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Debs' Loyalty to His Imprisoned Comrades a Superb Sacrifice

TELEGRAM AND LETTEE FROM LIBERATOR REPRESENTATIVES JUST RETURNED FROM CONSULTATION WITH WORKERS' CHAMPION

Debs made his decision. A month ago when our representatives visited him to consult him in regard to starting habeas epours proceedings for the purpose of ending his illegal confinement in Atlanta federal penetentiary, he said "Return in thirty days and I will give my answer".

On Spt. 20th, attorneys Sharts and Castleton again

visited him to receive his answer.

Here it is, a telegram sent us immediately after the consultation was ended, and a letter from comrade Sharts which gives further details.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

A WAGENKNECHT, 1291 COOK AV. CLEVELAND, O. DEBS SAYS: "I HAVE STUDIED THIS MAT-TER THIRTY DAYS, EVERY INSTINCT IS AGAINST MY MAKING AN INDIVIDUAL FIGHT FOR LIBER-TY WHILE MY COMRADES ROT IN JAIL. WOOD-ROW WILSON AND HIS POLITICAL CROWD SENT ME HERE FROM MOUNDSVILLE TO KILL OR BREAK ME. I SHALL STAY UNTILL I DIE OR HE IS FORCED TO RELEASE US ALL. MY FAITH IS IN THE RANK AND FILE OF MY COMRADES." SAMUEL M. CASTLETON JOSEPH W. SHARTS

A. Wagenknecht,

3207 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Comrade:

My telegram of last Saturday tells the story.

Debs was much surprised to see me. For one thing, he thought the 30 days would not be up until the 22nd. For another, he said he had written home to Terre Haute telling the folks to notify Comrade Prevey and me not to come as he had finally decided not to make an individual fight for freedom. Comrade Prevey must have got that word, for she did

The telegraphed message from the boys in Leavenworth also failed to reach me in time. I wish I had had it to show to Gene. It is as magnificent a thing, coming from the political prisoners he is trying to rescue by his own self-sacrifice, as is his own attitude. He would have cried over that telegram, I

He is still in the hospital. And right here let me say a word for the warden of the Atlanta Penitentiary. Those who heap curses upon the warden for the brutalities committed upon our comrades in that hell-hole-and it is a hell-hole, I know-do him a great wrong.

The brutalities that are being practiced at the Atlanta penitentiary are systematically prescribed from Washington. Let us get that fact clear. To blame the warden for what is being done to Debs and our other comrades is like biting at the stick instead of attacking the hand that wields the stick.

The men we have to hold responsible for what is happening to Debs and the others are in the White House and the Attorney General's office and back of them all is brutal carltalism. It is silly for us to look lower down.

heart" of Woodrow Wilson and his personal desire to pardon tions to Russia for the slaying of Russian working men by no other reason, is sufficient ground these prisoners and end the sufferings of the conscientions objectors also, were he not deterred by "reasons of state." He acquired that credit by commuting the death sentences inflicted be turned over to government officials in Seattle, according to Keep Informed on a couple of soldier boys who fell asleep on picket and mercifully giving them a chance to die in battle killing Germans. After all it was a more efficient and economical way of all shipments of munitions for the American army in Siberia. single copy 5c.

I have looked into the cold, thirfty Scotch Presbyterian heart of Woodrow Wilson, and I believe Debs is right when he says that neither he nor his fellow political prisoners will be released thru any spark of magnanimity emanating from that porters of Russia's working class government. I have looked into the cold, thirfty Scotch Presbyterian fountain of fancy phrases.

The release will come when Woodrow Wilson and his satelites are forced to do it by the rising tide of the workers indignation; they will do it then to avoid being inundated but this week as the result of a car gang will put on a show of magnanimity to save "their face."

Our task, then, is to rally our comrades in a united effort to force Woodrow Wilson to recognize the necessity of releas-

This action follows the passage of a resolution by the Central Labor Council indorsing the action of waterfront workers in their planned refusal to ship munitions to kill Russian workers are desired that the mean had refused to move the cases and that the ment had refused for work and began loading the case when the question was asked as to their contents. After some further questioning a customs efficer was called and opened some of the cases, one of the workers delegates from the workers delegates.

This action follows the passage of a resolution by the Central Labor Council and the mater was now up to the Central Labor Council.

At the headquarters of Local 2812, Streadores and Dock Workers, it was fellowed the cases and that the metting of the Central Labor Council and to move the cases and that the metting of the Central Labor Council and to move the cases and that the metting of the Central Labor Council and to move the cases and that the metting of the Central Labor Council and to move the cases and that the metting of the Central Labor Council and to move the cases and that the metting of the Central Labor Council and to move the cases and that the metting of the Central Labor Council and to move the cases and that the metting of the Central Labor Council and to move the cases and that the metting indering the case of the move the cases and that the metting of the Central Labor Council and the move the cases and that the metting of the Central Labor Council and the move the cases and that the metting indering the case of the cases and that the metting that the metting of the Central Labor Council and the move the cases and that the metting that the metting the council and the move the case and that the metting that the meting of the Central Labor Council.

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"Every instinct is against my making an individual fight for liberty while my comrades rot in jail"

THOSE WERE THE WORDS DEBS SPOKE TO LIBERATOR REPRESENTATIVES JOSEPH W. SHARTS AND SAMUEL M. CASTLETON AT AT-LANTA FEDERAL PRISON SEPT. 20th. THEY ARE HIS ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: "SHALL WE GO AHEAD WITH HABEAS CORPUS PRO-CEEDINGS AND GIVE YOU A FEW WEEKS. POSSIBLY MONTHS OF FREEDOM, WHILE THE QUESTION OF THE LEGALITY OF YOUR RE-MOVAL FROM THE HUMANE CONDITIONS OF MOUNDSVILLE PRISON TO THE HEALTH DE-STROYING ATLANTA PRISON ARE BEING THRASHED OUT IN THE U. S. SUPREME COURT"

IT IS PERHAPS NOT THE ANSWER WHICH YOU OR WE WOULD HAVE THE MORAL AND PHYSICAL COURAGE TO GIVE TO SUCH A QUESTION-WITH TEN YEARS AND PERHAPS DEATH IN PRISON CONFRONTING US. VERY LIKELY OUR ANSWER WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT. YOU AND WE LOVE LIBERTY. VERY LIKELY THE SMILING FACE OF FREE-DOM AS WE GAZED THRU THE BARRED WIN-DOWS WOULD HAVE BECONED TO US-JUST AS IT DID TO DEBS-BUT WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT THE TEMPTATION FROM US. WE LOVE LIBERTY, SO DOES DEBS. YET HE ANSWERED "NO" WHEN IT WAS OF-FERED HIM.

BUT DEBS' ANSWER WILL FOREVER BIND HIM TO THE OPPRESSED FOR WHOM HE HAS ALREADY GIVEN A LIFE OF SACRIFICE AND SERVICE, AND FOR WHOM HE STANDS READY NOW TO GIVE HIS FEW REMAINING YEARS OR EVEN LIFE ITSELF. DEBS HAS ANSWERED EVERY CALL OF HIS COMRADES, ANSWERED THEM FULLY WITHOUT STINT OR LIMIT. AND NOW IN PRISON, ILL OF BODY AND LIVING UNDER MERCILESS PRISON RULES HE STANDS LOYALLY BY THE PRINCIPLE WHICH HAS GUIDED HIM IN HIS LIFE WORK.

DEBS IS AS CLASS CONSCIOUS IN PRISON AS HE WAS WHEN AMONG US. HE FEELS HIM-SELF ONE WITH THE THOUSANDS OF OTHER POLITICAL AND CLASS-WAR PRISONERS NOW IN AMERICAN BASTILES. HE IS ONE OF THEM AND THEIR CAUSE IS HIS CAUSE. RUMORS FROM MANY SOURCES HAVE REACHED DEBS THAT PRESIDENT WILSON AND HIS ADVISERS HAD HIS CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT FOR A PARDON. THEY HAVE HAD NO EFFECT UPON HIM. HE HAS REPEATEDLY AFFIRMED THAT HE WAS ENTITLED TO NO MORE CONSIDER-ATION THAN THE MOSTLOWLY AND UNKNOWN POLITICAL PRISONER IN THE LAND. HE DOES NOT APPROVE OF THE ADMINISTRATION AB-SOLVING ITSELF FROM DOING JUSTICE TO ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS BY SETTING AT LIBERTY A FEW OF THE MORE NOTED ONES. DEBS PREFERS TO BE THE LAST MAN OUT. HE WANTS TO SEE THE BOYS FROM LEAVEN-WORTH, THE FELLOW WORKERS AT ALCA-TRAZ, THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM EVERY POLITICAL PRISON IN THIS LAND WALK OUT INTO THE SUNLIGHT, FREE TO GO AND COME AS YOU AND WE ARE FREE TO DO SO, THEN AND ONLY THEN, DOES HE CONSENT TO LIB-ERTY FOR HIMSELF.

DEBS KNOWS THAT POLITICAL PRISON-ERS WILL BE FREE IN THIS COUNTRY ONLY WHEN THE DEMANDS OF THE WORKERS REACH FLOOD TIDE AND THREATEN THE POWER OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS. HE KNOWS THAT ONLY THREATENED MASS AND CLASS ACTION BY THE WORKERS WILL OPEN THE PRISON DOORS. AND HE IS RIGHT. ONLY AN AROUSED WORKINGCLASS, DETERMINED TO SEE JUSTICE DONE THE POLITICAL PRI-SONERS WILL STIR THE ADMINISTRATION

INTO ACTION.

