The Organized Power of Workers can prevent it

Prisons have always been notorious for cruelty and unspeakable injustice. Established upon the concept that the prevention of crime could be brought about by unusual cruel-wed. Oct. 11st., having served two workers, especially, have learned a of the past. The American junkers geons or deporting the Homestead strike I served four try of ours, to express an independ an honest man. Ideals cannot be imprisoned nor can the cternal released from Atlanta Penetentiary, tiary of Pennsylvania. We have cept perhaps about the weather. Spirit of liberty be exterminated by workers, especially, have learned a of the past. The American junkers geons or deporting men and women. ties practiced upon the inmates, prisons have continued thru years for alleged opposition to the workers, especially, have learned a of the past. The American junkers geons of deporting men war-time draft laws. Berkman has sergood deal since the days of the and plutocrats are swamping the out of the United States. They have learned of involved the propaganda for a am convinced, that the the centuries down to the present day as schools for crime war-time draft laws. Because a war tions of this country continue the practices and the punish-strike activities. ments that have made European bastiles famous for inhuman-portrayal of conditions as they now the workers of England. Soon the voice of liberty is being stifled in we cannot fight for liberty,

The dungeon, ball and chain, manacling of the wrists; Ga., the prison that holds within its realise that it is folly to call a tentiaries are full sombre walls the body of Eugene V. strike of steel workers, without at industrial prisoners days, weeks, even months on a bread and water diet; the sus- Debs and many other political and the same time securing the solidpension in mid air by the wrists with iron chains are only a statement of the few of the inhumanities practiced with very, very few excep- prison and then resolve that not an- miners. tions in all our prisons. They are practiced in the federal other hour shall pass without you doing prison at Atlanta, Ga., where Eugene V. Debs is condemned erimes against your comrades to an risk of defeat. But a simultaneous to spend ten years of his life if he shall live that long in a place where such inhumanity occurs daily. Many political prisoners have died under such treatment. Many more have time going through the contracted diseases which will shorten their lives. Many have of social and industrial rebirth that gone insane. Political prisoners are, as a rule, treated with less are convuising rangiand, France consideration than any other class of prisoners. A murderer is workers' strike is merely one of the a question of a short treated with respect compared to the treatment that is according to the social evolutionary process that may in the near future cause throughout all ed those of our comrades who have been jailed for their culminate in revolution. The sources assert the right of the toilers to the opinions which did not happen to jibe with those of the official are idential with those in every their toil. The day of capitalistic family of the present administration at Washington.

That the United States Government, meaning the admini-That the Umited States Government, meaning the adminitstration as represented by Woodrow Wilson is determined to
kill Debs is but a logical deducation to be drawn from the
facts. Debs is a source of danger to the Wilson administration;
dangerous to the economic masters it serves. This fact the
States than anywhere else, is on its
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States than anywhere else, is on its
They are sick of the high-sounding
phrases about political democracy administration is well aware of. But it believes he is less death bed. The next step in the so-phrases about political democracy dangerous to it in prison than outside. He is still less dangerover of all industry by the workers, actual practice, so many of actual practice, so many of the industry authorizer. ous in his grave than alive, tho behind prison bars. Theretoth manual and mental, to be paper. It is industrial autocracy
managed and operated by themthat the workers of the world seek
selves, for the benefit of the proto destroy. This country, the alless the workers by their organized might force open the ducers instead of for the profit of leged champion of democracy, is beprison doors.

Debs might have had his freedom, if he had cared more for himself than for his class. If he had been less sensible of his own welfare, less thoughtful of the thousands of other political prisoners. But Debs chose a life sentence in jail rather than to seek freedom for himself only, while his comrades were condemned to years in prison.

And is Debs bearng up under the strain of prison life? The American Freedom Debs is different from most of us. He thinks in flowers and souls; he feels and cries and suffers with those in pain. Prison is all pain and so Debs suffers daily the tortures inflicted upon the lowliest of inmates.

A letter has just been received from Liberator Attorney Castleton. It's another call to action. Read it. Then sit down for five minutes and THINK IT OVER. And then get up and tions, do much toward effecting the DO SOMETHING. AND right now the best thing you can Evidently the men now in the Ft. do is to gather Liberation Funds so that we will have the Leavenworth prison had some faith in the convention as they had a delegate

GET INTO ACTION-and you will if you READ THE O.

FOLLOWING LETTER.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 4th, 1919.

To All Comrades:-

My heart is sad to-day, for the slim and slender Gene is but the shadow, the mere ghost of his former self. Wednesday to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name included in an appeal or a petition for release or company to have his name and h I arranged to have him bid Alex. Berkman "Good-bye", and mutation of sentence. He urged labor when he came into the warden's offce I was frightened for I be to get together and organize and then DEMAND and back up the demand. saw before me our beloved Gene looking gravely ill. He had a As a whole there were many wel gray stubble of two days growth upon his sallow face. His meaning people present, but they have no means of gaining any kind of re eyes seemed to have lost their tlashing sparkle of life, his face sults as they belonged to no particula was taught and worn and his throat bagged. The physical group that, by its industrial power Debs looked almost dead — and all our hearts were sad — in gates were made up of representatives spite of Gene's inspiring, fighting spirit which he will keep bodies and 45 delegates. Besides these character. It is not the party name which makes a party reuntil the very end. Debs will die fighting for the proletariat, there were Amnesty leagues of man, with words of love for the workers on his lips. If Debs is not Bureau was represented by Mr. 100 released from here at once the federal penetentiary at Atlanta Silver, the American Union against Ga., will be his tomb. It is a physical impossibility for him to the friends of India by Mr. Roger N. hold out much longer.

Debs senses that his end is near. But he is consoled with his faith in the rank and file of his comrades now traumphant- Centrals had delegates. In all there ly winning the world, so that emancipated proletarians may were approximately 300 and they work out their destiny together.

How Debs wishes he could met his comrades face to face gular retinue of piecard artists and

How Debs wishes he could met his comrades face to face talk to them once more before he leaves this world! How also present. A resolution endorsing the One Big Union caused an all afternoon's talkfest and was finally referred

he loves life, his comrades, the Great Cause. No matter what happens - Gene will remain true red to the very end. And it is the spirit of Debs that will conquer that the One Big Union Propagated killed the Mooney affair and was certain to kill the Amnesty Convention world over working for the new day, where there were but the Mooney affair and was certain to kill the Amnesty Convention Mrs. Meta Berger spoke on the Will the Mooney affair and the Chicago Trial theorem and he is heavy because our great cause is

thousands before and he is happy because our great cause is the convention some valuable information regarding the present courtmatrix The personality of Debs has created a spiritual and mental

revolution at the Atlanta prison. Not only have the political prisoners learned to love him mor than ever before, but there are men who are braving the "HOLE" and other prison memorable conventions within its wall make the state of good during the last few weeks. will and comradeship. There are prisoners there who would gladly serve Debs' ten years term in prison if that were punishment to show him a little kindness, a token of good

I shall see Gene in the next few days and write again. fluence and once rid of that element. He sends his love to all the comrades. He still repeats "tell the boys I am all right".

