." When it his co-workers. But it seems that Piqua's political polltroons are not is published in book form I will want meeting with much success as the So-

Yes—522

Art. 10—Strike out the complete section.

Yes—540

Art. 16, Sec. 2—Strike out the words "one month's dues" and insert "fofter month's dues "fofter month's dues" and motives and motives and motives and motives does not not You might subscribe for the Plain ing played with a great deal of vigor, with the result that old king moneyplayed 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. The biggest feature was the literature stand and the fact that it was being very liberally patronized. The Debs' Defense petitions were also being liber ally supported, also a protest against the attempt to judicially murder Tom Mooney was registered.

On Sunday, August 4, I sojourned to Galion, Ohio, to attend the Crawford County meet of Socialists which was held in the annex of the Episco palian church, presided over by rade Bishop Wm. M. Brown. Quite large audience of young and middle aged people greeted me and listened very closely to my explanation of So-cialism. After the talk a volume of questions were asked and answered, a arge amount of literature sold and local Galion 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 de termined to redouble their efforts for Socialism.

subscriptions.

Next amendment under consideration is Art. 17, Sec. 6: Please read it companies it is invested to the subscription of the consideration of t it, comrades, it is important. It pro- class. He also recognizes that, pulpit vides that locals shall elect a commit- and press are but instruments used by standing. Elect your dues collectors fesses, that he has, as a minister, uncomrades, and proceed to get your membership in Class A.

The accord next of this arrest and the consciously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and is now very anxiously preached lies all of his ministerial life and life a The second part of this amendment ous to make amends, by effectively is none the less important. Elect working for Socialism and literally 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 mitted the pleasure of writing a check covering the expenses of the meeting send in the news.

Art. 20, Sec. 7, says: All elected officials must attend at least one party meeting per month of the least per month o

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 ac-

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 ED-UCATE, ORGANIZE AND DISCIPLINE OUR FORCES. GET READY ARTY POLITICAL MACHINES.
OTHER WORDS GET READY RIOD WHICH IS TO FOLLOW THE RIOD 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

0 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 pladge defense of Freedom's

We pledge defense of Freedom's

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 glody freedom's sky. Then swear by God's eternal throne, America shall be Freedom's home.

O workingmen, O labor's hosts, O men of courage, heart and will; O far and wide send labor's toasts 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 disorganizaion.
They will organize the party mem-

They will create interest in party 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

They will revive members and ocals to renewed activity. They will strengthen members' eforts in the fight.

They make for more intense activty, more concerted action, more comadeship and a better understanding of party aims and purposes They will create the will to do one's est for Socialism every day by informing the comrades of others' work

and successes.

They will inspire confidence in our nigh 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 novement They will do all this and more, pro-

viding—you buy them. Vote "yes, on Referendum 'E' and ask your local ecretary for four press stamps for a Help build the Socialist press. Lend a hand in your own emancipation.

TOOLIG MONTHLY PEPORT

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HE'S LENDING A HAND

Alliance, O., Aug. 14, 1918.
Comrade: Inclosed 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.

Proletarian Science

A Course in Economics Arranged for Study Classes
By W. E. Reynolds (Wriiten especially for the Ohio Socialist)

TEN QUESTIONS IN ELEMENTARY ECONOMICS 5—Are wages regulated by the price

Here are ten test questions, all, taken rom the little ten-cent booklet by Marx, "Value, Price and Profit." How many can you answer, and be sure that your answers are correct? Try it and see. Send your answers to the author, including stamped, self-addressed envelope for a reply and l will be glad to grade you in accordance to your answers. Address care of the State Office, Socialist Party of Ohio, 1291 Cook Ave., Lakewood, O. 1—Are the prices of commodities regulated by wages?

2—Which is the greatest consuming class, capitalist or working class?

wages expended for?

AMENDMENTS TO

3—Does supply and demand have anything to do with VALUE? 4—What is the bulk of working class

of commodities produced by the laborer in the factory from which he draws his wages? 6-What are HIGH wages?

effort being the expenditure of labor-power).

B-What is the difference between wages (as understood by the public in general — meaning the amount of money in the pay envelope) and REAL wages?

