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CAPITALISM HAS FAILED; WORKERS MUST AGT

Nearing Proves Case Against American Capitalists

Army of Unemployed Grows Greater Each Week While Machinery of Production Stands Idle and Raw Materials Pile Up

The army of unemployed grows.

That is the weekly message that is flashed from Washington by the employment division of the Department of Labor. The industrial centers of the State of Ohio alone showed a hundred thousand workers out of jobs according to the report of

the department for last week. These are the figures:

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Cleveland reports the past week a surplus of 70,000, which is an increase of 5,000. Akron reports a surplus of 2,000, an increase of 500. Four weeks ago, Akron reported a shortage of 1,000. Dayton reports a surplus of 11,000, which is an increase of 3,000. Toledo reports a surplus of 9,000, Youngstown 4,600 and Cincinnati 2,200.

The Cleveland figures have been jumping from week to week. Only four or five weeks ago they were 20,000, the next week 40,000, a week or two later 65,000 and now 70,000, and the end is

What are the workers going to do?

Although one-fourth of the workers of Cleveland are out of jobs, with like conditions coming into existence in the other industrial centers of the state and the whole country, the real pinch has not come. Some industries are still at work upon war orders; millions of soldiers are still to be demobilized. Part of the workers who are out of jobs have been able to maintain themselves by eating up the small savings they were able to make during the period of hysterical war-time production. But those will not last long.

The pinch is coming. More soldiers are returning. More munition factories will close down. Millions of families in this country will soon be looking at a future which holds nothing but

misery, poverty and suffering for them.

What are the workers going to do?

The capitalist class has raked in its billions of profits. It can let the industries shut down for a time. It need not worry about food and clothing and a place to live in. The close to ten thousand new millionaires that the war has produced can smirk and smile and go contentedly along their way. They need not worry about feeding the hungry mouths of their children. But the work-

What are they going to do about it? There is no reason who every man and women who desires the work should not have the opportunity to work. There are in existence the same factories in which the hundreds of thousands of workers who are now walking the streets were recently employed. There are piles and piles of raw material and inexhaustible natural resources, so far as the present generation is con-

cerned, to draw upon for more raw material. Why do not the workers use the raw material and the machinery of production to produce the things they need in order to live? Why do men, women and children go hundry when there is food in plenty and land and labor power to produce a greater plenty? Why should the workers not be clothed and housed when there is all the raw material needed and these millions of hands and brains ready to turn the raw material into the needed things?

Must millions of people live in poverty and misery and suffer periodically, as they have been living in poverty and misery and suffering periodically in this country, because of some fiction about the right of a few to make profits out of the operation of the system of production which tme many must use in order to make a

When long experience teaches us that a machine won't work, when in place of running smoothly and doing the work for which it was designed, it merely spoils the material we feed into and throw out fragments which litter the ground and impede our efforts, we

scrap the machine. The profit system and private ownership has failed. It is throwing out millions of workers to suffer, and if it so happens, to starve. The workers who do not remember that it has done that before have short memories indeed. The men who amass great fortunes through ownership of industry are today trying to justify their right to profit by pointing out the service they render society. Let them look at the long line of unemployed at every factory door. That is their work. That is how their system works. The machine has failed. It is time to scrap it.

The workers can enter into industry tomorrow and begin the work of producing the things they need. The machines are there. Those machines built to produce instruments of destruction can be readily adapted for other purposes by the skill of the workers. The raw material are there. Why should we not pro-

In the war period when its own needs made action imperative the government stepped into industry and organized, managed and directed. It built a great machine to produce instruments of

It the government was equally interested in giving employment to the workers and enabling them to earn what they need to feed their families it could enter into industry now and organize, direct and manage, and there need be no unemployment. There need be no starvation.

But the government will not do that for the workers. It serves only one interest and that is not the workers.

There is but one hope for the workers-organized power They have the power to open the industries. They have the power to compel use of the machines and raw materials that now lie idle Let the millions who are already in the ranks of the unemployed, together with the millions, who, though still employed, face the same threat, make a united demand and join in a mass movement to open the industries so that the workers may earn a living and

no power can stop them.

Capitalism has failed; it is time for the workers to act.

on New Trial Motion

Chicago.—The hearing for a motion for a new trial for Victor Berger and four other convicted Socialist leaders today was again postponed until Feb. 20. The request for a further continuance was made by attorneys for lightly. the defendants. None for the Socialists was in court.

Put Off Decision British Socialist Paper's View of Socialist Trial

That the Socialists of France and Great Britain are astounded at the conviction of the five Socialists, Vic tor L. Berger, Adolph Germer, J Louis Engdahl, Irwin St. John Tucke and William F. Kruse, is putting

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Side Lights on Seattle Strike

By An Observer

a personal letter from which we quote below. The whole tone of the bulletin is against any interference of the processes of the law or violence of any kind. It repeatedly advises the workers to "keep cool" and to visit the public libraries. The A. F. of L. takes entire responsibility for the strike though of course the I. W. W. and the Socialist Party were active and the Socialist Party were active participants.

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Above Yesler Way most of the stores are open for business, but there is no business to do. Restaurants, beld incommunicado.

The sidewalks are not crowded by any means. There are no yelling there I must pass through the Japaness and the silk stocking bring denunciation of the deportation to the New York Call, in which he says:

"This is the second day of our general strike. Since its beginning yesas added new glories to the achieve-

Cleveland Workers

The five-day general strike of 70, one of the Seattle labor movement. The five-day general strike of 70, one of the Seattle labor movement. The five-day general strike of 70, one of the Seattle labor movement. The five-day general strike of 70, one of the Seattle labor movement. The five-day general strike of 70, one of the Seattle labor movement. The five-day general strike of 70, one of the Seattle labor movement. The five-day general strike of 70, one of the Seattle labor movement. The five-day general strike of 70, one of the Seattle labor movement. The five-day general strike of 70, one of the Seattle labor movement. The five drug stores. Signs on doors and windows tell the season. It have just returned to my room in the deportation of fifty-eight alien radicals who are being held at stairs. The room is exactly as I left duration of strike; and some simply alien redical swho are being the deportation of fifty-eight alien radicals who are being the deportation of fifty-eight alien radicals who are being day of the exception of two drug stores. Signs on doors and windows tell the season. Solit. The birthday of the immortal solit. The birthday of the immortal reliable prevent the deportation of fifty-eight alien radicals who are being held at Ellis Island, and are slated to be shipped out of the country as a part of the campaign of the government of the deportation of fifty-eight alien radicals who are being the deportation of the deportation of fitty-eight alien radicals who are being the deportation of the deportation of the deportation of the deportation of the country as a part of the campaign of the government of and by radical organizations. The cast of the exception of two drug stores. Signs on doors and windows tell the season. The intervent he with the exception of two drug stores. Signs on doors and windows tell the season. It is birthed under the deportation of the deportation of the country as a part of the campaign of the government of and by radical organizations. The best is birthed under the c

the most peaceful.

The week's mail has brought us them pulled all the others out with some strike bulletins issued by the strike committee of the workers, and a personal letter from which we quote guests that as a result of the strike a personal letter from which we quote guests that as a result of the strike hearse and ten hired automobiles following. The whole tone of the bulleall the employes had walked out, they lowing, there was the sign in red lettorneys were unable to show that ters, "Exempted by Committee."

Socialist Educator Convicts Plutocracy by Words of Its Supporters

The trial of Professor Scott Nearing, who was indicted under the Espionage Law for writing a pamphlet called "The Great Madness," in which the American capitalist class was charged with responsibility for involving this country in the world war will go down in history, not as the trial of a Socialist, but as the indictment of the plutocracy of this country... Nearing took the witness stand to defend the views expressed in "The Great Madness.". . For two days, while under direct examination, he presented quotation after quotation from the lips and pens of representatives of the ruling class substantiating the statements made in his pamphlet and then, for another day, under cross-examination, he continued the defense of his position... The record of his examination and cross-examination contains the complete case against capitalism, as cooly, calmly, but inexorably developed by this able educator.

The following quotations from the testimony are reprinted from the

disease, the most deadly of all social diseases. If we want to know how to embargo.

"These are the germs of war,"

"Lord Palmerston stated more than fifty years ago," said Nearing, "that the flag follows the investor.

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Asked to explain the principles of that book, Nearing said:

"If a community is threatened with an epidemic of typhoid fever the most prudent thing to do is to find the origin of the germs producing the disease. We proceed from the bottom up. I looked upon war as a social disease, the most deadly of all social diseases. If we want to know how to

"I considered the germs of war just as they are considered by Hobson, by Frederick C. Howe, by Professor Brailsford."

"These are the germs of war," said Nearing. "As long as you have this policy of dog eat dog, each man for himself and the devil take the hindmost, it is inevitable that wars will Nearing then went on to describe most, it is inevitable that wars will result."

Nearing then went on to describe the system of production, showing how a surplus of products is created for which foreign markets must be found and how foreign investments must be found for the capital remaining over what goes back to labor in the form of wages.

The form of wages the system of production, showing have the system of production, showing have the system of products is created that the witness was including more than was required in his testimony, but Stedman insisted that the theories he was expounding went to show his intent in publishing "The Great Madness," which was to show, he said, as the system of the s

the flag follows the investor.

"When the investors come into conflict," continued Nearing, "the flags come into conflict."

"For instance," he said, "the Standard Oil Cb. of America and the Pierce Oil interests of England buy interests in Mexican oil lands. You have then an English pound and an American graph of the specific an English pound and an American quotations from the recent speeches dollar both looking for the same oil."
DIVIDING ALLIES.

Terrieur particularly to Rearing's quotations from the recent speeches in congress, and said that at present there was no means of knowing that there was no means of knowing that

These men are charged by the rul-

being enemies of the government.

Precisely the same charge that is be-

ing brought against these men today

Fight Deportation of Radicals

The five-day general strike of 70,- ments of the Seattle labor movement. cial establishment is closed with the by radical organizations in the east to The birthday of the immortal rail-

ave the sign "So Do We."