> Sincerely yours SAMUEL M. CASTLETON.

Shall Prison be Debs' Tomb? Berkman charges Murder, Dungeons, Chains and lesser Brutalities Rule in Treatment of Prisoners at Atlanta Federal Prison

exist in the federal prison at Atlanta, American Federation

other land of our so-called civiliza- autocracy is gone. our industrial and commercial kailing daily changed more and

strike of all the three key indus-tries would quickly bring our Garys, Morgans and Fricks to their senses,

If there is any manhood left in prison question of a short time before pelling demand for a general amnesty savings of poor merican labor will make solidarie for all political and industrial prison phans receives t

s and others, own safety is subjected to special of the United persecution and discrimination. that cry out the best aspirations of changes have taken humanity, even in the face of the administration of our

the regime of Prussian militar- it is of the government to jail men

Hand To Perse-

cuted Workers

Convention

there, H. Austin Simons a former C. O., who had been confined at the 'Wire-City' stockade. Seymour Stedman made the opening address arged the delegates to cause congress to be flooded with appeals for the release Baldwin reecatly released from professional convention attenders was for revision, as the charge was mad system and its victims, stating that they numbered well into the thousands

the International officers had no in

purpose of the convection was a fail-

The Municipal Elections

Numerous locals in Ohio are courageously waging municipal campaigns.

These campaigns are being conducted upon a uniform Communist-Socialist municipal platform, adopted by the state trying its best to find tactical differ-

These are the first political campaigns ever waged in this It seems that they have found one difference" already, which "shows country along the lines of the NEW Socialism, the Socialism the utmost confusion concerning funwhich seeks, not to reform the capitalist state, but which de-damental principles and tactics" mands its abolition, demands workers' control and workers supremacy.

Thousands upon thousands of these platforms have been printed for the locals by the state office and they are being conscientiously distributed broadcast, laying the foundation for the NEW political action and teaching the workers, for the first time, the direct road to emancipation.

These campaigns, must of necessity in this election, be made under the name of the Socialist Party. The signatures to branded as Menshevik. Contrary to the nomination petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions were gathered under that name and in this The Communication petitions are the communication petitions and the communication petitions are the communication petitions are the communication petitions and the communication petitions are the communication petitions and the communication petitions are the communication petitions are the communication petitions and the communication petitions are the communication petition and the communication petition many instances the tickets were filed under that name. The new party designation, in many of these locals, can not go into elections. Secondly they are boycotting the elections as the Bolsheviks did in effect until after the elections.

character. It is not the party name which makes a party re. being Bolsheviks. What is our answer? actionary or revolutionary. It is the principles of the party derstand Communists or do we not un

While these municipal campaigns have been on, the Ohio Ohio C. L. P. against the fundamental principles of Communism to the Ohio, is asked to confundamental principles of Communism by participating in the Municipal elections under the name of Socialist Party nationally because of its reactionary national officialdom. These criticisms do not in any way apply to the party in

The Socialist Party in this state, (now the Communist Labor Party) is not affiliated with the Socialist Party of the United States. It is not so affiliated because the Socialist Party of the United States is a Scheidemann party, a party which, at the crucial moment, will turn upon the workers and compromise with the capitalist class.

The criticisms made, many of which may have confused our readers, were against the national party. We call upon you therefore to give the comrades, who are waging the municipal campaign in your city your immediate and full support. These comrades are in harmony with the Third International and in their valiantly conducted municipal campaigns, are fighting abreast of our victorious comrades of Russia.

ON WITH THE CAMPAIGNS, COMRADES! Rally the workers around the standard of the Third In-

HELP TO MAKE THE WORKERS' VOICES HEARD IN THE LEGISLATIVE HALLS FOR WORKERS' CONTROL

the Mid-western cities (Toledo, O.) when 17,000 angry citizens march ure, if it was merely to acquaint the delegates with the facts then it is a carly in the spring, taught many work- the jail and in 10 minutes had 75 of success. A demonstration in one of ers how to release political prisoners them freed. —Ulric

Tactical Problems Liberators Lend a

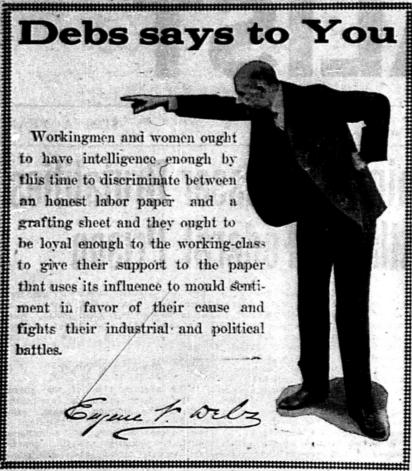
they say is a "fundamental" one:
"The state office requested locals to proceed as follows—
"The state office requested locals to caught stealing from the

For this reason the C. L. P. is the elections as the Bolsheviks did in 1906 Duma elections. You see: they are doing the same thing the Bolsheviks

this state, nor to any local which is making its campaign upon the official municipal platform.

Readers of the Ohio Socialist should keep this in mind.

Socialist party of Ohio was expelled by the Germer gang. The Socialist Party of Ohio adopted the Left Wing program at its State Convention in Cincinnati and its Municipal Platform



About Rumors

Rumors are funny things. They travel at lightening speed, especially when the rumor is false.

Just at present Ohio has its share or rumors. We have located them here and there There are rumors about the state office and rumors about the state secretary; rumors about the Commanist Labor Party and rumors about the Communist Party.

We've a request to make. Before believing rumors you hear make sure that they are true. We speak now for both the C. P. and the C. L. P. We comrades of the Communist Labor Party refuse to spread rumors. We do spread facts. We know that the Communist Party can not be killed by spreading false rumors about it, even the some think that the Communist Labor Party can be buried under an

avalanche of them. We ask this—before believing what anyone says about any one else or any other party, INVESTIGATE TO MAKE SURE THE TRUTH WAS TOLD YOU.

We also ask this-If YOU, who are reading this, know of any comrade who delights in spreading rumors irrespective of knowledge of their gammineness, please have him write them all upon paper, using one side LET only, and send them to this office. We ONCE. want to paint them in the Ohio So-

This offer is made knowing that th larger circulation false rumors get the strength that party secures which

Debs' Photos are still selling. 12x17, spiendid for framing and only 25c each.

ong evenings are coming. How

YOUNGSTOWN CALLS FOR UNITY

Youngstown, Ohio. Oct. 4th, 1919, 10 A. M.