Abraham Lincoln was opposed to chattel slavery. The Socialist party orzanization is just as bitterly opposed to the wage slavery of the prominence of the man and the adroitly, forceful language which he chooses, entitle it to a reply which the ordinary posed to the wage slavery of the prominence of the man and the adroitly, forceful language which he chooses, entitle it to a reply which the ordinary posed to the wage slavery of the prominence of the man and the adroitly, forceful language which he chooses, entitle it to a reply which the ordinary posed to the wage slavery of the prominence of the man and the adroitly, forceful language which he chooses, entitle it to a reply which the ordinary posed to the wage slavery of the public party of the man and the adroitly forceful language which he chooses, entitle it to a reply which the ordinary posed to the wage slavery of the public party of the man and the adroitly forceful language which he chooses, entitle it to a reply which the ordinary posed to the wage slavery of the public party of the public party of the public party of the public party of the man and the adroitly forceful language which he chooses, entitle it to a reply which the ordinary posed to the wage slavery of the public party of the pub velope) and REAL wages?
-Name the TWO chief factors upon which the productive power

And in the close intimacy of our brother-comradehood I have found no fault in 'Gene; for he is as faith-

Soldiers Tribute to

Our Gene

ful and tender as my dear old mother, who loves him, blessed him and bade him kiss her, as brave as a lion, as gentle as a woman, as hon-est and straightforward as a little child; as white, clean and sweet of soul as his elder brothers, Lincoln and Christ—and these are nature's noblest noblemen.—W. E. P. French, There is nothing partic U. S. Army.

7—What is a certain amount of money (i. e. WAGES) paid for a certain amount of effort? (This lies. Stop, think Spend a been clothed in different words and came from different sources. The dollar for Socialist Truth.

The brave soul never shrinks in the

THE NATIONAL

vided that in case this amendment is adopted the National Office shall discontinue the practice of collecting campaign funds and leave this field open to the State and Local organ-

Section 6A-Every person making application for membership in the Socialist Party shall accompany his application with an initiation fee of One Dollar; provided, however, that this shall not apply to women who make application for membership. The initiation fee shall be divided as follows: Twenty-five cents shall go to the branch which receives the member's application, twenty-five cents to the City Central Committee, where such committee exists, twenty-five cents to the County Central Committee where sure committee exists, and twentyfive cents to the State Organization. Where a City Central Committee exists but no County Central Committee, fifty cents shall go to the branch re-ceiving the application, twenty-five cents to the said City Central Committee and Twenty-five cents to the State Organization. Where a County Committee exists but no City Central Committee, fifty cents shall go to the branch receiving the applica-County Central Committee and twenty-five cents to the State Organ-Where no City or County Central Committee exists, seventy-five duty. ing the application and twenty-five cents to the State Organization. The State Organization shall issue an ini-

Section 6 as amended will raise the dues ten cents a month to each member. It will not affect the dual dues of husband and wife. It will double the regular income of the National Organization and of every State Organization. It will make possible a tremendous campaign of organization all over the country. It will make it possible for the National organization to discontinue the practice of calling for a campaign fund and leave this field to the locals and states. It is essentially a war measure. It will provide the means of carrying on the work of the party under all conditions and result in the development of a real Socialist movement of America. Ten cents means little to each member. To the National and State Or-Ten cents means little to each member. To the National and State Orbaris Avenue. It was whispered along Jeff We've got to make examples of Davis Avenue. It was whispered them. Can't let that sort of thing ganizations it represents a war chest but it made a greater stir than it pass! No, sir; we don't want any that will open the way to the greatest | would have made if it had been mixing of the races . . . not from campaign of organization, education shouted from the housetops. The that side. Can't be too quick on the and propaganda ever undertaken. It old story, of course. Billy Morton's trigger in a case like that.

So they set upon that nigger with the red hou irons and got down to the red hou irons and got down to

tiation fee of One Dollar for new shoes. That and black, awful black. people from the residential district. members is just as important. The Before we heard the story there But we saw it and the judge will tell members have paid for the education of the non-members long enough. Let plum disappeared, lit out, and the The nigger was and City Organizations will have funds and the State Organizations was a bit later. will have funds. Let the new member pay for his education. Throw away the Salvation Army collection plan. Vote for the initiation fee and build a new movement.