The Jewish quarter tell a similar Civil Liberties Bureau attempted to halt the deportation through habeas On Yesler Way a funeral procession corpus proceedings, but the writ was passed. On the windshields of the denied by Judge John C. Knox, fed-

under capitalist despotism was brought against Abraham Lincoln by the slave power of his day." National Secretary Germer, of the Socialist Party sums up the situaion and plans of the ruling class thus:
"Today it is the I. W. W.; tomorrow the Socialist Party members may

made against the American Federation of Labor. This situation invol-

The memorial meeting in honor of Kark Liebknecht held under auspices of the Socialist Party of Cleveland there. ast week Friday, brought out a crowd of workers eager to pay tribute to Liebknecht, that filled every seat in the large auditorium. Every mention to the working class movement. We of the name of Liebknecht by the should fix clearly in our minds the peakers who made addresses in Gernan. Russian and English, was greet-

he Marsellaise, the audience stand-Social-Democracy, and who recalled "The issue in Germany between the from personal knowledge, the services Majority Socialists and the Sparta-of Liebknecht in the German Socialist cans is whether the workers shall es-

ed by waves of cheers and applause.

were far better off than those of Germany. What Liebknecht has said at the meeting at the Cleveland theater was, that he had just come from the Honor Liebknecht Pittsburg district and that nowhere in abject poverty and misery and degradation of the workers as he had seen

> issue in the struggle in which he died. "Before the Russian revolution the

Socialists the world over talked about The memorial meeting was opened the social revolution, but how the by the Liedertafel Orchestra playing workers control of industry was to be established we were very vague about. ng. The first speaker was Harry The Russian revolution has shown us Rode of the German branch, who in that our ideal can only be realized years gone by had been an active through a mass movement of the vorkers in the ranks of the German workers in the industries themselves.

tablish Socialism now, or Following rode A. Bilan, who par- they shall wait another decade or two removing rode A. Bilan, who participated in the Russian revolution of 1905, paid tribute to the work and deals of Liebknecht in Russian. The Inspiration of the Russian revolution was brought out clearly by the great bursts of applause which greeted the outling of the name of Liebknecht with the ideal of the Rolsheviki.

ese quarter. What a sight! gade is noticeable for its absence, to the first streets are noiseless with the exception of the clatter of feet along the sidewalks, and here and there a the sidewalks, and here and there a the sidewalks, and here and there a the sidewalks, and here and there are the sidewalks, and here and there is of it continued on Page Four) gade is noticeable for its absence, to the field the whole question of the sidewalks. Store clerks may be seen in the door-says: "This is Lincoln's birthday. It is a think differently from the powers that be. To be different is to be crimitagedy. Lincoln was and is the long." Socialist Party Emblems **Barred From Public School**

"In honoring the memory of Lieb- Socialists' Children Denied Access to Public Schools by Kasier-Like Officials. Hand of Persecution Seen in Disgraceful Misconduct of Teacher and County Superintendent, Yawberg. By ELMER T. ALLISON

If you are a Republican your children may wear the emblems gossip. The girl was forbidden to wear the emblem again to school. At noon a note from the child's mother the Republican party—to school at Royalton Center, Ohio. If you are a Democrat your children may also wear to school was dispatched to Prof. Tuttle con-

emblems of your party. If you are a Socialist and believe in fair play and equal rights, emblems were not prohibited by law and that if he wished to learn further your children are prohibited from wearing Socialist emblems to of the families' affairs he should inschool in this district.

This is so because Supt. Tuttle says it is. It is so because his Is Tuttle Tool of Higher Ups? uperior, County Supt., Yawberg, wishes it to be so. True, there is no legal justification for this arbitrary decision and rank dis- Tuttle throwing one of those explocrimination against Socialists, but such little things as legality sive fits that characterize the mentally unbalanced. are not allowed to clutter the path of those would-be imitators of the late Kaiser in their determination to persecute Socialists.

with the ideal of the Bolsheviki.

C. E. Ruthenberg was the English speaker. He made a brief survey of he life of Liebknecht and his services to the revolutionary movement, taking occasion to refute the charge that while in Cleveland in 1910 Liebknecht and said that the American workers to the continued on page three)

makes it possible, to legislate Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who week when Supt. Tuttle took from the dress of one of the little girls a Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and Organization of the Socialist Party of Onio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his new duties as Director of Propaganda and

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In a voice that drew the attention of the entire school on all floors, Prof. Tuttle proceeded to give the For wearing Socialist Party emblems to school the five little girls of blems to school the five little girls of Alfred Wagenknecht, State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Ohio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his little will be socialist Party of Ohio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his little will be socialist Party of Ohio, who is now at Chicago undertaking his little with the socialists were of the little will be socialist.

FACTS ABOUT RUSSIA

(The following news notes are taken from The Northern Commune, a Soviet no paper published in Petrograd, some December numbers of which have just been received in the United States. The news indicates that the Moderate Social Democratic groups in Russia are now supporting the Soviet government. It gives evidence of the spread of the co-operative movement in Russia under the Soviets. It contains a decree establishing for presented for the spread of the co-operative movement in Russia under the Soviets. ing free postage for one-ounce letters and cards, in order that poor people in Russia may have every facility for communication. There are several interesting notes on the constructive activities of the Soviet government, and notes from districts where the counter-revolutionists are in control, showing the repression with which that control is maintained).

THE MENSHEVIK ASSEMBLY

At the meeting of Mensheviki that took place at Moscow, Abramovich points out that the entire democratic element is now fluctuating between two choices: (1) "Let us have anything rather than the Bolsheviki!"

FREE LETTER POSTAGE IN RUSSIA. "Let us have a united front of all the living forces of the revolution!" Yermanskyi spoke of the German revolution and arrived at very serious conclusions. According to him, if Germany falls, we fall. Martov, at

ary Party of the Right has come out against a continuation of the allied intorvention as "having lost its original significance."—Northern Commune, Dec. 12, 1918.

THIRD CONGRESS OF WORKERS' CO-OPERATORS

The third congress of workers' cooperators was characterized by a success for the communists.

From this standpoint the importance of the third congress of workers'

operative central organizations. The ing thus lost its industrial import and also, to include in night trains (The co-operative means of the population, ance, was entirely devoted to its use and long-distance trains, cars that condition

Commune, Dec. 15.

a decree of the Soviet of People's said that until now the organization conflicts are arising concerning the Commissaires published in the "Iz-vestya" of the Central Executive Comercial Commissares published in the "Izthe end of his speech, declared that
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the entire democracy of the west,
even its most right elements, would
protest against the plans of the forcign imperialists, not only in the
name of the preservation of the accomplishment of the revolution,
"whatever may be the vesult of this
Bolshevik experiment on the revolution."—Northern Commune, Dec. 12,
1918.

A VOICE FROM THE RIGHT S.R.S.

The Moscow bureau of the central
committee of the Socialist-Revolutionary Party of the Right has come out
against a continuation of the allied inagainst a continuation of the allied insential to simplify and facilitate the exchange of postal communications. With these objects in view, the Soviet of People's Commissaires decrees as follows: (1) After Jan. 1, 1919, there will be free transmission in Russia of all open and sealed written communications, weighing not more than fifteen drams (about one ounce); (2) unregistered letters weighing more fifteen drams as well as regis
The capacity of interfectual task ship. The acamedy has a great task before it in the domain of the principles of strategy and the tactics of war. The best military specialists will be invited to the academy as teachers.—Northern Commune, Dec. 11.

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Central Executive Committee has is ity of the C sued the following decree concerning the division of railway cars into the division of railway cars into the fulfa Life supplies. Soviet institutions, pay no charges; a uniform pessenger rate: (1) The uniform pessenger rate: (1) The present general division of our rail-

A NEW GENERAL STAFF

ACADEMY OPENED. Moscow, Dec. 9, (Rus. Tel. Ag.)-The Commissaire of the Petropav-lovsk Postoffice brings to the atten-tion of the population of Petrograd representative of the Rus. Tel. Ag.

Moscow, Dec. 17, (R. T. A.)—The control Executive Committee has issued the following decree are the control of a uniform pessenger rate: (1) The by the most present general division of our rail- tivities of ance or tne tnire congress of workers' co-operatives will be enormous, both in principle and in practice. The co-operatives are beginning to be "So-viet Co-operatives," are entering into the ranks of the fighting proletariat and casting aside their so-called "m-dependence" and "neutrality."

In the northern regions (Petrograd and outlying districts) at the present time there are more than 9,000 consumers' leagues in operation, about 300 dairy associations, about 1,000 credit co-operatives, great numbers of lumberers', fishermens', agricultural, both the finding of salt in Stara Russya and the norther leagues and unfons. In the region there care counted fully 200 large and small co-operative central organizations. The co-operative central organizations. The co-operative central organizations. The corollar of the constinuations is understant than the region there are co-operative central organizations. The co-operative central organizations. The co-operative central organizations. The corollar organizations are finded also to cover the correspond on the consistency of surfact of the state criss in the region there are convenient of the salt criss in the region there are counted fully 200 large and small co-operative great numbers of lumbers', fishermens', agricultural, and other leagues and unfons. In the region there are counted fully 200 large and small co-operative great numbers of lumbers of lu

cess fee for greater speed as well as Soviet troops in the South Ural refor reservation of numbered places. gion. The Soviet forces now have —Northern Commune, Dec. 18. Orenburg and the surrounding re-

FRICTION IN THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ARMY.

Kursk, Dec. 6, (Rus, Tel. Ag.)—In he "volunteer" (Denikines) army,

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as represented in the turn over of the co-operatives, attains the figure of at least 1,000,000,000 rubles.—Northern combare the constant of the unique of th The Soviet forces now have

gions).

Samara, Dec. 13, (Rus. Tel. Ag.)-From the Orenburg front we learn: There is complete harmony between Dutov and the Siberian reactionaries. All political parties, except the Cadets, are subject to persecution at Orenburg. Mensheviki and Social Orenburg. Mensheviki and Social Revolutionist activity has been forced underground. Meetings and assemblies are forbidden under pain of shooting. Evacuation is on at full speed here. Skirmishes are in progress on the Tashkent front. Only Bashkirs and Cossacks are fighting. Cases of mass shootings and persecutions are reported, inflicted on the peasants by Bashkir and Cossack bands. In the Preobrazhensky Works, bands. In the Preobrazhensky Works, more than 200 peasants were arrested on denunciation by rich landhold-have more to say of Local M. F. in the future. Samara, T. c. 16, (R. T. A.)—As a result of the Omsk coup d'etat the arrest of the All-Russian government, and the establishment of the militure of the militu imposed upon the peasants. The Casstituent Assembly. Ad-, in turn, issued orders itary leaders, printed in of Dec. 10 to put down solute measures all ac-solute measures all ac-

wing dispatch, depicting sack officers .- Northern Commune the dictatorship of Dec. 18.

AFTER THE WAR- VHAT?

By C. E. Ruthenberg X—Servile State or Socialism

The program if reconstruction presented in the preceding articles is the program of Socialism. The practicality of this program is no longer in doubt. During the nineteen months this country participated in the world war the underlying principle of this program—collectivism—was adopted as a measure of self-preservation by the government. In Russia the establishment of collectivism based upon democracy in industry is under way.

It was possible before the war to scoff at and pooh-pooh the Socialist proposals, but in a great emergency, face to face with the fact that private control of industry meant internal conflict, wastefulness and inefficiency in production, when the most efficient and effective organization of industry was needed by the capitalist class, the government was obliged to cast prejudices to the winds and apply the principle of collective control of industry.

Even the limited application of this principle which was made has shown the tremendous possibilities of the Socialist program.

We can through collectivism—through the organization and co-ordination of our powers of production, eliminate hundreds of millions of waste and make a large increase in our productive ability. The abolition of exploitation through the abolition of rent, interest and profits, will insure to the masses the enjoyment of the wealth produced through our greatly increased productive power and will end the misery and poverty which is such a dark blot upon our civilization. A thorough-going program of collectivism will enable us to bring into existence more than enough wealth to give a high standard of living, which means good food, good clothing, good homes, education and recreation, peace and happiness, to every family in the United States.

Through the establishment of industrial democracy we can eliminate the industrial conflicts which are the constant accompaniment of production under the profit system. We cannot only eliminate strikes, lockouts and unemployment, but we can assure to the workers that joy which comes through creative effort when men are not drudges and slaves, but freemen co-operating with their fellows in produc-

ing useful things. Shall we go one with the development of collectivism and industrial democracy? Shall we go for-

ward to a better world? The capitalist class says "no."

