Russian Soviet vernment **Answers Senator Hitchcock**

Another Note Bearing Upon Relations With Russia Withheld From American People

from Chicherin, People's Commissaire the intention was to safeguard Allied of Foreign Affairs, to the State De- supplies in Archangel, I beg to remind partment at Washington. It is dated you that even last year we had start-January 22, and its raison d' etre is ed negotiations for this purpose, and

senator Hitchcock, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, delivered a speech on Russian affairs in the United States Senate on January 9, in which he attempted to just the presence of American trees.

We are now still willing to enter into a satisfactory solution of this question. There can no longer be any danger of the supplies falling into German hands.

The third reason for the invasion was stated to be a decire to resistant. in favor of such military intervention. as they seem to have been correctly spirited debate in the senate, were the sult of Senator Johnson's resolution asking for explanations as to the United States' aims in Russia, which was referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in December.

Stockholm, January 22.—The official telegraph bureau of the Russian Soviet government sends out the following information:

The representative of the Russian Soviet government, Maxim Litvinoff, has sent the following note to the State Department in Washington: On behalf of Mr. Chicherin, People's

A radio-telegram from Washington, received via Lyons on the 12th of Jan-tains that one reason the formation of any army composed of German and been made by Senator Hitchcock, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, about the cause for the sending of American troops to Russia. The principal cause is said to have been a desire to prevent the establishment of a German submarine base in therefore, cannot understand why this Archangel. Whether there ever has should be a cause for a further mainbeen such a cause or not, it does not tenance of American troops in Russia. exist any more.

In respect to the second alleged

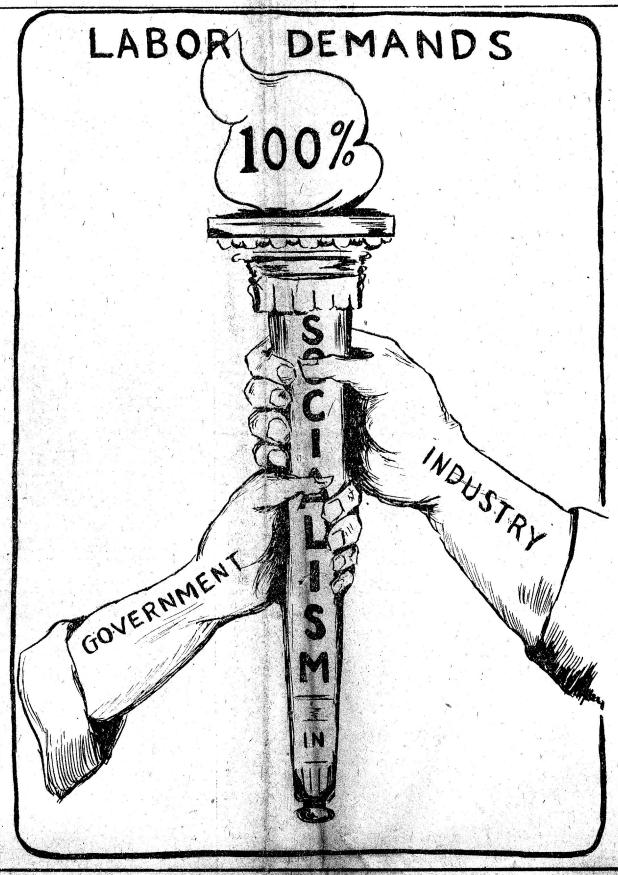
We print below a wireless message cause for the invasion, namely, that we are now still willing to enter into

tify the presence of American troops in Russia, admitting there were 10,-200 such troops at Vladivostok, and at very such troops at very such troo about 5,000 near Archangel. We do I beg to call your attention to the not need here to repeat his arguments in favor of such military intervention, this aim would be to have an understanding with my government. reported to the Soviet government by Francis, the American ambassador, the Washington radio-telegram of was quite free to return to his homethe Washington radio-telegram of was quite free to return to his home-Jan. 12, which provided the data on land unhindered at the time he left which Chicherin based his answer. Russia. Our only cause in asking him The remarks of Senator Hitchcock, which called forth a lengthy and great danger threatening his personal security, and we offered him particularly inviting quarters in or around

The fourth alleged ground for the invasion is the protection of the Czecho-Slovaks. Yet there has never been any obstacle to reaching an understanding about this issue with my government. We have officially offered the Czecho-Slovaks free passage to their homeland through Russia on the condition that we should protect their safety. We have now reached a full understanding on this matter with Professor Max, the president of the Czecho-Slovak National Council in On behalf of Mr. Chicherin, Leopie Commissaire for Foreign Affairs, I Russia. He has returned to Bonemia am sending you the following statetion to the Bohemian government.

Austrian prisoners. The only now existing obstacle to the return of all war prisoners to their homelands is the presence of the Allied troops, or White Guards, who are under the protection of the Allied troops. We,

Judging from statements contained (Continued on Page Two)



Senate Committee Displeased by Testimony Favoring Soviet Government

Bessie Beatty and Frank Keedie Tell About Achievements and Principles of Bolsheviki

The sub-committee of the senate hensive ignorance of the state of the committee on the judiciary resumed world. its inquiry into the principles and practices of the Socialist Soviet government today. Bessie Beatty, editor of McCall's Magazine, and Frank Keedle, heed of the English Quaker Red Cross in Russia appeared before the committee: Miss Beattle spent eight months in Russia, entering by the way of Vladivostok in June, 1917, cight months in Russia, entering by the way of Vladivostok in June, 1917, and leaving by the way of Finland in January, 1918. Mr. Keedie has been in Russia and Siberia continuously since 1916, having left the left of the committee way of witnesses who manifest a friendliness for the Russian people and their new government avancesions that will new government avancesions that will be the left of the ously since 1916, having left the lat- new government expressions that will

of the Soviet government in its policy to abolish poverty and prevent forever the exploitation of the working people by the capitalists and landlords. When ed: "It is a pity to be bigotted." Miss cne adds to the continued and per-sistent discourtesy of the committee its crass ignorance regarding the fun-damentals of economics and its committee is really desirous to find out the its crass ignorance regarding the fundamentals of economics and its complete lack of a social vision broad the principles back of the situation that the working class throughout the working class throughout the working class in Russia developing and the working class in general and to the and applying—when one adds these deficiencies to the committee's discourtesy one need not wonder that the working class of Russia in particular because of their having abolished the workers of the various countries capitalist property in land and the of the world have the abolition of social means of production, then Miss senates like that of the United States as one of the planks in their plat-

American citizens who feel a certain respect for the form of govern-ment laid down by the constitution are humiliated at being compelled to admit to their visiting friends that the committee is a committee of the United States senate. It is such bod-United States senate. It is such bodies as compose this committee that President Wilson undoubtedly had in mind in his New York speech when he raid he was amazed that there should be "in some quarters such a compresion of the Bolshevist Socialist method for the elimber of the shevist Socialist method for the shevist Socialist method for the elimber of the shevist Socialist method for the shevist Socialist method for the elimber of the shevist Socialist method for the elimber of the shevist Socialist method for the shevel she be "in some quarters such a compre-

The "investigation" still retains the

PERSECUTING RUSSIA.

anpearance of a senate prosecution of the Soviet government of Russia. Ably supported by Chief Prosecutor Humes, who was formerly United ter part of last October.

The committee continues to exhibit those really held by the witnesses, and the most flagrant discourtesy toward the witnesses who manifest a friendly feeling for the working class of Russia and a sympathy for the aspirations is and a sympathy for the aspirations of the committee by expressions of the committee by expressions of the committee by expressions. convey meanings entirely opposite to social means of production, then Miss Beatty frankly told the committee what she thought of their method of

procedure.
Miss Beatty was in Russia from June, 1917, to January, 1918. She therefore saw the growth of the Bolshevist party, the evolution of the Soviets, the breakdown of Kerensky's delectable attempt to smother the revolution, and the overthrow of Keren-

Eugene V. Debs' Speech At West Side Turn Hall, Cleveland

hew them how we will! It may seem strange to you, but in my plans, in my dreams, I did not think of going to

I have personally is that I may presolders, the common man, who for you heard about the pope in the midstreet of the last the integrity of my the first time in history said, I have dle ages forbidding the comets to apstraight up and do what Wendell Philown soul and my loyalty to the only made what there is, I produced the pear? Why, the other day the chapling said: "When they pass that kind own soul and my loyalty to the only made what there is, I produced the pear? ause worth living for, fighting for, wealth; I want to be heard.'

"Let me get in touch with you for a while. I am going to speak to you drop in my veins I despise their law amendment to that law that makes it as a Socialist, as a revolutionist, and, if you please, as a Bolshevist.

"Simply this: That the master class you who suffered the agony that hulas a Amendment to that law that makes it itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for you to criticise crime in itself is staggered by the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for your bound is the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for your bound is the cost of modification and I defy them. If the Scriptures a crime for your bound is the cost of modification and I defy them. the penitentiary—and I—I had a if you please, as a Bolshevist.

thousand times rather go there and spend my remaining days there than what is talking about? What where opened by an earthquake.

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rise of the workers, the peasants, the socks? How perfectly foolish! Have soldiers, the common man, who for you heard about the pope in the mid-

and dying for.
"It is so perfectly fine to me to look his bowed head lifted, he stands erect "It is so perfectly fine to me to look this bowed head lifted, he stands erect into your faces once more, to draw and is beginning in his grim strength upon you for the only word I have had, the only word that I can ever had, the only word that I can ever had, the only word that I can ever speak for myself. I love man-kind, humanity. Can you understand? I am sure you can.

"It is so perfectly fine to me to look this bowed head lifted, he stands erect in a mappealing to you tonight—not one. That is treason—to the rule their covereignty. Have you any stands they work in great common people who is there. They make war; you and is beginning in his grim strength the crowd, the mass, the common people ing classes—that is who is there. They make war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They make war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They make war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They make war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They make war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They make war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They make war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They make war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They make war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They make war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They war; you paid all the order of your masters—that is who is there. They war; you paid all the order of your masters—t "We are close of kith and kin, we his rags closer to his body, that he have; they never will.

are human and when we get into may not touch the rich man's costly "Sixty years ago the predecessors' close touch with each other we come silks, that he himself produced—why of the same body confirmed the va-

going to put us in jail. With every oro. Have you read that law?

to betray this great cause.

"So far as I am concerned it does not matter much. The margin is narrow, the years between now and the sunset are few, and the only care that I may pressed the workers, the peasants, the common man, who for vou heard about the none in the mid
"In earth is beginning to shake the red it? Know any beneath the feet of the profiteers.

"Have you ever read it? Know any beneath the feet of the profiteers.

"Have you ever read it? Know that it is a gag the worker and the only care that it is to improve the peasants, the peasants, the peasants, the socks? How perfectly foolish! Have they outlawed the red flag upon your lights? That law—do I respectively for it is to stand the ways; straining to harmonize the read it? Know any there is the world are denouncing, upon which the world are denouncing, upon which the red flag upon your lights? The red not refrected by an eartinguate.

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"Have you ever read it? Know any the harmonize the tries and the world are denouncing, upon which the red flag upon your lights? That law—do I respected to the profiteers.

"Have you ever read it? Know any the world are denouncing to shake the red flag upon your lights? That law—do I respectively for it. The world is in turnoil. Where is the world are denouncing to shake the red flag upon your lights? That law—do I respectively for it. The world is in turnoil. Where is the peasants in the red it. The world are denouncing to shake the red flag upon your lights? The red it? Know any the world are denouncing to shake the world are denounc pear? Why, the other day the chap-lips said: "When they pass that k lain in the House of Representatives of a law, put it under your feet." "Now, for the first time in history, asked God to give congress wisdom! "I am appealing to you tonight-

"Do not say a word against warnot one. That is treason—to the rul-

yourself as a man—face humanity, 1,000 years constituted the slaves, the look up into the sun and not feel tragedy of history—I recall it as I eyes is being destroyed and recreated.

nations, great and powerful in eco-

that are innately in conflict can be in poor company.

permanently harmonized."