E. BERGNER. Chairman Ninth Ward Branch. H. O. FORSBERG, Secretary Ninth Ward Branch. Adopted Aug. 16, 1918. 200 members in good standing.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONI-

TOR SAYS President Wilson must have caused a flutter in allied foreign offices when he declared that "the processes of peace, when they are begun, shall be absolutely open." The statement The statement seemed to advocate an unequivocal demand for the open discussion of peace terms, until Senator Borah, taking Mr. Wilson at his word, introduced a resolution in the Senate, whereupon the president was heard from in opposition. Then he explained that he meant "not that there should be no private discussions of delicate matters, but that no secret agreements should be entered into, and that all international relations, when fixed, should be open, above beard and explicit." Now some one will have to exploin what the president means by "fixed." In the meantime anyone can see that not the least difficult part of the war is going to

A Cold Blooded Crime

CONSTITUTION

I knew Henry McKilvane well. He was always in trouble. He had no business in Athensville, anyway, although I realize that is hardly justification for what happened, if it should need any justification. Still it had never occurred to me or indeed to anyone else as far as I can find out that Henry was capable of committing a capital crime. But you can never tell anything about these modern people who feel called upon CONSTITUTION I knew Henry McKilvane well. He to him! But this here nigger looked Party to read as follows:
Section 6—The State Committees shall pay to the National Office every month a sum equal to ten cents for each member in good standing in their respective states and territories, and the dues to the State Committees the dues to the State Committees shall be increased accordingly. Provided that in case this amendment is stand him very well and we might stand him very well and we might have been guilty of a little rudeness toward him now and again . . . but in the broad sense of the word Athensville was kindly disposed, even to Henry. Yes, the man was a

distinct disappointment to me.

Athensville had been very quiet for two or three months before Henry broke loose. Of course there was the war work going on all about us and there had been that preacher in town who had told the folks all about the Turks and the abominable brutalities they had practiced upon the poor Syrians and Armenians, and we were a trifle upset about that. Then there had been a bit of feeling in regard to so many of our colored population being let out of the draft. population being let out of the draft Athensville with the yells of a scared in spite of our suspicion that they nigger. No. sir! were not telling the exact truth with respect to their age. And maybe there was a little tension among some of us when we saw rifles put into of them apply a poker to his foot. the hands of those who came forward and entered the draft. But all in all Athensville was quiet, mighty

"Tell us the truth!" the crowd yells. The nigger lets out a howl and denies it. But the crowd aren't quiet, and there was no cause for any fooled a little hit . . . not that such exhibition of brutal abandon as truth. So they jam the iron right ion, twenty-five cents to the said there is bad blood in the black belt. up against his foot, hard, and when That sort of thing can't be allowed to pass, and Judge Possum did his they jam a poker into his mouth. simple duty. Nothing but his simple They want to know, not to guess.

I was standing on the corner by the postoffice with Possum when the to say "No" again but he hasn't a trouble started, and later I was with chance to say it when he sees some State Organization shall issue an initiation stamp and sell same to sub-divisions of the party at twenty-five cents each.

The judge and the folks from the judge and the folks from the tragedy took place. It was a horrible business, a horrible business, a horrible business, a horrible business. It passes belief what a business business. It passes belief what a business business business. It passes belief what a business bu man can do in cold blood. I can so heated by his denials that they still feel the awful revulsion that swept me when Henry showed the swept me when Henry s

act. The south doesn't record a crowd lets out a roar of righteous the mother will not be obliged to of rock, and no language of any that had been properly heated. And too often withheld by necessity. That kind, not a single word. Just the some of the boys were there ahead to the state should support institutions

Judge Possum when the first news of n't expect any kid-glove handling. National Conference of State Secrefore the girl regained consciousness. business. No, Judge Possum and I
fore the girl regained consciousness. All she could remember was that didn't mix with the avengers. We

few who agreed with him, too, but some of the boys said that there was some of the boys said that there was too much talk about hanging niggers without taking the trouble to find out whether they deserved it. No, sir; the nigger they hung this time sir; the nigger they hung this time sir; the nigger they hung this time of confess! No damned sir, the nigger they hung this time speaks low to the nigger and the nigger and the nigger and the nigger hollers out:

Suspect the existence of the boys said that there was too much talk about hanging niggers. So Henry waves them back with his gun for a minute and looks as mothers out of wedlock. And there they ear sure they will agree that land, become of the existence of the eye of capitalism.