DEBS HAS TAKEN HIS STAND FOR FREE. DOM FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE IS WILLING TO DIE IN PRISON IF NECESSARY FOR THAT PRINCIPLE. HE HAS MADE HIS DE-CISION. BUT YOU! HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DECISION. ARE YOU WILLING-NOT TO DIE-BUT TO LIVE AND WORK FOR THE RELEASE OF DEBS AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS! WILL YOU STAND BY DEBS, AND STRENGTH-EN HIS DETERMINATION THAT ALL SHALL WALK OUT TOGETHER? UPON THIS MATTER THERE CAN BE BUT DNE ANSWER. EVERY WORKER MUST DO HIS PART. THINK, TALK AND ACT FOR THE FREEDOM OF ALL POLITI-CAL PRISONERS. JOIN THE LIBERATOR ARMY. COLLECT FUNDS TO CARRY ON THE WORK.

STAND BY DEBS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF

L TOGETHER"!

Stevedores Refuse to Move Rifles for Kolchak

SEATTLE.-Frank Waterhouse, Seattle shipping mag-There is a lot of twaddle extant about the alleged "kind nate, has declined to become a party to the shipping of muni-Kolchak, it is declared by his waterfront representatives.

Three carloads of rifles now on the government dock wil the announcement. The government is being notified by the Frank Waterhouse company that this firm will efuse to handle

The action of the Waterhouse company is in the nature of Every Party member should read the instant support to the action of 12 dockworkers who walked first number of the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ of the ich at Bion 5 when the official organ or porters of Russia's working class government.

Cases believed to contain ammunition, rifles and machine guns consigned at the dock refused to state anything to Russia are sitting unmoved on Pier further than that the men had result of a car gang this week as the result of a car gang the cargo came to Seattle from the communist LABOR PARTY. f 12 men walking off the job following their demands to know what the cases

an Eastern point and was to have been sent overseas on the Marho Marn, a Japenese freighter now loading at Riggers' and Stevedores' Local No.

ASK PARDON FOR DEBS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Because of Debs' broken health, Dr. Earl E. Dudding, president of the Prisoners' Relief Society, announced today his intention of placing before the de-partment of justice a recommendation for Debs' pardon. Dr. Dudding believes that the state of Debs' health, if for for his unconditional release from prison by the federal authorities.

up to the formation of a new

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38-12 at the meeting of the Central

No Wonder!

Attorney General's office is so eager to have it appear that there are no political prisoners in America. To deny the existence of existing political facts seems to be the altogether too familiar method of our legal and militarist system in times of war. Moreover, to admit that we have political prisoners would make the barbarous length of their sentence and their bestial tortures in prison entirely out of proportion to their offonres, and it would establish a most unfavorable comparison with Czarist Russia and Kaiserist Germany. In Kaiserist Germany, Karl Liebknecht was sentenced to four years' imprisonment for having gone out to the German forces on the Eastern front and distributed handbills among them calling upon them to revolt against their officers. But in New York a num-ber of young men and a young woman were indicted and con-victed for using intemperate language in handbills opposing American intervention in Rusfor this political offense; and the remarks and behavior of the trial can be characterized as nothing short of a disgrace.

The Toledo Primary Elections.

Toledo showed the results of the present candidate Cornell S worth the Socialist candidate, feature in this election is that 'Silkstocking Element' turned in full force for the primary, vard gave Schreiber the capitalist candidate 1142 votes and to the cialist candidate only 97 votes, in 9 other wards the socialist candidate was the winner. This leaves 6 wards for the present incumbent in office, who is blamed for the murder of 2 strikers in the Willys Overland Co. strike. The vote for the mayority candidates foolows;

Cornel Schreiber (Ind.) 5859

Solom T. Kletz (Socialist) 4775

Solon T. Klotz (Socialist) 4775 Edwin J. Lynch (Democrat) 4407 All workingmens' wards voted for he Socialist candidate except the se cond ward which is mostly also to the 11th ward, where Schreiber polled 273 and Klotz received 181, and in the second ward the count stood 286 for Schreiber and 217 for the Socialist candidate. Whereever the workers predominate in the ward, that

workers predominate in the ward, that ward gave a majority for the Socialist candidates. The Socialist candidates for city-council fared no less successful. Four of the candidates came out first in their ward, several held the second position and some the third. Robert T. Haworth the candidate for Mayer on the Socialist ticket two years ago came out first in his ward, the 13th, where last year a socialist councilman was expelled from the city council for refusing to buy liberty bonds by force and coercion.

Thomas C. Devine (Socialist) Conncilman 15th ward received 680 votes while his nearest competitor recei-

while his nearest competitor received only 270. Other socialist councilmen who led the field in their res peetive wards are W. G. Bitters 16th ward, Einer B. Lentz, 14th ward. Those ruaning second are — M. A. Toohey 8th ward, Edward Hos-kins 1st ward, Walter Harris 9th ward. Several came in third. All of these

Cornell Schreiber had 2100 less votes this year than two years ago and the Socialists more than double their vote of 1917 when it was 2260(gaining 2515 votes. The Socialist candidate for cause he was not one of the highest. This years' vote was largest ever polled at a pr

Miners Demand Amnesty For Political Prisoners

A rousing scene occurred in the convention of the U. M. W. of A in the closing hours of its session in Cleveland last week when the resoution on amnesty for political prise ners came up for action before the husky coal diggers.

Upon the question of the miners' stand for the release of political and class war prisoners, there was little the miners. Even the the most promineut labor leader of the country were not a prisoner, is it likely that the miners' stand would have been different. But with the name of Debs added to the long list of courageous men and women who are serving long sentences in prison for op nion's sake, a decided stand favoring their release was certain at the con

The reading of the resolution denanding amnesty for all political prioners was followed by a speech by a swarthy miner whose language was that of the man in the mines of the interests that lay nearest the couched in language of the men who toil. It was marked by deep sincer and comradely feeling for the in coned. He received the entire atten tion of the 2,000 delegates who showed by their faces how deeply they felt the injustice perpetrated upo their jailed comrades

The mention of Debs' name was a ignal for uprorious applause which wept in wave after wave back and Gray's Armory, where the convention was held. Cheer after cheer greate a momentary feeling of tenseness held the assembly in its grip and cast a determined gleam upon all faces.

The resolution demanding for all political prisoners car amidst a perfect bedlum of appla

Socrates took the hemlock; Galileo, the stake; Christ the Crucifixion, and Debs, Ten Years in Prison

Why do they Silence the Demand for Unity?

and file he writes an article of quest the masses went over to Batt's and tion marks. If Comrade Buthenberg Stoklitzky's Communist Party, so, were not interested in covering up being "Leaders" they had to follow the facts of the development of the and sign the call of the Michigan-Fe-Communist Labor Party, there would deration group without having the con-be no questioning at all, but he does not dare to do it, for if he did he When they came to Chicago they

the Michigan-Federation combination to the edicts of the Left Wing Conference. The majority of the Left why which bolted the Left Wing Conference. We majority of the Left why which bolted the Left Wing Conference. Left Wing movement, they were going right. They forgot all that they said to issue a call for a Sept. 1st Con- against the Michigan-Federation group vention. Also, we knew what the and started to throw bricks at the Left Wing Conference answered them delegates who followed the outlined and how the National Council was program of the Left Wing Conference instructed, and lastly we know what and the new revolutionary N. E. C. stand the Revolutionary age took for organizing a new revolutionary against that "Communist Party", Party of Communism, which was willing to unite all revolutionary elegroup intended to organize. We recognized that stand and we still they called them self appointed indi-hold to it.

Now, let us recollect what was said and done by the Left Wing in the organizing a Communist Party they Conference and after.

The Revolutionary Age, Vol. 2 No. 1 of July 5th, 1919 carried a re-

"On the third day, 31 delegates consisting mostly of the Federations, delegates they were willing to offer decided after a cancus, that they reserved seats as special gueses would withold further activity in the to look on Party should be arrested.

What action did the Left Wing Conference take? Did they agree to join the is the silliest argument to deny nationalizat that call for such Communist Party? that the Communist Labor Party re- as possible. They did not. This is the ansver giv presents the rank and file and then to en by that Conference (the same reccommend to their Communist Party report in Rev. Age)" The final act N. E. C. to issue a call to the Sociaof the Conference was the adoption list party membership to join the of the follovin motion made by Frai-Communist Party.

Da: "That the National Council call The Communist Labor Party's N. a conference at Chikago Sept., 1st, E. C. is not flopping from one side off all revolutionary elements willing to the other every few weeks as the to unite with a revolutionized Socialist old Left Wing Council did. We state Party or with Communist Party that that the organization of the C. L. P. may be organized by Left Wing de- was a necessity arrived at by the hillerates seconding from the Convention stories development of the Socialist

Comrade Ruthenberg was elected the actions of the Communist Party to the National Council of the Left Wing, He knew who called the Communist Party of their own. The he knew what the Left Wingers decided to do by adopting this resolution, Fraina did, Ferguson did, — because they voted for it, they defended it in the Revolutionary Age. Take every issue up to No 35 and you will find articles from Ferguson and Fraina bitterly criticising the self-appointed organizers of the "Communist Party". Read Fraina's article: Communists and so prevented the posential of the Left Wing". Let us its little of the Left Wing.

Dorted by the rank and file, wheras the actions of the Communist Party of their own. They are of the editorial staff of the party was organ, "Sozial Demokraten," bave given notice that they are unwilling paper.

London, all the members have taken place on five fronts, he asserted.

London, all the members have taken place on five given notice that they are unwilling paper.

To support reaction.

London, A white Paper just issued shows that the expenditure on naval and military operations in Russia organized somewhat on the lines of the British movement. There is a trade union organization, including which \$215,000,000 went in direct trade union organization, including all the skilled unions, which have a sasistance to the "White" armies of the workers and their relations to the workers and their relations to the communist party.