"The world is in turmoil. Where is "How perfectly fine it is to stand raight up and do what Wendell Phil"What does it mean? It is the last,

master class, the commercial interests, about these terms? Not one real rep-the economic interests, to prolong resentative, but politicians and diplothe economic interests, to prolong their covereignty. Have you any

fices, should have no voice in making the terms of peace? The working then hunt for a job.

"The finest thing I know is to carry class—the working class, which for to understand that our good depends upon the good of all humanity.

Opposed to System.

"I am opposed to the system under is that he must support all the ban
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"I am opposed to the system under is that the must walk in allevs, lidity of the fugitive slave law in and not feel that a black man had no ashamed of yourself; walk straight tragedy of history—I recall tas I reversed that a black man had no ashamed of yourself; walk straight tragedy of history—I recall tas I recall tas I

-you have no voice in that peace connomic and military ways; straining to ference, no representation there. "Just one second-hand one, Sam

"What does it mean? It is the last, your representative; where did you desperate, temporary expedient of the elect him? What did you have to say mats and thieves and liars, the tools of your masters—that is who is there.
"They are going to make the world

> to stir you into thought and action. We are on the eve of tremendous de-

Before a capacity audience of 3,000, which we live. I am opposed to the government that compels you, the proposed to the government that infamous institution was swept from the land in a torrent of blood.

Debs was calm. His opening words were accorded an instantaneous silence. He said:

"He said:

"How true it is that there is a division to expitalism and the end of capitalism are divient to externition in Russia! That is the beginning to think. That is the revolution was swept from the land in the trotake, and I am glad they have within five years that infamous the toring that there is a division of capitalism and the end of capitalism are divient to an insignificant few who enjoy life while the great world is in travail to devict that there is shown to the Coliseum to destroy them for pastime—and through the form that institution was swept from the land in the trotake, and I am glad they have within five years that infamous institution was step them index to remain that compelve the proposed to the within five years that infamous institution was step them i Master Class Staggers.

"Simply this: That the master class self is staggered by the cost of modself is staggered by the cost of modman speech can never tell, you who self in the delication of the cost of modman speech can never tell, you who the old reactionaries, You will not have any voice in the government until you do useful work.

"In every previous revolution it was said that the working class was not ready. Russia did not know that it was ready; that is the trouble with the working class of the world.

"What have they done? They have given the franchise to men and women all over the republic. They have inaugurated many beneficent changes. They have said, We do not want the recognition of the United States, or of any capitalist government.' That is fine, inspiring; I applaud it with all my heart.

"In Germany the same spirit is at work today. We do not know, we cannot tell; the dispatches are meager. And so it is in Bohemia, Bulgaria, Hungary, England, France and in the United States of America. "They are going to suppress the

red flag; you may not carry a flag except under your vest. That is the · (Continued on Page Four)

Locals Co-operate to Buy National Headquarters

ly than in this campaign for a party-owned national headquarters. More than five thousand local and branch A dollar is, however, by no means secretaries are now at work, address-the maximum amount members shoulding and mailing to members of their invest. Many comrades can invest

al appeal in letter form. Dollars are already rolling in. "Just the very thing to do," writes a comrade. "Right on top of all this persecution we will show them that we are stronger than

The organization department at national headquarters constitutes a very bership on to greater efforts; will but busy scene. This is especially true on make the Socialist Party more formid-Saturday afternoons, when Kruse and wife captain from thirty to Yipsels in the work necessary for this drive for a \$40,000 headquarters States are being addressed to the defund. No more devoted party workers partment of organization and propa- and the workers is entering upon its daily. La Vanguardia, he was recan be found than these Chicago mem- ganda, Socialist Party, endorsing the final stage. It is a fight to the end, bers of the Young People's Socialist League, who, in performing this immense amount of work gratis, save phatic approval is given by Socialists American workers to stop trading

purchose of a national headquarters! ters.

Probably never before in its history will flaunt in the face of capitalism has the organization machinery of the Socialist Party responded more loyal-efficient in our efforts at its abolition. An investment of at least one dollar is asked of every party member.

respective organizations letters con- five or ten dollars. Some can invest taining an appeal to help purchase a even more than this. Every member national headquarters for the Socialis asked to do his best. Ownership certificates will be issued for all More than 100,000 members are amounts of a dollar or over sent in. heing reached by a direct and personlars as Judge Landis was with his years," is the slogan which will carry the headquarters campaign through to success. Sentencing Kruse, Engdahl, Tucker, Berger and Germer to twenty years each in the Leavenworth penitentiary will but spur the party mem-

> able and invincible.
> LETTERS SHOW SUPPORT. Letters from all parts of the United move to purchase a headquarters for

of organization and propaganda. been done long ago. Enough money want a meeting place they must build That this effort has failed is proven has been wasted in rent and other-

Third I. W. W. Trial

Wichita, Kan.-Four months after President Wilson said, "and thus the war comes to a close," the trial of 32 members of the Industrial Workers of the World, charged with having hindered the prosecution of the war, began in the Federal court here today. This is the third and last large trial of Industrial Workers of the Work. The two other trials, at Chicago and at were at the time prominent in the work of the I. W. W. In no case where the men have been tried in large numbers has there been an ac-

"The present purchase is timely and will, I believe, have the hearty approval and support of the party. The undertaking in itself will inspire confidence and give stability to our move-

"Let us all rejoice in the purchase and resolve to meet every payment gress. promptly until we hold the clear title Doct promptly until we hold the clear title to our home and can sit in comfort and security beneath our own vine and fig tree."

Doctor Justo acquired his medical council out of thirty, obtaining a cluster out of the question so far as the city authorities were concerned.

The common blage apparently did not enter into the question so far as the city authorities were concerned.

Mayor Buck doubtless echoes the

and fig tree. SCOTT NEARING SAYS:

The struggle between the masters our party many dollars.

"I'm with you, comrades." That's the message every member of the party should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they want a school they must own the dency of the republic.

"Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the department "Yes, of course! It should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the should have organize it and control it: if they should send to the should have organize it and control it: if they should have organize by the fact that the party is more virile and active today than ever. The title to our own national headquarof Europe learned this lesson a generhas six deputies in the Chamber of metric system.' ation ago. It is our turn now.

Finnish Socialists Win Plurality

Washington, D. C .- In spite of the fact that for more than a year the Finnish Socialists have been shot, imcialists elected eighty members; the prisoned and starved to death by the Republicans, seventy; Monarchists, 22; tens of thousands, by the White Guard representing the propertied interests of that country aided by Gertween the Young Finns and Agrarian, Sacramento, resulted in severe sentences being imposed upon 146 who tory in the election, which took place thus the Socialists have twice as many members as any other party, although

The Finnish landtag, the parliament

The Argentine Socialist Movement

(Translated From "Humanite")

and trying voyage, has at last reached Paris on his way to Berne, which he provinces. will represent the Socialist Party of Argentine at the international con-

own country he became a professor of medicine, but having been called to become the editor of the Socialist called. Since then he has devoted himself to Socialist propaganda. He has represented the Socialists of

Our comrades gave us a great deal of information relative to the Argen-Deputies and one senator, all elected

Cur Comrade Justo, after a long in Buenos Aires, and one deputy in

In the Buenos Aires municipal election three months ago the Socialists

The party has about 10,000 duessubmitted to a referendum vote. "What are the tendencies of your

Buenos Aires in parliament since 1912. In 1916 he obtained ten per cent of the vote cast for the presidency of the republic.

"The answer to your question is act of Boisnevisin. The labor exploration of the interpretation of the interpretation of the chamber evidently consider prepared to turn out 15,000 soldiers. At Black Rock, from where it was cent of the vote cast for the presidency of the republic.

"The answer to your question is act of Boisnevisin. The labor exploration of the chamber evidently consider in secure their seats on the backs of the workers.

At Black Rock, from where it was the workers.

As always the capitalist press has the workers.

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In fact of Boisnevish. The labor exploration of the chamber evidently consider prepared to turn out 15,000 soldiers. international commerce and compulsory arbitration; disarmament; inter- problem that confronts the city, as it national labor legislation; internation—sought in the scant publicity given the all money; the establishment of the affair to conceal the significance of the had nothing to do. There was no at-

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Police Meet Buffalo Unemployed With Shotguns

shot guns guarded Niagara Square Buffalo's employed, estimated now in here, when some forty thousand unthe neighborhood of 40,000, was disemployed endeavored to hold a dem-

ity, which called the meeting, is a Russian Soviet and its members are possessed with the desire to overthrow the city government and help themselves, in the opinion of Mayor Buck. That was the reason given by the

mayor for the prevention of the assemblage of the unemployed at the McKinley monument on Monday morn-ing of last week at the call of the Workers' Council. The constitutional right of freedom of speech and assemelected ten members of the common blage apparently did not enter into ities were concerned.

Mayor Buck doubtless echoes the

fears of the Chamber of Commerce. paying members. The organization Following the perfectly orderly demis solid, and important questions are onstration of unemployed at city hall the week before there was consternation in the chamber. A committee was appointed to deal with the menparty?" we asked.
"The answer to your question is act of Bolshevism. The labor exploit- according to published statements was

sought to minimize the unemployment phenomenal response to the call for tempt at a parade or a demonstration

Buffalo, N. Y.—Police armed with But all doubt as to the number of onstration to demand work.

The Soldiers', Sailors', Workers' and of the city that sought to congregate Farmers' Council of Buffalo and vicin- at the McKinley manument on Monday morning. Kept on the move by the police, they filled the streets converging on Niagara Square for blocks away. Had the meeting been permitted it undoubtedly would have been the largest assemblage in the city's history.

Ample preparation had been made to prevent any gathering in Niagara thrown around the vast area in the center of which towers the McKinley manument. Every fourth bluecoat carried a sawed-off shotgun. The city hall and Elmwood Music hall were similarly guarded for blocks away in every case policemen were posted. Machine guns were understood to

be held in readiness as was the fire department to throw streams of water if it were deemed necessary. Adjutant General Berry was on the ground and men were in evidence in great numbers. In fact it appeared almost the whole force was in use for the occa-

and no semblance of disorder.

Bolsheviki Upset Business Traditions of Ages

Quotations from The Nation's Business, February 1919. The Official Magazine of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

We cannot be too often reminded that the Bolshevist idea of government, a matter of a few comrades getting together in the interest of the common weal, is an adea with which the great masses of peasants are thoroughly acquainted. Every Russian to Russia up to last September. village has its "commune," or "mir," Good will indignensible for which is an informal gathering of every adult male, a sort of neighborproletariat leaders. It was too easy. It was too easy. They knew how to take a hint; and the new name for the local commune, SOVIET, meaning concessions on the part of the new Russia.

COUNSEL as well as COUNCIL, was "We don't understand accepted as something arranged for their own good.

"This great national commune," said the socialistic leaders, "is to liberate the productive forces of the It is a big order. Can they trade, with tools equally primitive?

Several months have now clapsed it is a committee. It is Socialism since the Brest-Litovsk treaty. The Bolsheviki are trying to "cen-

between the two countries.

Each nation has been sending commissions and experts to the other for several months for the purpose of reestablishing trade; but trade has not been re-established. Germany expected to get the hide of the Russian bear for a door-mat. But—the hide. though frowsy, is still on the bear. Except through smuggling, practically no goods have passed by land from Russia toG ermany, or from Germany

Good will, indispensible for international trade, is present on both sides of the Russian-German frontier, hood smoker, transacting the village's but the decrees of the Soviet governbusiness. "The whole country will be ment, regulating commerce within just one big commune," argued the Russia and between Russia and for-Russia and between Russia and foreign countries, are based on principles which, if applied, demand unthinkable concessions on the part of other coun-

"We don't understand such chaos," the other countries say. "Have a revolution and you will," reply the Bolsheviki, who worry more about the brotherhood of man than about the solvency of their own country.

According to communistic theory The Russian peasant builds which dictates legislation in Russia, his house with a wedge and an axe. the object of the revolution is to Can he erect the complicated struc- change the state into a mere adminture of national and international istrator of production. It doesn't govern, mind you; it merely presides.