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The property becomes possible for all to acquire some of the property that is produced. But this judgment on the acts of the citizens raises his gun slow and takes aim be reared. of Athensville. No, sir! So some and shoots that nigger through the of the boys take the nigger down to heart. Then he pockets his gun and Juggin's Hollow and make him fast walks off without a word. The coldto a stake and some of them start a est-blooded murder I ever see or the diabolical designs of alien ene- wealth" confirms this. The bourgeois forms of property that enters into of the statement that the Soviets fire and some of them go over to the heard of. The man showed himself mies, should be the last man to deny blacksmith shop and fetch some to be incapable of any of the higher that this same state ought to afford irons, rods, you know, and some bits emotions. of wagon tire. There was going to

comeback this time. they show up with the irons. Well, their irons and all went into confersir; that nigger sure did start to hol- ence. I've seen too many crowds get

"Oh, boss; yo' ain't agoin' to scorch a pore nigger! You ain't agoin' to bran a pore black nigger what am incent'! Oh, boss; I ain' never see thet thar white girl! I ain't never see that the when the property of never see that the Oh, boss, you ain' agoin' to bran' and when he was tied and being torthis here nigger!" I never did hear mented, too.

The Boston Fuel Committee, with lar opinion in favor of taking the want loose in the town with you. the approval of J. J. Storrow, Federal nigger's bare word for his innocence. Fuel Administrator for New England, No. sir! That was what the irons couldn't overlook it . . . right unannounces that beginning July 19, were for. That nigger was going to the his nose with the whole town for have a chance to show how deep his witnesses. Still, of course, it was

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were going to have the truth out of that nigger.

Well, along about twenty minutes, Well, along about twenty minutes, or half an hour, the irons were hot. Some of the boys, no need to mention names, approached the nigger ting that Socialism would involve tion names, approached the nigger with a couple of red hot pokers. You should have seen that nigger wiggle. Never saw the equal. Why, you could plumb tell he was guilty by the holler he put up and the way he flung ler he put up and the way he flung himself around. An innocent nigger might not have liked it, but would he have yelled like an Indian, behave yelled like an Indian, behave yelled like an Indian, behave free lunches then,

Some of the boys eatch hold of that nigger and hold him and some Then they take the irons away and

more cold-blooded murder, cold-indignation and sets upon the nigger, blooded, sir; no temper; face as Charged him with flatirons, pokers, must do now: she can give the care abandonment of all morality between must do now: she can give the care white as a sheet and calm as a piece tire-irons, anything that they had act itself, an unemotional murder if rip his clothes off. They weren't any in which pregnant mothers could retoo gentle about it, either; but the As I said, I was standing beside nigger had confessed, and he could-dren has been declared by many

Section 6A—Providing for an ini- he was wearing gunny sacks for were over on the knoll with the

The nigger was yelling like a each new member pay back to the whole town looking for them, for maniac and the crowd wasn't exactly party a dollar in return for the party's him. "Twasn't more than ten minefforts in converting him. The funds utes before they had him either. Oh McKilvane walk into the crowd and then we hear him say, "Stand aside!" from this initiation will vitalize every it was the right one, all right. Didn't then we hear him say, "Stand aside!" division of the movement. The be confess? You bet he confessed! The crowd opens a little and there branch will have funds, the County The whole town heard him. But that we see him standing with a revolver in his hand.

Andy Taylor was for hanging him then and there. There were quite a ger any more?" he asks, cool enough. "Are you going to torture this nig-"You just bet we are," yells the crowd.

be nothing irregular about this a cold-blooded murder is another. It lynching, you bet. No, sir! No wasn't more than a second until the people of Athensville realized what The fire's going good by the time had happened. Then they dropped ler when he saw the irons.

"Oh, boss; yo' ain't agoin' to that it meant trouble for Henry. It

ence is that the other attacks have benefitted by them. came from different sources. The source of this attack is Theodore Roosevelt, and both the prominence

tudes would not require.

The quoted paragraph is taken upon which the productive power of labor depends?