Dear Comrades:-LOCAL YOUNGSTOWN asks YOUR Local, wether you are interested enough in the CAUSE, to meet with us in a NORTH-EASTERN OHIO conven tion held in our city, in the sole aim of trying to get our forces together again, regardless of who you have ine up with. This invitation excludes

of course the RIGHT WING. In reply to this invitation, state what day would be most convenient etc. A date will be set later at your

LOCAL YOUNGSTOWN asks you to attend either by delegates, or by mass convention. If the later the majority of locals represented at the meeting will carry the day. You are requested to attend in a broadminded spirit to attend in a broadminded spirit, the kind of spirit that spells CLASS SOLIDARITY in face of the common

LET US HEAR FROM YOU AT The quicker your local decides ttend, the better for all of our ranks All arrangements will be looked after

v our committees COME AND LET OTHER LOCALS HEAR OF YOUR VIEWPOINT. LET US GET TOGETHER. DON'T FORGET THE N. E. OHIO UNITY CONFERENCE.

Yours for Unity P. J. Catkin, See'y. Local Youngstown

about your reading? Look over our is not up to date, will you make a some with which to keep company branch in your city not included in the 1917 Ohio Socialist Addresses. Comrade Sec .- As our old directory

The Legions of Truth

By Ed. Shallue.

Slowly but steadily they are coming Along the trails of Progress, one by one, With no music, bugle calls nor drumming, Impervious to bayonette, gas or gun; Flaunting no gaudy, varicolored banners, Dressed in no purple, red nor gold, With no more than Nature's simple manners Breaking down the barriers of old.

The advance against vile Wrong is ever slow, By Hypocracy and Ignorance outnumbered, Meeting the mighty, well fed foe

With the weight of needs and cares encumbered. A dense barrage of Lies they always face,

And charge against stenching, gaseous slander, But in Heaven, Hell nor Earth-there is no place Where Truth is not victorious Commander.

Do Penal Institutions Reform

By Ammon A. Hennacy, Political Pri-soner, County Jail, Delavare, Ohio.

merchant calls it prefit The merchant calls it profit
And he winks the other eve;
The banker calls it interest
And he heaves a cheerful sigh;
The lanlord calls it rent.
As he tucks it in his bag;
But the honest old burglar
He simply calls it swag."
This is a verse Ammon A. Hennacy
and scratched on the wall of his

praving the greatest number of

months in Columbus and Atlanta ins I agree with the above quota-from Tolstoi, and institutions do not reform pris-because:

officials are first class politic-of second class intelligence; with man sympathy or knowledg of

ch special favors officials en-prisoners to spy upon their fel-d become "rats" and "stool-

contile a decent, humane and honest munism. man to accept a position as guard.

Prison chaplains are afraid to try to better conditions for fear of losing

When released, prisoners are not given decent clothes, or enough money take into consideration the imperative to keep them for more than a day or ment making the necessary steps con wo; in very few cases are jobs pro-

WHY?

President Wilson's reception on the he unmixed ovation that many Ame rican newspapers would have their renders believe. Of course he drew fare auriences and, with the except was received with the respect to which his office entitled him. There was, however, a distinct disposition, not in evidence earlier in the trip, to ask questions and demand facts. The demand of San Francisco laboring men for a statement on Ireland was only one instance. A copy of The Scattle Union Record, a spokesman of organ-ized labor in the Northwest, has reached this office, showing that on the day of the President's arrival that newspaper printed the question "Why?" in letters three inches high across four columns of the first page. and followed it with a series of questions, among which were the follow-

Why do you not ask the immediate repeal of the espionage law and urge thorough discussion of the problems confronting America, to the end that we can democratically arrive at proper conclusions?

Why do you not release political prisoners in this country when they are being rapidly released in other

Why is it that under the espionage aw working men and women mainly vere convicted and not one German

Whey do you preach self-determina-tion in Russia by backing one faction an internal conflict?

Why is there no demand in the Large of nations pact for a democratization of the kingdoms of Japan, Belgium, Rumania, and other backwar:

Why is there no provision for a reduction of armaments in the treaty, if the League of Nations is to prevent Why do you not fire Burleson! plan for the solution of the railroad

Why, do you not are Burleson? These questions are not new, but the failure to meet them is rapidly

weakening Mr. Wilson's hold on the

The Nation.

St. Louis Unity Reso-

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 22, 1919 National Executive Committee. Communist Labor Party, Cleveland, Ohio.

At a meeting of the Executive Com littee of the Communist Labor Party of local St. Louis, September, 20 1919, the writer, as secretary, was in-structed to communicate with the Naional Executive Committee of ommunist Labor Party and the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party, urging the im-mediate unification of these parties that the rank and file may be uncampered in their struggle to attain conomic freedom and to usher in the ommunist society of production. We well realize that the formative eriod of a Communist movement in merica must inevitably encounter riction and division of epinion as to the formulation of methods, tactes and the form of organzaton. We also realize that the exhibited tendencies of "confusionism" as well as of of "confusionism" as well as of centrism", is natural, i. e., a movement that passes through a shifting process brings forth misunderstandings. We are firm in our conviction that the destinies of a Communist movement in America mainly depends upon our unwavering, consistent stand in the formulation of policies, methods and tactics within the realm of Marxian Communist principles. However, the experience of our brother Communists of the European countries brings forth the fact that very often we can avoid unnecessary friction when we conside that oftimes comrades who stand firm working for class-conscious Communist unity; whose training and knowledge of the needs of the movement divides them, mainly due to the exhibited ten-dencies on the part of some well informed Communists who aim to dominate the movement by their capricious and pretentious contentions for leadership, thus exploiting the sentiment of the membership that stands by the class character of Communism retarding the fundamental unity of the movement. The Communist movement of America must labor to free itself from such elements, no matter how well informed the comrades may be who exhibit these tendencies.

The progress of the Communist novement; the unity of the real Communist element can be made possible through the realization that in th main the newly formed Communist and Communist Labor Parties do not differ much. The variation of the platforms and programs of both parties may prison justice takes the word of and programs of both parties may differ, one or the other may be considered clearer in the formulation and expression of Communist principles, degeneracy; oftentimes being perverts methods, tactics and policies of organthemselves.

No attempt is made to classify prisoners according to age, crime, or general character; thus making any penal institution a school for the inexperienced criminal.

Guards are not paid enough to school a decent, humane and honest

Viewing the status of facts as we know it we urge the membership of both parties, through its authorize organs, the Executive Committees, to take into consideration the imperative ment, making the necessary steps con-ducive to a possible unity between the Communist Labor Party and the Communist Party.

firmed criminals.

So long as there exists the present tional officials and committees to actional officials and committees to active and crime no "prison reform" will munist Party, or any other revolutionary working class organization."