All power to the Left Wing". Let us ibility of unity. wist Party? Read Fraina's article.

"All power to the Left Wing?" Let us bear what Fraina of vesterday has bear what Fraina of to-day.

"There is a cult issued for the organization of the Communist Party at Chicago on Sept. 1st. The Communist Party at Chicago on Sept. 1st. The Communist Party at Chicago on Sept. 1st. The Communist Party at Chicago on Market of the Communist Party at Chicago on Sept. 1st. The Communist Party at Chicago on Market of the Communist Party at Chicago on Sept. 1st. The Communist Party at Chicago on Market of the Communist Party at Chicago on Sept. 1st. The Communist Party of the Communist Party of the Communist Party forces their panty of the Communist Party forces are some of the Secting unity of all Left Wing for reganization Committee, consisting of Chicago — unless the rank and fill beans at B. Batt. D. Elbaum, C. C. Ich communist Party forces their interest their N. E. C. to meet the mittee represents a small group which, complassing its own plans and purposes as against the considered opinion of the Left Wing. The whole article is in defiance of the sectangular to the consisting of the Communist Party forces their interest their N. E. C. to meet the mittee represents a small group which, complassing its own plans and purposes as against the considered opinion of the Left Wing. The Whole article is in defiance of the sectangular proclaimed at the considered in a war to see the proclaimed at the considered in a war to see the proclaimed at the considered in a war to see the proclaimed at the considered in a war to see the proclaimed as he to the consisting of the Communist Party, forces their N. E. C. to meet the consisting of the Communist Party forces their N. E. C. to meet the consistence of the Sugar Trust in 1898, 1st the whole article is in defiance of the Sugar Trust in 1898, 1st the colley was a proclaimed a standing invitation for the cons mittee of the Communist Party. Frai-na of yesterday is denouncing Frai-ces.

This is the only way toward unity.

(An answer to C. E. Ruthenberg's af-)tionary Age, there was a call issued tacle in the Socialist News, "Why do by Ferguson, the Left Wing Nation-they refuse to follow the one way of al Secretary, to the delegates to the Emergency Convention. Read that call and you will see to what con-vention they are called. He calls The National Secretary of the them not to the Communist Party Con-Communist Party, C. E. Ruthenberg, vention of Batt and Stoklitzky but is suprised that out of the Chicago to the Convention which will be or-

ces why did they hold a separate Convention at Chicago and organize themselves as a Party!?

Like Communist for list Party.

But what is the use — the Frainas, Fergusons, Ruthenbergs of to-day are repudiating the Prainas. reguisons, Ruthenbergs of to-day are reguisons. Fergusons, Ruthenbergs of to-day are reguisons, Ruthenbergs of to-day are reguisons. Besides, there is Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines, Hawaii — we have violated American ideals in our dealings with each and all of these. The

ald have to leave the Communist found that they had left the masses, his and talked about it afterward. Party.

We knew that the Communist Party they saw that the Communist Party; they saw that they have enough black pages in our than that, we knew that this Con from the Left Wing who stood true history. zence in New York and stated, that, had to use all means to prove to the regardless of what happened to the lank and file that their position was ments. Instead of working with them

Comunist Party, adopted their call for a basis of representation. They No. 1 of July 5th, 1919 carried a report of the Left Wing Conference and there we find the following in Convention called by a bolting minority, and to the rest of the Left Wing delegates they were willing to offer

backs upon them?

The Communist Labor Party's N legates seceding from the Convention storical development of the Socialist of the Socialist Party to be held Auported by the rank and file, wheras Whit one exception, all the mem-the actions of the Communist Party pers of the editorial staff of the party

In the same issue of the Revolu- There can be no other.

Foreign Labor News

much.
Let American and other foreign ca

lose, then let them lose. These investments were not of our making. We were not consulted our government was not consulted Our financiers unpatriotically inves-Emergency Convention was organized by the Left Wing delegates ted good American money — not at a new Party, the Communist Labor after they are refused seats in the Party, and ask the question: "If they Emergency Convention of the Social- country, but in Mexico to enrich them. The Swedish Riksdag, or parliament, sclves.

We remember what Lincoln said about that other Mexican war. people of these islands seem no lon-

er to care for us. Government by consent of the governed — that is the American way We must live up to our ideals. Theodore Roosevelt said that 'took the Panama Canal from Colom-

We want no long-spun theories

o why we should go to war with "But," they say, "we will our money and our property!"

Probably they will. But what of it?

if we go to war with Mexico? cuted ever since," There's got to be an end to this As authorities for these figures the war business — somwhere—sometime publication cites such respectable or It is easy for gentlemen sitting in gans as the "Manchester Guardian" wivel-chairs to amitte and the till and the control of the state of swivel-chairs to agitate war, and then when war comes, perch themselves safely in the rear and watch the hideous business - like sports around Instead of joining with them and a cockpit or a bull ring. We've had about enough of this business of war. - Soldiers-Sailors-Maines National Weekly News.

BELGIUM

Belgium Miners to Meet.

.Brussels .- The National Committee of Belgium Miners has decided to call an extraordinary national congress of Conference because of its attitude on the Communist Party should be organized. Green will be invited to ask the Government from all Committees and members of the L. W. C. have the for the control of the whole coal having previously declined nominations for National Council."

The Communist Party should be organized. Green will be invited to ask the Government for a special organization members of the L. W. C. have the for the control of the whole coal industry—production, prices and distribution. miners for September 28. The con-

It is the silliest argument to deny nationalization of the mines as soon

NORWAY

Labor Forces Split

Winnipeg, Man .- The new democratic group in opposition to the Nor-wegian Labor Party, which has de-sided to affiliate with the Third International at Moscow, has been for-med with Mr. Buen, President of the Storting, and leader of the Parliamentary socialist group, at its head.

The INVENTOR

Of a new system

Of rapid TELEGRAPHY,

Of the old Morse system

To SIX HUNDRED words,

Over the SAME WIRE.

He was a WORKMAN

In a factory

From ELEVEN words a second

Which made electric light bulbs

And other electric aparatus.

When the COMMUNISTS

Took control in Hungary,

And they gave him

And the wage

A PRIVATE OFFICE

Of the highest workers

And set him FREE

To invent new things

To make life happier

For ALL the people.

The visitor from America

Found him closely bending

Over electrical instruments.

And easier

Increasing the speed

Socialist Join Third International Are we for war with Mexico? Not much.

Let American and other foreign capitalists liquidate their investments in Mexico as best they can. If they must lose, then let them lose.

Basle. — A special congress of the Socialist Party of Switzerland was upon the question of affiliation with the Third (Moscow) International olic Weekly Magazine again calls the Mexico as best they can. If they must lose, then let them lose.

When the final vote was reached, the that the catholic church has been question was decided affirmatively by question was decided affirmatively by

318 votes to 147. SWEDEN

Socialist Strong in Upper House members of the upper house of the socialists elected more candidate

to office than any other political party. Following is the complexion at the new senate: Social Democrats, 48, Liberals 41 Conservatives, 39, Farmers' Union, 10 Imperial Union, 8, Left Wing Social-

ists, 4. (Common Sense, London, Au-FINLAND

London .- "Foreign Affairs," organ of the Union for Democratic Control of England, in its August issue precompilation of data regarding the record of General Manner heim, dictator of Finland, with whom the Allies are co-operating in every way possible. Here are some of the

Who Is Mannerheim?

"Acquired power with German as sistance in April, 1918. Arrested 90.-000 workers; 11.478 died in prison, mainly from starvation. 15.000 and 20.000 others shot without Will the American people not lose trial. All Socialists brutally perso

and the "New Statesman."

MEXICO CITY .- In his opening address to the First National Congress of the Socialist Party of Mexico, August 26, Secretary Adolfo A. Santibanez strongly exhorted the delegates to abandon syndicalism for revolutionary socialism and to bid good-bye to parliamentary methods and pro-

days later his suggestions ormed the chief subject of debate. Unanimously the delegates declared themselves for revolutionary socialism and voted to join the Third International.

RUSSIA

No More Foreign Interference Wanted. Archangel region, thus far regarded by capitalism as one of its chief bulwarks in Russia, the Russians are willing to accept bolshevism rather opinion of Crawford Wheeler, a 7. M. C. A. worker who has just reached New York after a year in charge of "Y" work in the Archangel

region.
"The people up there," said Mr want everybody to get out. Wheeler, They simply are weary of having op-posing armies chasing over their land; and in addition they are inclined to without the added percentages and distrust the movies of the Allies in unearned incomes. maintaining troops there."

By an accident

His LIFE.

He looked up smiling.

"Well, now I have

A LITTLE gradge Against America.

A contrivance of mine.

And so I came back

After I left your country

And used it ever since.

The firm I had talked with

To Austria.

Took out a PATENT

On MY contrivance

BITTER about it:

But now I understand

Your country is no WORSE

But the men I consulted

Told me it was NO GOOD.

In one of the experiments

To which he was devoting

"From America," he said.

A long time ago I went there To try to sell

Catholicism vs Socialism.

the implacable apponent of Socialism ever since the day Marx and Engels wrote its constitution and program eventy years ago.

Unfortunately for the catholic church it always has been from the time it was first institued in the latter part of the first decade of the seventh century the implacable opponent of every movement social or religious which it could not dominate or con trol. This characteristic was to be the distinguishing feature of the two horned beast that looked like a lamb but spake as a dragon which was to exercise such tremendous influence for a time, that is 1260 years, from A. D. 610 to A. D. 1870, over the affairs of the nations symbolized by the seven headed ten horned beast.