German-Russian commercial conventralize" industrial undertakings. This a brief consultation, and counting on tion, provided for in article twelve of that treaty, shows the predominant cases of the manufacturers of sugar, will give you four thousand roubles; our method works. Nothing succeeds importance attached to the immediate wool, tea, tobacco, and paper. Trade the third year three thousand and the like simplicity!"

opolized by a central office, which bles.

barters commodities directly with the central offices for other commodities. possible for me to live on five thous-No money is used. These central offi- and roubles, let alone twenty-five ces have two functions: they are offi-hundred. I have my house, my ser they are today. Have been a Socialces of statistics and accounts and they vants, the food bills, my horses and control the orders given to maiufac- carriages. It is impossible, unthinkturing plants.

Merchants and factory owners are inder the double oversight of the "extraordinary commissions to check they announced at last triumphantly speculation, sabotage and counterevolution," and the labor committee. Merchants caught speculating are shot. Engineers and factory managof business are arrested for sabotage.

The substantial owner of a paper nill was captured and cornered by his own workmen. As is usual with the Bolsheviki, a committee was appointed to run the mill. Soon discovering its inability to make progress, it called upon the owner at his spacious country villa, with a request that he return and help them out of the diffi-

culty. Said the owner: "Very well, but what salary am I to be paid?"

"How much were you earning before the revolution?" asked the committee, nudging each other.

resumption of peaceful intercourse in the products of each group is mon-fourth year twenty five hundred rou-

"But," said the owner, "it is im-

Again the peasants put their tousled heads together. "We've got it," The difficulty here is that you are living in the Wrong place. You bring your family and things and come to live in one of our huts. Your exers who fail to report at their places penses won't be much there. Besides make a fine restaurant for the people."

This shift was enforced. whereabouts of the mill owner no one done by the ballot. knows; while his villa has become a peasants and returned soldiers.

So far as an exchange of commodities with Germany was concerned, so hemp and textiles, that she promptly accepted the Bolshevist idea of sea trade barter and sent to Petrograd ships laden with coal. Through exorbitant values were placed on the commodities, the trade was effected after Said the owner: "Ten thousand rou-les a year." much bargaining. In addition to coal, Russia in this manner also pro-"We will give you half of that the cured drugs dyestuffs and machine first year," said the committee, after parts from Germany. Soviet foreign trade experts therefore believe them-

Shall Debs Go

By CHARLES BAKER.

and beautiful sunshine never enter?

Having spant fifteen months be hind prison bars, I know what i means, I know what it meant to me. in possession of youth, knowing this. I realize what hi would mean to Gene further plans along the lines of stool piecon work.

Debs, to spend the few remaining piecon work. Are we simply to say, "It's too bad," and permit this crime to take

As for me, comrades, I am ready for any action necessary, to prevent the xecution and carrying out of this crime. Call on me, I am at you service, no matter what the cost I feel like a criminal, to be at large

industrial tyranny be banished from the earth and the reign of working class Industrial Democracy be substi tuted in their place. To the workers of America and the world they send hail and greetings. Calm and seven they wait patiently for the day of de liverance and are cheered by the news

remember Calumet, Homestead. Ever-

To Prison?

Shall Gene Debs go to jail? Will the workers permit this "human flower" to wither and perish, in a foul, prison cell, where the pure air Where all the beautiful things are shut out of one's life?

s also under special surveillance. to enjoy liberty, when so many of our comrades are confined behind prison

may do the strong arm work for Mr. minutes before my release by Garvin, dawn when freedom wil be theirs. Fletcher whenever he becomes hungry a guard at the institution, whose for convict meat. About twenty other crowning glory is stool pigeon efficiency one utterly indifferent remember Calumet, Homestead, Ever-ett, Colorado and Lawrence. Will they remember Leavenworth?

ranging for a week's organization

HAMILTON

the "No-Work" leaflets from the Na-

Comrade Wentz at Hamilton appear-

ing in the Ohio Socialist, it was stated

that the funeral address was delivered

by Comrade Henry Hinkel. This was

an error as the address was delivered by Comrade Ex-Mayor Fred Hinkle.

TOOHEY AT FAIRPORT

HARBOR

Blum St. This meeting is being ar-

it is hoped that at this time it will

IZES

Local Napoleon came to life Feb.

In the recent notice of the death of

tional Office.

place, or shall we appeal this case to the court of last resort—the workers

behind Our Gene.

A Farmers View of the Ballot Dear Comrade: I am somewhat a

student of the conditions of thinks as ist for years. We have always advocated the ballot to adjust our troubles. We have also warned the capitalist class that unless they corrected a lot or social evils that there was bound to follow severe troubles. This is not of our making or wishing.

I have tried to pursuade myself that the ballot could and would adjust we've decided that your villa will things. Last year I had to acknowledge to myself that the great social ouestion to be solved could not be

Now I am getting to the point that popular tea-drinking rendezvous for affects this part of the country and it will hold good wherever the bonafide farmers exists. From time to time the very best farmers here call on great was the latter country's need of | me and gradually I feel them out. Tometals, asbestos, lubricants, flax, day one of the staunchest farmers, a very religious man, called on me and he was certainly belligerent. He complained bitterly of the way the farmer was getting skinned. Hides selling at \$1.35 per green hide and shoes at 36.00 and of the poorest brands. Cot ton selling for 10 cents that actually cost him 18 cents to produce. Cattle selling for 6 cents and the packing louses basing the finished product on 18 cents. He claimed that his best cattle graded down to 6 cents. He said hat whenever the organized laborers were ready to strike that the farmers would furnish all the eggs, meat and provisions they had. That never before in his life was there so much unrest among the farmers and that they noped that something would start so hey could unload the capitalist that has made fortunes out of this war while they were forced to sell all their rops to keep the soldiers fed and now have nothing. The high prices nad drained about all they had. That children could not go to school on account of poverty. They had worked hard all year and nothing to show

> I hope you can pass this information along where it is most needed. The mass physicology is fast changng. The great organizations of labor are going to find the farming class vith them at heart. They even hope that something will happen to stop this exploitation. Their hearts and minds are coming open and they are beginning to see the light. I am leaving off a lot that I could inform you There is the greatest unrest among the farmers of our country. I mean the "sure-nuff" toiler, not the and lord in the city. comprise about 80 per cent. of the farmers. Now I get this information from our best farmers. Not Social sts, but old life long Demos. and Depuns.

> It is amusing when I read the ordinary magazines and dailies. They do not know what a volcano they are sitting on. They will not do a thing to relieve the great common working

> I simply feel that I should inform you of the conditions and the grave ness of it. Your left wing socialism aits the spot, Let the truth be spread. Yours fruly, AN OKLAHOMA FARMER.

The Red Flag

"THE ANCIENT BANNER."

By MARY S. DAUGHERTY. Bills have been introduced in con

ress to prohibit the display of the Red Flag" in meetings and parades. Why suppress the flag of the carly Christians It is a fact recorded in history that

ne carly Christians carried the rec Tag and won their triumphal victories under the "Crimson Banner." Even our Christmas red bells are emblems f the Blood of Immanual, and have ocen used at Christmas ever since he early days of Christiandom. In the Methodist hymn book there is a hymn containing the words, "The Blood Red Banner of Immanuel." The old, old crimson ensign, was an emblem of peace and good will to man, and, of health and the fruits of toil. The origin of the word "flag" comes from the word-root of "flame" a red color, first borrowed from the crimson sun beams. The red of all modern flags was borrowed from that of the

flag of the ancient unions. The red flag was suppressed before French revolution of 1798. It was the flag of the Masonic order for over a housand years. If we refer to our utionary War of 1776 was fought under the red flag, for our Stars and ripes were not invented until later. We find today that it is the dis-graceful ignorance of modern, preju-

understandings.

The red flag is a flag of hope and protection for the oppressed of all nations at all times, is international in sales were good as was the collection.

Local Hamilton has ordered 8,000 of brotherhood of humanity; not the cold the "No Work" local to from the No. clotted blood of the battle field, but the warm life's blood flowing in the veins of all humanity. Let us not suppless the flag of the

early Christians. ("Ancient Lowly," by Ward, for eference).

CINCINNATI PROTESTS

At the last meeting of Local Cincinnati, March 6, 1919, the question of a proposed national headquarters Comrade M. A. Toohey of Toledospeaks at Fairport Harbor, March 23, 8 p. m., at Pinnish Socialist hall, on in Chicago, Ill., to be owned by the Socialist Party of the U. S. A., was taken up and discussed. And Local Cincinnati went on record protesting ranged by the Finnish comrades and against the method used by the National Executive Committee in spendbe possible to organize an English ing \$40,000 of the party's money withspeaking local. Everybody should out the consent of the members by lend a hand to make this meeting a referendum. We maintain that they have not complied with the national constitution in so doing. E. L. LIBBEY, Sec'y.

MT VERNON VERY ACTIVE

structed by the worst storm of the labor unions of Mt. Vernon on March ing into negotiations which would put government and that the American winter, nevertheless, the comrades re-organized, some literature was sold, speak for the Socialists on March 31. On the 26th of November the All-and a time for opening of peace negosome subscriptions also and a general The Socialist Party of Knox Co. has Russian Congress of Soviets declared tiations with our representatives.

PEOPLE DECIDE GREAT ISSUES

By Eugene V. Debs

The decision is perfectly consistent with the character of the supreme court as a ruling class tribunal. It could not have been

So far as I am personally concerned the decision is of small consequence. But there is an issue at stake of vital interest to the American people. It involves the fundamental right of free speech. Without this our boasted freedom is a delusion and a

The supreme court has dodged the issue. It has held the Espionage law valid without affirming its constitutionality. The real issue before the court was the constitutionality of the act. This issue the supreme court did not dare to decide.

What the supreme court did decide is that the constitution is another "scrap of paper."

Great issues are not decided by courts but by the people. I have no concern about what the coterie of begowned corporation lawyers in Washington may decide in my case. The court of final resort is the people and that court will be heard from in due

The decision just rendered places the United States where old Russia under the czar left off. It is good for at least a million Bolshevist recruits in this country.

I stand by every word of the Canton speech, the supreme court to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Espionage law is perfectly infamous and a disgrace to even the capitalist despotism at whose behest it was enacted. Sixty years ago the supreme court affirmed the validity of the Fugitive Slave law to save chattel slavery. Five years later that infamous institution was swept from the land in a torrent of

I despise the Espionage law with every drop in my veins and I defy the supreme court and all the powers of capitalism to do their worst

All hail to the workers of America-and the world! The day of emancipation is dawning.

The Song of the Wage Slave

ROBERT W. SERVICE

When the long, long day is ever, and the big boss gives me my pay, I hope that it won't be hell-fire as some of the parsons say, And I hope that it won't be heaven, with some of the parsons I've met-All I want is just quiet, just to rest and forget.

Look at my face, toil-furrowed, look at my calloused hands; Master, I've done Thy bidding, wrought in Thy many lands-Wrought for the little masters, big-bellied they be and rich; I've done their desire for a daily hire, and I die like a dog in a ditch.

I have used the strength Thou hast given, Thou knowest I did not shirk; Three-score years of labor-Thine be the long day's work: And now, big master, I'm broken and bent, and twisted and scarred, But I've held my job, and Theu knowest, and Thou wilt not judge me hard. Thou knowest my sins are many, and often I've played the fool-Whiskey and cards and women, they made me the devil's tool.

I was just like a child with money; I flung it away with a curse, Feating a fawning parasite, or glutting a harlot's purse; Then back to the woods repentant, back to the mill or the mine, I, the worker of workers, everything in my line.

Everything hard but headwork (I'd no more brains than a kid), A brute with brute strength to labor, doing as I was bid: Living in camps with men folk, a lonely and loveless life; Never knew kiss of sweetheart, never caress of wife; A brute with brute strength to labor, and they were so far above-Yet I'd gladly have gone to the gallows for one little look of love.

I, with the strength of two men, savage and shy and wild-Yet, how I'd ha' treasured a woman, and the sweet, warm kiss of a child! Well, 'tis Thy world, and Thou knowest I blaspheme and my ways be rude But I've lived my life as I found it, and I've done my best to be good.