Two Church Statements to Steel Workers

Two significant statements em Tirpitz have nothing on Foster. He odving totaly opposite viewpoints and is divergent counsel to steel workers and the Polsheviki." are been issued by two clergymen of he Catholic church, Workers will do well to give these two statements careful thought and consideration. The of St. Rose's church Girard,

The Pittsburgh Statement.

leaders they will be cut off from the

should follow the leadership of ros-ter it would be equivalent to endors-ing his doctrine that I should regard the catholic of the people. These tyrants cannot play fast and

or seems to have fallen into the or the bloodless revolution." ands of the Bolsheviki and the reds. "The kaiser, Hindenburg and Von

Statement by Father Kirby.

Rev. Father E. A. Kirby to decide what its stand shall be upon tion with the steel strike movement, the questions of the day.

"The steel strike is a continuation of the struggle of the masses of the

"I give warning," said Father Devation are in self-constituted authority
lin in an open letter, "that if any
should follow the leadership of Fosreal Kaisers and Hindenburgs and

JOIN NOW The Communist Proganda League

The first thing every live, class-conscious worker does after joining the Socialist Movement is to

Roll up his sleeves-Spit on his hands -

And-ack for a job that will push the work along. Such comrades are the ones who DO THINGS, they are the Jimmie Higginses in our movement, the ones upon whom our papers rely for support in getting subs. Who are relied upon in circulating our propaganda, in doing all the thousand and one things necessary to further the education and organization of the workers.

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But the final test as to whether penal institutions reform is to be found in the of fact that 75 per cent of those who enter jail become confirmed criminals.

So long as there exists the present of the Communist Labor Party and the Communist Labor Party has file of both the Communist Labor Party and the Communist Party to denand unity upon the basis of equality, and that the Executive Committees of these parties bend their every effort to this end.

Yours for a united Communist movement.

Let's see, about how many copies munist Labor Party has file of both the Communist Labor Party and the Communist Party to denand unity upon the basis of equality, and that the Executive Committees of these parties bend their every effort to this end.

Yours for a united Communist movement.

Yours for a united Communist movement.

MARY N. TICHENOR. City Sec'y Communist Labor Party Local St. Louis.

ation of the workers. Will you spend it? Order a bundle of ten.

THE BLACK SHEEP

EDITOR'S NOTE

Here is a serial story of to-day written by one of the best known writers and lecturers of the American ocialist Movement. If we should print Church may become a greater element in answer to Rev. Father Devlin of for human progress, or it may become the ffely Cross charch, South Pitts a weapon for reaction; it is for the burgh, who in an open letter to his workers who are affiliated with it parishioners condemned their nffiliarity decide what its stand shall be upon the steel strike movement, or the people that the recognize it as one of renown from Jack was raised to read a chapter of the seripture at each meal with write this particular story under a the result that the children at an too decide what its stand shall be upon the guestions of the day.

the environment under which they develop may be, they grow up and work out something of definite value to themselves or mankind at large; these are the exceptions we call geniuses. They may be likened unto whom he lived by reciting some of the mantal conflicts in which he be-

His mother told us when we quest ioned her about him that he had been an odd child; unlike other children. He loved to be alone. He seldom spoke and when he did speak it was only to question the older folks. His questions were generally about things that no one could answer. At least no one remains grey in the snowy season it one Sunday morning he listened was an evidence to the child's mind of lieaven's partiality to the Jack. On the crucifixion of Christ. The discourse impressed him deeply. At home

When we pressed her for further particulars regarding his boyhood, she recited an amazing list of incidents that to her mind proved the doctrine of total depravity, but which to us simply proved that the path of genius is not strewn with roses. The boy's ideas seemed to have been at all times ideas seemed to have been at all times in conflict with their accepted standard of right and wrong, as well as with the dictates of their accepted again "Mamma — if God made us with the dictates of their accepted creed. The mother concluded her rehearsel of the boys mental irregular."

"The devil." rehearsel of the boys mental irregular-ities with the to her awful information, that at the age of cleven he had been brot home by one of their neighbors who had found him in a country grave yard exhuming a corpse. This of course was considered terrible and it ple out of nothing, like he did at was the consensus of learned opinion in the neighborhood that the boy should be sent to the reform school

This however was not carried out. I asked the mother what in her opinion urged the boy to do so strange deed to which she replied. "He just has an ungovernable curiosity to find out now human inards are fixed" He had a passion for first hand in formation on all things animate and inanimate. He spared no effort in his quest for knowledge. She told us that somehow he would never believe what he was told, he wanted to find out. He doubted everything, even the

It was evident from what his mother us that, even as a child he fold us that, even as a child he had been a psychological anomaly that refused to conform to the mental environment in which he was born. Hence, he was compelled either to rise above it or be crushed by it.

"That was the Devil's work. Now will you be quiet—I'll thrash you if I hear another yip."

Slowly he turned his gaze upon the above it or be crushed by it.

Then he restured once more

Leaving out of consideration mental peculiarities we were told that as child he had been a quiet, dreamy, fair naired urchin, with large unkempt fair naired urchin, with large unkempt head and ciear blue eyes; physically he had been well and strong but not accessively active. They had called him "The little old man." In school he had been the favorite of the teacher; he gave them but little trouble. He had but one ugly phrase in his apparently slight vocabulary, and that was, "Prove it." This did not often annoy the school ma-ma but it drove Jack. He was almost sure to ask a question somewhat like this: "What time was it tventy minutes before time began, or as it sometimes happened that the good man maintained that God had created all things out of nothing the boy would ask "Where did God get the nothing with which to make himself." When it was ex-

look as the he comprehended the pro-position, yet he would ask: "Are spirit and nothing the same thing It was a custom of the people that

story of his own life and experiences. the Bible. Then they were being drill-As the story develops and the author ed on Suhday and at least once during the unfolds to his renders the basic print the week in the catechism. This exceptions of the socialist philosophy and plains the fact that as a child he but his own experiences as a wage-worker, scripture with apparent case. In this Pittsburgh. Pa., Sept. 27.— A bitter common people against autocracy. The world war decided the people's tike class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the crown and a stern warning to his parishoners that if they follow these leaders they will be cut off from the leaders they will be cut off from the common respectively. The world war decided the people's the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exemplified in could refer to different parts of the class struggle as exempli more interesting. In short, it is just average intelligence, born and raised such a proletarian story as every so in Westfield, North Dakota did this cialist will take a keen interest in: as a matter of second nature. They leaders they will be cut off from the Catholic faith was delivered today by the Rev. Thomas Devlin. paster of the Holy Cross church in South Pittsburgh. In Father Devlin's parish there are hundreds of employes of the steel mills, a majority of whom are of mills, a majority of whom are of feren hirth and Catholic in faith.

"There is no doubt that the understant story as the story of militarism in Europe cialist will take a keen interest in: as a matter of second nature. They cialist will take a keen interest in: as a matter of second nature. They helicved what they were taught. In magazine would dare to publish... Be some that you miss no chapters of this splendid study of America as it is not submit to blood and iron policy. They insisted on a literal interpretation; CHARTR 1.