The writer of this article has unbounded reverence for christianity, and is fully convinced of the absence of all discordance between the ethics of Socialism, and the ethics of Christianity, but considers catholicism and protestantism a pair of evils which ciety as it becomes more enlightened will banish from its midst, in spite of the fact that thousands of loveable but misled people help to augment the membership of these two institutions. In the meantime the Socialist move ment minus the mark of the "Beast" is sweeping grandly on to its ultimate goal of universal economic justice and freedom in spite of inherited ignorance, maligment misrepresentation, internal disensions and papal anathemas.

Socialist thought and action never more potent and prevalent during the last seventy years than it is today, in proof of which, witness Great Britain about to socialize her land, nines, railways and steamships. Other nations are moving rapidly in the same direction. In our own country the socializing of our magnificent(!) railway systems is more than likely to be one of the predominant issues in the oming presidential campaign.

Exploiters and profiteers with their whole retinue of hangers on, point to the wartime inefficient administration of the railways by the govern ment as the horrible example of what would repeatedly happen under public ownership much of which was undoubt edly the direct result of previous managerial incompetency. No otherwise sane person accepts this experience as an Euclidic demonstration of the NEW YORK.-That even in the superiority of private over public ownership.

It should be highly interesting to learn at first hand by what insane process of logic the working class of than continued foreign occupation, is of any county delude themselves into believing that a public utility such as a railroad which enters intimately into the life of every citizen is more beneficial to society owned privately and operated at cost plus seven per cent, plus a multitude of princely salaries to a vaste horde of useles and unnecessary officials than it would be owned publicly and operated at cost

> What is the great incentive that the great mass of workers prefer to slave in the service of a soulless corporation rather than to labor in the service of the great body public of which they form the most honorable and conspicious part.

Yours for social rigtheousnes ALEX CONNELL.

Springfield, Ohio.

NEED OF COMMON SENSE

EDITCATION

sesterday I heard an antiquated and reverable pulpit pounder talking it of and venerable pulpit pounder talking it of a bunch of innocent little school children at a school picnic. He told the children at a school picnic. He told the children that the flag had never the tender of the children that the flag had never that it was never carried in a war for aggression or conquest, and as he talked, I thought of what President Grant wrote in his "Memoirs" about the war with Mexico, branding it as an imperialistic war of pulnder and conquest, and a blot upon American history; I thought of the war in the interest of the Sugar Trust in 1898, of the imperialistic seizure of the Phillipines, of the Marines in San Domingo, holding down the rebellious workers there in the interest of the sugar trust, of the soldiers in Archanged and other Russian points, waging what Max Eastman in the Liberator atcr called, "Wilson's private and personal war against Russia" and the more I thought about it, the more I "So, we have a flaming revolutionist in the Warden opened the door of a second and literature, but him, in the fold not do this because he to him."

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By forcing workingmen to pledge Their inventions to the firm So that the firm grows rich From their BRAINS And they themselves get little But it is othervise Under COMMUNISM. For I am paid as high As ANY MAN And all that I create Is stolen by no rich owner For his own gain, But given to MY PEOPLE To make the life of all mon

RICHER FOREVER!"

Debs says to You

"In our propaganda in the discussion of our tactical and other differences and in our other activities the larger faith that true comradeship inspires should prevail between us. We need to be more patient, more kindly, more tolerant, more sympathetic, helpful and encouragig to one another, and less suspicious, less envious and less contentious if we are to educate and impress the people by our example, and by the results of our teachings upon ourselves win them to our movement and realize our dream of universal freedom and social rigtheousness."

Enjure to Deliz

Debs Goes to Prison

By DAVID KARSNER

(Continued from last week.) "How many letters can he write?"

asked "Well, the rules call for two letters month, but I shall allow Mr. Debs to write as many letters, as he pleases subject always, of course, to the prison censorship. I understand that Debs has thousands of people, who want to know how he is faring, and I shall let Mr. Debs tell them—in reason." We inquired if Debs might receive newspapers, magazines and books of the radical type. "Well, now, that would be all right,

gentlemen, if Mr. Debs only received them. Of course, they could do him no harm, but there is some danger of those kind of papers getting into the hands of other prisoners, and that would not do, for we have some very ignorant men hero." We all laughed.

"Well, Warden, here's a chance to reduce prison ignorance," we said.
"Yes, but you know how it is-The Warden's voice trailed off.

"Well, let the papers and the books come for a little while and we will see how it goes," said the Warden Finally he seated himself at his desk and asked us to be seated. "How old is Debs now?" I told

"How old is Debs now?" I told hospital attendant, and he has a see him Debs was 64 years old. "Well his age alone would be sufficient reason for an early pardon for him." So with this tip from the Warden, Debs' keeper, we might take some heart, knowing that if we do not get Debs his cell, No. 51, in the second tier of which we will get him out the south wing to the prison boths.

I told the Warden that tens of thousands of Debs' friends and followers on the outside would be watching Moundsville.

Moundsville has now won immortal fame, or infamy, which shall I say: The state of West Virginia will also be linked with Debs' name in the days to come, when children shall read in the school books about this great human liberator, this lover of mankind. And in that day to come they will wonder—they will just wonder what a lovely time we must have had back in 1919, when society confessed its inherent weakness and wickedness by placing 'Gene Debs in prison.

"We have a rule here, Debs, that prisoners must be chesked up on books they take from the library, but we will warve that rule for you. I know you appreciate the value of good to a linked. I do," said Debs, thenking the Warden.

We talked a few minutes, and Debs told us that he slept 'like a log last night', and now feit 'as chipper as young goat on a tin roof."

He laughed good-naturedly as he looked at his prison garb and asked us how we liked his new suit. Debs had come to the pentienters in

CHAPTER FIVE.

Who is United States convict No. 2253 at the Moundsville State Penitontiary? He is Eugene Victor Debs, four times candidate for President of the United States on the Socialist party ticket, and one of the world's greatest liberators. What is he in prison for? Why, he made a speech in which he spoke the truth as he (Continued next week)

saw it. How long will he be in prison? Until the workers of the United States assert their economic and political power, and force the capitalist class to unlock the doors that bar him to freedom On the prison records, Debs'

cupation is given as writer and lect-urer, but he is the only convict in the state prison at Moundsville who will not be allowed to practice his trade or profession. Warden Terrell has had several conversations with Debs in which he said rather sternly to the 64-year-old humanist that he must not under any circumstances attempt to vorganize" his fellow convicts. The Warden explained to me later that Soviets might be all right in Russia, but in Moundsville he was the

supreme dictator. Convict No. 2253 gave the Warden Convict No. 2253 gave the Warden his solemn pledge that he would not violate the rules of the prison, and when convict No. 2253 gives his word to any man, nothing on earth or in heaven could persuade him to break it. Debs slept Monday night, not in a cage like a wild beast, as he slept Sunday night, his first in the West Virginia state prison but in a little room in the hospital of the prison, for Our 'Gene has been appointed a hospital attendant, and he has a separate room to himself, with a white iron bed, newly clothed, a table and a cheir.

knowing that if we do not get Debs out of prison his age will get him out sooner or later.

"Of course, gentlemen," said Joseph Z. Terrel, the Warden, "the regulation visiting days come once a month, but in Debs' case I shall make no rule. Those who have a right to see him may do so at any time. I mean his family and very personal friends. But I am not going to let hundreds of peeple in here every day to see Debs. That would never do. In reason, Debs may see his friends, and his friends in the prison library because of his may be a see his friends, and his friends in the prison library because of his may see his friends, and his friends will be friendly to Debs by not abusing the privilege I am trying to extend to him."

has at first thought of placing Debs in the prison library because of his knowledge of books and literature, but he did not do this because he thought Debs might be too

ing what Max Eastman in the Liderator alter called, "Wilson's private and personal war against Russia" and the more I thought about it, the more I thought it was time our leading educators, pulpir pounders, editors and magazine writers, had a course in common sense education.

W. E. Reynolds.

That is the way they do

In ALL capitalist countries,

DISCOURAGING invention

whittled a tune.

"So, we have a flaming revolutionist in our midst, Doctor," the Warden said to the prison physician. "Well, Mr. Debs may be a flaming revolutionist as long as he likes, so long as he doesn't inflame my boys."

DEBS

It was amusing to hear this politician, who has been Warden only since last October, refer to nearly 900 prisoners as "my boys." I do not know what was wrong, but it did not smack of sincerity.

I told the Warden that tens of thousands of Debs' friends and follow.

The reporter wrote fast. The Warden went on filling the capsules.

We walked up one flight of stairs. The Warden opened the door of a freshly painted room, and there was "Gene quictly sitting in a low rocking thair, smoking his pipe and reading a book. At first he did not look up. "Mr. Debs. here are your friends back again to see you," said the Warden. 'Gene put his book aside on the bed and disturbed the big gray cat that was sleepping by his side.

Greetings were over, and the Warden that tens of thousands of Debs' friends and follow.

I told the Warden that tens of thousands of Debs' friends and follow.

us how we liked his new suit. Debs had come to the penitentiary in a CONVICT NO. 2253 IS CLERK IN new blue serge. He was still wearing the vest of it. He wore his own collar and tie.

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The Miners' Convention

The United Mine Workers' Convention has passed into his history; the results of its deliberations will leave a mark upon the sands of time. While communists will find much in the convention's acts of a disappointing nature there was yet much progress made toward an upward and onward march of this great section of American labor represented by 2,000 delegates assembled at Cleveland from all parts of the U. S. and Canada.

The failure of the Illinois insurgents to gain seats in the convention appear to prove that the organization machinery was too strong a bulwark to be overthrown, however necessary were the actions of the insurgents in striking without the permission of the organization officialdom. Temporarily, "government" won a victory over the necessities of life.