I, the primitive toiler, half naked and grimed to the eyes, Sweating it deep in their ditches, swining it stark in their styles; Hurling down forest before me, spanning tumultuous streams, Down in the ditch building o'er me palaces fairer than dreams.

Boring the rock to the ore bed, driving the road through the fen, Resolute, dumb, uncomplaining, a man in a world of men. Master, I've filled my contract, wrought in Thy many lands; Not by my sins wilt Thou judge me, but by the work of my hands; Master, I've done Thy bidding, and the light is low in the west, And the long, long shift is over-Master, I've earned it-Rest.

BAKER WARMS THEM

Comrade Baker spoke to a crowd of eager listeners at Canton. The landlord refused to heat the hall, but The red flag was suppressed better the French revolution, because the unions had become too strong. It was to the entire satisfaction and comfort of his audience, so we are told. Baker took care of that. He warmed "Leave it to Baker."

E. LIVERPOOL PLEASED

"Comrade Chas. Baker speke to a very enthusiastic audience of about 200 March 12. Everyone was more We find today that it is one disgraceful ignorance of modein, prejurice and censure that has filled the and with misrepresentations and missenderstandings.

The pleased of the pleased of the prejurice and censure that has filled the talk. Collection was \$41,82, literature \$4.75, and 12 O. S. subs sold. Hope to have him again."—J. R. Larimore, or You just belong to me!"

The Littlest One

By Frances Mumford Blackstone. (With Apologies to the Author) My daddy he's a Socialist, My brother is one too. My sister goes to "Science School,"

They all have badges that they wear,
And different things to do. Oh dear, I wish that I

But I stay home, I do.

Russian Soviet Answers Senate

(Continued from Page One)

normal relations between the two countries, and we are ready to eliminate everything which may be an obstacle to such relations.

tober we sent an offer of this charac-, the reason for their being in Russia, ter through the Norwegian Minister seemed to be to put back on the shoulin Russia. A week later we made a similar offer through Mr. Christiansen, an attache of the Norwegian Lesults of these explanations of ours gation, at the time of his leaving Mos- have not been unsatisfactory to our cow. On the third of November we personal relations with these Amerinvited the representatives of the neutral countries in Moscow and asked that Russia is willing to enter into Affairs.

in the above mentioned radio-tele-peace negotiations. On the 23d of Degram, some prominent members of cember our representative, Mr. Littue principal political party in the vinoff, communicated once more with United States could not quite under- the Allied ambassadors in Stockholm stand the reasons of Senator Hitch- the desire of the Russian government cock. They expressed their wish that to reach a friendly settlement of all American troops in Russia should be questions at issue. He also sent an withdrawn as soon as possible.

questions at issue. He also sent an appeal to President Wilson in London; thus the responsibility for the fact We share their wish to re-establish that no agreement has been thus far reached does not lie with us.

We have had an opportunity to hear various American officers and soldiers express their astonishment at their This is not the first time we are being held in Russia, especially when making an offer of this kind. In Oc- we pointed out to such soldiers that ders of the Russian people the yoke

We hope that the desire for peace ACTIVE

them to deliver a written proposition expressed by the above-mentioned sento the Allies with the view of enter- ator is shared by the entire American government will kindly name a place People's Commissaire for Foreign

CHITCHERIN.

out the long sentences imposed upon and stood handcuffed during working fects the members of the Industrial Workers of the World by Judge Landis, the the ordinary comforts afforded other man's belongings prior to his disprison officials at Leavenworth are inmates of the institution. using every conceivable method of cunning and trickery and are resort-closure of the brutalities perpetrated

I.W.W. Victims of Brutalities

bastile widely heralded as the to alibi himself out of an uncomfortmodel prison in the United States. able situation and throw the blame Bill Haywood, serving twenty on the I. W. W. Accordingly the years, is an especial target of brutal search was carried out, the "guns officialdom. Plans and plots to "get" were found" and the mercenary press him are cooked up and luckily for blazoned out with "I. W. W. plan jail him all have failed so fai. Other delivery" headlines. It was a typical members of the organization are feel-small town frame-up and could only ing the cruel weight of the Iron Heel be conceived in a degenerate mind and a number are reduced in grade and from a guilty conscience. The and deprived of most of the privileges fact remains that nobody was called others are permitted to enjoy because to account for having the guns in the full consciousness of their man-hood they dared insist that they be employed in the clothing room and accorded decent and humane treat was not punished for the offense ment compatible with self-respect and which is a most serious one as fire

which is a most serious one as fire arms in possession of inmates may lead to the gravest consequences. garded by the man in charge and some of the guards over the grisoners who think it is their bounder duty to rule and impose brutalities on the helpless men in their charge.

Three class war prisoners, Floyd
Rame a member of the governlead to the gravest consequences.
Frust ated in their efforts to get 'Big Bill' involved in a jail delivery plot the officials have not given up hope and are hot on his trail and he is under constant surveillance by prisoners are member of the Socialist officials and some grants seeking pro-Ramp, a member of the Socialist officials and some guards seeking pro-Party of Oregon, Manuel Rey and J. motion. They will resort to any method to cast discredit Moran, I. W. W. members from Uniupon the cago have been especially singled out class war prisoners and there isn't their dark doings in the conduct of by Acting Warden Fletcher and have anything so foul and contemptible the affairs of the Penitentiary and the affairs of the Penitentiary and the affairs of the incompany to the cold surroundings knowing that their mismanagement and want to the cold surroundings knowing that their mismanagement and want to the cold surroundings knowing that their mismanagement and want to the cold surroundings knowing that their mismanagement and want to the cold surroundings knowing that their mismanagement and want to the cold surroundings knowing that their mismanagement and want to the cold surroundings knowing that the affairs of the Penitentiary and the affairs of the Penitentiar in December because along with others they have objected the extra task higher up in the Department of Jusordered to do by an unfeeling guard, tice and the L. W. W. have become ordered to do by an unfeeling guard. They have been thrown in the "Hole" targets of special abuse at their tions to implicate him in any "plot"

and in the evening a couple of colored hands. blackjacks and they beat them most Saturday, Feb. 15, after completing unmercifully. These two gents, Wing- an 18-month sentence for my Social or prisoners are to no their spirit field, serving a ten-year sentence for ist activities in connection with the remains unbroken and their spirit field, serving a ten-year sentence for ist activities in connection with the remains unbroken and their spirit the mirder of a soldier in Arizona, Michigan Socialist, of which I was the working class advancement and years for the murder of his wife, are unleasing discharged I was given and are kept well in order that they in order that they are kept well in order that they minutes before my release by Garvin days, when freedom with the the strong arm work for Mr. minutes before my release by Garvin days, when freedom with the their class and are cheered by the new liverance and are cheered by the new sit behind grim at the first and are cheered by the new liverance and are cheered by the liverance and are cheered by

Reports

New Good On Local. Members. Standing. Roll.

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Belmont Co. ...

Byesville

Cuyahoga Co....275

Dayton 4 E. Liverpool . . 9

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Hamilton 13

Hubbard

Kenmore

Lima Mansfield

Massillon

Marysville

Marion

Midvale

Mt. Vernon

Lorain

Steubenville

Seneca Co.

Troy

Wadsworth

Warren

Struthers, South

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North Star no in.

Cincinnati

Clark Co.

Columbus

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Financial Statement Socialist Party of O.

JANUARY REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Dues regular \$527.70

Ohio Socialist 1,211,20

Miscellaneous 117.82

Dues regular \$400.00

Postage 37.13
Printing 33.00
Travel 32.32
Onio Socialist 528.56

 Total
 \$1,601.51

 Balance on hard Jan. 1
 \$2,037.58

 January receipts
 2,593.34

Organization \$1,028.80
Defense 491.62
Mileage 208.89
Sustraining

 Sustaining
 284.53

 Debs' Defense
 2,168.58

Total \$4,182.42 General fund deficit..... 1,153.01

Balance Feb. 1, 1919.....\$3,029.41 MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY

Initiation stamps 518

 $1000 \quad 1000 \quad$

Total 9,170 we win.

Foreign branch
Organization fund

Literature

Propaganda meetings

Sustaining fund stamps.....

Debs' defense

EXPENDITURES.

Local supplies

Literature
Organizer's salary
Organization, print. and adv.

Sustaining fund

Office supplies

Auto expenses

Not content with merely carrying ers have been lynched to the bars ciency, hoping to find among my efsomething that would involve hours for a number of days and are Bill Haywood, or any of the others. in third grade now and deprived of Haywood has the job of packing up a charge and they hoped to find letters or articles for publication among my things so they could put the blame on ing to the vilest deeds known in prisond work-ing to the imprisoned work-into further difficulties while planted guns in the clothing room nothing that didn't belong to me and serving their sentences in the Amer- where Haywood is employed in order the Sherlock Holmes is now probably racking his small brain and laying pigeon work.

of Officials at Leavenworth

bles a year.

Radical literature is barred by the officials and publications enjoying mail privileges are wantenly destroyed f sent to a prisoner known as a Socialist or I. W. W. men and that contrary to their own rules, which proride for the admission of any matter handled by the postoffice.

Bobba(a woblie serving one year, Some few weeks ago Pietro Pierre was arrested in Cleveland and bars. Let us arouse the workers, hold charged with plotting the life of mass meetings, protest and carry on President Wilson and an attempt is such agitation that they will have tr being made to involve Bobba in the affair. Pierre served an 18-month sentence for anti-draft activities and was known to the inmates of Leaven-was known to the leaven-was known was known to the initiation wa cated man. The attempt to implicate Bobba is thought to be another scheme of the prison officials who still fear that light of day will be turned on ers I pledge all that I have. to win favor in the eyes of the men ton brutality will be exposed. Bobba out in the living world things are was denied permission to issue a pub- shaping themselves to the end that ic statement to explode the machina-

> In spite of the sone years of imprecedent, which no t of the class

to kill Wilson and McAdoo.

Local's Monthly The Way The

Excuse me for not writing more often, Minnie is with me now, so you will receive dayly reports from the front line trenches We have several good, live, and very red comrades there, so I believe they will remain in line this time.

At Wadsworth, we had a very good meeting, the comrades themselves packed and Comrade Lewis delivered were surprised, the organization there the goods in great shape. Literature s in good shape. The meeting paid for itself, and turned money into the local treasury. Comrades well pleased.

rades are on the job. Meeting held in the high school assembly room, a splendid musical program was arranged. The comrades say it was the best meeting ever held in Barberton. Many O. S. subs were sold. Seven new members were admitted. Very successful. Money turned into local treasury.

7 eral O. S. cards were sold. New life 25 was instilled into the movement. Meet-16 ing paid all expenses. The comrades are arranging for a Debs meeting.

meeting was held only a few squares from my old hotel, and the workers of NAPOLEON REORGAN-19 Canton learned something about the prison in their midsts which they 106 never dreamed existed anywhere in the world, since the old regime of Rus-sia had been overthrown. Very suc-rade Baker's meeting there was ob-As soon as work opens up the sub- sia had been overthrown. Very suc-

Salem will soon be in line, the meet-

News From State Locals Leetonia is no the job, very good meeting there. The comrades are ar

compangn in Columbiania Co., the first week in May. CHARLES BAKER. Battle Goes The above named "Minnie" is Baker's pet typewriter!

By CHARLES BAKER.

LEWIS MAKES GOOD AT Comrade Thurber Lewis' meetings at Hamilton on March 6, 7, 8 and 9, proved successful in every way. He At Greenwich I gathered several omrades together and reorganized. made a great hit with the comrades and his audiences, says Comrade John M. Cahalane. A larger hall than the local headquarters had to be secured for the Sunday meeting and it was the goods in great shape. Literature sales were good as was the collection.