Every day there are born into this and unqualified acceptance; and unworld individuals whose brains contain conditional surrender of reason to the ter it would be equivalent to endorsing his doctrine that I should regard them as apostates from the Catholic faith, traitors to their country and conditions of authority.

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rare flowers that by the brilliance of the mental conflicts in which he be-their color or their fragrance especially came entangled. Not that we wish to listinguish themselves in a garden of describe him as mentally bellicose or largumentative; that would not be true. Jack Thruston was one of these. The truth is he seldom argued. There Jack Infraston was one of these. In truth is no season argued there is only one word that will adequately variation from the true type or as describe him, perhaps two, inquisitive he was known during his childhooi observation that his genius was most apparent.

It was during a catechism class that the children were told that the good Lord had made all things, and that ne saw, that it was good. Jack innocently inquired, if when God looked upon his work and pronou no one could answer. At least no one could answer them in the neighborhood in which he lived. Sometimes he would ask questions like these. "How him for a special purpose, he asked: did the calm shells get in the rocks in the tops of hills." "Were negroes drown them all but two, simply because the proposed in the special purpose, he asked: "If the tiger was good, why did God in the tops of hills." "Were negroes drown them all but two, simply because and white men both created in the the people didn't do right?" Thus it image of God?" "Does God like the was that the parson concluded that jack rabbit better than the cotton the boy was unable to perceive the tail?" This remark was caused by spiritual significance of the scriptures his father's explanation that the jack and advised him to stay at home. The tabbit became white in winter so as truth was that the parson being unbetter to hide from his enemies. It was able to satisfactorily answer the boy's an evidence of God's care over the questions, noticed the effect such quest-jack rabbit; but as the cotton tail ions had on the class as a whole.

was acquainted) have just seven bones that afternoon he sat at the window, in their necks. Did God make them his chin pillowed in his hands, his all on the same plan because he could eyes fixed upon great masses of think of no other? It was questions thenderelouds that lay like huge ruch as these that convinced his pious mountains of living silver on the eastarents that he was in league with the ern horizon. Starting as af suddenly

devil. They reasoned that if he were a swakened from a dream he asked his Lormal child he would not dare to mother—"Did God really make the pry into what they considered divine mysteries. "My poor Jack" his mother world?" "Why certainly, who else would?" welld say: "I do not understand why "Made the butterflies, the firewould say: "I do not understand why he is different from my other children, flies, the flowers, the clouds, the stars,

certainly!" Now hush up and

on't bother me; don't you see there will be a crowd here for dinner?'

"Is the Devil stronger than God?"

"Will you shut up." This with

menacing gesture.

Again a few moments silence. But the statements of the morning sermon were too strong within the boy's brain to keep it. Again he asked —
'Was Noah a good man''
'Yes, he was the only good man in the world at that time.''

"Then why did he get drunk when he came out of the ark?" "O God knows" his mother shouted

"Does God know everything?"
"Certainly."

"He knew that if he saved Noah, esus would have to die?" "That was the Devil's work. Now

Then he ventured once more—
"Mamma, who made the Devil?"
"God, I suppose."
"And the Devil caused us to dis,

"And the Devil caused as to dis, and to hate one another, and to lie, and to kill Jesus, and to sreal?"
"Yes, didn't the domine tell you so this morning?"
"Why did God make the Devil?"
At this point silence was inforced by a liberal application of the ointment of correction.

ment of correction. It was his passion for logic and truth that made him a mark of attack E IF YOU CAN—JOIN

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Cleveland, questioning the old that gives birth to the new, even tho the questioner be but a child. Questioning can never destroy the truth, but under its action the false cannot endure. Jack did not the false cannot endure. Jack did not ask questions in order to destroy the old and the established, in fact he was not aware that the things he was being taught were old and established. His brain processes demanded sequence and consectivity, and to attain this consectivity he asked questions which shook the very foundation of ideas which his parents and people held as sacred and un-alterable.

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Seizing The Capitalist State

"The most important means of capturing state power for the workers is the action of the masses, proceeding from the place where the workers are gathered together-in the shops and factories. The use of the political machinery of the capitalist state for this purpose is only secondary."

-Paragraph 6 of Party and Labor Program of the Communist Labor Party. The entire hope of labor lies in the rank and file movement, Officials and leaders have a tendency to grow conservative and by the power which Langue of Akron. O., was a splendid officialdom gives them to build up a machine for the perpetuation of conservatism in the labor movement.

The slogan of the Communist Labor Party is "ALL POWER TO THE on Industrial unionism and his message WORKERS." But the acquirement of power by the rank and file can arise will remain a permanent lesson in the only thru action by the rank and file. An active, agressive and vigilant rank minds of his audience, the other speak ers were James B. O'Brien, Secretary and file can gather and hold the power necessary for its emancipation and the Treasurer of the league, and Fellow rebuilding of civilization upon the lines of Communist Socialism.

The Communist Labor Party is a party of ACTION. Not only of action worker Evilkows spoke in the Russian in theory but in fact. The ringing note thruout its platform and program is a call to action by the masses. The development of a rank and file movement has progressed in spite of and against the counsel of the officialdom other attractions of the day. It is of labor unions. It has culminated in this country and in Canada in the organ- the intention of the league to hold an ization of Shop Committee and Shop Stewards movements. These are organi- annual outing on September 1st. zations of workers on the job in the places where the evidence of the indenty the picnic. of the interests of the workers is indisputible.

The advocacy of Industrial Unionism by the Communist Labor Party is based upon the fact that the workers, in their political attempts to capture the -capitalist state find the nselves unable to use the machinery of the capitalist state for their purpose, and must therefore create a new machinery whereby to The Constitution, Courts -attain their end.

Every social system develops the necessary political machinery for its own perpetuation. This machinery consequently can not serve the interests of the class which is seeking the overthrow of that system for the purpose of erecting another in its stead. It is forced to create its own machinery as a have been pardoned on account of broken health. The conditions of my

The ballot when used by labor for its own purposes has not proved bad as those Debs endures. I was not effective as a means of gaining the ends sought. Numerous instances might be locked in a cell 14 hours a day, nor recalled wherein the expressed wish of majorities representing labor had been lightest out door work.

**Congress shall pass no law abridgrendered inocuous by the courts of capitalism. Victories for labor at the ballot box have many times proved to be crushing defeats. Capitalism will not lights of the Supreme Court have delive according to its own laws but at any moment when by some clared the Espionage Act Constitution fortnitous circumstances, labor threatens the power of capital, recourse is taken to "direct action", the police are called upon and the whole armed power of abridged freedom of speech! The the capitalist state is set in motion against the workers. the capitalist state is set in motion against the workers.