The overwhelming vote of the convention against endorsement of the One Big Union idea gives probably the best idea of the extent to which industrial unionism has permeated the rank and file of the coal diggers. The pitifully small vote in favor of this resolution indicates that the miners are as yet practically certain of being able to cope with the operators in any emer gency that may arise. As it would be folly to expect an endorsement of the O. B. U. by a body of labor men except they were schooled in class-consciousness and felt the need of the support of a more closely united working class we are forced to believe that the miners as a body are merely craft-conscious They are not yet ready to make one with all of labor.

The endorsement of the Plumb plan of railroad administration and co the Labor Party are problems of conjecture in so far as adding greatly to the strength of these two movements. Compared to the reception given the reso Intion for the realease of political prisoners, that tendered the above two resolutions were mild mannered indeed. The intense feeling manifested in the assembly at the mention of Debs' name, indicates the hold he has upon the minds of the miners. That it is the conviction of the miners that a great injustice is being done the political preoners was proven beyond a doubt by the tremendous ovation and endorsement given the resolutions for the realease of political prisoners.

The resolution favoring the withdrawal of American troops from Russia and other foreign lands was also received with great enthusiasm. American interference with the working-class government of Russia is an unwarranted act of capitalistic aggression is the belief of the miners. They demand that the U. S. get out and leave Russia to set up the government of her choice.

That the miners are borrowing liberally (the logically) from English labor tactics is seen in their demand for nationalizaton of mines and for a closer alignment with the transportation workers' unions. A "Big Three" patterned closely after that of the English workers will doubtless rise within a few months. The time is ripe and conditions favorable. The English labor movement is stamping indelibly the labor movement on this side the Atlantic

More Democracy within the miners' organisation received favorable attention when the question of election vs. appointment of organizers came up, Apparently the miners desire to bring more completely under their direct supervision the choice of their field workers.

The big event of the convention, the one which will mark the conference day week with wage increase approximating 60 percent. This action which was foreshadowed as a moral certainity before the convention convened, was the main purpose of the meeting and the one upon which was focussed the atten- commander-in-chief, "has opposed the pernicious doctrines of-pacifism and tion of all thinking workers. The shortening of the work day in the mines is certain to have its effect throut the entire labor movement and the miners deserve the support of every worker in making their declaration a fact.

. The present wage and hour agreements between miners and operators will end Nov. 1st. At that time one of two things will occur. Etither the new demands of the miners will be granted or a nationwide strike of miners will occur. International officers of the union are now in conference with the operators at Buffalo. They are fully empowered to call a strike at any moment cerning the war upon the H. C. L., R. G. Dunn and Company make the stateit becomes apparent that their demands will not be met.

lutionary character. Neither was it marked by extreme conservatism. The is an exceedingly slight decline. granting of any or all of its demands will not lessen the exploitation of the miners by the operators, nor need their profits be a cent less, nor is their Pamphlets and Books You Should Read economic power threatened in the slightest degree. Rather, has the miner demanded merely more bread and sunlight-and yet, sunlight is the source of -all life.

of the era of a shorter workday for all labor. The miners have taken the stand for it, let all labor back them up.

The Steel Strike

The steel workers of the nation are at death grapples with the most powerful corporation yet developed by capitalism, the steel trust. Hundreds of DEBS GOES TO PRISON, 25c. each-in lots 10 or more at 18c. each. independent companies are also involved. Arrayed against these powerful groups THE DREAM OF DEBS, 10c, each—in lots of 20 or more at 6c, each. independent companies are also involved. Arrayed against these powerful groups

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of capital are a quarter million workers who spend their hard lives in service

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med even in the first days the proportions of a general strike, yet the issue at stake is of a higher nature, it has a high moral quality and upon the attainment of this demand by the strikers rests the whole future of organized labor. The question at issue is the right of collective bargaining by the workers. In other words shall the workers be allowed to organize and deal with the organized steel companies or shall they be forced to pit their individual COMMUNIST MANIPESTO, Cloth, 50c. each-5 or more at 40c. each

The history of the steel trust's treatment of its workmen is one long history of crime. From legalized stealing in the form of wages to outright PHILOSOPHICAL PSSAYS, Dietzgen, 1.00 each—lots of 5 or more 80c. each metory of crime. From legalited steaming in the fold of the steel trust has developed a PRINCIPLES OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM, Vail, 1.00 each—5 or more 80c. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, 1.00 each. Laws of Parliamentary Procedure condition comparable to enforced chattel slavery with none of its mitigating SAVAGE SURVIVALS, Moore, 1.00 each—5 or more 80c. each.

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til bargaining. The abragation of this right means the inauguration of a merciless slavery.

Labor seems to realize the issues at stake. Labor is becoming alert to any assaults upon it and responds more quickly now than ever before to the cries of its fellows. The situation is very pregnant with possibilities of a indoor campaign meetings every Sungeneral strike. Already the seamen on the ore carriers of the Great Lakes are day afternoon at 50 South Howard out, the switchmen employed in companies' yards are out, the strike may in the state, or elsewhere are booked

The steel trust has attempted to drag a red herring across the path of Cleveland, Mayer Frank Hamilton of the strikers which they have labelled "foreign worker". In order to create of Piqua. Other speaker have been used division in the ranks of the workers whom it hopes to exploit more mercilessly in the future than in the past, it seeks to stir up the false issue of race hatred. Let all workers realize that the only foreigner is the capitalist.

In this titanic struggle there is but one position for the worker to take. He must stand by the strikers. Their cause is the cause of every worker. Let us all stand together.

Debs' The Magnificent.

No more magnificent act has arisen out of the Debs' case than that No more magnificent act has arisen out of the Debs' case than that the campaign as speakers can be se-of the political and class-war prisoners of Leavenworth in urging him to make cured for. All Socialist speakers in the the fight for individual liberty. And just as magnificent is his response to their comradely urge. He refuses to make an individual fight even for liberty.

Debs has been schooled in collective action. He has long ago learned that where workers are concerned the principle of 'all together' is the one to win by. Upon this principle his lifes' work has been carried on. He recognizes no other principle as a guide for workers in their conduct toward one another. He prefers to stand by and with the workers who have been made the victims of capitalism and capitalism's liberty destroying administration at Washington, rather than to seek liberty for himself while steel and stone encompass his

Because of his internationalism, he was sent to prison,

Because of his internationalism he now refuses to leave prison This episode in the class war exemplifies the character of Debs. Another This episode in the class war exemplifies the character of Debs. Another
Fritz Stepanovitch; Clarence Waldren;
tie now binds Debs to the workers. Another monument has been erected to Otto Brenner; John T. Dunn; Theodore

Dr. John Wesley Hill is deeply moved to state his objections to socialism in Finance and Industry (Cleveland) in an article entitled "A Blend of Oil and Patriotism, in the issue of Sept. 6.

We have noticed a peculiar blending of oil and patriotism of late, especially the oil that resides in the oil fields of Mexico. In fact the "blend" is becomming more pronounced right along, but we calculate that as time proressess and the establishment of a mandatory over Mexico on the part of the United States becomes established-in accordance with the principle of "self determination", that hardly a trace of patriotism will be discernible-to those who recognize the article at sight.

Dr. John points out that a million "76 Questions on Bolshevism Asked and Answered" have been circulated in this country, and countless tons of other radical literature. He is quite alarmed and warns his hearers, for it is at meeting of prominent blood suckers that these statements are made, that we have get to get right out and fight this thing. He says that car loads of anti-Bolshevik stuff has got to be distributed in every industrial center or the country is bound to succomb to the Bolshevik germ.

However, he has another remedy, if the first fails. It's a clever coupling of the powers of Omniscience and the ingenuity of man that is to turn the trick and make this earth an exploiters' paradise forevermore. Here it is, put it beneath your hat band. "The government ought to herd them (the agitators) together and load them upon a ship of stone and a keel of lead, propelled by the wrath of God and with holl for the nearest port".

Mrs. Sophia Lyons, a reformed criminal and accomplice of bank robbers for thirty years states that she has made more money as a real estate shark than she ever did in the illegal game of highwayman and safe blower. Sure. Three out of a hundred succeed in the legal game of robbery. The rate for illegal thievery is not so high.

Two Mexicans were mobbed and hanged at Pueblo, Colo., a few weeks ago. Will Mexico please come in and establish a law and orger government in

.. "The Grand Army of the Republic," declared Clarendon E Adams, Communism and is today battling against the anarchist, the socialist, the L. W. W. and Bolshevists''. Then the G A R proceeded at their Columbus convenion to take a stand in opposition to the league of nations. Those who oppose the league of nations, states President Wilson, in effect, are Pro-German and Bolshevists. What, oh, what, is the G. A. R.?

And here we have it. After nearly two months of intense furore conment that prices in the Fourth Federal District which includes Ohio have de-The convention of the U. M. W. of A. at Cleveland was not of a revo. creased very slightly. Some prices have declined, others have risen, the net result

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The Socialist municipal campaign Akron is being carried on with regular erstet. The best speakers obtainable for these meetings. So far the speakers ave been Tom Clifford and Tom Lewis at out door meetings in different sections of the city on Saturday nights, These speakers have included Tom Lewis, Charles Baker, John C. Chase, Marguerette Prevey, John McCue and Albert C. Holloway, candidate for

The Ohio Socialist, to the number of two to three thousand copies are being distributed each week and the number will be increased as the camnaign progresses. Campaign leaflets will be distributed in large quantities from state who can give Akron a date for a street meeting, or a Sunday afternoon meeting are requested to com-nunicate with John C. Chase, 559 South Main St. Akron Socialists are attempting to stir the workers of the city to action and want all the help they can get in the way of speakers.

W. W. Members Released. A number of fellow workers have

been released from the Leavenworth Penn lately. A few have served their terms and others have been released on bonds pending a new trial. Here is Wing National Conference, undera list which has been sent us by the penitentiary mail clerk. Louis Kramer; Francisco Romero;

Hiller; Adolph Younger.