The Republican party, through the declaration

Socialist Meetings in Ohio Youngstown-H. L. A. Holman will | Baker Dates-State Organizer Baspeak in Youngstown February 23rd. Locals desiring a Holman date should

notify the State Office. Bellaire-Bellaire is arranging a

meeting for Thurber Lewis Feb. 22, Sandusky-C. E. Ruthenberg of Cleveland will fill a date in Sandusky

on March 5th.

Akron Meetings-Dennis E. Batt, associate editor the Proletarian will in Ohio April 1st. A tour for this fill a date at Akron February 23rd. well-known organizer is being arran-C. E. Ruthenberg is scheduled for a ged. date on March 2nd. These meetings will take place at 50 South Howard

Columbus Meetings-Local Columbus will hold an amnesty meeting at 50 1-2 West Gay street February 23. C. E. Ruthenberg will be the speaker. H. L. A. Holman will speak at same

ker's dates are as follows: Jenera, February 21, 22; Bluffton, February 23; Findlay, February 24 and 25; North Baltimore, February 26; Napoleon, February 27 and 28; Fremont, March 1, 2; Greenwich, March 3, 4.

Kenmore meetings-Thurber Lewis fills a date at Biddycoffer hall Sunday evening, February 23rd.

Lilith Martin Tour-Comrade Lilith Martin of the Rand School of Social Science, will begin organization work

Kirkpatrick Meetings-Geo. Kirkpatrick will fill a date in Dayton February 24th. Other dates of the same week are, Columbus, Bellaire, Poledo. Watch for advertisements of these meetings for date and place. Don't miss a Kirkpatrick meeting.

of its leaders, its state platforms and the manifest it issued during the congressional campaign, has set its face against even the limited bureaucratic collectivism which developed during the war. It stands for the unrestrained exploitation of the workers by the great industrial organization of the country. The Democratic party has taken a similar posi-

tion. In his address to congress at the opening of the session in December, 1918, President Wilson declared that the work of reconstruction could be safely left in the hands of the business men of the

The logic of events will likely compel the capitalist class and its political expression, the Republican and Democratic parties, to change its program somewhat. We may expect that in the near future the advanced section of the capitalist class will advocate that certain industries be operated by the government. Certain capitalists have learned that it is more economical to have the government own and operate such industries as the transportation system, the telegraph and telephone system and other basic industries and they will advocate that these industries become the common property of the capitalist class through ownership by a government which it controls, rather than that they be owned by certain groups of the capitalist class. Such an arrangement, they have come to understand, is entirely campatible with the continuance of their right to make profits out of these industries.

Should either of the two capitalist is ties change its program to conform with this new view, which is gaining ground, there is no hope that it would attack the profit system. It is entirely possible to apply the principles of collectivism and at the same time maintain the system of exploitation which now exists and even to subject the workers to a more abject form of industrial slavery than they have been obliged to submit to under private ownership. Such an industrial feudalism might well arise if "the masters of the government of the United States are the combined capitalists and bankers of the United States" during the period of re-

There is no hope for the working class if they continue to support the political parties representing the interest of the capitalist class of the United

The war has not only demonstrated the practicality of the Socialist program, but in the experi-

ence of the workers of Russia and of Germany we have clearly presented the road which we must fol low if we are to reach the goal of industrial democ racy and working class freedom.

The idea that Socialism would be established through a series of legislative acts extending posibly over a decade or two, has been shown to an illusion. Socialism will not be legislated into e istence but will be established by a mass movemen of the workers in the industries. The legislative acts will merely give the accomplished fact the stamp of approval as the will of the majority.

The struggle of the working class will hence forth be a political struggle for control of the state because it must gain control of the government be fore it can hope to establish democracy in industry For the working class to endeavor to take control of industry while all the repressive power of the class state remained in the hands of the capitalist class would be to invite destruction.

The work the workers have to do in this country, the way to freedom, is through building a class conscious political movement which will carry on the work of educating the workers to an understanding of the system of exploitation which now exists and the class character of the government and to organize the workers for the struggle to wrest control of the government out of the hands of the capitalist class. The Socialist Party is the medium through which this work can be done. The workers of this country should give it their undivided support.

At the same time it is an essential part of the work of the workers to build up organizations in the industries themselves, having as their goal to supersede the capitalists in control of industry. In these organizations in the industries are the beginning of the new industrial order that will expand and grow until they become a huge co-operative organization of the workers for control and management of the work of production and of all matters pertaining to

their common interest. Working class reconstruction of our industrial system can only be achieved by the working class itself. In Russia there is already emerging from the blood engulfed debris of capitalism the new industrial order that will be the foundation of a better world, a world of security, peace and happiness. This | she went securing signatures for petinew society has been achieved through the sacrifice and devotion of millions of Russian workers. The workers of the United States can win the same goal

if they prepare themselves and use their power.

writer, would be up to see him.

snatched off on this occasion. Per haps this opportunity was overlooked. If so the writer wishes to extend the

must remove the Socialist from their dresses before they returned to school. No socialist but-

Mrs. Hortense Wagenknecht, mother of the children and Acting State Secretary of the Socialist Party of cern in the matter their uncle, the given Mr. Tuttle concerning the wear-

Mr. Tuttle-is Touchy. Five little Socialists, each wearing a red button, was too much for the Berserker tem-per of Mr. Tuttle. He completely lost a very bad temper at this sight. "I have no time to talk to your uncle buttons and the girls sent to a reform school terminated this interview with Tuttle.

tons were to be allowed in the school, Tuttle Slaps School Board in Face. present job from the local school board he has probably forgotten it for it may as well not exist, so far as Ohio, told the children that each one he is concerned. A visit to Mr. Bert must now wear a button as their legal Searles, school board member, brought rights were not to be trampled upon. to light the fact that the board was Canton—Thurber Lewis speaks

Also the children were to inform the in ignorance of Mr. Tuttle's actions. Discipline of the schol he said had she set out for the we ground for new ideas.

No instructions, he stated, had been been interfered with on account of the ground for new ideas.

ing of Socialist buttons to school.

ly well-to-do farmers, fair minded and congenial people. They exhibited no bitterness against Socialists as such, but maintain an open mind and would talk to you about Socialism the same as any thing else. The same matter woull probably be airel at the regular meeting of the board on the

> SOURCE OF AUTHORITY REVEALED

News of the State Locals

Local Kenmore is preparing the that brings our membership up each seed bed for Socialism is that city. My shouldn't the workers control thrive as we never have before. the city, justly asks Comrade Seibert, Thanks, most generous enemies. Kill since the workers are by far in the us some more! majority? The comrades are striving to have the O. S. go into every worker's home. This means success for their efforts as has been proven. Local Kenmore is anxious that the paper grow into even a better and bigger

MARTINS FERRY IN ACTION

warrior for the workers.

Local Martins Ferry is making strides toward great things. We are in receipt of a circular letter from Secretary Fred White which was sent to the 20,000 voters of the city. The letter comprises both propaganda and organization matter of great value as well as an invitation to subscribe for the Ohio Socialist.

The local is also distributing 200 copies of the paper each week. A clipping from the Wheeling (Va.) News states that the comrades are going to build a Social Science School for the workers' children and also establish a branch of the Y. P. S. L. All this, we say, means that the comrades are up to the minute in organization

CALL FOR PROTEST MEETINGS

Local Youngstown will hold a monster protest meeting on the 22d of this month against the deportation of radicals, that is being inaugurated by the government. Fifty-three workers from western cities are now being held in New York for deportation on account of activity in the recent LEWIS SENDS INTER-Seattle strike.

Local Youngstown feels that this move on the part of the government may lead to even more drastic actions against the workers whose opinions are not in harmony with those of the exploiters and that workers should at once make a strong campaign of protest against the threatened danger. The State Office concurs in this and | asks locals to arrange such meetings with as much publicity as possible to the end that the government may understand that deportation of workers on account of their aconomic and poitical opinions is a dangerous precedent for a "democratic" government to establish. Organize and protest.

DEVELOPING LOCAL TALENT

Local Ravenna is developing in the local the necessary talent to condust meetings and party activities. It has een the necessity for this so is not going to remain dependent upon out-ide help. They are just going ahead and develop the talent which lies dorant in every local. Other locals that district than speakers and less expensive. Reorganization work will be undertaken at an early date. In hould follow Ravenna's lead. Develop the talent necessary to carry on the vork we must do. Get away from the dea that you "can't do it." You can f you will. Watch Ravenna do it.

Debs Dates

FREE ADVERISING

hat comrades of Cincinnati claim at the capitalist press of that city most generous. They estimate that t has given them about three hun-lred dollars worth of free advertising and the end is not yet. Of course meantime Comrade Debs is ready to our readers will understand the kind fill dates in the northern judicial dis-of advertising we mean. It's the kind trict of Ohio. Locals which can ar-that has so effectively "killed" the range a date for Comrade Debs are Socialist movement in this country. urged to notify the State Office at The kind that fills our halls to every once. Take advantage of this oppor-dowing at 25c admission. The kind tunity. Apply for a Debs date.

GROWING, GROWING!

Local East Liverpool is afflicted with growing pains. Twenty new members were accepted in January. Six more applied the first meeting in February, and the efforts of the local have not been nearly exhausted. fact the more the members work the more "pep" they have. Great work! Great Work.

Local Ashtabula is forming a City Central Committee. Sign of growth. Since Local Youngstown formed itself into a City Central Committee its activities have increased several hundred fold. We trust the same will be true of Local Ashtabula.

POLITICAL PRISONER IS FREE

Comrade Harry Townsley will be released from Atlanta Federal prison Feb. 21. Comrade Townsley is a

member of Local Columbus. Comrade A. L. Hitchcock, confined at the same institution is reported to this month. We wish to suggest that comrades write him a letter and thus help to drive away the lonesomeness. For some time past no Socialist papers have been allowed the com-rades there so all the news they get of Socialist work is contained in letters. Write to Comrade Hitchcock and tell him the latest Socialist

ESTING REPORT

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Comrade Thurber Lewis reports to the State Office of his meetings make mighty interesting reading. Writing of his meeting at Coshocton, he says the comrades will reorganize at once. Comrades, he said, claim they would rather do without tobacco than to lose the Ohio Socialist. Well, it is possible to have both and if the com-rades will hustle a bit they may induce others to add to the joys of life by becoming regular readers. Try it comrades of Coshocton, and hurry along with organization work. The revolution waits not for any one. Through the hospitality of Comrade Fitch a hotel bill was saved to the party. Thanks comrade.