Yet every such defeat teaches a tremendous lesson. The hollownes of has suppressed a large part of the Socialist press, yet these presumably cane members of the Supreme Court tional and propaganda value of such a phenomena of the capitalist state is of say that the Espionage Act has not great value and should be used as such. Such ballot box victories as are won press. Is it any wonder that Ameriby labor give uparralled opportunities for agitation and propaganda, but their can Courts are coming into contempt actual and specific value as a means of grasping the capitalist state and As I understand it the Court making it function as a working class industrial democracy exists only in Debs' case gave no explanation of

The Communst Labor Party is a party of action which functions not ed freedom of speech. No wonder the every two or four years upon election day, but every day in the year stands such a palpably false opinion. Of pledged to the use of every resource at its command for the economic organization of the workers in revolutionary industrial unions. It will support morally, financially and with its press every activity of the rank and file of labor toward

To the workers we say, join an industrial union. Form a Shop Committee pealed to the jury to protect my constitutional right of free speech, the judge made it a point to tell the jury that there was no question but what Congress had the right to pass the peace where you work for the purpose of elevating the conditions of judge made it a point to tell the jury that there was no question but what Congress had the right to pass the the that of the workers upon industrial democracy in the shops and replacing Espionage Act. But the judge carecraft consciousness with class-consciosuness.

Form a Snop Committee with the slogan "ALL POWER TO THE

Paying The Cost.

Not all the costs of the nation's participation in the world war were paid when you settled for your liberty bonds; not all its costs are included in taxes and high prices of beaus and flour and bacon and shoes.

High as was the cost in lives of the nation's best young manhood, still higher cost was paid in the epidemic of Spanish Influenza that followed the cessation of hostilities. That the epidemic was a by-product of the war, arising from mal-nutrition, bad housing, devitalization of the people as a result of war conditions, is the general opinion of investigators.

During the last year conditions have not improved. Rents have gone higher, building has nowhere come up to the requirements, as a result the evils of bad housing are still extant. The essential foods are as dear if not dearer than a year ago. The result is a further devitalization of the poorer classes, broken the Constitution, the supreme The high prices of shoes and woolens create an inviting condition for pneumonia. Again it is the worker who pays. Always he pays the cost of war. He paid the death toll on the battle field. He paid the economic cost. His labor produced all that was destroyed, all that was wasted. He is paying the cost in evil living conditions which have already reaped a tremendous harvest of death.

After a year's experience in the battle with Spanish Influenza, physicians are sounding the alarm of the presence of the dread ravage in our midst, enjoing his freedom he used his worderful powers of persuasion and eloqueter forms how Justified are these warnings. A few days ago the number of cases of infineure within society, pleading for organiin the city numbered 10 campared to only 1 of the same date of a year ago. in the city numbered 19 campared to only 1 of the same date of a year ago. These cases, the authorities submitted, were almost entirely in the poorer sec tions of the city, where bad housing, malnutrition and evil living conditions were most general. So we have the evidence of who is paying the cost. Could the workers have forseen how the cost would be paid perhaps—the war would not have begun. Perhaps, but not likely. It is only when an accumulation of misery beyond the strength of man to bear crushes him to the very dust that the arises and destroys the causes of his misery. Man acts, not by reason but thru economic metives.

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The International Labor pienic given n Sept. 1st by the Workers Defense success both socially and financially.
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The league cleared about \$250.00 or

Yours for Industrial Freedom JAMES B. O'BRIEN Secretary-Treasurer

and Espionage Act

After serving 3 months of an 18 mearceration were nothing like as

for free speech, and the Espionage Act

how they arrived at the conclusion that the Espionage Act has not abridgcourse the Espionage Act has abridged

freedom of speech and of the press. The Courts in my case showed the same desire to avoid any argument as to our rights to free speech under the fully avoided informing the jury by what legal quibbling the Courts have arrived at such an autocratic decision. On my appeal to the Circuit Court also, they declined to answer my lawver's argument that my freedom of speech was being abridged in viola-tion of the Constitution. All the statement we could get from the Court was that the right of Congress to make such laws was "too well established" to need any argument or explanation. The simple fact is that when the Supreme Court, or any other branch of our government, wants to abridge free speech they do so without regard o laws or Constitutions, Debs To set him and other free speech victims free would be simply to restore 'low and order'' which our government has ruthlessly trodden under foot. A government which breaks the law cannot expect to be respected. In condemning Debs to a living death, the Wilson administration has brutally law of the land. Let the workers re store "law and order" with all haste

THE POWER OF DEBS (D. A. Hastings).

History is repeating itsself. Eugene Debs in prison is a greater menace to capitalism than he would be out. Out zation and education. Inside his majestic voice is stilled and anarchy impends. The powers of repression will burn when it is too late. Nero just fiddled when Rome illuminated



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Ohio Locals and Members Attention

Article 1, Section 1 of the newly adopted state constitution reads as follows: "The name of this organization shall be the Socialist Party of Ohio and IT SHALL BE AFFILIATED WITH THAT SECTION of the Socialist Party of the United States, WHICH ENDORSES THE LEFT WING PRO-

Your delegates went to Chicago to attend the Emergency Convention of the Socialist Party. That part of the Socialist Party which endorsed the Left Wing program, as represented by delegates, 72 in number, were thrown out of the convention hall by the Chicago police in direct command of Adolph Germer. These Left Wing delgates then called the LEGAL Socialist Party convention to order and subsequently adopted the name Communist Labor Party, for that section of the Socialist Party which endorsed the Left Wing

The membership in Ohio has spoken. By referendum vote it decided that the party in this state shall be affiliated with THAT SECTION of the Socialist Party of the United Stateswhich endorses the Left Wing program. That section of the Socialist Party nationally is now known as the Communist Labor Party, and the party in this state is therefore affiliated with the Com munist Labor Party.

A few branches and members may not desire to abide by this decision of the party membership of Ohio. These members have the right, of course, to affiliate with the Socialist Party or any other organization they please. But any local or branch which affiliates with another organization by that act secedes from the state organization, and having seceded, can not continue to act as a unit of the party in Ohio. Fraternally.

A. WAGENANECHT, State Secretary.

Majority Report of Delegates to the **National Emergency Convention**

in the Socialist Party eventually cul-minated in a National Left Wing Con-The Socialist Party

gates from Local Cuyahoga County. At this National Left Wing Conference the following motion was passed. Read it carefully.—'That the rational council of the National Left Communist Labor Party called for Wing Conference call a conference in Chicago September 1st of all revolutionary elements willing to unite with tionary elements willing to unite with the then meeting in Chicago. We were unable to bring these elements torevolutionized Socialist Party or with Communist Party that may be organized by Left Wing delegates seceding from the convention of the Socialist Party to be held August 30th.

This motion constitutes a CLEAR MANDATE to the delegates seceding from the Socialist Party convention TO ORGANIZE the Communist Party. This motion also constitutes an order to the National Council to call a content of the National Left Wing Conference, the convention of the National Left Wing Conference to form a dual communist party, the convention for which was called by that curious combination, the Russian Federation—Michigan National Ruthenbert or any of

from the Socialist Party convention OBEYED these instructions. The Left Wing delegates who were not admitted to the Socialist Party convention also obeyed there instructions The Nation in the Left Wing movement who seem to Council DISOBEYED these instruc-Wing delegates who were not admitted cl Council DISOBEYED these instruc-tions for it failed to call a conference of all revolutionary elements to meet in Chicago on Sept. 1st, nor did it at-tempt to bring the revolutionary ele-ments meeting in Chicago to the con-vention held by the seceding Socialist Party delegation.