MT. HEALTHY COMRADES

Attend special meeting Oct. 6th, be decided. Be Present.

week to week. As many meetings will der certain emergencies? When the accounts for a Communist Party and be held each week until the close of state convention met the call for the a Communist Labor Party. convention of the Communist Party We of the Communist Labor Party had not yet been issued. At that time, hold, that if instead of bitter de had not yet been issued. At that time, hold, that if instead of bitter de-fraina, Ruthenberg, Ferguson and others of the Left Wing Council were bitterly assailing the Russian-Mi-chigan group which coutemplated adherants, a spirit of conciliation were chigan group which coutemplated calling the September 1st convention one strong party of the Left could for the organization of a Communist be organized. The tactics persued by Party.

> September 1st under c ertain emer-against their fellow comrades who gencies was that which was ordered stand for Communist principles as called by the National Left Wing Conference, which met just about a week before the sessions of the Ohio state convention. Ruthenberg, Brahtin, Bilan stood fully that when the resolution which Ruthenberg drafted, was passed by the state convention, instructing delegates to go to the September 1st convention, it did not mean the Russian-Michigan group convention, which had belted the National Left Wing Conference, but it meant the conven-tion to be called for September 1st Left Wing Conference.

In the eleventh hour the National Perry St. Question of taking action on Left Wing Council, a body of half a joining Communist Labor Party will dozen comrades, violated their instrucded. Be Present.

Geo. W. Markert, Fin. Sec'y.

tions to carry on the fight within the party up to the Emergency Convention

Answer to Charge that Ohio Delegates did not obey Instructions

elled factions.

Ohio sent 16 delegates to the Emergency National Convention. Of these 16, C. E. Ruthenberg alone, thought himself instructed to take part in the Communist Party convention.

The claim is made that the Ohio delegates were instructed to attend the Communist Party convention. What were the instructions to the Ohio delegates? They were instructed to attend the SEPTEMBER 1st CON-VENTION, should the Emergency National Convention refuse to seat delegates from the suspended and expelled factions. What convention did the state convention, which instructed the Ohio munist Party convention. The Comdelegates, have in mind when it in munist Party convention, controlled structed the delegates to go to the by the Russian Federation, refused to SEPTEMBER 1st CONVENTION ununite the two conventions. And this

Party.

Ruthenberg and others, however, will result only in enstrangement and are were instructed to attend on not such tactics as should be

wholesouledly as he does.

Zitt, Bilan, Wagenknecht Clifford, Prerey, Baker and other Ohio Delegates attending the C. L. P. convention

Local Cincinnati Will Have Lecture Course.

The Lecture Course, of the "Workers University", of Local Cincinnati, by the National Left Wing Council will beginn the 1st Sunday in October. under instructions from the National and take its regular Course until about the middle of May, every Sunday Eve., at 8 P. M., at the Socialist Party Headquarters 1314 Vine street

Everybody is invited to attend those meetings as it shall be the Committees earnest duty, to make the Lectures of 'The Workers University', as interesting as possible, and also will engage the best Speakers.

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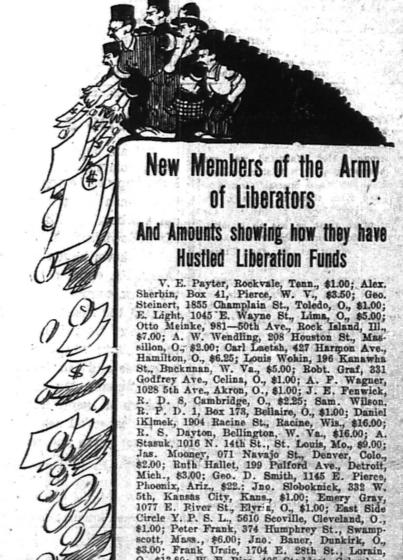
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pouring into the national office of the Communist Labor Party, Locale in

lows: 'Local Kings County, formerly the central committee held last Satur charter.
day, Sept. 20, to affiliate with the to the Communist Party including the federation branches, leaving about 2.000 to 2.500 after we get thru with our organization campaign just star to one for the state (Carney. office 2,000 dues stamps, 2,000 dues cards and other supplies."

- L. K. England, Edgar Owens and Perry Shipman are engaged in orgamization work for the Communist Labor Party in Rock Island County, Ill. The C. L. P. state convention for Illinois has been called to meet in Moline on Oct. 12th.

- The Cook County (Chicago) orcomposed of G. A. Engelken, Arthur week attempting to repair his bro-Proctor, J. Meisinger, Samuel Hankin ken fences. It is rumored that he and John Nelson. A stiring procla- well soon resign his office in the S. P. the question of securing one united communist organization. Delegates to and John Nelson. A stiring procla-mation has been issued to the revocalling them to join the C. L. P. which calling them to join the C. L. P. which __ GERMAN FEDERATION JOINS lutionary membership in Cook County C. L. P.: The national executive of

nization work in Chicago. He was conthe greater part of the week of Sept. 21st. Marguerite Prevey will make a tour beginning about October Syracuse, N. Y. He writes: "The last. Chas. Baker is scheduled to language federations here decided to serve the content of the week of Syracuse, N. Y. He writes: "The last. Chas. Baker is scheduled to language federations here decided to serve the collection of the server of speak in the following cities: Ft. join the C. L. P. Send 200 dues stamps Wayne, Ind., Sept. 29, 30; Lima, O., of once."

Oct. 1: Columbus 2nd; Dayton 3rd; — James Dolsen, California state organizer, is touring the west for the C. L. P.

national executive committee visited the national office this week. He reports that the mass meeting of Ger-County, Ill., the largest local in Illiman branch members held in Chicago nois outside Chicago. went on record as advising all Ger-man branches to affiliate with the

an interesting battle between Wm. Henry, old line Socialist state secreand Jos. Zimmerman, delegate at the C. L. P. convention.

QUESTIONS REGARDING COM-

MUNIST LABOR PARTY

To J. F. - The Communist Party,

tive bodies anly and prohibits nom-

mation of candidates for mayor, gov-

ernor or president. The program or

constitution of the Communist Labor

To M. G., Cleveland, - So far as we

understand, the petitions which were

circulated to place C. E. Ruthenberg

upon the ballot as candidate for ma-

yor have been filed. Ruthenberg in-

tends to decline the nomination after

the petitions are filed and as a result

there will be no candidate for mayor

To L. S. - Yes, the constitution of

Party has no such provisions.

for you to vote-for this fall.

in its program, provides that political York on the "Red Special" last win-candidates be nominated for legisla-ter, and from there to Norway. He

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To C. L. - The Communist Party office where there is no local. Lan-

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autonomy that they had in the old local or state office, and the trans-

Socialist Party. This is undoubtedly later secretary shall receive finances due to the fact that the Communist to conduct his office from the national party is in the main a party of lens tiperal office.

States.

dress 3207 Clark, Ave. Cleveland.

— W. F. Jackman of Indianopollis signed was elected secretary for the writes that at least 75 per cent of district comprising Missouri, Kansas month must be collected from all mem bers, All members should purchase a communist Labor Party. Locals in Tok: The coming issue of the "Liber party and communist Labor Party and communist labor Party. Locals in the Communist Labor Party and communist labor Party. Locals in the Communist Labor Party and communist labor Party. Locals in the Communist Labor Party and communist labor Party and communist labor Party. The monthly edited by May rights the monthly edited by May rights the monthly and communist labor Party and communist labor Party.

- Edward Lindgren, acting state three parties we can consistently sup-secretary of New York wries as fol-port." W. B. Dillon, New Mexico. - The first Russian Communist

- Ruby Herman, state secretary of Communist Labor Party. Of course, the controversy has split the local, about nutes and actions. Mary Geffs, state that whelmingly to affiliate with we shall have her undivided support. L. P. Temporary state committee elecwe shall have the Scandinavian ted. Yours truly elected state secre-

> - The Italian Branch of New York City has withdrawn from the Italian Socialist Federation, fearing that the actionary Socialist Party, It intends organizing an Italian Federation affiliated with the C. L. P .-

- The locals at Worcester, Mass., and Conway, Pa., have written for programs and constitutions of the C. -- Adolph Germer was in Ohio last

will hold its organization meeting the German Federation voted 41 to 8 to join the Communist Labor Party. - Chas. Baker is assisting in orga- Branches in New York and New Jersey, numbering 1.700 members, have

- An application for a charter has been received from Local Bock Island office. - "State conferences for the Com-

L. P.

Noble Wilson of Indiana reports
Sas City, Kans., and Kansas City, Mo.,
Sept. 21. Temporary organizations for interesting battle between Wm.

Sept. 21. Temporary organizations for the first year) sell for the party were effected. Sufficient restamps for the first year) sell for DEPORTEE IS HAPPY

Deportation holds no terrors for

workers deported to a country like

Norway, where the labor movement

is strong. Alof Finnestad was one

of those shipped from Seattle to New

ter, and from there to Norway. He

is now very happy at his lot, for

night after night he has an opportu-

nity to address meetings from a soap-

box on conditions in the United

He finds that wages are two crowns

an hour (about 70 cents), while liv-

Wages are high," he declares, "food

is also high but plentiful; so there

is no need for anyone to be scared

to come over and give us a helping

ing cost him 30 crowns a week.

the party nationally.

— The Scandinavian Socialist Fe the second largest local in the Soci-Branch of Chicago has endorsed the deration has decided to withdraw from alist Party, decided at a meeting of C. L. P. program and applied for a the Socialist Party and will decide its future affiliation either by referendum or in convention.

writes that whelmingly to affiliate with the C.