ON THE TRAIL OF BIG THINGS

Local Springfield is on the trail of big things. Comrade J. Rehm, our champion sub getter in that locality is constantly on the job distributing literature. He is convinced that leaf-lets and papers are more effective in

Debs Dates Your Choice

The United States Supreme Court has not yet rendered a decision in

The Mother of Humanity

By LAURA JIM REYNOLDS

Continued

of co-workers in the woman's cause. 'Principles, not policy; justice, not been able to find a pure-blood speciavor; men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing So the women fought all evils while into the Arena of Human

Rights. During the long years they worked and the followers grew into a vast array of active workers, Miss Anthony would go out into the world, holding meetings (one year she called or attended fifty-four conventions) plodding through rain and snow, enduring as Lucy Stone before her marriage heat and cold as from house to house to Henry Blackwell, she refused to

tions to be sent to legislatures. When weary and heart sick and in husband's ideas being similar they eed of encouragement she would readily agreed, but Madam Grundy need of encouragement she would hasten like a homesick child to the comfortable counsels and cheering words of Mrs. Stanton. They would review the nation's affairs and plan anew how to make the thick-headed fuse to pay taves on the theory that, sons of Adam understand that a new "Taxation without representation is era had come—not the era of manmade rulings but a bigger, wider, bet-

ter era—the human era. No issue was too small for them to attack, no problem too large for them readers. o boldly investigate as into religious, political, industrial and educational camps they hurled defiances.

fant movement giving it an impetus some of the grandparents of the peothat has continued till this day. Matilda Joslyn Gage brought a fund of tend. "The people are a queer mixknowledge about history that was an ture of roughness and intelligence; inestimable asset. Her parents had recklessness and conservatism. One made it a rule to answer every child- swears at women who want to wear ish question, never chiding her quest for knowledge. Her book, "Woman, heard of a fellow named Paul; a Church and State," gave many women third is not going to put women on

guments. Clarina H. Nicholas, living in many when asked by what authority by cialist's children were discriminated against in the wearing of political emblems, he said first, Mr. Tuttle and of ridicule in Vermont until her kind of ridicule in Vermont until her kind wanted to vote, he would have pounded by the property of the prop states, amid hardships and privations, carried messages of liberation to she set out for the west breaking the

She was a strong abolitionist and

once when on a tour, a southerner hearing she also lectured on woman's At an anti-slavery convention she rights, asked her if she would talk to net Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who the women of his city. Of course, he argued with her that the woman suf- only meant the lecture for white womcrage movement was wider than lecten. He asked her not to mention turing in the temperance cause, finally the abolition of chattel slavery and prevailing upon her "that the ballot tried to convince her that the negroes was the key to the solution." Thus having no brains wouldn't know what was the key to the solution." Thus having no brains wouldn't know what began one of the grandest friendships to do with freedom. (The capitalist tells the same story about the wage Together they became a firebrand slave now). They parted, disagreehat set ablaze a community of awak- ing, but later when writing to her that ening women, kindling anew the dying a meeting was arranged he couldn't embers of once hopeful rebellious wonen, spreading the flame of discontent among the snugly satisfied, cast-any little 'nigger' yet?" (Whereupon ng brands of red-hot logic among dis-she added a postscript, "No, I have comfited legislatures, assailing the not tried my educational experiment, national congress with their demands, for the reason that the horrid amaldinging that early suffrage paper, gamationists preceded us, and so "The Revolution," with its motto, bleached the 'niggers' that I have not bleached the 'niggers' that I have not

So the women fought all evils while seeking their own emancipation. Cheerful Lucy Stone was drawn into the vortex of the fight for equal rights. Her strong personality and excessive energy led her to tackle all customs that were holding women in subjection.

A lecturer and known to the public sink her individuality and insisted on being known as Mrs. Lucy Stone. Her had one mad, screeching fit because a woman dared relegate a custom to the

attic of outworn usages. Her fighting instinct told her to retyranny.

Together they ably edited the "Woman's Journal" and for years sent weekly messages to thousands of

Sometimes they went on lecture tours and as they journeyed over miles of unbroken Kansas roads, the follow There were many who joined the in- ing incident shows that they met with convincing proofs for debates and ar- an equality with niggers. One woman told Lucy that no decent woman would be running over the country talking nigger and woman. Her brother told Lucy that he had a wom-

> To be Continued. *History of Woman Suffrage, Anthony, Stanton and Gage,

Canton February 23rd.

Socialist Emblem

Barred

Prof. a standing invitation to attempt the same on the button he wears whenever the Prof. feels an uncontrollable desire to commit any more skull-duggery of that character.

On Monday following the storm broke over the heads of the five little the "judge," whom he apparently improve the heads of the five little the "judge," whom he apparently improve the "judge," whom he apparently i

he said.

said Mr. Tuttle, "besides it is too late to do anything. You are all suspended. from shood. I am going to call up the lawyers and you go home and don't put your feet inside this school are wondering if Tuttle also called up may be said of the other four teach-the "judge," whom he apparently im ters. Their conduct has been exempcriminals who had the hardihood to stand up loyally for their rights. At his impudent and Kaiser-like tactics? noon the Prof. informed the girls they

Though Mr. Tuttle received his

call upon the clerk of the board, Mr Dolezl, confirmed this fact. If Mr. Tuttle had expelled the children it had been done without the consent or knowledge of the board, said Dolezl. These board members are apparent

Mr. Dolezl stated that the 22nd of the month.

At the hour of going to press Supt. Yawberg was geten on the phone, when asked by what authority So-Discipline of the schol he said had

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TO LEAD OR TO BE LED?

To lead or to be led is the question that confronts the Socialist Party of the United States, the Socialist Party of Dhio, the Socialist Party of every town and city. The changes now occurring at the close of the war have placed the Socialist Party in a position filled to the brim with tremendous possibilities. Opportunities for propaganda and organization along lines never attempted befor propaganda and organization along lines never attempted before open on every side with most alluring promise. Our ability and competence as a party to lead the proletarian revolution and to guide it safely past the pitfalls now being dug for it are even now being put to the test. These opportunities for great and sweeping achievements are certain to test the ability of the Society Branch to the state of the same than the property of the same test and the same test are consistent. cialist Party to lead in the worker's march to victory. The ability, the competence of the Socialist Party to lead are now on trial, on trial in this, the first hour of victory. Our ability to lead the proletarian cause will be measured by one thing. It will be measured by the promptness with which we grasp the opportunities which these economic changes present to us and by the energy with which we exploit the vast field of propaganda and organization opening before us. This thought is worthy the earnest consideration of every comrade. THE OHIO SITUATION

The Socialist Party of Ohio came out of the trials and persecutions of the war with banners flying. An increase in membership, an organization proven for its fidelity to the principles of Internationalism, a recognized position in the front ranks of militant Socialism in this country and a growing party-controlled weekly paper were among the gains made during the severest test it had ever undergone. The position this state occupies as "the best organized in the Union" is a credit to the integrity and uncompromising character of every Red whose efforts have helped win this renown. But these are the victories of the past.

opportunity ever presented to it. Never before were the opportunities for propaganda and organization as great as now. Never were the workers so willing, even anxious to hear our message. Never was our field of activities so broad nor so ready for cultishould be, in bondage to Old Mother Nature. No amount of rebellion can free the race from the bondage to far exceeds our ability to supply them. The present is no time for laggards. It is a time when we must push to the utmost our propaganda of Industrial Democracy.

Should be, in bondage to Old Mother Nature. No amount of rebellion can free the race from the bondage to literature. St.00 a fireman as Comrade Blank, why shouldn't they be kept burning? The literature was too small to hold the vast gathering of workers hungering of workers hungering for our message. Many were turned to the revolution are burning brightly at Lima. With such a fireman as Comrade Blank, why shouldn't they be kept burning? The literature. St.00 hall here was too small to hold the vast gathering of workers hungering for our message. Many were turned to the propaganda of Industrial Democracy.

workers to do its will and bidding. By controlling the means of publicity its power is enhanced and strengthened. Its hold upon the minds of the workers is at times supreme through its control of their reading and the opportunity for distortion through falsification. Capital's power through its control of the public press is the most sinister and dangerous element in society. And yet it breeds the seeds of its own destruction. It creates a hatred in the worker's mind for it and teaches him the necessity of establishing a labor press.

To combat the lies and distortions of the capitalist press, the workers see the necessity of controlling a press that shall represent them. Powerful weeklies, bi-weeklies and dailies must be established by the workers and be under their control. A nationwide movement for a militant workers' press is now under way. The masses are ready for it and will support it. Capitalism is de-

stroying itself through its lies and deceit.

In Ohio we have the foundation of what must be made a greater party paper. From a monthly of a year ago the Ohio Socialist has become a weekly with a circulation at this time of ten thousand. But we must not stop here, nor think that we have reached the end of possibilities. By no means. The times, the | you would no more take off your hat sentiment of the workers, the revolution itself, imposes upon us the obligation to accomplish more, to reach out in a wider field and to extend our scope of usefulness to the workers.

TO STRENGTHEN THE RIGHT ARM

The Ohio Socialist must be made a bi-weekly. Every reader is asked to help. Not in money, but in time and effort. Think what a bi-weekly such as the Ohio Socialist with a circulation of 20,000 will mean to the Socialist movement of this state! The Ohio Socialist has proven its worth as an organ of both propaganda and organization. Let us now enhance its value to the movement by making it a bi-weekly. We MUST do this. To fail to do so is to prove our incapacity to fulfill our mission. Let us not falter at this time. The municipal campaign of this fall will add to our opportunities for propaganda. Hundreds of record breaking meetings will be held. Let us prepare to make the most of these meetings by advertising and establishing at that time the Ohio Socialist as a bi-weekly.

TWENTY THOUSAND READERS NEEDED

Every reader of this paper will receive a subscription blank and a letter. We want every reader to take that subscription blank and his copy of the paper to his friends and shopmates and secure their subscriptions. We want you to give an hour or two to this great work. Take your place in the front ranks of dead-in-earnest socialists and help us make the goal. When we get twenty thousand subscribers the Ohio Socialist can be made a bi-weekly.

Prove that your party has the ability of leadership that is demanded of it at this critical hour. Prove that we are to leadnot to be led! Use that subscription blank.

Socialist Emblems Barred

(Continued from Page Two) wearing of the buttons because of the prejudice against Socialism and Socialists. This was the first intimation of such aleged interference that has been made.

In reply to a question if he would prohibit a democrat's child wearing that party's emblem if it was in an unpopular minority, Supt. Yawberg said "No we would find a way to adjust matters." Supt. Yawberg stated at this time that unless the children were in school the following day the parents would find themselves before the juvenile court.

Is this entering wedge of persecution?

All indications point that this arbitrary, illegal action of these officials is but the entering wedge that is to act as a means of Socialist persecution. If this is so, the Socialist party will pick up the gauntlet that has been cast before it. No persecutions of Socialist's children in the public schools of this state are to be tolerated. Our children have equal rights with others. These rights will be held against any interference on the part of petty politicians and shyster professors.

The entire mater bears the earmarks of a frame-up. Other higher up are using Tuttle and Yawberg as catspaws with which to pull chestnuts from the fire. The expected men. For each other they had the connivance of the local school board uttermost solicitude, but woe betide with their schemes for hounding Socialists and persecuting their emigren will not materialize. These farmer school board members are not conserved with the schemes of those live in ease and security without dose successful meetings when their influsive in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when their influsive in the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when the superman might live in ease and security without dosuccessful meetings when the superman might live in ease and security with the superman might live in ease and security without dosu cialists and persecuting their children who are at the bottom of this ugly and petty persecution, nor will they allow themselves to be used as

of oppression. DISGRACE A NOBLE

have disgraced the noblest profession to which one can be called. They have set an example before the child ren of this school that is unsurpassed for intolerence, lack of fair play, and observations in their kept press about have outraged every sense of justice that lies in the bosom of every normal man and woman. They may be either autocrats or "tools" of higher ginia. Guess the comrades have let Feb. 9, and Comrade Charles Baker, that they are a combination of both.