The Communist Labor Party delegation.

The Communist Labor Party is not a party based upon con-flicting and dictatorial edicts from leaders but upon a clear indextand.

Shortly after the National Left Wing leaders but upon a clear understanding and clear action by the rank and life. To the Communist Labor Party met. It emphasized the action taken by the National Left Wing Contaken by the Nati taken by the National Left Wing Conference, called upon all Left Wing delegates to attend the Socialist Party convention and instructed its execu-

Elected From the 20, 21, 22 District. cago in which the seceding Socialist The fight for Left Wing principles or in which the legal Emergency Con-

The Socialist Party convention con ference, held in New York City June 21 to 24, which was attended by delegates from all parts of the United States. Bilan, Zitt, Brahtin and Ruthen berg attended this convention as delegates from Local Cuyahoga County.

The Socialist Party convention convened Left Wing delegates were not admitted to the convention hall. Many others seeded. These delegates then met as the legal convention of the Socialist Party convention convened Left Wing delegates were not admitted to the convention that the legal convention of the Socialist Party convention convened Left Wing delegates were not admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention convened Left Wing delegates were not admitted to the convention that the second left wing delegates were not admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention convened Left Wing delegates were not admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention convened Left Wing delegates were not admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention convened Left Wing delegates were not admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention convention admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention convention where the second convention admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention convention admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention convention admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention convention admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention convention convention admitted to the convention of the Socialist Party convention conventi munist Labor Party. Due to the failure of the National Council to call a congether.

The majority of Ohio delegates OBEYED their instruction to the let-ter. Only Ruthenberg violated these instructions. Instead of assisting the NEW PARTY which the seceding delegate from the Socialist Party convention were to organize.

The Left Wing delegates seceding their traitorous acts can obliterate the clear intent of the motion as passed by the National Left Wing Conference, shove quoted.

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Emerson on Tyranny

"The martyr cannot be dishonored. Eevery inflicted is a tongue of fame; every prison a more illustrious abode; every burned book enlightens the world; every suppressed word reverberates thru the earth from side to side. The minds of men are at last area reason looks out and justifies her own, and malice all her work vain. It is the whipper who is whip and the tyrant who is undone."

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

HE DEATH OF A RED REGIMEN

its issue of September 7, publishes a letter from its Copen-forced to end his life himself." hagen correspondent, Mr. N. Shiffrin, in which the latter the Russian counter-revolutionary Northen army, who came to Copenhagen from the front. The editor began with stories about Red "atrocities," but he admitted that all these stories were based on what he had heard from others and not on his own observations. The correspondent then asked him to relate his personal experience and observations at the front. This request was met at first with suprise and suspicion: "But I could only see how we treated the Reds!" Mr. Shiffrin sunset, on a field near a church. It is twilight. The air is full was, nevertheless, interested in the actual experience of the of the odor of fragrant northern flowers. The green dome editor, and the latter's reluctance was overcome by the cor- of the village church is seen, surrounded by sleepy poplars, respondent's introductory card from an anti-Bolshevist friend whose leaves are always restless in the daytime. But in the of the editor. Mr. Shiffrin assures the readers that he quotes twilight, when there is not the slightest breeze, the poplars it was told by the editor.

"As you know, the Bolsheviki changed the names of the old regiments. The Moscow troops have on their shoulderstraps the initials of the martyr Karl Liebknecht. We captured one of the Karl Liebknecht regiments, and they were tried. The trial at the White front is brief: every soldier is examined, and if he admits that he is communist he is immediately sentenced to death by hanging or shooting (we could not be better than the Reds!) And the Reds are well aware of this.

"Lieutenant K. approached the regiment and addressed them in a stern and cold manner: "Those of you who are true Communists, show yourselves to be courageous and step forward."

what this means. And... slowly, in closed ranks, over half cf the resiment steps forward.

"I had never before had the opportunity to witness the ceremony of assing ach a death sentence. O, no! I forgot. I saw a captured Co. manist some time before this. He was toward the rifes, he was shot and fell into the high growing depth of only half a meter was reached.

death of General Nikolayev, one of the army commandants a mild drizzle. The grass is covered with heavy drops. The of Lew Davidovich Trotsky (the editor meaningly emphasizes field looks like a carpet of very small pansies with the colors the name Lev Davidovich). He was captured and confessed of the pupil of the human eye. There is a tear in every eye. We prepared gallows for him at Yamburg, near the Karl curious: how does the dew affect them?

The strongly anti-Bolshevist Jewish daily Der Tag, in Marx statue (a copy of the Moscow statue). Nikolayev was

The conversation changed into a general discussion. The reports his interview with the editor of the mlitary paper of editor was carried away by the conversation and forgot the unfinished story about the captured regiment. I had to

> "Well, then, about the regiment," continued the editor. had to dig their own graves.

"The execution of Communists usually takes place during the gruesome story that followed literally, word by word, as seem sorrowful, and stand motionless around the wooden

> "A large number of onlookers have assembled on the field; peasants, women, children, soldiers. They stand close together, as sheep during a storm. The condemned are first of all ordered to take off their clothes. (The front is poor, and their uniforms are badly needed. They are used by the White soldiers. In order to save the clothes from getting soiled with blood or torn by bullets, the Communists are ordered to undress before they are shot.)

"Slowly the condemned take off their shirts, and tying their clothes together into a bundle, they put them aside. It is very queer, one might think that they were getting pecunary com and sent man.

The world needs happiness!

"They stand there in the field, freezing, and in the "A painfully oppressive interval.... The captives know moonlight their skin appears extremely white, almost transparent. Each of them is given a pick-axe, and they begin ther, forming a white wall in the moonlight.... A command digging large, common graves.

"I remember the first thought that came to my mind: it must be painful to press the cold iron of the pickaxe with one's naked feet. It must cut into flesh.

granted the privilege to be shot in the back. With his back their own graves. After digging for a quarter of an hour the

"My fingers accidentally touch my suit. I feel that my "One more episode is impressed up in my mind: the clothes are thoroughly wet from the dew which is falling like that he was a Communist. He was sentenced to hang himself. And the naked Communists keep on digging. And I was the graves, the others have already fallen into the ditches. It

"After half an hour had passed Lieutenant K. ordered his soldiers to help dig the graves. He is very nervous and seems to be pained. The digging, the waiting, the whole atmosphere is so painful! The soldiers take their places side by side with the condemned. It is getting darker and darker. Gradually it gets harder to distinguish the naked from the dressed, there is a chaos of restlessly moving limbs. Lieutenant K. and myself approach nearer to them. Only now am They were sentenced to be shot. But before being shot they I enabled to observe them individually. Here are three or four digging a common grave. I can see only their shoulders, their bodies are hidden in the ditch.