- The "Melting Pot" has been offered to the Communist Labor Party by the editor, H. M. Tichnor, to be owned and controlled by the party as one of its official monthlies.

- A Unity Convention was held by the rank and file of Left Wing members of Manhatten, N. Y. Communist Party adherants discouraged attenat this convention. Communist Labor Party adherants encouraged the convention. The order of business was either convention were not admitted.

Local Toledo O., second largest local in the state sends word that the

DUES STAMPS AND SUPPLIES

New dues stamps, charter member stamps and party supplies are now ready. Locals in states where the state office is with the Communist Labor Party should make purchases direct from their state secretaries. Locals in states where the state secretaries still adhere to the reactionary Socialist Party should buy stamps and supplies direct from the national of

Dues stamps to state offices affiliated with our party and to locals in states where the state office is not munist Labor Party were held in Kan- affiliated, are 20 cents each. Charter

the Communist Labor Party. Locals in Tok: The coming issue of the "Liberation", the monthly edited by Max call parts of the nation are wiring assurances of their cooperation in building the new party and, more demanding dues stamps and supplies.

— Edward Lindgren, acting state

Tok: The coming issue of the "Liberation" and interesting Labor Party.

— L. E. Katterfeld has given up his residence in Kansas to take up his duties in the national office of the C. L. P. is the only one of the C. L. P. His years of organization three parties we can consistently supplies.

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PLACE ORDERS FOR DUES STAMPS AND SUPPLIES AT ONCE.

- Felix Catlin for Local Youngstown, Ghio, ordered 200 dues stamps and 100 charter stamps. Local Youngstown has joined the C. L. P.

- Five thousand dues stamps, one of charter stamps and a large shipment of suplies have gone forward to the German Communist Five thousand dues stamps. the office of the German Communist Labor Party Federation.

- One thousand dues stamps, 300 charter stamps and supplies were mailed to the Rhode Island state secretary. Two thousand dues stamps and 500 charter member stamps and supplies were shipped Local New York. Reports from everywhere show excellent progress. The Communist Labor Party is predestined to be a growing, virile, powerful organization.

- NEW YORK LETTER: Loca Queens with a membership of about 500 has gone Communist Party by a possibility that this local will reverse lively line up with the C. L. P. In poverty or in its depths, it is despite the opposition from the Communist Party comrades. In one branch, the 8th A. D., which sent four delethe 8th A. D., which sent four delein most cases secured titles to social gates to the Communist Party con-vention, the unity conference was Horowitz, all delegates to the Comconvention, resigned. The following branches will surely line up with the C. L. P. Four Bussian branches, one Lettish branch, five Enral membership meeting and bolted ersh Here we will have the Hungarian oly

Debs and the Revolution

"I am opposed to bloodshed in any form. A revolution is coming, but it must be peaceful. That is the reason I am opposed to war, to making men soldiers. A soldier is a human being trained to kill other human beings. I don't believe in killing, I am opposed to it I can go to the gallows with a smile on my face, without a quiver, but I'll never have the stain of any man's blood upon my hands. I'm opposed to all forms of murder. We must do our work, comrades, peacefully. We are slowly but surely welding the iron ring about our exploiters. But, because they have treated us cruelly and like cattle that is not the spirit in which we must treat with them. We must be gentle and ask God to forgive them. They speak of # Americanizing the foreigners-why? To make strike. breakers of them? God forgive them! When I am gone, # the richest gift I ask, is that some child will lay a flower # upon my grave and say: 'Gene did something for me.' "

-From Debs' last speech before going to the penitentiary, delivered in Youngstown, Ohio, April 6, 1919,

Scott Nearing's Lecturettes.

America has starving children. The land value, the users of land products

good, his step elastic, his flesh firm, and his muscles well-developed. In disposition he is usually happy and good-natured; he is brim full of life and animal spirits and is conlidered are used—not for private facing a savage winter. Millions of more fit but for community benefit. stantly active both physically and soon as a method of utilizing the anto death. Europe is war-torn. The mentally. His sleep is sound, his appetite and digestion good, his bowels billion tons of unmined coal would man of the sea in the form of an regular. He is, in short, what nature acquire immediate economic importing industrial system which provides the

ENJOYING AND PAYING

Leaving aside for the moment any consideration of the obvious fallacy which lies behind a system of social very narrow margin. There is every organizations that allows some of its members to live in comparative luxitself in a very short time. Local mry and idleness while others — and these, the largest local of the Left these the direct producers—exist for Wing section in New York will post the most part either on the verge of local has voted in favor of affiliation with the C. L. P.

Manhatton proper, the branches have decided upon a Unity Conference is a community blessing or a community

values-that is, he has made himself master of the natural resources, of endorsed whereupon Maximillan Co- the franchises, factories and the other hen, Jos. and Karl Brodsky and Fannie economic opportunities upon which the private ownership, the community is people depend for work and livelihood, compelled to pay more for the goods cited the incident to show how some Once having the title to these special privileges, the owner is able te avail himself of the full monopoly power which is included in his owner glish branches, all German branches, ship. The owners of the anthracite one Italian branch and several of the coal fields, for exemple, have added Jewish branches. In the Bronx the no coal to the store already in the Communist Party comrades, true to ground, nor have they themselves their "rule or quit" tactics, refused taken any of it out of the ground, to abide by the decision of the general to about the decision of the general to the property of th ership as a means of securing monop presentatives were present from the 25 cents each. Dues cards are \$1.00 two states to assure us half the membership application bership at the first sweep. The under-tollarks are \$2.50 a thousand. by the American people.

The question may be put in this way. Suppose there were no private owners of anthracite coal. Would there be any less coal in the ground? Would it be any harder to reach? Would it be any more expensive to mine? Would it cost the consumer any more? Obviously the answer to all of these questions is "no". The owner of a natural resource merely puts a fence around it and notifies the people that if they wish to use portion of his resources they must pay him a royalty or rent for

There are millions of acres of land till in the possession of the government, located in the Alaskas, in the Rockies and in the Sierras, in which there is to be found all the miner als necessary to prosperity and upon which there are, in some cases, valuable growths of timber. These things now belong to the whole people, just as the rivers, harbors and lakes belong to the whole people. Consequently value is set upon them.

had never learned the use of anthra-

The American people take it for granted that a fortune is a great boon to a community. According to the commonly accepted line of reasoning the existence of a fortune is a sign of community prosperity. The more fortunes the greater the prosperity and perhaps more so than it is under ment to the highest bidder on a royalty basis, or suppose that the govern-ment should mine the coal and disand perhaps more so than it is under the present system Yet so absurdly economic truths been presented to the American people that they feel about 2,000 acres of this refuse instinctively that the coal land is more valuable in the hands of prime he has lately refused six dollars per value owners then it would be in the vate owners than it would be in the hands of the federal government. Of course it is more valuable to the private owners and perhaps that is the reason they have been so anxious to impress the point on the public imagination.

It is a business, a very profitable business, at which fortunes are made in the new states to purchase these refuse lands, and without improving them, to sell them at large advances." vate owners than it would be in the

Special privilege, privately owned epresents loss to the community. The owner is able through his privilege, to increase his wealth, but because of the and services which it uses. The prist men might get rich without working ileged enjoy - the community page by buying and selling land. Little did ileged enjoy - the community pays.

STARVING AMERICANS

Starving children in Servia, Greece, France, and Belgium make a touch millions or 104 per cent. in ten years. ing appeal to us. Even the starved A recent report carried in a New York children of Austria and Germany are Thancial paper notes sales of three commanding our attention. We or farms at Champaign, Ill., for \$4.00 ganize, work and give to relieve their per acre; and another farm at Kandistresses and provide them with at kakee, 160 acres for \$68,000 (\$425 per

least the simple necessaries of life acre). For each dollar of additional meant him to be before anything America has starving children. The land value, the users of land products else—a happy, healthy young animal. Children's Bureau places the number pay 4 or 5 cents a year in rent or Here is a standard to which all America has starving children. The Children's Bureau places the number at "between 15 and 25 per cent. of our school children, (3.000.000 to 5. our school children, (3.000.000 to 5. our school children, (3.000.000 to 5. our school children are described by the comforting word "undernourished." "Malnutrition" is a term less barbarous than "starvation." If people could have known in 1832 the staggering burden of land value increases that were lying in wait for their descendants, they might well have saved this generation the lasteribes a well nourished child as one who "first of all, measures up to racial and family standards of his age in height and weight. He has good color, bright eyes — no blue or dark cirkles underneath them — and smooth, glossy hair. His carriage is good, his step clastic, his flesh firm, long to the people of the United States must be standard of glad-eved health which

> acquire immediate economic import-industrial system which provides the ence. Suppose that the right to mine luxuries of life for a few tens of ment to the highest hidden. of children to the hell of slow star-

EARLY IN THE GAME

Henry Clay commented on the eco omic situation in the United States in a speech which he made to the Senate in 1832, "A friend of mine in this city bought in Illinois last fall.

Clay was arguing to prove that the privilege, privately owned, national domain was really valuable again to the owner, but and not "refuse" land as one of his opponents had insisted.

In those days of the early settle-ment of Illinois a land boom set the values at \$6 an acre. Henry Clay he dream of the lengths to which this real-estate-speculator prosperity would

Between 1900 and 1910 the value of Illinois farm land increased 1.576

Debs' Loyalty is Superb Sacrifice. (Continued from page 1.)

I believe he could be induced to make the fight if convinced that such was the desire of the movement generally; for he lways subordinates his own opinion to that of the movement in such matters.

He sends by me his love and greetings to all his comrades. And I wish I could repeat all the stories he told Comrado Castleton and me of the little incidents of his prison-life manifesting the affection and regard his fellow-prisoners for him.

in the murderers and rape-fiends among whom he has been placed he has found traits of gentleness and generosity absolutely unintelligible to the highly respectable and successful gentry who send them there.