At Barberton, believe me, the com-

Who said Cuyahoga Falls was not on the Socialist map. We had a splen-did meeting there in the city hall, sev-

At Canton I felt right at home, the success.

the worker's mind is sloughing off a ing held there Monday predicts a some subscriptions also and a general The Socialist Party of Knox Co. has Russian Congress of Soviets declared lot of useless ideas. Work or no work, good future for the movement in that revival of Socialist activities may be issued a challenge to all comers to to the Allies and to the whole world expected from now on,

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THE HANGMAN RELENTS

After devoting, for months past, its pages to the hounding of all So cialists who did not forget their internationalism in the trying hour of war the New Appeal relents. After branding as pro-German every Socialist Party propaganda meetings a collection official who remained true to the principles of the party, having deliberately chosen the role of a suppressor of minority opinion, having assisted to the limit of its ability, the persecution, prosecution and jailing of every comrade who dared raise his voice for internationalism, it now proclaims itself the appointed champion of all political prisoners.

We cannot believe that any Socialist or radical who is now in prison or under indictment will find the services of its traducers acceptable. Men and is, wherever a member knows of some women who have the courage of their convictions will not stoop to accept the

Every capitalist denouncer of socialism and socialists was far outstripped by the New Appeal in its deliberately lying, vicious and preposterous denunciations.. That the New Appeal was perfectly aware of its forgeries and falsehoods cannot be doubted. It chose deliberately a policy against socialism, it chose deliberately to jail Socialists, to poison with untruth the public mind, it chose deliberately the role of hangman of the Socialist Party izer. as a political party and individual socialists as socialists.

Having witnessed the closing of prison doors upon thousands of dissenters and the stifling of many strong voices within the dungeons of capitalism it should be content to rest upon its distinguished laurels. It might be con-

tent to not add insult to injury. It might, but for one thing. Time was when the Appeal had an ideal. That was in the time of J. A: Wayland and Fred Warren. Wayland is dead. Warren is no more with the Appeal. The younger Waylands are not, we are informed connected with the paper in any way. The New Appeal is a privately owned paperwith large financial obligations. Being such, it must pay dividends. It is not likely to long follow a policy at variance with its financial interests.

The role of hangman of all internationalists may or may not have proven profitable. However, the entire program of the Appeal to combat socialism has fallen to pieces. It's mission to Europe composed of renegade and discredited Socialists returned unhonored, abroad or at home. Its League for Democracy has disappeared from the horizan of human endeavor. Its support of every antagonistic weapon against Socialism failed to bring it the support of the multitude.

The Appeal needs a conveyance to "come back" on. "Freedom for political prisoners" affords the coveted means. Moral-Support the party controlled press and keep your reputation.

AS USUAL

"As usual," we remark when our attention is called to the formation of a nonpartisan party that is to dispute the right of the workers of Piqua, O., at the next election to control the affairs of the city they have builded. It is not the first time the method has been tried. It is old. So old that it is is not the first time the method has been tried. It is old. So old that it is subs, yet you may be putting out commonly recognized for what it is—the last line of defense of capitalism and 50,000 papers each week in bundle old political gangs against the forward march of the workers and the rising form but the Washington postoffice tide of class consciousness.

It is a good sign-the sign of approaching defeat of capitalism. Socialists welcome the coming of the sign as the coming of spring and a new day. We welcome it with renewed activities, with more propaganda, more agitation, better organization. It is the sign of coming victory in Piqua as elsewhere. It is heartily welcome!

THE SPARTICANS

The recent victories of the German Spartacans have yielded them an poor down-trodden masses, the reader intrenchment within the government that augurs well for an extension of 000,000 Red Guards are ready and their power. The Spartacus Soviets are to receive constitutional recognition willing to lay down their lives for as economic controllers of labor and production. Extensive socialization of the sake of defending the government industries is also conceded.

Economic control of industry by the soviets of workers means the attain- HOW THEY DO IT IN ASHTABULA ment of a dictatorial position from which they cannot be removed by any political power. It may mean, in fact, a displacement of the present political

government by one more economic in nature functioning through the soviets. To control the industries is to control the vital organs of a nation. This control the Spartacans have won. Further victories over the Ebert group and acquisition of greater power now becomes possible. These recent victories of the Spartacans are more significant than any world history recently made.

German Spartacans-German productive forces and science. Russian Bolsheviki-Russian natural resources-some combination!

You can keep your old clothes in America now—the returned soldiers need them. Ten calls for every garment so the papers say.

"The Song of the Shirt-less" is the paeon of victory the heroes may sing

as they wend their way to the closed job.

It isn't expected, but it would be in good order for District Attorney for results from now on. Wertz to apologize to the convicts now that it has been determined who MRS. CARRIE ELLISON, Fin. Sec. fired his house.

Two Live Locals Work For Socialism

Here are two plans of better work for socialism which two locals are put-ting across. They are both good, both will get results. Both will make socialism a factor in the political and industrial life of the cities where they are being carried out. Both are worthy the serious consideration of every comrade. Both are worthy of being patterned after in your own local. Talk these plans over at your next business meeting. Improve upon them if you can but at least give them a tryout in your own local. They are result getters. Try them.—(Editor).

LOCAL NORWOOD'S PLAN.

Ten good reasons why it will work. A motion was passed at a meeting of Local Norwood, at which the folowing plan was put into force. At all moneys so collected above the ex-penses of the said meeting shall be put into subscriptions to the Ohio Socialist, for three months each.

The names of these subscribers to be furnished by the membership; that one whom he thinks can be landed by such a trial, this person to be placed on the list, and it is believed the following will result:

1-An indexer was elected to enter the name with the start and ending date of the sub. The indexer is to watch these subs and at their expiration turn the name over to the organ-

2-The organizer then has a starting point to work on, he pays the subscriber a visit and has a talk with

3-This may result in a possible 6month or 1-year sub. 4-It may also result in securing a new, member.

5-By this plan we can find out the sentiment of the person visited, which can be recorded as it is found.

6-If the sentiment at the end of the trial sub. proves favorable and is so recorded, we then have a signature for our nomination petitions for elec-We know just where to go and do not have to put in a lot of time looking all over town for signatures. 7-Instead of ordering bundle lots and putting in the time passing out the same we leave that to Uncle Sam

and the mail man. 8-We realize that the bundle plan is all right in its way, but we also realize that if the autocrats at Washington wish to put the O. S. out of business with a small sub list this can easily be done but with a paid-in-ad vance sub. list, which will constantly be growing, the putting out of business proposition will not be so easy. We realize that you may have 10,000 authorities will only give you credit

for the 10,000. 9—After reading the O. S. this will mean a sure Socialist vote.

10—Finally a sure BOLSHEVIK, for no one can read the O. S. and carefully consider it's contents without coming to the conclusion that the capitalist papers have lied and that after seeing the light of what the Russian comrades are doing for the must then realize why it is that 3,

Dear Comrades: This is to notify you that Comrade Wm. H. Fox has resigned as financial secretary and that I was duly elected in his place at our last meeting. I also wish to tell you that we are doing team work here now in proper shape. We have elected two captains, they in turn have chosen their crew from among the membership. The object is to compete for subscriptions to the O. S., and membership for the local. The contest will close on May 1. The losand membership for the local contest will close on May 1. The losing side to pay all expenses of a banquet to be held on or before May 5, in which all members will participate.

The new members are to join, the side that himses in their application. The NEW MEMBERS

**Ravenne, Fortage Co. 15

**Revenne, Fortage Co. 15

**Revenue, Fortage Co. 1 captains are Comrade John W. Ellison and E. J. Hewitt. They are both wide awake and on the job, so look out

LIBERATOR PAMPHLETS THE DREAM OF DEBS THE TRIAL OF By JACK LONDON EUGENE DEBS MAX EASTMAN With Debs' Address to the art on Receiving Sentence

Two Pamphlets of the Hour!

Read these two pamphlets. Sell them at your meetings. Ten cents each. Six cents in quanities of 25 and over.

Savage Sentence of Court Impels Labor to Demand Debs' Release

No single act of the capitalist class, drunk with power that it is, has aroused the workers of this nation so much as the conviction of Eugene V. Debs in the Supreme Court, that highest representative of capitalism in America.

A nation-wide, in fact an international movement has, since his conviction, been inaugurated to awaken an agitation to keep Debs from the maw of a capitalist prison. Every legal agency that the Socialist Party and other radical organizations in this country can grasp will be used to keep him from becoming the victim of that senseless and oppressive intolerance that has set America apart from the rest of the world since the Espionage law became

a part of our governmental machinery of persecution. Every radical, even every sane conservative in this country knows that Eugene V. Debs is innocent of wrong. Millions have heard his voice in protest against the evils of the criminal capitalist class. Millions have read his many writings filled as they are with the spirit of love for the down-trodden and the spirit of revolt against oppression's iron hand. His friends are legion, his admirers are the millions that make up the common masses. Will these millions stand idly by while he who has given his life

for them, is sent away to the horrors of a capitalist dungeon? They will not! They will protest. They will sound a warning to the powers that be to lay hands off of Debs. They will let it be known that they are the court of last resort in this nation. That their decision is for Debs and against his conviction. Their voice is rising now in one tremendous nation-wide protest against this savage sentence imposed upon the most lovable man that has risen from the ranks of labor since Lincoln.

Protest meetings are under way throughout the nation. Let every local organize a protest meeting against the carrying out of this barbarity against Debs. Make every meeting a protest meeting, not only for Debs but for all political prisoners. Organize a protest meeting. Call upon every speaker you can possibly arrange a meeting to address you. Make "Freedom for Debs and ALL Political Prisoners" your rallying cry until this monstrous iniquity is buried deep beneath the foundations of real democracy. Keep Debs from prison. Your protest will do it!

Buy an Industrial Freedom Certificate—\$1.00

You've got a dollar, we know, which ought to be put to work re-establish free speech, free press and free assemblage. You've got a dollar, we know, which ought to be put to work elp release all political prisoners, including Thomas Mooney. to buy comforts for prisoners who have been sentences to years and years in federal penitentiaries.

You've got a dollar, we know, which ought to be put to work to help sustain the families of these prisoners; to keep the chil-

dren of these prisoners in food and clothes.

RELEASE THAT DOLLAR—PUT IT TO WORK Buy An Industrial Freedom Certificate

USE THIS BLANK

Socialist Party of Ohio. R. F. D. 2, Box 55, Brecksville, Ohio.

Comrades: Here is my dollar. Put it to work at once to release all political prisoners; to buy comforts for our imprisoned comrades; to re-establish the right of free utterance and to help sustain the families of our comrades who are in jail. Send me an Industrial Freedom Certificate.

The Statistician

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January, 1919. **Kenmore **Youngst'n, S. Slavic. 48 LOCALS REPORT 435 NEW MEMBERS

Number Local. Opperman (reorganized Cambridge 10
 Galion
 15

 East Liverpool
 20
 Derwent Wadsworth Cincinnati 29 Vorwood
 Toledo
 19

 New Bremen
 2

 Hamilton
 12

 Belmont Co,
 9
 Columbus'..... Barberton Dayton 12 Kenmore

6, (high per centage, but insufficient information); Massillon, 1; Hubbard 1; Yorksville, 1; Ravenna, 1; Richland Co., 2; Piqua, 4; Mt. Vernon, 1; Ashtabula Finns, 4; Fairport Finns

Notice: The test for any local is 1 to every 20 in good standing or 5 GCOD STANDING MEMBERSHIP. CLASS AA

(All Locals Having 500 or More) Number Pct. of Local. Gd. Stand. Roll **Cuyahoga Co.1928 CLASS A (All Locals Having 400 or More)

CLASS B (All Locals Having 300 or More)
**Cincinnati 371 5 CLASS C (All Locals Having 200 or More) *Toledo, German 28 **Toledo 235

CLASS D *Belmont Co. 126 **Dayton 197

(All Locals With 50 or More) -Youngst'n, Scand. *Warren, Finns *Richland Co..... *Piqua *Columbus -Akron 62 *Lima CLASS F
(All Locals With 25 or More) 1000

**Galion 31 *Zanesville 33 East Liverpool 42 Fairport, Finns (47 on roll)? Canton
 Salem
 25

 —Mantpelier
 30

 Conneaut, Finns
 32
 CLASS G (All Locals With 3 or More) *Opperman *Mt. Vernon

*Mt. Healthy

*Warren, English...