Their actions bear eveidence children are suspended from school until such time as they and their parknee to as rare a pair as ever dishonored a state's educational institu-



Constant Vigilance the Price

Constant vigilance is still the price of Liberty. It's the price of Industrial Freedom too. Every act on the part of the ruling class which tends to delay or throw back the movement of the Working Class for a better and happier life must be AGITATED AGAINST. The few hard won Liberties, such as Free Speech, Free Press and Free Assemblage, must be upheld and when they are threatened we must cry aloud so all the world will hear.

These Three

Free Speech, Free Press and Free Assemblage have had rough sailing during war time. From the Federal government to the town marshall the principle of FREEDOM OF UT-TERANCE has had to meet onslaughts. Many people, during war time, had to burden themselves with two diametrically opposed convicselves with two diametrically opposed convictions, one for public display and one to use when in conversation with themselves. Were you one of these? And if you were, and if you honestly believe in Free Speech, Free Press and Free Assemblage why not help to agitate for their full restoration by joining in the demand for the immediate repeal of the espionage act? The Socialist Party has determinedly agitated against abridging these rights. You agitated against abridging these rights. You agitated against abridging these rights. You agitated the workers to fight uncompromisingly against the plutocrats. Thomas Mooney was sentenced to be hung. The governor of California commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. To Mooney this is worse than death by hanging. Mooney IS INNOCENT. for their full restoration by joining in the demand for the immediate repeal of the espionage aet? The Socialist Party has determinedly agitated against abridging these rights. You can do your part by buying an INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM CERTIFICATE—\$1.00.

Amnesty for Political Prisoners

The prisons contain hundreds of men and women, who are in prison only because they had the courage of their convictions. Pacifists, members of certain religious sects, Industrial Workers, Socialists—hundreds of them have been imprisoned because their opinion about war and that of the Democratic adminis tration did not agree. These prisoners ARE political prisoners, and now that the war is over should be given their freedom without delay.

Yet, there is but one way to abreviate the delay already so apparent. That way is to arouse the nation's workers to an understanding of the justice of the demand for amnesty for all political prisoners. The administration will "move" in the matter when the worker's voice is heard. The Socialist Party has, is now and will continue to hold public meetings to agitate for the release of these prisoners. Millions of pieces of literature will be distributed by this political party of the Working Class. You can help, you can do your share by buying an INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM CERTIFICATE—\$1.00.

Thomas Mooney

Every square man and woman will agree with Thomas Mooney when he said: "If I am guilty I ought to be hanged. If I am not guilty I must be freed." Thomas Mooney was sentenced to be hanged after having been convicted upon perjured testimony, that he took part in the death by hanging. Mooney IS INNOCENT. He must be freed. There is only one way. We must agitate and educate the workers so that they may know the case and help demand his freedom. The Socialist Party has given thousands of dollars, held thousands of meetings, printed millions of pieces of literature to help Mooney regain his liberty. You MUST HELP. Buy an INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM (CERTIFI-

How About Families of Prisoners?

Needy families of Socialists in prison must be given aid. And comforts must be provided for those comrades who are still fighting for

us and valiantly, even though behind prison bars and because of that fact.

The Socialist Party of Ohio has three comrades in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. We have two in the Warrensville Workhouse. Two are awaiting trial in the Cuyahoga county jail. Two are under indictment in Cleveland. Thirteen are under indictment in Cincinnati, and many of these are the heads of families. Our responsibility is great. If we will all shoulder our part of this burden the load will be light.

You can do your part in helping to sustain prisoners' families and in providing comforts for comrades in prison by buying an INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM CERTIFICATE—\$1.00.

Now Listen—

You've probably given before and most generously. The Socialist Party thanks you for this. Now GIVE AGAIN. Eternal vigilance is the price. We must give and give until we attain our aim. Give your dollar. Others will give theirs. Together we will give thousands of dollars with which to hit thousands of blows for FREEDOM.

With a willing dollar in the palm of your hand, wend your way to the next meeting of the local Socialist Party and exchange it for

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HELP-NOW-QUICK

Virginia Bu'letin

Official Organization News

B. M. DUTTON, State Secretary.

you are a Socialist, and denounce me as a dangerous anarchist if you are a plute sympathizer.

propaganda of Industrial Democracy.

THE RIGHT ARM OF LABOR

The press is the right arm of labor as it is also of capitalism. Through its control of the public press capitalism hypnotizes the workers to do its will and bidding. By controlling the means of publicity its power is enhanced and strangel to the utmost our requires a certain amount of labor to maintain every individual, however low their standard of living my be. If the individual does not perform this labor, SOME OTHER INDIVIDUAL MUST. True, the individual mode of the public press capitalism hypnotizes the publicity its power is enhanced and strangel and stationery. 3.00 wast gathering of workers hungering for our message. Many were turned and strangel and strangel and strangel and strangel and stationery. 3.00 wast gathering of workers hungering for our message. Many were turned and strangel and strangel and stationery. 3.00 wast gathering of workers hungering for our message. Many were turned and strangel and strangel and stationery. 3.00 wast gathering of workers hungering for our message. Many were turned and strangel and stran that is, they need not cook their meals, wash their clothes, make up their beds, etc., but THEY MUST return to society an equivolent in USE-

emitting intellectual mustard gas in plutocracies red light district or selling corner lots in The New Jerusalem is not useful service in the sense in which I mean. Service to be USE-FUL must be of such a character as to supply a real need, either physical, intellectual or spiritual. Men's standards of morals and ethics are change ing. Pretty soon it will be that folks who do NO LABOR and folks who live by that kind of knavery hitherto regarded as respectable, or even as an indication of superior ability, will be held in scorn. When that day comes to the fat parasite who rides in his limousine than you would to the lean and dirty specimen who ambles up to your back door and asks for a hand-But when this day comes there will not BE ANY fat parasites, they will all be doing useful work. Neither will there be any lean; society will quit manufacturing them, too.

"Der Tag"-now I've played hell. I've confessed to "Bolshevik" convic-tions, and that of course means that a fellow is on the war path smeared in red paint, and sworn to destroy religion, break up the home, institute free love and dump his bastard brats into the arms of the state. If a fellow whispers that he thinks everyone should be required to do his per capita, part of THE USEFUL work of the world, he at once becomes a dangerous anarchist and a "Bolshevik," and should be interned at once.

The Class Struggle is no because that from the earliest history of the race A PART of mankind have succeeded in dumping the labor of their upkeep on the others. Then, too, the knaves have ALWAYS insisted that they were SUPERIOR to the fellows they robbed, and must live in luxury and splendor.

These fellows have always believed in democracy—for themselves. Among each other they have always practiced democracy. In Feudal England when her highways and byways were adorned by the skeletons of petty thieves clanking their chains as they swayed suspendid in the wind. "The Peers of England" walked to earth. the freest and most democratic of the underling who transgressed their "laws" in the slightest. Law has aling the labor necessary to his upkeep.

And now that "the underlings" are seeing the rawness of the game and insisting upon using the structure of government to free themselves from PROFESSION
Prof. Tutle and Supt. Yawberg are squealing like peeved kins and complaining that we agitators are inciting "class hatred." Poor dears, they never appeal to hate. If you think so, just read the kind of ladylike the Russian Bolsheviki.

January has not been a successful loose to spit on their hands. The of Hamilton (Canton) made one of chronicle for January is almost "noth- the best speeches I have ever heard And because of these five Socialist ing doing." However, there are indiplicational in all my twenty years of the cations that February will make in the Socialist movement. Comrade amends for the lag in January. I Baker will long be remembered by amends for the lag in January. ents will knuckle down and bow the once asked a materialist who was the people present on account of the carping about the Orthodox Cate-timportant information they were able chism's definition of "the chief end of to bet from the lecture he delivered.— dollars for a subscription for the Pubman," what was HIS definition? The F. B. Subanks.

ompromising character of every Red whose efforts have helped this renown. But these are the victories of the past.

IAT OF THE FUTURE?

The Socialist Party of Ohio is at this hour facing the greatest ortunity ever presented to it. Never before were the opportive of propaganda and organization as great as now. Never of the chief and of a Socialist Party of Ohio is at this hour facing the greatest ortunity ever presented to it. Never before were the opportive of the chief and of a Socialist Party of Ohio is at this hour facing the greatest ortunity ever presented to it. Never before were the opportive of the chief end of a Socialist Party of Ohio is at this hour facing the greatest ortunity ever presented to it. Never before were the opportive of the chief end of a Socialist should likewise be—"more Socialists." "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread." Let's all get but if I continue—"to their ortunity ever presented to it. Never before were the opportive of the chief end of a Socialist should likewise be—"more socialists." "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread." Let's all get but if I continue—"to their ortunity ever presented to it. Never before were the opportive of the chief end of a Socialist should likewise be—"more socialists." "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread." Let's all get but if I continue—"to their ortunity ever presented to it. Never before were the opportive of the chief end of a Socialist should likewise be—"more socialists." "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread." Let's all get but if I continue—"to their ortunity ever presented to it. Never before were the opportive of the chief end of a Socialist should likewise be—"more definition of the chief end of a Socialist should likewise be—"more brown in bondage—" and if I were to stop here you would proportive or a should likewise be—"more brown in bondage—" and if I were to stop here you would proportive or a should likewise be—"more brown in bondage—" and if I were to stop here you would proportive or a should FIN. NCIAL STATEMENT

Jan. 10, Local Norfalk Co., dona-

Which all reminds us of the oft rebeated accusation that it had always been more profitable to prolong than to cure diseases. However, it is generally conceded that inefficient nourishment is the advance agent and olution was on, and that Columbus

buting the plague. Semi-starvation, capitalism's noganda used in securing votes and getter offective work, is here. Though many ting business for doctors and under- are timid and still afraid to show these comrades. ting business for doctors and undertakers. Papers like the Ohio Socialist explain the underlying causes of diseases both body and politic Socialism being the only known remedy for a sick world. Subscription cards are in demand, Virginia comrades, if you don't believe it just try selling them.

F. D. Lowe, Riverside, Va.

Doings in Davenport the line? My advice to the comrades of Ohio, is strike while the iron is

According to the Daily Times o Davenport, Ia., "A Socialist Plot Was Nipped by the City Council." The plot turned out to be the Soalist Aldermen, Peck and Bracher, had opposed the payment of a bill to cover the expenses of city officials to St. Louis and r urn, on the ground in making his monthly report stated

The Kate Richards O'Have meeting held in Northwest Turner hall, Davenport, Ia., was such a pronounced success it disturbed the peace of the minds of our celebrated? Scott County Council of National Defense. They have just issued an appeal to all good have just issued an appeal to all good citizens to do all in their power to discourage the holding of these lectures by refusing to let them use tures, by refusing to let them use halls and otherwise intimidating the party members. Of course, this appeal, together with the tirade against the two Socialist aldermen, for taking an active part in the meeting, will practically insure us a capacity house at the Turner Grand Opera, where Comrade L. E. Katterfeld will speak Thursday, Feb. 20, at 8 p. m.

We have made it a practice during the past year to ignore any and all charges, the plute press and the payence is exercised against them. Well, we are telling them none of our business, but simply going ahead and arranging dater for lectures. We are now endeavoring to secure Comrade George R. Kirkpatrick for the latter part of March. Davenport, Ia.