"Think of a man risking a hundred and thirty days in the 'Hole',' said he, "just to smuggle a piece of pie to me in the hospital. Or to wave a greeting to me across the yard."

"I have lost a few ounces of gristle," he remarked laughing, as I touched his fleshless arm. "But I have gained tons Suppose, for example, that people in spirit. And while Woodrow Wilson could put me here, he cite coal, and suppose that the little can't make me look at the steel-bars or the stone roof. I can section of Pennsylvania in which see beyond the bars the flowers; and above the roof I can see most of the anthracite is deposited the stars, and beyond all this prison poison I can see my comare still in the possession of the fe- raides bravely battling for the release of all workers from deral government. It would rep bondage. We are waging a winning fight and that makes meresent no value at all, and yet as bear up and gives me new life."

The Shop Steward Movement as Developed in Seattle, International or local officials, the union has declared

Party is, in the main, a party of lan- tional office.

(Editors' Note. In harmony with the endorse-ment by the Communist Labor Party of mass action workers and the shop committees and shop stevard movement, we reprint from The Voice of Labor this week an article about the development of this latest phase of the class struggle in Seattle. For the elacidation of our readers we shall continue to publish from week to week articles relating to this movement.)
While the wholes labor movement of Seattle ap

While the whole labor movement of Seattle appeared to have been torn with dissension over the question of industrial unionism, or the less clearly defined idea of One Big Union, a development along constructive though not so spectacular lines has proceeded beneath the turmoil. Advocates of the Shop Steward System have pushed their ideas to the front by addressing themselves directly to the workers in the unions.

Where shop stewards already exist the campaign has been to democratize them by instituting direct election from the rank and file, and to have each election from the rank and file, and to have each steward responsible for a smaller number of men. Where stewards have been merely for the purpose of colleting dues, seeing that no one in bad standing could work on a job, and takig applications for membership, there has been a strong effort to have these men take up and adjust the minor grievances of the workers in their respective shops. In all cases the advocates of the movement have emphasized the necessity for industrial unionism and for an understanding of Socialist economics.

All of this has involved various compromses and All of this has involved various compromses and deviations from the Shop Steward System as it is theorized, but the issue has kept fairly clear on the most vital points. Election by the men themselves regardless of grades of skill in a shop, one steward to represent from 12 to 25 men and no more, adjustment of all grievances peculiar to a shop by action confined to that shop, frequent committee meetings of shop stewards within a plant or industry, and regular meetings of shop stewards of each craft throughout the city, have been the points emphasized.

A Real Shop Steward Movement.

Perhaps the cleanest cut example of the Shop eward System in Seattle is to be found in the Jouryman Tailor's Union. The reasons are plain. The wement has excountered no opposition from either

local membership is nearly 100 per cent class conscious and is far obave the average in intelligence, and the Shop Steward System was set down almost complete within the framework of the union, without the necesand is far above the average in intelligence, and the presentation. Here is a sketch of the system as it exists now, a little more than three months since its

The union has a membership of about 1,000 distributed in 755 to 80 shops with from 5 to 40 workers employed in each shop. Every shop in the city is thoroughly organized. There is now one steward to each shop who represents alike the skilled and appropriates and who is elected by a semiskilled and appropriates and who is elected by a semi-skilled and apprentices, and who is elected by a joint meeting of all employees In addition to this there is a general grievance committee composed of five stewards elected at the regular fortnigthly meeting of all tailor shop stewards in the city.

The initial meetings for the election of shop stew-ards were called by the business agent of the union, who went to each shop and announced that on a certain date every employee was to be present in the office of the union. At the meeting of each shop group the business agent explained the workings of the Shop Steward System, but beyond a recomm that the shop steward be a person possessing both the ability and the courage to meet the foreman or employer on any issue that might arise, he took no part in the elections. Nearly one-fourth of tailors' shop stewards are women.

What a Shop Steward Does

Decision on any action to be taken is made by the workers, whereupon the shop steward must carry out their wishes or be subjected to immediate recall. Adjustment of local grievances within a shop, if not made at once, is taken up at a meeting directly after working hours, or in extreme cases by a meeting on the job. Failing of an adjustment, appeal is made to the grievance committee of five, by whose decision the foreman or employer must abide or face a walk-out; and should the aggrieved workers dissent they can appeal to the stewards as a whole or the Union direct. In addition to adjusting grievances the duties of a shop steward are to see that all union regula-plants are complied with, to initiate new members in an emergency, or otherwise to present their applicadues. Stewards from the taliors receive the pay checks of the workers in each shop, and after examining them to see that there is no shortage they pass them to the workers whom they represent. By this means the steward makes sure the apprentices are paid according to grade, and the union is also able to enferce its rule that no more than four hours of overtime shall be worked in any one week.

Additional power has come to the tailors by reason of the Shop Steward System. After a worker has been employed for two weeks the employer cannot dis-charge him except by the joint consent of the grievance committee and the affected workers in a shop. Lay-off of workers on account of slack work is on terms approved by the workers in the shop, and the grievance committee, in accordance with union regulations. Seattle is now forcing a wage scale of \$44 for 44 hours, with double time for over-time and absolutely no work on Saturday aftermoon, helpers to receive \$33 straight pay. The old seale was \$36 for an S hour day with helpers draw-ing wages ranging from \$20 to \$26. This scale will probably go into general effect upon the Pacific Coast, and the credit is largely due to the Shop Stevard System and the revolutionary spirit of the Seattle tailors.

The Boilermakers

Nearly one-half of Seattle's union members are employed in the shipvards. The largest union in the yards is the Boilermakers. Inability to bring this union into line with the Shop Stevard System has been the main stumbling block to the progress of the movement. Shop Stewards exist, but they are-answerable to a chief steward and to antocratic union officials and not to the work and file the latest the state of the steward and to antocratic union officials and not to the work and file the latest the state of the stat ion officials, and not to the rank and file, the latter regarding them as a species of private police acting for the distrusted officials. These stewards are known by the wearing of a star, not by their name or because of their union activity on the job. No sy-stem exists in their selection; some being appointees of the chief steward, the business agent or other officials, some being approved in a general busines meeting, but none being elected by the rank and file. Their dues are allowed by the union in return for their services as stewards.

their services as stewards.

Within the shops, however, the demand for systematization and democratization of the stewards is

was a meeting of shop stewards from every craft, the first meeting of its kind to be held in a Seattle yard, and stewards from the boilmakers were

Spreading Past

Steam and Marine Pipe Fitters have one steward to each shippard in addition to a shop committee of five. These men are elected by the members on the job, or if appointed by the members of the committee or by the business agent, it is in default of action by the rank and file. One steward is elected on each job employing more than four men elsewhere throughout the city. This union has a membership of about 600, of whom 200 are employed by the Skinner

Both the Machinists' Union and the Shipyard Laborers, Riggers and Fasteners, are enthusiastic boosters for the Shop Steward System. In the latter union the assistant business agent has charge of the stewards, and makes arrangements for lectures on their duties and functions twice each month. Through the activity of these stewards the initial meeting of all stewards at Duthie's yard was called, and they are foremost in working out plans to co-ordinate all stewards in all of the yards. The ma-jority of the stewards of both the unions mentioned

jority of the stewards of both the unions mentioned are class conscious and are well versed in economics. In the Longshoremen's union there are more students of the Shop Stewards System than in any organization, yet there are as yet no shop stewards, due to the fact that no effective plan has been eveloped to care for the short time jobs of loading or unloading cargo. A voluntary committee is working on the matter at this time, and with the present temper of the membership, an almost unanimous adoption of any plan which will leave control of the stewards in the hands of the rank and file can be foretold with complete assurance. and file can be foretold with complete assurance. Abolition of the business agent by substitution of shop stewards is one of the problems the committee is asked to figure out.

As a sample of provisions which are now being inserted in various union constitutions, the following from Inside Electrical Workers. No. 46 is of in-

Art. VIII, Sec. I .- It shall be the duty of the

til such time as there are five men or more on the job, when a vote must be taken to elect a Steward, which shall require a majority vote of the journeymen members on the job. The foreman to have no vote. No foreman or assistant foreman

that as Steward.

"Sec. 2.— The Steward will be held responsible to the Executive Board and to the Local for the enforcement of the working rules and By-laws."

Electrical workers stewards appoint assistants.

Electrical workers stewards appoint assistants whenever there are so many workers on a job as to render it necessary, and they call in the business agent on any problem which they think is too large or too important to the entire union for the men on the one job to handle. The provision regarding votes of journeymen members is quite generally ignored, and helpers participate in the election of stewards.

Workly meetings are held of all there stewards. Weekly meetings are held of all shop stewards

Propagands

Ten thousand pamphlets on the Shop Steward System have been distributed in Seattle within the past six months. Those have not been street sales. The pamphlets have gone directly into the union or have been quietly passed to workers in a shop prior to a call for the election of a steward. In addition to this there has been wide publication of articles dealing with the movement, and two men making the rounds of the unions delivering half-hour talks an the subject.

Having completed much of the preliminary propaganda work, a plan is now being mapped out whereby giver yards will be called upon to elect stewards from the office employees, the various shops, the yard sweepers, etc., so as to affect a permanent organization of shop, deparment, yard and then finally of the entire industry in this district.

The death knell has sounded for craft unionism; the A. F. of L. belongs to the past. But not mean that the millions of members of the craft unions must be ignored, or that we must face the task of taking them one by one into the I. W. W. We know that a craft union crash is coming. When it comes we hope to have in the autonomous and more or less unofficial Shop Steward System a means of helding together the productive units, so that One Big Union will arise from the wreck of the autocratic.