*Cambridge

*Yorksville, S. Slavic. *Marysville (Five makes a local) Wadsworth Barberton Derwent Sandusky

*Marion —Norwood has surpassed previous month's effort;

-Ashland--New England

-Conneaut

Note: This article is voluntarily shortened to save all available space for "proletarian news and for articles on Industrial Socialism.

Yours for a better and more frequent Ohio Socialist. F. J. C., Youngstown, O.

982 "Enclosed please find check for \$17 and list of subscribers which I hope will help to make the U.S. safe (All Locals Having 100 or More) for socialism and a better place to 88 live in."—W. D. Faidley, Clifton E V DEBS DATES

Your Local—Where and When it Meets

Your Local's Advertisement Will be Inserted Under This Heading at the Rate of \$2.50 for One Year.

LOCAL COLUMBUS Socialist Party of Ohio Meets Every Thursday, 8 P. M. Socialist Party of Ohio Lectures every 2d and 4th Sun-Meets Every Friday Evening at SOCIALIST PARTY OF AM ERICA, YOUNGSTOWN, O., Meets Every Thursday, 8 P.M. Lectures Every Sunday, 8 P.M. SOCIALIST HALL, Meets every Friday, 8:00 P. M., at Bushnell Hall, 127 West Federal St., Third floor. 1314 Vine St. LOCAL HAMILTON LOCAL WARREN Meets Every Friday Evening, 8 P. M. Meets every Sunday at 7 P. M Lectures Every Sunday, 2:30 P. M. SOCIALIST HALL, 38 High St., Third Floor. rear room Woodmen's Hall South Main St., Warren, O. Local Kenmore SOCIALIST PARTY OF OHIO Meets Every Friday, 7:30 P. M. BITTIKOEFERS HALL, Local Canton of the SOCIALIST PARTY Meets Every Thursday at 7:30 Cor. 15th St. and Boulevard

Red Army Unlimbers Big Guns To Build Greater Party Press

Kenmore, Ohio.

P. M., at Socialist Headquarters,

328 Tuscarawas St. E.

The highest water mark in the flood of Ohio Socialist subscriptions yet reached was established last week when a total of 880 subscriptions were recorded in the State Office. The highest previous record was a total of 650 for one week. The Red Army is getting down to business. This record proves the possibility of establishing a twice-a-week Ohio Socialist before the fall cam-

It is a record to be proud of and we are proud of it-proud of the spirit the comrades manifest by securing this huge number of subscriptions gathered in one week. We are proud of the energy, the enthusiasm and in some instances the courage displayed by these comrades, who, by their loyal co-operation are laying the foundation of a greater Socialist press, a twice-a-week Ohio So-

The time is ripe as these results show, to get the Ohio Socialist in the hands of the workers. The workers' minds are open to our message as never before. Realizing they have been duped time and time again by the hired press of the masters, they are ready to build their own press that will fight their battles, whether they You've got a dollar, we know, which ought to be put to work be on the industrial or the political field. The workers are ready to support the party-owned press. The time is ripe for a harvest of subscriptions. Let us then gather it and thus establish once and for all a twice-a-week Ohio Socialist before the campaign opens for the municipal elections in the fall. Let us strike hard now for victory this coming fall.

Here are the names of comrades who helped establish this high water mark in the history of our drive for 20,000 subscribers and a twice-a-week Ohio Socialist:

Ben Bright, 2; Fred Smitker, 8; F. J. W. Cassell, 6; Geo. Pyle, 1; J. G. F. F., 1; Local New Bremen, O., 5; Savick, 5; M. Hauswald, 5; J. A. Geib, Local Columbus, O., 4; H. Weichers, 2; E. Reinhart, 3; F. A. Habig, 3; J.

Local Columbus, O., 4; H. Weichers, 2; J. L. Allen, 1; Local Robins, O., 44; E. C. Ilkenhans, 7; C. Shrutich, 1; L. Heller, 1; H. Ruemmele, 3; R. F. Huckbride, 3; N. Niner, 1; Fred O. Hartline, 13; B. Kush, 4; Sam Asher, 1; J. DeHaven, 6; W. D. Hamske, 5; Pred Weissenberg, 13; A. E. Randall, 1; J. Perd Weissenberg, 13; A. E. Randall, 1; Alex Sherbin, 2; Walter Ross, 3; Frank Fogarty, 1; A. Hart, 3; H. Hoffmeyer, 1; Fred White, 1; Local Toledo, 39; J. Bachter, 1; J. A. Brechtol, 7; J. F. Talmake, 2; H. G. Claugherty, 2; G. Kampe, 2; John Toppen, 2; Hollenbaugh, 3; Chas. Litz, 12; Local J. M. Danley, 1; Local Richland Co., 2; Youngstown, 8; E. Hurrasch, 7; W. H. tol, 7; J. F. Talmake, 2; H. G. Claugherty, 2; G. Kampe, 2; John Toppen, 2; J. M. Danley, 1; Local Richland Co., 2; N. R. Collins, 3; M. V. Lantz, 6; Local Cincinnati, O., 9; J. H. Krul, 6; Hugo Gernt, 2; J. McCam, 2; Jos. Jurince, 5; C. L. Pennel, 3; German Branch, Canton, 20; F. Hagerman, 3; M. A. Skinner, 3; Local Troy, O., 3; W. J. Korney, 1; Noah Winston, 3; J. S. Wilsins, 4; L. G. Stapf, 1; Jno. R. Veney, 8; A. W. F. Steckel, 4; H. C. Sharkey, 2; Harry Bokhus, 1; E. C. Flodding, 2; Harry Bokhus, 1; E. C. Flodding, 2; Harry Bokhus, 1; Local Coshocton, 3; J. B. West, 3; Basil Zamarin, 1; Oscar Kubir, 10; C. Albrecht, 2; W. B. Dillon, 4; Delos Cairne, 1; P. M. Hope, 1; J. Symes, 1; Local Akron, 4; Dan Hauser, 1; Local Coshocton, 3; J. Haines, 1; W. Conradi, 3; A. Ludeka, 1; M. M. Schartz, 15; J. L. Hammond, 3; Harry Moubray, 7; M. Tiermen, 2; G. J. Peck, 1; F. E. Helms, 2; V. Popov and L. Kaloka, 1; M. M. Schartz, 15; J. L. Hammond, 3; Harry Moubray, 7; M. Tiermen, 2; G. J. Peck, 1; Thos. McFarlane, 2; G. J. Peck

and Speakers

Here are the routings of our state organizers for the next several days. Comrades in these localities are urged to do everything possible toward the success of these meetings. Don't leave everything for the organizer to do after he arrives on the ground. Geo. R. Kirkpatrick specific spe You can help greatly in making each of these meetings a huge success by taking an active part in helping in the advertising, talking up the meeting, making sure that the organizer is looked after when he arrives and doing a comrade's full share in making socialism hum during and after these meetings. Get busy.

CHAS BAKER TOUR Comrade Chas. Baker will take a few days rest from the 16th to the

tew days rest from the 10th to the 22d. From March 23 to 28, he will work in Portage Co. The 29th and 30th, he will meet with the State Executive Committee, in quarterly session. March 31, he speaks at Mt. Committee at Fairport Harbor the 23d. Vernon. April 1, at Coshocton.

561 LILITH MARTIN TOUR

Comrade Martin needs no introduc-tion to Ohio Socialists. Her work in Ohio during the last municipal elections proved her worth as an organ-izer. Just the same, we shall expect Explanatory Notes: **Local is ex- every comrade to do his and her level ceptionally efficient or active; * local best to make Comrade Martin's meet-— local decreasing in effort; ? local membered as the best all around meet-poorly organized along efficient lines. ings your locals ever held. Put some ginger in your activities and give Comrade Martin a chance to see what comrades to put one over on capital- the best method to create Socialist ism. See what you can do and do it well, comrades. April 2 and 3 she speaks at Piqua; Troy, 4; Dayton, 5; Hamilton, 6; Portsmouth, 7 and 8; Columbus, 9; Mt. Vernon, 10.

ing dates: Girard, March 22; Canton With our Organizers 23, at Culp's rink, 631 Mahoning Rd. N. E.; Ashland, either 24 or 25; Youngstown, 26; Toledo, certain, 30; Akron, March 27.

> TOM CLIFFORD MEETING Comrade Clifford speaks at Martins Ferry, March 23,

Geo. R. Kirkpatrick speaks at Dayton March 24; Columbus date has been cancelled; Bellaire, 26; Toledo,

RUTHENBURG MEETINGS C. E. Ruthenberg speaks at Lorain March 30.

TOM LEWIS MEETINGS Tom Lewis will speak at Cincinnati and Hamilton, March 23.

H L A HOLMAN DATES Comrade Holman speaks at Columbus, March 20, 21, 22, 8 p. m., 50 1-2 W. Gay St. March 22, at 2 p. m.

THURBER LEWIS MEETINGS every comrade to do his and her level best to make Comrade Martin's meetings such that they will be long remembered as the best will be long remembered as the best will be long re-Springfield; Columbus, 27; Newark, 28; Zanesville, 29, 30; Roseville, 31.

Remittance for eleven subs and an Ohio Socialists can do in the way of propaganda and well organized effort. Her tour starts April 1, at New Bremen, a good chance for New Bremen ature distributor and he claims it is sentiment.

RUTHENBERG AT MASSILLON

Chas. E. Ruthenberg will speak at Socialist hall, 20 W. Main St., Friday

Eugene V. Debs will fill the follow-evening, March 21.

NEWS AND VIEWS-A WEEKLY SURVEY

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(Edited By C. E. Ruthenberg)

The Essence of Bolshevism

government and constitution. This remarkable fact, per of the people at home the capitalists dare risk it) to our attention, by Eduardo Feran, a purchasing the words of Mr. Feran, "takes from the owners, agent of the government of Guatemala, who, in whether domestic or alien, all of their lands and a statement published by the Christian Science Monitor, says:

"The Carranza constitution of Mexico is virtually identical with the Bolshevist convention, or constitution, and Russia is no more dangerous to the world today than is Mexico, except that Mexico has not so large a population, nor are there so many intelligent men devoted to the movement there as in Russia. The principles of the organic law of Mexico, adopted by the present gov-ernment, are the same as those contained in the constitution promulgated by Lenine and Trotzky for their regime of Bolshevism and anarchy in Russia. They are as like as two peas when compared closely, and the main object of the 18 different revolutionary movements, which are raging in as many states of Mexico today, is the overthrow of this Socialist-anarchist constitution under which the government of Mexico is con-

And here is the basis for Mr. Feran's sctatement that the Mexican constitution is identical with that cis' statements. He did not seem to know very of Soviet Russia:

"The worst provision of the Mexican constitution is that it takes from the owners, whether domestic or alien, all of their lands and everything connected with those lands, including mineral, timber and water rights and reinvests that title in the government Compare this with Article 1, of Division 1, of the Russian Bill of Rights, which reads: 'All property rights in the land, treasures of the earth, waters, forests and fundamental natural resources, within the boundaries of the Russian Federated Soviet Republic are abolished.'

This is no worse than the law under which Mexico is operating, and the resulting condition in Russia is no worse than it is in Mexico. The constitution has been enforced in Mexico by a form of licenses which the government now permits, under which mining and oil rights are regulated, but no one can operate, develop or use to their full value his own properties under this arrangement. Yet neither mines, oil wells nor lands can be worked except under such

Mr. Feran has unconsciously uncovered the essence of Bolshevism and also the reason for the bitter opposition of the ruling class of every country to Bolshevism. It is not that the Bolshevists are "German agents," or the charges they have established the "red terror" or the "suppression of the press" or even "the nationalization of women" that arouses the bitter animosity of the propertied classes. All these things they might have done, although they have not, and, still retained the friendship of the capitalists, for the capitalists themselves have done them and many things worse. But one thing the capitalists will not submit to, one thing they will

Luxemburg, the most magnificent and

the Bolsheviki had ruined and bank-

are financing the revolution every where. The son of Trotzky stole 50,

Is there a calumny which they have

not circulated about Lenine and

congress is making an investigation.

ered that there is some Bolshevist agitation in the United States. It is

without hearing, 46 of our working

"How perfectly brutal and infamous

and disgusting an example of how capitalism treats its working men.