A COMRADE'S OPINION

Local Columbus hall, 50 1-2 West Gay St., was well filled Sunday p. m.,

Notes Along The Way

By CHAS. BAKER.
The organization at Sandusky is press gave the meeting a column

Holland, Ohio, is the place our howling patriots gave away clothing free, this past month. Three of our comrades received a suit of tar and feathers. But this gang has run for cover, after trampling under foot every semblance of democracy and rapping the ideals the American government was supposed to have been sounded upon. The meeting at Holland was a success. Our respects were paid to the Pay-tri-ots, who did such noble work in behalf of democracy.

The fires of the revolution are

when I landed in Piqua. Comrade the we shall record a rew work tion with a local physide to the influenza he below the banner fluth home. Since his, or the his beautiful home. Since his, or the his beautiful home. Since his, or the mayor, spent several days in the him an average wage tars per day. Now at a neg of the fraternity in a acknowledged their invalue acknowledg control of the city. We had a splendid and very successful meeting.

map. Anyone attending the meeting tent ourselves with a hearty THANK there on the 9th would think the rev. YOU. hall was filled.

The greatest opportunity the movethemselves, the workers everywhere are eager for our message.

Nearly every place I go if I have

soldiers who wanted to break up meetings before, now hungry for our mes-The "Heroes of today, will be the holoes of tomorrow." How true it is. Do I not see it coming true all along

COLUMBUS GROWING

hot. Our hour has arrived.

February 6th the attendance at the ocal meeting showed an encouraging increase and the financial secretary at only three ere authorized to that the increase in sale of dues stamps for the month of January was more than one hundred per cent more than in January, 1918. And seven applications for membership were favorably acted upon. A motion was passed to put names on the Ohio Secialist subscription list for three months each, to the amount of \$10.00 and an order be drawn on the treasand he presented the subject in an able manner and was received with much enthusiasm.—E. B. Eubanks.

WOULD YOU LIKE A FARM HOME AND OWN YOUR OWN JOB?

THEN READ THIS: I have been in triot for \$ organization has caused to all the southern states bordering upon be published broadcast, and it has got the gulf and I believe south-eastern Mississippi is the most desirable location for one with small means to build a farm home. The climate is very healthful, good water, roads and excellent schools, the people are sociable and hospitable; direct lines to market. Good lands for general and special farming and stock raising at \$10.00 per acre on easy terms. No swamp lands, but gently rolling and well watered by small streams; plenty of rain, no long winters—can farm all the year. Fruits and early vegetables grown for northern market. This land will triple in value in the next five years. If you would like to join with a dozen or more comrades to form a colony settlement, write

> Warren, Ohio.—Adv. State Executive Committeeman Wm. Patterson renews his subscription for two years, but he is eclipsed lic Library, of Warren.

Your Local-Where and When it Meets

ready to don its fighting clothes, and get to work. My meeting there was a success in every way. Even the

LOCAL AKRON Socialist Party of Ohio Meets Every Friday Evening at 50 South Howard St.

LOCAL CINCINNATI. Meets Every Thursday, 8 P.M. Lectures Every Sunday, 8 P.M. SOCIALIST HALL, 1314 Vine St.

LOCAL WARREN Meets every Sunday at 7 P. M., rear room Woodmen's Hall, South Union St., Warren, O.

A Few Big Boosts Here we shall record a few boosts of locals and comrades who are work-ing to spread the message of Social-Before the war I read The Appeal for

tions received. hundred a week has been the average. British View of Trial To the comrades who are responsible Sure, Columbus is on the Socialist for this great increase we must con-

Here are instanced a few big lists ishment is the advance agent and olution was on, and that Columbus received lately. Last week we pulprime factor in producing and distri- was the headquarters. Machinists' received lately. Last week we pulprime factor in producing and distri- was filled. blest offspring is the chief propa- ment of this country ever had to do is going to occupy a large place on the years. It received its news of the trial Socialist map. Just keep your eye on

> Comrades W. E. Reynolds of Battle Creek, Mich., is sending in some large atches of late. Comrade Reynolds been there before, I meet discharged makes it a joint to boost the O. S. at the meetings he addresses. Here is what he has sent us lately. From Grand Rapids and Muskegon meetings, 43; from Kalamazoo meetings, 44, and from Battle Creek, 6. Comrade Reynolds is a result getter when it comes to selling subs or literature. He makes 'em want them.

> > Now listen, you comrades who think it can't be done. Here's evidence that it can be. It's already been done consequently it can be done again. Suppose you try it. Here is for world exploitation. what has been done. A comrade "Labor unrest is whose name is kept to himself for reasons send in—guess how many yearlies—no, it isn't ten nor twenty. It's thirty-six. Thirty-six yearlies in one batch. Now that you know it can be done suppose you really try. What say?

Comrade Katterfeld sent in thirteen | end?" subs as a result of his short tour in

time. Comrade Baker works on the phrases attuned to the "fourteen principle that a speaker's work is only half done unless he leaves behind a weekly visitor in the form of an Ohio Socialist. Is he right? He is. Short, but to the point, was the let-

ter Comrade H. T. Auckerman of Kalamazoo sent with his list of 44 subscribers. He says they are trial subs. All right, comrades, we will do business on trial or any other way, confident that you will like our ways and renew, especially with a comrade like H. T. A. to watch your expirations.

Local Columbus is preparing the seed bed from which will spring a crop of future members passed a motion to place 40 names of workers upon the O. S. lists for a period of three months. As we have said before, every dollar put into the O. S. comes back to the local in duesthat is, it makes new members. Try the plan, comrades.

The recent meetings in the state have brought in hundreds of subscriptions. Thurber Lewis is gathering quite a few on his organization trip and other meetings have proven the for further particulars to J. F. DEN- advisability of making it a special dustrial democracy in which the workorder of business at every meeting to ISON, 416 1-2 Washington Ave., sell Ohio Socialist sub cards.

* * * nor compromise until that ideal is We would like to continue for an realized." other column telling you of the results pening in the world. So, to those with a will.

LOCAL COLUMBUS. Socialist Party of Ohio Meets Every Thursday, 8 P. M. Lectures every 2d and 4th Sun-day of the month, 2:30 p. m.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF AM-ERICA, YOUNGSTOWN, O., Meets every Friday, 8:00 P. M., at Bushnell Hall, 127 West Federal St., Third floor.

LOCAL HAMILTON Meets cach Sunday at 2:30 P. M. Socialist Hall, 38 High St.,

whose good work is not recorded here we will merely add—that there is just one thing better than being a Socialist-that is to be a live one.

(Centinued from Page One) party has just received a copy of the "Labor Leader," the organ of the Independent Labor Party. This is the had sent in a list of 120 subs. Galion first copy received for more than two from Paris.

"The news of this latest outrage against justice and freedom," declares the "Labor Leader," bears out only too powerfully what Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard, the editor of the American "Nation," told us last week in his interview with regard to the state of "war mania" that would seem to be still prevailing in the United States.

"To this is now added Capitalist panic against Bolshevism, a panic which in large measure is born of a guilty conscience and fear of the harvest of past oppressions or the frustrations of present and future plans

"Labor unrest is working all through the new world of the west as well as in the war tortured plains of Europe. The news from South America suggests efforts at revolution and ruthless suppressions, followed by fresh outbreaks. Who can foretell the

Evidently the Czaristic tactics of American "justice" do not harmonize Comrade Baker keeps a flock of sub very well, to the ears of European cards flying into the office all the workers, with the honeyed Wilsonian points,"

Honor Liebknecht

(Continued from page one) management of industry, using the powers of the state to protect their interests while they proceed with the work of transforming capitalist industry into an industrial democracy. They propose that the social revolution shall be achieved through a mass movement from the battom-a mass novement of the workers in industry. It was to achieve the goal of Socialism in Germany now that Liebknecht

The Liedertafel Singing Society and the Finnish Socialist Chorus rendered international songs as the program proceeded, which brought storms of applause and the demand for more and more from the audience. The following resolution was adopt-

ed by a unanimous rising vote: "Resolved, that we the working men and women of Cleveland, in honoring the memory of our valiant and beloved comrade, Karl Liebknecht, renew our pledge to work for the ideal for which he died—the establishment of an iners will rule-with all our strength and pledge ourselves not to falter

The meeting was closed by Chairof other comrades' work in the sub man John Brahtin by calling for three field, but space grows more precious cheers for Internationalism and the

NEWS AND VIEWS-A WEEKLY SURVEY

(Edited By C. E. Ruthenberg)

A Silly Lie

Madame Breshkovsky, because of her long years of service in the cause of the Revolution in Ruusia, has been taken up by the capitalist press, and her utterances in regard to the Bolsheviki, to whom she is hostile because they overthrew the government of her favorite Kerensky, have been featured in an effort to discredit the present workers' government of Russia.

The kept press, however, uses only such part of the speeches and interviews of the "grandmother of the revolution" as suit its purpose. There is, for instance, that silly lie which this press has played up so frequently, about women being common property in Russia. Madam Breshkovsky had something to say on this point, but it didn't gibe with the silly story the capitalist press had so assiduously circulated, so it was suppressed. What Madam Breshkovsky said on this point is thus reported by the New York Call:

Madam Breshkovsky denies emphatically that in Russia women are compelled to accept husbands chosen for them by the Government. She says "in one or two small soviets some such foolishness was proclaimed, but nobody would obey. It was never proposed for all Russia, and it was never

She also scouts the story that women have been made "common property" or are subjected to any governmental compulsion in the matter of sex. She says "women have more freedom now in Russia than they

On the basis of this statement, there is much better ground for the charge that the United States as a nation practices polygamy, because once upon a time a certain territory sanctioned polygamy-and rumor says it is still clandestinely practiced therethan there ever was for the foolish lie that circulated about Russia.

The League of Nations

A reading of the proposed constitution of the League of Nations gives one the impression that this organization would have better been named the "League of Five Nations," for leaving high sounding rhetoric aside the document in question is an alliance between the United States, England, France, Italy and Japan for control of the world.

These five countries, together with Russia, Germany and Austria, were at the beginning of the world war competing with each other in the race for imperialistic development. Germany and Austria are now down and out and Russia is definitely removed from competition in the imperialistic struggle by the character of its industrial organization and the form of its government, which leaves the field to the five remaining powers.

The constitution of the League makes them the dominant force in the world. They are given a whether France was releasing German war priswhich will wield the power of the League.

gate each from the five great powers and four dele- tion, which is the nearest the congress has come to capitalists have sense enough

isdiction of the League. The designation of certain nations as "mandatories" in charge of undeveloped signers of the League of Nations hope to cover up under fifteen years of age. the essentially imperialistic character of the intercountires.

In place of Great Britain annexing the German dominions, will become "mandatory" for these colonies, and proceed to cary on the work of exploitation just as if the annexation had taken place.

We may expect that as soon as the constitution is definitely adopted that our capitalist press movement. will begin a campaign for the designation of the United States as "mandatory" for Mexico. Then, in place of making an open, imperialistic attack upon Mexico, to safeguard the investments of American capitalists there, as the capitalist press has ico under the halo and with the blessing of the League of Nations to administer, in the words of the constitution of the League, "a sacred trust of civilization." Will the result be any different?