10—What are the component parts of surplus value?

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repetition of the old burgeois plati-

Mr. Roosevelt starts off by conceding that "every step toward civiliza-tion is marked by a check on individualism," but hastens to point out that Socialism would be too big a check on individualism, resulting in the condition which he has predicted. Let us see.

A "glorified state free lunch counter and state foundling asylum would perhaps be inimical to the public welfare. The former presi-dent plainly thinks they would. Well, people go hungry because there is no such "state free lunch" and many as they wished. or grow up into ill-nourished, weakthat either a free lunch or a free found-ling asylum. But even if it did, a to rebel at the thought of having ent faculties; they would all be guar-anteed a place to stay under the literature, music, art, the theater and scheme which Teddy mistakenly calls social intercourse, within reasonable Socialism.

now, except that everybody will be, and almost lose the power to think. working for the state or community, classes. As for state foundling asy-lums, they are mostly structures built in the colonel's fertile imaginaswept me when Henry showed the brute that had been lurking in him unususpected by sus all. Yes, sir; I have been living in Athensville for have been living in Athensville for better than half a century and I have been me for a moment.

When he admits his guilt the brute that defines the white fondling asylum in many cases, if such institutions were available. However, with the work and the work and the work and the work and the stributed better than half a century and I have been admits his guilt the stributed. wealth of the world fairly distributed which under the capitalist system is scientific authorities who are far from Socialists. If the state did this, the mother who wished to spend the pre-natal and post-natal period all, that the Socialist party has never in her own home would still be bothered itself with proposals to

It is, as a matter of fact, quite certain that under the Socialist state place. However, Socialists seeking there will be "foundling and man emancipation by introducing there will be "foundling asylums," leosevelt's word would convey. If the state, which is supported by the citizens, owes any obligation at all to those citizens, one of the fast would seem to be to care for mothers and assuming that radicals generally children so far as necessary. There certainly should be an institution, supported at public expense, and free to those who desire to enter it, for pregnant women who wish care outside of their own homes. There cer-

Mr. Roosevelt, who so consistently Now a lynching is one thing and the mothers of its coming citizens. So the insinuation against state

foundling asylums completely evapo-

question of whether anybody minimum of danger?

THE CAVE MAN ANSWERED "Doctrinaire Socialism would re- would be much more convenient for marry, lest they have children that ciety that many a sweet, refined place the family and home life by a the wife or mother to feel that she they can not support.

glorified free lunch counter and state was not obliged to cook the family foundling asylum, deliberately enterest and state meal every time—that the community provided a place in which the with, on its darker side, the absolute family could eat at a reasonable man of brutish instincts and been ence by abolishing the system under which a few become enormously rich, and, having lots of money and little and the desires, when every pure and liveabandonment of all morality as be- price when they desired to.

There is nothing particularly new just made. I will admit that public "absolute abandonment of all moral-Similar attacks have been made on morals. And I will contend that public morals would be substantially ity between them.

> average woman degenerates into a household drudge and breeding animal who alternates her time between bending over the kitchen stove and ened thereby? Wouldn't it be betby community cooks? Then the women who wanted to be free from so much of household drudgery could free themselves to a large extent, while those who still preferred to attend to the cooking and similar work of their households would be perfectly able to do so as long and as much

Public morality is not improved by having splendid women with wonderly children because of the lack of that "state foundling asylum" wheel of petty duties that leave no wheel of petty duties that leave no time for self-improvement and social privileges. Mr. Roosevelt knows this. And if his instincts are as good as I and nurseries for a time and enjoy the social and educational advantages

Everyone of us, Mr. Roosevelt inbounds, but are denied these bless-But in all seriousness, Socialism will provide no free lunch counter and no foundling refuge for all children. He that will not work shall bands, equal to them mentally and movelly because of their hemmed-in conditions. Women who could be real helpmates to their husbands, equal to them mentally and movelly here. ings all their lives because of their not eat. Workers will be paid for their work, somewhat the same as now except that arounded and almost lead to their mentally and morally, become mere slaves who do their work and bear their children and almost lead the result of their work and seem that arounded and almost lead to their mentally and morally and morally and almost lead to their mentally and morally and mo

God! What ghastly irony to preach whereas some now are working for about moral deterioration under Sotheir very selfish selves, some are not cialism when capitalism has bred a working at all, and the great matrice of men who do the ruling and jority are working for the other two the thinking and a race of women

ing self-indulgence as the ideal, with men and women.'