Compare the hard, horny palms of

this hour of trial and travail is work-

Appeals for Solidarity.

together. We need to feel the common

touch. We need to recognize our kin-

ship. The world is against us if we

are not for ourselves. Through the

history of the ages you have been

en, you have been exploited, you

oppressed, you have been downtrod-

have been degraded. When you go for a job to the master class you

work under conditions they prescribe.

You depend upon them for tools, you

work for their benefit. Do you like

your master and impoverish your-selves, the system under which 5 per

cent. of the people own the wealth of

the country and the great body of

the people struggle through all their

vears for an existence and pass away

without ever having enjoyed one hour

of real life. How pathetic and tragic it is that in our land, with its bound-

less resources and treasures, its ma-

chinery, its workers, everything for

production for every man, we have in

great body of the people struggling

"The system in which you enrich

this? This is capitalism.

"We need to unite. We need to get

ing class solidarity.

people.

Overman committee has discov

the beginning they said that

lution lives, and their

souls go marching on.

fight with all their power, one thing will bring down on the Bolsheviki the armed forces of all the capi-Here's some real news. Mexico has a Bolshevist talist nations in the world (if, considering the temwhich we have all overlooked, has just been brought and that is the adoption of a constitution, which, in everything connected with those lands, including mineral, timber and water right, and reinvests that title in the government."

> The essence of Bolshevism is that it is taking the land, the industries and natural resources for the use of the people. It is striking a death blow at capitalism. That is the essential fact. The rest is camouflage intended to obscure the real point at

Mr. Francis Testifies

David R. Francis, ambassador from the United States to Russia, testified before the senate committee which is investigating Bolshevism, the other day. Mr. Francis had been held in reserve by the committee as a star witness, who was to demolish Bolshevism. But the committee must have been seriously disappointed after listening to Mr. Franmuch about what happened in Russia. He gave this and that as his "opinion" and he "believed" this or that to be true, but of fact and proof he had none to offer.

Thus for instance, Mr. Francis said:

"And now, at this point, I wish to state I believe that Lenine was a German agent from the very beginning. Germany would never have permitted him to return to Russia through German territory, had the case

It was easy, of course, for Mr. Francis to believe that, considering his attitude toward the Bolsheviki, but where is the proof? Mr. Francis did not cite any facts to support his "belief," although he stated his further "belief" that:

"He (Lenine) was a German agent in my opinion, although while acting as such he was also working to foment a world-wide revolution. He would have taken American or British money just as willingly as he did German money.

There you have the whole story. Lenin was a German agent who was fomenting a world wide revolution and incidentally straining every effort to get the world wide revolution under way in Germany before any other country. Does Mr. Francis really "believe" that the former masters of Germany were such a foolish lot as to finance a man who was aiming to undermine their rule, as Mr. Francis admits ought to be a pretty good proposition for the work-

The reason for Mr. Francis' "beliefs" was brought out by Senator King, when the latter asked the am-

"Were you denounced by the Bolsheviki as a capitalist?"
"Yes," he answered, "and the government

of the United States was denounced as a capitalist government. They said we entered the war because German submarines interfered with the sale of supplies to the Allies. That we had to participate in the war at the instance of the New York Stock Exchange in order to find a market for our manufactured products, and so on.

Those awful Bolshevists! To say such things about Mr. Francis' government when it really was would give the Bolsheviki too good an opportunity fighting to "make the world safe for democracy." Wouldn't you believe most anything about people who would so misrepresent your ideals?

A Little Mixed

The supports of the capitalist system are having a difficult time of it combating "Bolshevism." They do not seem to know just where they are at. They are scared; that is clear. People who are scared are apt to get a little mixed in their logic. They frequently speak truths which they did not intend

All this is preliminary to comment on an editorial appearing in "Finance and Industry" warning the capitalists of the great danger they are in. The writer of the editorial shows how Bolshevism is growing in this country and how necessary it is for some such organization as the defunct American Protective League to combat it—and makes such a good case that it really should scare the people he is writing for.

Having put his readers in the proper state of mind to seriously consider what is to follow he proceeds to tell them what Bolshevism is and what its source. And in doing that he mixes things up terribly. Just consider these two quotations:

"Bolshevists are not trying to build a government upon labor and talent, but upon

And then, speaking of the present economic situation in this country:

"At this particular time the dissatisfied are likely to seize upon the ideals of the Bolsheviki as a means of ending quickly, AND FOR ALL TIME, the temporary dis-turbance of economic affairs."

Now isn't that fine! The Bolshevists who are trying to build up a government, not upon labor and talent, but upon robbery, will end economic disturbances for all time!

If the Bolshevist form of organization will accomplish what this writer says it will-end the present industrial crisis with hundreds of thousands of men and women out of jobs, quickly and for all time, it ers to support, even though it is built upon robbery, for what this writer calls robbery merely means that the workers who created the factory, shops, W. are not satisfied with conditions here let them land industrial leaders the other day, "and there railroads and other means of production and dis- go elsewhere," Representative Julius Kahn told a hasn't been oppression in America." No, of course tribution, are taking possession of them to stop the Boston audience a few days ago. Who did Mr. not, even though there are a thousand men and

What Is Coming?

supported by Allied bayonets, is evidently to be called off. The Supreme War Council, it seems, has come to the conclusion that such a conference to get the facts about Russia before the people of other countries in spies of the conference being held in one of the most out of the way places that could be found.

What the situation in Russia actually is, is set forth in the following quotation from a statement by a rooted sense of antagonism is always to be Lloyd George before the peacemakers, which is watched as a possible source of war." There is quoted by Paul Wallace Hanna, in an article in the New York Call:

"Gentlemen," Lloyd George said, "the Soviet government rules over virtually all of European Russia, and enjoys the active or passive allegiance of two-thirds of the Russian people. All of us here know that to be The time has come for us to face the facts publicly and prepare to recognize the Soviet government. A general peace which left Russia out would be a farce.'

In spite of this admission the Soviet government fighting against Russian working men on Russian soil. Recently the volume of lies and misrepresental so that we may return to our homes, to our country, tions of the facts about the Soviet government has where the glorious sun of freedom shines brightly, been greatly augmented, in seeming preparation for where the working class is the master of its own a new attack upon the Soviet government on the destiny, and where the songs of working class freepart of the representatives of capitalism assembled dom reverberate in the air. We are not afraid to

viewing with disquiet the recent statement made by Winston Churchill in the House of Commons, while introducing the army estimate. The resolution declares in effect that the government seems to be says, "The New York general assembly refuses even preparing for a long period of military interference and that its policy is inconsistent with the existence of a democratic League of Nations. It goes on to members recognize the valuable work the state say that the draft of the constitution of the League of Nations does not fulfill the ideal of the Labor party. The latter phase of the matter is, of course, the explanation of the fact that while the five great powers are talking in fine phrases about the League of Nations, they are at the same time continuing to build their military machines. They have no faith themselves in the league that is being set up to delude the people into believing that the world has only from the propertied classes. The workers of really been "made safe for democracy."

"We've gotten on extremely well in this country for more than 140 years of liberty, and if the I. W. said Rev. Francis T. Moran, to an audience of Clevecapitalists from robbing them, and are using them Kahn mean when he said "we?" The Morgans, the women in prison for doing nothing more than ex-Rockefellers, the Astors, the Vanderbilts and Car- pressing their conscientious views.

negies and the other thirty thousand millionaires and near-billionaires? No doubt they've gotten on The Prinkipo conference with representatives of "extremely well," for they have been able to make the Russian Soviet government and the comic opera government which exist in Russia because private property, amassing great fortunes while millions live in poverty. We've gotten on extremely well and we want no change, that's the slogan of the capitalists.

> A writer in a Cleveland paper gives us this picture of our future prospects: "Japan is strong, proud and warlike. So are we in America. Both nations are fast expanding. Both have the assurance of a great future. Under such circumstances only one sense in which we are expanding and that is economically. We are reaching out for new markets, new spheres for investments and Japan is doing the same. The rooted sense of antagonism is therefore economic antagonism, "which is always to be watched as a possible source of war." It seems even capitalist writers sometimes carelessly admit

Here is the answer of the Russian workers of has not been recognized. Allied troops are still Lawrence, Mass., to the cry for deportation of aliens, "We demand the immediate opening of the frontiers, be deported, but would rather welcome the opportunity to leave immediately." Another slap at "the The British Labor party has passed a resolution land of the free and the home of the brave!"

> Arguing for the state constabulary bill before the Ohio legislature, the Cleveland Plain Dealer, to listen to the suggestion that this useful agency of law enforcement shall be abolished, because its police is performing." A recent example of this 'valuable work" is the use of the New York state police to prevent a demonstration of unemployed.

> The masses of Europe have already been disillusionized. When Wilson arrived in Europe on his first trip he was greeted everywhere by great demonstrations of the people. Now his greetings come Europe have quickly learned that all that Wilson had to offer was fair words and fine phrases.

"Bolshevism is a reaction against oppression,"

Eugene V. Debs Speech

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going on there? In spite of all opposition, the Spartacans, the heroic

"Washington Was Denounced."

rupted the country of Russia, and in the next breath we read that they night. "I do not desire to make any glow-000,000 rubles, and Trotzky never had ing periods, I wish I could read your hearts tonight, your attitude of soul. "Let us unite industrially. If Ger a son. The wife of Lenine went to Italy with trunks loaded with gold,

"These crimson flowers that have "They are fighting for your liberty, for you, if you only know it, and I manity; I have faith in the Man of am only too glad to pay my tribute to those men I love. Along this line Galilee. and the priests and the doctors and the lawyers and the judges. They to be ended by deporting, without trial.

hung him on a cross near Jerusalem as a warning to the centuries. sent abroad, I want to go with them!
"What you and all of us need in

that we owe our progress.

gerous character; Patrick Henry was

"Look into the eyes of your brother years in this country. Abolitionism and see the new light that is shining was the Bolshevism of that day. Those honored, while the smug, respectable people of their day lie buried and forgotten.

> "The great working class movement will similarly triumph. Its emanci-pation from the ruling class must come soon.

Rush to Shake Debs' Hand. The conclusion of Debs' speech was dramatic. From the slow, rhythmic, laborious articulation which marks his speeches, he had suddenly wrought simself to a pitch of tumultuous haste. His speech ended sooner than was expected.

The audience took no heed of Chairman Ruthenberg's introductory admonition to remain in their seats. When Debs turned to sit down, a thousand people rushed for the plat-form with outstretched hands. Debs shook hands with all whose proximity permitted the greeting. Some of the women rushed to kiss him.

During a pause in his speech members of Local Cleveland had presented them by the czar?" Debs with a basket of red roses and carnations. Debs regarded the floral tribute with smiling eyes and re-

"Is it not timely, however, blasphemous, to ask if an ordinance has been passed to prohibit their color?

"I am richer than John D. Rockefeller. He never enjoyed a gift so pure in loveliness, so deep in meaning. ton was denounced as an unprincipled I deplore his poverty."

The Senate Investigation of Bolshevism

As to the breakdown of Russia economically, which the battery of capitalist agents of the American abor exploiters which the committee placed on the stand at the beginning of the prosecution attributed to the government, Miss Beatty de clared that the country was economically broken down even before Kerensky took over the government; due to the three years' war 50 per cent. of the transportation facilities were

Relative to the causes that brought

Senator Sterling here brought out tried in Russia. his favorite inquiry relative to the "breakdown of discipline" in the Russian army. Sterling belongs to that school of militarists who believe that the only way the "lower classes" can be kept in subjection to the whims of the labor exploiters is to have the lower classes convinced that it is nec-essary to show "respect" to their superiors. Especially is this so, he thinks, in regard to the Russian soldiers. To do and die, not to question why, according to Sterling, is the supreme duty of the Russian soldier. And from his point of view when the Russian soldiers made up their minds not to salute their officers any more or suffer the death penalty for infractions of the military law laid down by the uniformed brutes of the ex-czar, then the breakdown of back from the war. the Russian army began.

death penalty and the advancement of In many cases it was refused, the rich the extreme view that the soldiers land owners flashing revolvers and should not sa'ute or pay proper refiring on the peasants. The peasants "Our trade union organization is should not sa'ute or pay proper re- firing on the peasants. spent to their superior officers spring from?" he a ked. "From the Social-lists?" were decorated with iron crosses for having killed a certain number of Germans, and he in turn fleehed him.