The five nations that now dominate the League of Nations hold a dominant position in the world. At present they are in a position to divide the world between them for the purposes of capitalist imperialism. But what will happen when a new imperialistic power arises? Would a capitalist Ger- learn that it is not individuals that bring about a many be in a different position than that which brought from that country the complaint that it was might preach a revolution. All the nadi decision is country without being denied its place in the sun and led to the precipitation of the world war, in an effort on the part Revolutions are not made; the row out of the inof that country to gain by force what it could not dustrial conditions under will secure otherwise? What will happen when an Ar- their living. gentine, Brazil, or a China in the process of indusnow existing in the United States?

The dream of world peace is still far from bethe fashion of the new industrial order in Russia.

More News From Berne

gress is discussing.

question up for decision were responsibility for the and where they will also find ample opportunity to war and whether the Bolshevik regime in Russia serve the cause of international social revolution. should be condemned. According to later news dispatches published in this country the further de- part when they turn from the merry game of amasliberations of the congress have covered the ques- sing wealth to deal with tion of the treatment of prisoners of war and which is preparing to sweep majority of the members of the executive council oners quickly enough and the matter of plebiscite to determine whether Alsace-Lorraine should re- velope Co., of St. Louis, he This executive council, consisting of one dele- main German or be restored to France. In addi- over to its employes to ru gates chosen by the other nations, will grant char- discussing the question of direct interest to the are kicked out.

ters for exercise of mandatory power under the jur- | workers, it agreed to demands to be presented to the Paris Peace Conference, which call for the establishment of the eight hour day with a 36 hour rest

> That an International Socialist Congress should new social order and great mass movements arising from Russia in the spring. in all countries, shows how far the old leaders of (International Socialism have drifted from the revolutionary ideals of the founders of the workingclass

Frightened and Childish

The fright of the ruling clas of this country over been recently urging, this country can go into Mex- workers has not been better illustrated than in the W. and other radical organizations.

It is frightened people wil do foolish and could be devised than the method of deporting these feeling in opposition to Russian intervention. alien workers who have taken part in this movement in this country.

The capitalist class of this country has yet to , the people gain

While the ruling class of this country is going trial development reaches the point of development ahead with its plans of deportation the industries continue to shut down and the workers are thrown out on the streets. Every factory closed is more ing realized in the constitution of the League of potential as a breeder of industrial revolt than a Nations. It will not be realized until the industrial hundred radicals urging the overturn of the present system of all the great powers are recast after rule in industry. For every alien radical it will be able to deport the capitalist class will create a hundred men with similar ideas through unemployment and the oppression and exploitation of the workers in the industries.

And, at the same time, leaving aside the pre-How much out of touch the International So- | tensions of democracy and freedom which the procialist Congress at Berne is with the movement of posed deportation is violating so brutally, most of the masses of workingmen in all countries is indi- the persons deported will be only too glad to accept cated in the nature of the question which the con- free passage to the country of their birth, which they will probably find farther in advance on the Last week we reported that the important road to the social revolution than the United States,

> Verily the masters of the world play a sorry at social movement 1 out of existence.

Signs of the times: Sewell-Clapp En-

Out-Manouvered

The Russian situation continued to present a countries is the pretty fiction with which the de- period and prohibit the employment of children series of contradictory reports so far as the Allied attitude toward the Soviet Government is concerned. One day recently brought a dispatch from est of the great powers in smaller and undeveloped devote its time to such questions at a time when the Washington stating on the authority of Secretary of social revolution has been successful in Russia, War Baker that the American forces at Archangel Germany ready for the same victory, Great Britain might be reinforced, and the next the statement colonies in Africa, it, or one of its self-governing seething with uprisings of the workers demanding a from Paris that all Allied forces would be withdrawn

> In the meantime it appears that the Soviet Government has won a diplomatic victory in the negotiations about the Princess Island conference. The latest press dispatches from Paris contain the suggestion that the conference will not be held. If these reports are to be taken at their face value they would seem to indicate that the diplomats who made the proposal for the conference expected the the sweep of the revolutionary movement of the Soviet Government to refuse to participate. They could then go before the people of their country with proposed deportation of alien members of the I. W. the statement that they had made every effort to bring about a settlement of the Russian question through negotiations and that the Soviet Governchildish things and surely no more foolish way of, ment had been the stumbling block to such a settledealing with the radical workingclass movement ment. Thus they might have overcome the strong

By promptly accepting the invitation for a conference the Soviet Government blocked this scheme and now the Allies are backing out of the very conference they proposed. That the Soviet Government is taking every advantage of the strong position it has won in the negotiations about the Princess Island conference, is shown in the following prison for it. I can't see any reason why our young quotation from an article in Izvestia, sent out by the Moscow government wireless:

Hitherto the Russian Government has not received any proposal from the entente, and we do not know if such proposal will be made or not. But if it is made, the Workers' and Peasants' Government will examine it seriously, and will not refuse to enter into pourparlers on the subject. If the proposals made did not contain any impossible stipulations, if they did not force Soviet Russia to commit acts contrary to the principles of its policy, or endeavor to injure or conquer the working classes, the Soviet Government will examine the proposals with great attention, and will not refuse to make certain sacrifices in order to obtain the renunciation, on the Allies' part, of all intervention, in Russian affairs, and of their attempts to establish a pre-revolutionary regime in Russia.

Our previous experience in our relations with the imperialists of the entente does not allow us to be optimistic on the subject of their intention to renounce intervention, and to make proposals which would be acceptable to the Russian Government. Our apprehensions still exist, and acts alone will be able to shake them. We will therefore await these acts.

Let's hope it was true.

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The Swiss Socialists forecast the character of the Berne International Socialist Conference in an article which appeared in the Berner Tagwacht, from which we quote the following:

What is the value of this conference, and what is its aim? Who will take part in it? It is the conference of the old Socialist parties, the Scheidemanns of Germany, of Thomas, Renaudel and Cachin in France, of Henderson, of Vandervelde, of Troelstra. It will be the conference of the social-patriots of all countries, and these will render absolutely no negative devis-ions, since after all they have no quarrel with each other, as they have all betrayed the International and sold the Socialist principles in the same way, and, serving imperialism, allowed themselves to be hitch ed to the wagon of their bourgeoise in the same manner.

They have nothing to learn from each other and nothing to tell each other that will lead them into new paths. The conference rebuilt upon the same foundation and with the ruins of the old International the same fragments, like preceding conferences, will end in resolutions that say nothing and that above all, will not contain that for which the working class of all countries has vainly been awaiting four years—the call to ac-

Representative Mason of Illinois said at a "Truth About Russia" meeting in Washington, at which he made an unexpected appearance: "American soldiers are being kept in Russia for no other purpose than to make sure that interest on our bonds will be paid. I have charged this on the floor of the House, and will repeat it until they put me in men should be made process servers. I represent two million people of this country, and I believe that not more than a half a dozen of them are willing that American troops should remain in Russia."

"Now is not a good time for those who are interested in the preservation of present social institutions to invite a panic," says the Cleveland Press in discussing proposals to cut wages. No, wait until the present industrial unrest subsides, and then swat the workers good and hard. Those are the tactics the capitalists are adopting. But will the unrest subside before it blows capitalism out of existence?

Some twenty-five thousand English soldiers openly mutinied against being returned to France after leave of absence at home, according to the London Herald. Their slogan was "The war is over; we won't fight Russia and we mean to go home." Forming a soldiers' union they took the matter of demobilization in their own hands, and surprising as it may seem, the military authorities were obliged to acquience.

Women who burned President Wilson in effigy on the stone rail of the White House fence declared "The so-called sympathetic Seattle strike was an that the president was the "leader of an autocratic attempted revolution," says Mayor Ole Hanson of party organization, whose tyrannical power holds ed its entire plant that city, in a United Press statement. "Their millions of women in political slavery." Thirty ney see fit. Some plans exactly followed those of the Russian revolu- eight of them were hustled to jail of whom twentyget out before they tion. Each union was to operate its own industry." five were sentenced to serve five days each in the house of detention.

The Seattle Strike

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cases, smilingly, just like myself, on their way to an eating house or to their strike headquarters.

Looking up Union street on Sixth avenue I noticed an immense crowd of people standing silently on the walks and in portions of the streets as if waiting for something to turn up. It is there I naturally went.

knew was contrary to all rules of the general strike committee and vet many of the labor police were walking up and down to keep walks clear for the traveling public. City police were nowhere in sight. But arriving the Union Record building and looking at a poster on the office winread "Strike Bulletins will be distributed at 2 p. m." However, it was only 1:10 p. m. them.

Going around to Sixth avenue the crowd was still more dense. Six up next to the Record basement en- joyment of democracy. trance, and along the wall of the displayed by these urchins, had five for each copy of the bulletin this dis-

To be sure-"SOCIALISM WILL DESTROY ALL INCENTIVE FOR WORK!"

The "Seattle Star" (Scripps paper) is one black away from the Union Record on Seventh avenue. An empty truck came along on Union street with a policeman armed with a sawed-off shotgun, sitting next to of stairs for my mail and back again. similarly armed behind the seat. asked of bystanders the meaning of which had taken copies of the Star to

some place down town. Going up Seventh avenue and passing the alley I saw emergency police of discharged soldiers, three on each end barring entrance. Seventh avenue was roped off. At each end of the block were four mounted police and perhaps 100 people. In front of Secretary Birch Wilson.

the Star building two mounted police The subscription price is \$1.00 and a number of soldier police. To cach of these two mounted police a bundle of papers was given for distribution to the waiting small crowds urge all our Pennsylvania readers to at each end of the roped-off block. To get behind this paper—their paper another policeman mounted on a com- and roll up a big circulation in adbination motorcycle a bundle of Stars ance of publication—and to keep busy ries ever known.

was also given which he took away rolling it up until the last vestige of "4. That the United States will be was also given which he took away to some unknown place.

press? Upon making this inquiry I to P. O. Box 685, Reading, Pa. learned that men in soldier uniforms designating various grades, among them officers, were acting as strike

Star" got out on the streets and sists of strikers, slowly, but in most among the people. Going around the of the Star in shreds scattered along the walks and streets, but yet, there were no reports of any kind of disturbances.

Strike Bulletin, reading it as I passed leisurely along, I went up First avenue and coming up opposite the could not discover anything to armory, I noticed military trucks lined satisfy my curiosity or to learn the up there. I remembered then of haveause for this unusual gathering I ing read in the Bulletin that regular learned that the troops there were late eight more trucks loaded with soldiers from Fort Lawton fully equipped for field service arrived. I wondered what possible work has

been laid out for these troops which have been drafted to kill Huns and do not by any means explain all nato make the world safe for democracy. There are no more Huns to be killed Union Record automobiles were lined to full freedom and the fullest en-It seems that even the policemen

building fifty or more lusty, noisy have gone on a strike. The few to be newsboys, each striving to be nearest seen along the streets seem to feel to the basement door and eager to irritated for lack of work. Happy get the first bundle of strike bulle- are those assigned to work for the tins for free distribution. The news- Seattle Star. Moreover, it seems that boys union strike committee had Seattle's "criminals" have joined the commandeered these boys to do this strike also. I mean those designated work of distribution without any re-muneration, and yet, greater eager-lars and thiefs, not those who get ness for work could not have been in their work in the office buildings, commercial institutions or members cents and even more been promised of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

During the first 24 hours of the mass strike two thousand policemen in Seattle arrested 32 persons for minor offences (an unusually low number) and not one of these was in connection with the strike.