To the Socialist who is on speaking terms with his own philosophy this is a ridiculous charge. It ought not to need an answer, but it does, because of the prominence of Mr. Roosevelt and his conceded sincerity in making such a statement. It should be understood, first of

perfectly free to do so. And the change marriage and divorce laws. average intelligent, conscientious As a party it is not concerned with woman will undoubtedly prefer that these subjects. So in a strictly fair discussion of the merits or demerits of Socialism, such a point has no though in a different sense I an Mr. a new economic and industrial scheme, are naturally in favor of and women. And Mr. Roosevelt, in want freer and fairer relations established between the sexes, is cor-

> squarely met. The trouble with the ex-president is that he sees through a powerful sia, where we are informed by a

homes in which they can properly prises, who coin millions in profits are property. If property has been abolished, none of the above can be equality of opportunity to EARN hesitate to gratify every impulse and found in Russia! The Soviets have and persistently argues that the state should protect its citizens from edge of "the malefactors of great state should protect its citizens from edge of "the malefactors of great abolishing not only the tangible is what lurks in the background mies, should be the last man to deny the proletariat the knowledge that this same state ought to afford the fullest measure of protection to the fullest measure of protection to consumpt the property may be the fullest measure of protection to consumpt to a consumpt to a consumpt to property that enters into of the statement that the earn enough to support themselves pended in mid air subsisting on no abundant for all. Property itself and their wives find themselves load one knows what. Here is "some cannot be abolished. Its ownership ed down with the burden of children revolution."

that they cannot properly feed and However, the pack that are barkfoundling asylums completely evaporates into hot air. Either Mr. Rooserates into hot air. However, the pack that they cannot provide and it has been changed a number of times in the last 10,000 years. Each privileged class that saw it slipping and interpretation of their words and, having scientific secrets at their aliteral interpretation of their words and interpretation of the soviet government are not quite so absurd as privileged class that saw it slipping and important interpretation of the soviet government are not quite so absurd as literal interpretation of their words and interpretation of the soviet government are not quite so absurd as privileged class that saw it slipping in at the heels of the Sovie

Oh, yes; of course, Judge Possum dermine public morals or take the joy out of life? If so, I must confess giving all classes, instead of a few, but the whole town for myself stupidly shortsighted. It with the power to limit offspring, thereby of our own junkers and their retain-

I will retract the statement I have bauches and liaisons. Instead of the anguish for liberation.

in this characterization of Socialism. dining rooms would affect public ity between men and women," Socialism will establish a truer moral-Under our present economic system, which Mr. Roosevelt considers so superior to the proposed one, the average woman deconated to the proposed one, the average woman deconated to the proposed one, the superior to the supe so superior to the proposed one, the quence of Socialism, his indictment can be equally as quickly dismissed. Socialists certainly will want women

freed from statutory thralldom as empty stomachs, except where there

woman has unwittingly wedded a Socialism will dethrone self-indulg- man of brutish instincts and been and, having lots of money and little he desires, when every pure and live-to do, fritter away their time in de-

Mr. Roosevelt is all wrong. His indictment is well-worded, clever, pleasing to the eye and the ear. But his charge is untrue-his indictment if they don't, why, so much the worse for the facts.

Under Socialism there will be no bending over the kitchen stove and nursing babies. Though she may have the soul of Joan d'Arc and the mind of a Francis E. Willard, she mind of a Francis E. Willard, she spends the big share of her life, in most cases, baking bread, frying pork, waiting on the table, washing the dishes and doing like tasks.