EVERYBODY SOCIALISTS.

officials of the organization shall not sia," replied Miss Beatty. "It is simble the candidates for office of any political party. The proposition has not cia'ist one is." "Are you a Soc al st?" a ked Sena-

tor Nelson. Miss Beatty replied that the nearest

viet decree nationalizing the land they the came to being one was when she toured California a ong with other college women in 1916 for Woodrow Wiltable.

"But are you one at heart?" persisted Nelson. "I worked in social settlement work

for twelve years, and I am in favor of anything that will abolish poverty," rejoined the witness. "Tell us about the Soviet govern-

ment," whimpered Senator Nelson, evidently afraid to question the witness longer along this line.

"A little later there was a group of abolitionists who fought against an institution which had existed for 250 was the Bolshevism of that day. Those abolitionism was the Bolshevism of that day. Those abolition and making all the parasites go to work for death penalty and the order abolishing the necessity of saluting in the army, Miss Beatty stated that those decrees were really made by the soldiers themselves and then promul-like themselves and then promul-like in the cannot live in the army, Miss Beatty stated that those decrees were really made by the soldiers themselves and then promul-like themselves and then promul-like themselves and then promul-like there until last October. His work was principally among the peas-but one of them. What is the matter with a sking him to let us live in the talked about what he had seen and what he knew, not about what some-decret was principally among the peas-but one of them. What is the matter with a sking him to let us live in the talked about what he had seen and what he knew, not about what some-decret was principally among the peas-but one of them. What is the matter with a sking him to let us live in the talked about what he knew, not about what some-decret was principally among the peas-but one of them. What is the matter with a sking him to let us live in the talked about what he knew, not about what some-decret was principally among the peas-but one of them. Some of the land lords acted the peasants treated was principally among the peas-but one of them. give them a semblance of legal form. The decrees simply recognized the existence of a condition already made effective by the action of the soldiers themselves.

Miss Beatty had her most difficult work in trying to make the committee understand the distribution of the land under the Soviet government's land tenure system. If the restrictions as to land tenure were extreme, they were made so in order to erect a social system in which no ablebodied about the revolution the witness said man shall eat if he does not work. that the immediate cause was the war weariness of the people. In June, use of money to make money out of 1917, about the time of the first test of the strength of the Bolshevist party in the outbreak of Petrograd, the make money out of his fellow men. Kerensky government staged a "pa- The desire of the Bolshevist party is triotic" demonstration to inspire the to equalize opportunity as much as working people to keep on fighting. But the soldiers said: Why do we want ers had been put at the top, as sugto fight our brothers in Germany, who gested by Senator Sterling, it was elewere whipped into the trenches by the vating 90 per cent. of the people and kaiser just as we were whipped into reducing 10 per cent. She would like to see the nationalization of the land

"What becomes of the loafer who won't till his land?" asked Senator Overman.

"He has to work in order to eat," is no place for loafers in Russia now. FRANK KEEDIE'S TESTIMONY. Russia were hewers of wood and drawers of water prior to the revolution. They had been exploited for three hundred years. This was especially so of the peasants. They were brought up in the villages and without education.
Then they were sent off to be made cannon fodder of by the command of the czar. The rich land owners would do for the poor everything but get off their backs. These peasants came back from the war. They returned to the villages to find their families in penury and without food. "Where did the abolition of the went to the rich land owners for food. having killed a certain number of Germans, and he in turn flashed his rifle and killed the rich land owners. "Ch, everyone is a Socialist in RusThen the peasants said: 'What's it all about, anyway? Who have I been "It is sim-fighting for? For Russia? Well, it's and of a So-mine.' And he took the land. Ninety per cent. of these people had been living from time immemorial on the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, and when they heard of the So-

> This was the substance of the story told the senate committee investigating Bolshevism today by Frank Keedie head of the British Quaker Red Cross in Russia, of the way the peasants from the rich took the land away land lords when the Bolshevist party obtained control of the Russian government and dispossessed that type of labor exploiter.

simply rose up and turned over the

Kecdie went to Russia in 1916 and

diers themselves and then promul-gated by the Kerensky government to familiar with the Soviet government them correspondingly. Other land He knew what they wanted and what they should have. "Bolshevism as applied to agriculture has been a sucplied to agricul he said, and said so emphati-

other man to dominate the people.

In response to an inquiry from enator Overman, the witness denied that he had been speaking for Bolshevism in the United States. Overman seems to be of the opinion that it would be terrible if anyone should speak for the fundamental principles of the Socialist Soviet government and their application to this "land of the free and the home of the brave.' He doesn't seem to know that the fundamental demands of the Socialist cutor Humes. Party of the United States and of every Socialist Party throughout the world are identical with the fundamental planks of the Soviet constitution, and that if he wants to find out how many people in the United States openly and frankly support the fundaexplained Miss Beatty, adding: "There mental principles of the Soviet republic of Russia he can get a starter for his list by summoning the hundred "Ninety per cent. of the people of thousand dues paying members of that party before his committee.

OPPOSITION OF PROPERTY OWN-ERS NATURAL

The witness said it was perfectly natural for those who had accumulated property either in land or factories through the oppression of the peasants and factory workers should oppose the Bolshevists. He might have directed attention to the fact that the slave holders in Senator Overman's own state of North Carolina in the last generation also opposed the abolitionists who suggested that it was an injustice to the colored people for the white masters of the south to own them as private property and rob them of all the wealth they produced. It was a good thing for the southern slave holders that Russian peasants had in 1917 and 1918. And what a sight that would

SOLDIERS JUST QUIT.

the Russian army, the witness some- France, and the United States was no demobilization. The 15,000,-000 soldiers simply quit the job and When they got home, went home. after having absorbed the Socialist profiteers there today. teaching that the land belongs to the

as it affected the peasants, especially lords resisted, but of course, Socialist in the regions where he had worked. peasants can't permit land lords to violate the supreme law of the land, happily forever after.

Asked whether the Soviet constitu-As to the Bolshevist movement and tion did not provide for the national-the Soviet government in general, the ization of live stock, Keedie stated witness declared that it is trying to that the letter of the constitution create a social order where it will be might provide for the nationalization mpossible for a rich man or any of the live stock, but in the province of Samara, where he spent a good deal of his time, the live stock taken from the big land lords was given to he peasants according to their necessities. A crippled soldier or a soldier's widow would be given more sheep or more cows than ablebodied

> "The Bolshevik government in operation is different from the Bolshevik government as described in its con-stitution then?" asked Chief Prose-

"Perhaps," admitted the witness. But the same criticism is applicable o other governments. I believe in he United States there is a court which spends the most of its time interpreting the meaning of your constitution.

NO LANDED PROPRIETORS.

"Now as to the landed proprietors n Russia," began Senator Nelson. "There are none," interjected Keedie much to the disguest of Nelson, who does not see how a Minnesota laborexploiting land lord could live and

prosper without a lot of poorly-paid

farm laborers to roll up his ill-gotten

wealth for him. "How about the mir?" continued Nelson. "Didn't the peasants in the villages control the mir?"

"They did not," came back the wit-ess. "The mir was controlled by ness. the czar's government and the land owning interests."

"Have you seen any terrorism in Russia?" cried one of the committee. "No Red Terror," replied Keedie. General Dutoff, however, had told him that he had signed the death warrant for 700 Bolsheviki. The committee the colored people along in 1830 to put the lid down immediately on any 1850 did not have the vision that the further accounts of terror applied against the Bolsheviks.

Keedie stated that he is a Socialist, have been! The southern slaveholder a pacifist, a conscientious objector, compelled to go to work for his living. does not believe in the use of force to emancipate society, and hopes and believes the social revolution will be Relative to the "demobilization" of brought about in Great Britain and what humorously explained that there peaceable means. He criticised the allies for having sent troops to Siberia and Russia, and said that these troops are the principal props to the

"The one creative social experiment people, they looked around and distant that has come out of the war is found covered that the rich lond lords owned in Russia," said the witness. "They all the best land, many of the holdings are trying to create a new social oramounting to 150,000 to 200,000 acres. der." He believed other other govern-The peasants said to themselves, ments should let them alone, free to "That land lord has got half a dozen try out the experiment.

that is exactly what you do when you vote the Republican or the Democratic the party might be more free. As a ences." And he seemed to regret not ticket, or any ticket, except the So-result there was organized a little being able to remain with us and live cialist. While you are doing this the master class looks upon you with al Socialist Party.

jating to think that you are the bot- a formal matter.

level of your statesmanship. Aren't tom class, the lower order? That is scoundrel; Jefferson was said to be a the system that you support or help to destroy by your vote.

"In Germany—do you know what is to destroy by your vote."

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"It cross to the system that you support or help to destroy by your vote." "I appeal to you just once to stand

position, the Spartacans, the heroic perfectly erect in the majesty of your followers of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa humanity. You owe it to yourself.

heroic figures in Europe in modern history—they are dead, but the revofor the working class. We have been oppressed, we have suffered, we have agonized and now let us unite and tand together against capitalism. That is the plea I am making to-

and she never has been in Italy in many had been organized industrially this great calamity would have never "Is there a lie they have not told? come.

just been presented to me represent the springtime, the springtime of revolution. I have faith in it and in hu-Twenty centuries ago he spoke to the common people and they heard him gladly. He was brought before the scribes and the Pharisees said 'He is preaching dangerous doc-trines. He is a Bolshevist.' They

"But ever since there have been men and women of moral courage who dared to speak the truth as they saw it, who have been maligned and per- marked: those who are to be deported with the lit, who have been maligned and per-lily-white hands of the deporters. You secuted; they have been stoned and burned at the stake, their ashes scatcan see the difference. The deported burned at the stake, their ashes scatwere the producers. If they are to be are remembered and it is to them

"Remember that George Washing-

Argentine Socialist Movement

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"We are a party of order and method. We regard socialism as a union of the Socialist forces, which method of action rather than the plan pursue a common object. of a new society to be organized. 'We have read that somewhere," we replied, smiling.

And Dr. Justo modestly admitted that he is the translator of a Spanish edition of Marx's "Capital."

The Tendencies. Argentinian Socialists are united," declared Dr. Justo. "The former deputy, Palacios, left us. Our position on the question of duelling was the cause of the division between the party and Palacios. The party prohibited duelling, and Palacios did not wish to abide by the party's ac-

"When the Socialist parliamentary the midst of all these benefits the group voted in favor of military pro-ereat body of the people struggling tection for our ships against the submarine peril, there was some opposi-"How foolish it is to vote for the repretuation of such a system. Yet party approved our conduct. We redissident group called the Internation-

vereign contempt.

You who produce everything, you breaking off diplomatic relations at who really create, you who are con- the time of the Luxbourg incidents. his thigh. It may be added, too, that the police have not yet apprehended

"At Berne we shall advocate the

"In opposition to us are the immigrant Spanish or Italian anarchists who publish a paper called the Protesta.

Trade Unionism.

the Federation Obrera Argentina (the Argentine Labor Federation). In tenit is idealistic, syndicalistic. But it does not oppose the action of the Socialist Party. The leaders of the movement have proposed that the officials of the organization shall not yet been adopted.

"The anarchist syndicalists are another organization. "The struggle must be interesting

continued the repin a new country resentative of Humanite. "Yes," came the reply, "but Europe signed on this question in order that is going to have some great experi-the party might be more free. As a ences." And he seemed to regret not through them.

> Our comrade limps slightly. In 1916 an attempt was made to assassinate him and he still carries the bullet in

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