The hotel clerk just now informs me that some mail had arrived for me. The mailcarriers are about the only workers remaining at the post of duty. I'll walk down six flights

it. I learned that it was this truck P E NN A. SOCIALISTS LAUNCH PARTY PRESS

The Socialist Party of Pennsyl vania will establish a weekly paper of its own starting early in March. The name will be The Pennsylvania Socialist, and will be edited by State

year. Lists are now being circulated throughout the state by the locals. Subscriptions are being received. We rolling it up until the last vestige of exploitation is driven from the face the storm center of this disturbance. How did the Star come from the of the earth. Send all subscriptions

A business man will not sell unless breakers. It was not known though there is a profit in the deal. Neither two lists of quotations from recent whether these scabs were discharged should a working man sell his labor speeches of President Wilson, but soldiers or men from nearby military power unless he profits by the deal. since they were delivered in the presposes and in the service. Anyhow, It's far better to starve loafing than thus a small number of the "Seattle to starve working.

(Continued from Page One) the men mentioned had been correctly quoted, as Nearing had doubtless re-

lied upon newspaper reports of their After receiving my copy of the addresses. rectness of Barnes' contention, but ! said that the quotations from the congressman had been made for il- | tles between nations have been waged | to safety or destruction?

lustrative purposes only. It was at this point that Nearing troops were in Seattle. I went down began to quote naval and educational the hill to see the military sights. I authorities in support of his position Reading from an article called "An from Camp Lewis. A few minutes Economic Interpretation of War," by Professor Seligman, in a book entitled "Problems of Readjustment," issued by the Appleton company, in 1915, Nearing quoted:

tional rivalries, they often illumine the dark recesses of history and afford and those alive today are on the way on the while the most weighty and satisfactory interpretation of modern contests, which are not national clearly referable to purely facial an-

producing wars, and he replied em-

phatically in the affirmative.

"Racial antagonisms are a factor certainly," he said, "and religious antagonisms are a factor, but the fundamental factors are economic. The ecoife. All these questions root back in economic life.'

Quoting further from Professor Seligman, Nearing said: QUOTES NAVY LEAGUE'S CREED

"To say, then, that Great Britain or Germany is responsible for the present war, seems to involve a curiously short-sighted view of history All countries are subject to these great forces over which they have no control.

"That is Professor Seligman's theory also, then, is it?" asked Stedman, "as expressed in 1915?"
"Yes," said Nearing, "that is the theory on which the great madness

s based. Nearing then read from Sea Power magazine issued by the Navy League, extracts from an article, entitled, "The Navy League's Creed," appearing in the issue of September titled.

'The Navy League believes: "1. That most modern wars arise largely from commercial rivalries.
"2. That we are now seizing the world's trade. That following the present war will come the most drastic readjust-

ment and the most dangerous rival-"5. And that, consequently, it is these dangers while there is yet

Nearing had also brought with him two lists of quotations from recent ent year, after the publication of his book, he did not read them.

HITS SECRET TREATIES.

referred to from an article by Bond Thomason, "Fighting and Trading," in "The Seven Seas," another periodical issued by the Navy League: world by trusting to luck, fate or the good will of the nations who may have said that the quotations from the name of the Prince of Peace, the last-the selection?" directly or indirectly on account of

commerce. The witness then took up the matter of secret treaties, speaking particularly of the treaty made in the early part of the summer of 1917 bctween England and Italy. He said the treaty contained 15 articles, providing for Italy's share of Europe, of Asia and of Africa, and stipulated that Egnland should loan to Italy

£50.000.000. "Ten days later," said Nearing, "Italy entered the war."

THE SECOND DAY

Continuing his testimony on the tagonism."

Stedman interrupted to ask if the witness did not acknowledge that racial antagonism also had a part in ment had been brought under the

control of the business interests.

Quoting from President Wilson's book, "The New Freedom," he said: "The government which was designed | for the people has got into the hands of bosses and their employers, the nomic conditions of life determine all special interests. An invisible empire has been set up above the forms of democracy. United States Attorney Barnes in-

terrupted to ask when the book was issued, and Nearing replied, "In 1912." His own counsel, Stedman, added: new edition of the book, which was book, brought out in 1918.

its full intensity, to expand to found corporations. colonies, to get richer and richer by Quoting from his own book, "The Barnes asked: any proper means, such as armed con-Germ of War," he read the statement "And you m quest, commerce, diplomacy.

and military, the United States will company was bound to inform the be in a position not only to enforce German government of every new "The financiers are in the receipt of a just share of the formula used in the making of exworld's commerce, but also to forward plosives. civilization by aiding other nations to

attain their share.' READS FROM NAVAL JOURNAL From the July, 1915 issue, he read: the reasons why we must of necesour duty to guard ourselves against sity be intensely concerned in the submarine and trade warfare now wag- call forth an official rebuke from the ing between Germany and the Allies

single man, woman and child in this country. Shall we continue to jeopar-dize our \$4,000,000,000 trade with the

he read: "To adopt German standards of militarism would, of course, be impossible among Anglo-Saxons, but this does not minimize the fact that world empire is the only logical and natural aim of a nation that desires to remain in a nation."

"The upward movement in the price of stocks dates from the day that the German ambassador at Washington was handed his passports, and although there have been slight reac

Supporting his contention that war the United States are combined capi- the position that it acts within the was fomented by the capitalistic in- talists and manufacturers of the law. terests, Nearing again brought far- United States. Suppose you go to A little later, in reply to a ward paragraphs from the official or- Washington and try to get at your tion about President Wilson's gan of the Navy League, the Seven government you will always find that paredness program and policy, Near-Quoting from the November, 1915, men really consulted are the men who sue of this magazine, Nearing said: have the biggest stake, the big bank- stand the President's words, nor "There should be no doubt that ers, the big manufacturers, the big many of his actions." even with all possible moral, it is the masters of commerce, the heads of the absolute right of a nation to live to railroad corporations and steamship tions to his terms plutocracy, vested

From the issue of August, 1915, he the United States was found to have their own selfish reasons?' had a contract with the German em-"With an adequate force, both naval pire, according to which the American

Telling of the efforts of the bought "Do Americans realize that one of push the American people into a war White House.

is that having no ships of our own the CROSS-EXAMINATION.
with which to carry \$4,000,000,000
worth of merchandise, and Germany's Barnes produced a card containing ships being unavailable, we will lose Nearing's application for membership

it, read the pledge it contained that the signer would stand by the platform and policies of the Society. Party. Barnes said he would not in-

From the issue of September, 1915

throughout the court room when he read from the issue of February, 1916: "Democracy has certain glorious advantages, but in matters relating to home at the time the vote was taken: foreign policy, and particularly to

Following up his contention that business interests had forced the war upon the American people for their own gains, Nearing read from the mean to you that you would not vol-March 3 issue of the Wall Street Di-unteer in the army and would not

Backing his contention that the po-

while you are politely listened to, the ing said:

men really consulted are the men who "I have never been able to under-

that a leading powder company of wanted to get us into the war for man who got these pamphlets would

press to stir up the war fever, he related the circumstances of 1915-16, when certain interests were trying to with Mexico and went so far with their campaign of falsehood as to

HITS SECRET TREATIES. lies are free and able to carry our signature, but that he had signed one The plutocrats would welcome a war He then read the quotation already goods? This question faces every just like it, of which this was a copy. that promised salvation from any Stedman objected to the introduc- such calamities.'

TATAT

An electric thrill was noticeable

war, it is extremely incompetent." second day of the trial Nearing step WALL STREET DIGEST QUOTED.

though there have been sight to the ing for in tions, the movement has been fairly nearing. continuous from that day to this."

litical machinery of the nation is controlled by the united force of capital, "To use all legal means to bring the "And the President authorized a Nearing read from President Wilson's war to a speedy conclusion," Nearing "The New Freedom": "The masters of the government of

sist upon its introduction if Stedman

endum.

Nearing replied. "I did not, but if I had been"-Stedman tried to stop him, since he had given the required answer in ing. the first three words of his reply. But Nearing insisted on volunteering additional words and said, explaining that he had been away from

"I did not vote for the resolution, but if I had had the opportunity I should certainly have done so.' Referring to a passage in the St. Louis resolution, Barnes asked: "When you indorsed that, did it

subscribe to Liberty bonds?' Nearing answered: "It meant to me that I would not volunteer in the army and would not! subscribe to Liberty bonds. "That was the thing you were working for in 1917, and still believe," said

unteer in the army and would not

"PARTY ACTS WITHIN LAW." Asked to explain the expression,

said: "The Socialist Party always takes

A little later, in reply to a ques-

pre-

interests and kindred expressions, "And you mean these financiers "For their own selfish reasons, yes

After requesting Nearing's defini-

"The financiers are just like other people," explained Nearing, they are out primarily to make profits.

sir," answered the witness.

And the people in the court room aughed again when he added: "They are not in business for their

referring to the members of the plu-"They also believe there are some things worse than war-the confis- Nearing, earnestly.

which the capitalists think are worse objected, but a moment later asked Nearing if he had voted in favor of party stands for," said Nearing, with

the St. Louis resolution in the refer- a curious triumphant ring in his And do you think that is why the capitalists insisted on going into this

war?" asked Barnes.
"In Germany, yes," answered Near-"NOT YET."

"It was then that Barnes asked the question: "You don't think the capitalists in the United States are afraid of the Socialist Party?"

And Nearing snapped radiantly:

"Not yet." Page by page Barnes went through the defendant's book, asking for explanations and a statement of the author's purpose in writing the words. The Call came in for a bit of free advertising again at this session of the trial, when Nearing referred to it as an authority for some of the statements he had made in his book. "You don't consider The New York Call an authority, do you?" asked

Barnes, and Nearing replied emphatically: "I certainly do." The court and the Assistant District Attorney repeatedly pressed Nearing to say whether he ever thought in writing his book that it might have the effect of restraining any reader from enlisting or might

WITNESS INSISTS The witness insisted that he at no

encourage any soldier to be insubor-

time had any such thought in his mind. "I should say," he declared, "that the millions of Socialists who fought in the war in all armies were less insubordinate than many others." Another of the strange thrills with which the day was filled shot through

the court room when he added: "I had no reason to believe that any be any less a good soldier, but I did hope they might make him a better brother in the new brotherhood that

is coming. "Do you still feel you were right in "only the position you took in this pamph-make let?" asked Barnes, as he neared the

close of his cross-examination. STANDS BY BELIEFS

"I still believe the American pluhealth, as they say."

Barnes took up in detail five lines from the first page of "The Great Madness," in which Nearing wrote, "And you still believe you were right in trying to spread these teach-

ings?' Barnes added. "I still believe I was right," said cation of special privileges; the abeliary Arguments in the case were to be

\$2,000,000,000 worth of export trade, in the Socialist Party. Nearing said tion of unearned income; the estab-made Monday morning and the charge unless the merchant ships of the Al- that particular card did not bear his lishment of an industrial democracy. to the jury Tuesday morning.