These things have to be done by the done by the dishes are sound of a francis E. Willard, she beautiful love between one man and one woman is the ideal state, and will probably be the choice of the great majority of normal people, they will probably appreciate that the highest form of marriage is a free union on those who cannot work and no Bowery soup for those who cannot work or who, working cornect live on their stinger. These things have to be done by somebody, unquestionably, but isn't it a crime to condemn so many noble spirits and bright intellects to such tasks practically all of the time, while a few fortunate women and practically all men are free to move in widow gives and become broad with each turn of fancy or flame. practically all men are free to move in wider circles and become broading with each turn of fancy or flame of passion.

with each turn of fancy or flame of passion. the wife will be as free as the hus-However, it is hard (for a radical, band and her position as honorable. ter to have the cooking of the community, or a large share of it, done by community cooks? Then the

The Mystery

By ELLIS B. HARRIS

Why life and death, love, hatred, joy and tears? What lies before us here in time and space To compensate the struggle of mankind? Shall I sometime, somewhere, decern the plan—
If plan it be—that now is mystery?
It is not that I shrink from travail pain For self—and yet it is for self at last, For where is happiness midst misery? And where is joy when knowledge comes to me That sisters walk the streets, or at their tasks Faint in their hunger for the means of life, And famishing, for touch of human hearts, Reach out their hands for wife and motherhood? Denied, forsooth, because some selfish beasts Devour their tender flesh in profit lust— O, that such swine were cast into the sea! In sheer amaze I cannot realize How man can be so beastly in his quest And from the very cradle, or the arms Of mothers, seek for baby hands To bind them to the breakers or the loom. And steal away the sunshine and the play That he would not deny his dog, which fawns, Of grovels there to lick the boots of one— Though master-still is less than this, his brute. I wonder where is God, or is there God? And why he made this fiend, resembling man, To glare at me, when I protest and grieve, And threaten me with greater hell than this? gaze with wonder on his patient slaves My fellow men—or are they men at all, That toil and sweat and look, with some respect, Upon this thing that chains them to the wheel And sneers at all their moil and misery? Or do I sleep, and is it all a dream-These little ones that toil; and there the glare Of crimson lights where virtue dies, that life May stay to sup a few more bitter dregs, And sons and daughters robbed of love must lust, In lieu of marriage, home and infant hearts, While mental prostitutes in richer joys, Bought with the blood of future motherhood. Sang gaily with their consorts over wine, And fondle with affection cat or dog, While babies perish for one precious drop Of nourishment from starved and withered breasts. Is it a dream, and shall I wake some day With streaming eyes for sorrows vanished then, And joys of waking from such troubled lands. To gaily laugh in long wished ecstacy, To find the earth a garden for all youth A workshop where the mind and hand is free To plan and build a world of truth and love, In which to find, at last, our God in self And heaven here where justice doth abide.

What Is Property

asked the question, "What is prop- in all countries where a minority owns the economic resources of life. erty?" He scandalized property owners, not only because he asked United States. the question, but also because he was the founder of a school of anarchism. If the larger owners of archism. If the larger owners of archism.

same question they are asking something similar to it. This usually

Many years ago a Frenchman | this junker view is a common one

The same analysis applies to the

rect, and his challenge should be property today are not asking the of their waking hours are devoted to producing it. "Property is abolished" for them, yet this fact elicits takes the form of an attack on Rus- no barking from those who do own ainly should be special provision for magnifying glass the mote in the correct and indiscretion, become and indiscretion, become the existence of the beam in the correct and indiscretion, become the existence of the beam in the correct and indiscretion, become the existence of the beam in the correct and indiscretion, become the existence of the beam in the correct and indiscretion. equality of opportunity to EARN property means the abolition of UN-EARNED property. And this fact ger as though he had been a target, of production and distribution, and money and can pay the price for the in existance, only the junkers and forms of property and the same cry Oh, boss, you ain' agoin' to bran' this here nigger!" I never did hear anigger carry on like that one.

Well, sir; by that time the whole town was right there in Juggin's Hollow to see justice administered. And there was no concensus of popular opinion in favor of taking the nigger's bare word for his innocence.

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Oh, boss, you ain' agoin' to bran' the question of whether anybody shall eat at home or in community shall eat at home or in co 1918, the price of anthracite coal will have a chance to show how deep his innocence went. Any nigger will only a nigger, so Possum only gave fixed last January.

| Anthree price of anthracite coal will be price of anthracite coal will be stephing from the whole to show how deep his innocence went. Any nigger will only a nigger, so Possum only gave would not be affected much one way prevalent among young men who on the contrary, they regarded this than the disappearance of civilization itself.