> "At last the graves have already the necessary depth The condemned sigh from weariness. Many of them throw themselves on the soft, wet ground, and rest. It is their last repose. Only now I notice that many of them have their feet bandaged. They have already been wounded in the struggle.

> "Nervously and incoherently, as if he were stuttering Lieutenant K. asks them to state their last wish. Two take thin rings off their fingers and give them to the Lieutenant. He takes their addresses. Both of them are from Petrograd. One of them has a family residing on the Aptekarsky Island, the other leaves a wife, residing on Gorokhovaya. The others have no wishes to make, although every one of them has a home, a wife, children, relatives. They feel as if they had been dead long ago. I cannot explain otherwise their absolute calmness and indifference, a typically Russian indifference.

> "I ask one of them what made a Communist of you? In a peculiarly cold and stiff manner he replies: 'The accursed life!

"The soldiers are holding their rifles, ready to shoot. The naked communists take their positions close to one anois heard, followed by a flash and the sound of shooting..... The Communists are still standing erect.

"A second volley is heard. The bullets strike some in their hearts. Thick blood steams leap into space. But most are only slightly wounded. And in the fraction of a second, before the soldiers shoot again. I hear deep sickly sighs. Volleys follow one after another. They become less and less, and treats me personally with courtesy Now those who are still alive cry out: 'Hey, there, take better sim!' Some point to their heart: aim here And blood is flowing.

"Finally, all are dead. Some are dying near the edges of is all over. Nothing disturbs the quiet."

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Sharts' Report (Continued from page 1.)

has been poisoned against these men-from some source.

And as I gather in the facts I begin to see what that source is. Here is the story; it is gathered chiefly from the minute book of the Blairmont Local of the Workers. I wish to God I could get this story to every United Mine Work-

Tactical Problems whose petitions were not filed by the board of elections. That gentleman must be a bolshevik too!

Workers. I wish to God I could get this story to every United Mine Workers and to every labor union men! For those poor devils need support and funds, and they need them badly. I have just returned from Adena, the

the weight of only part, the remainder being choked up in the slide. Never the chute. He and a com

One and all, this is their story. There is no I. W. W. local here. There was an organizer who came down from Cleveland last June or earlier and left a donation-list with Joe Vegh to raise funds for the political prisoners. Joe put this in his pocket and forpot it. It was seized when he was arrested and searched. There were no names on it. That seems about the extent to which "Syndicalism" ontersinto the case.

no names on it. That seems about the extent to which "Syndicalism" onters into the case.

The defendants are fine, clean, intelligent men. All but one are Rocialists, members of the Hungarian branch here. Joe Vegh, as I stated, is a naturalized citizen; he knows enough English to keep the United Mine Workers' minutes in English, in very crodible shape. The others all speak English intalligibly. They have taken out their first papers.

Comrade, I have told you the facts as straight as I could. I am glad you hooked me into this fight, altho I am going to lose money heavily on it—coming clear across the State, a day's jolting from 6:30 A. M. to 5:10 P. M. and quarantined in this little hole in the wall. Int it is going to be a grand fight, and I am going to ace these hoys thru it right. If there is anything you can do to rouse the United Mine Workers generally, I know you will do it.

Tours for Industrial Demostrace

Yours for Industrial Democracy JOSEPH W. SHARTS.

Scott Nearing's Lecturettes

and a bitter one, but its moral lesson?

wages and working conditions that during 1918. The Armistice was sign-come.
were the envy of the labor world. ed in November. For December the Suppose that the hundred families Then came the crushing defeat at numbers of strikes and lockouts was with an average surplus of \$80 always have been so many in the United year of the war, 1917, there were 4. have saved in the neighborhood of States. Hours were lengthened, 359. The second year, 1918, the number of labor became almost intolerable, two preceding years. Nevertheless, the wages paid to American working two preceding years. Nevertheless, the wages paid to American working with a record of 250 strikes and lock.

The workers and the workers little over \$10 a week. For clothing these families spend on an average of \$196.44. The annual expenditure

and directing the shops in which they ject., \$223.52. One hudred of the steel workers learned are employed. There is no other way: families had a balance at the end of It has been a slow Have the steel workers learned the the year. The balance averaged \$80.64.

These families were ordinary fami-lies. They averaged five persons which Nearly thirty years ago, the steel workers were amoung the best organized in the United States. After years of struggle they had won of 3.285 occurred in the United States cost them practically their entire in-

estead; the loss of union pres-and the transformation of the industry into one of the great entered the war, 1916, there were they saved this \$80 every 12 months. At the end of 25 years (without prior trades of which there 3.786 strikes and lockouts. The first reckoning interests) each family would

Every wage worker is urged to join in this fight for was not. They, being ignorant of the larger prison called society, when power that was within him for good forced him at the age of seventeen human brotherhood and co-operation, we will have no use for prisons." Talk of it to EVERY ONE. PREPARE FOR SUCH to leave the community in which he we will have no use for prisons."

ACTION AS A UNITED WORKING CLASS CAN AND in the world.

ALEXANDER BERKMAN.

Atlanta, Ga., October 1, 1919. WILL TAKE, ONCE IT UNDERSTANDS IT'S MISSION.

(Continued next week.)

justified in the past, present conditions will not so justify it. Recent increases in the cost of getting out the paper caused by higher printer's wages, higher prices of paper and the scarcity of newspaper makes a raise in bundle rates necessary. The price in future will be one cent per copy in any quan-

We trust this increased price will not influence comrades to cut off their bundle orders. Rather, it should spur every comrade on to greater activity in introducing The Ohio Socialist to all workers

Notice! For months we have been selling the Ohio Socialist in bundles at a financial loss. While this policy was

Berkman's Statement

The workers and the workers are themselves. They alone, can aver themselves. They alone the participation in decetions of easier to easier to all names then for your and the participation in Jungal agents who peak continuingly to the people results to the workers are themselves. They come the participation in Jungal agents who peak continuingly to the people results to the workers are themselves by controlling reason, awaying, education. The modern master the proposed of the mer and workers are themselves by controlling reason, awaying, education.

Shall Prison be Debs' Tomb?

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The Black Sheep (Con

form upon which they stand.

Secondly, it is suggested that the boycott of the present elections will cffices of the capitalist state is to clearly emphasize the class character and promote our revolutionary purposes. What is the political situation, which will promote the revolutionary. which will promote the revolutionary corposes of the Communist Party by tions. Are these mass strikes political in aim; are they creating at the pre-

Now, let us see the main accusation

This argument is kind of a belated hoycotting only the present elections?

They are considering the initiated mass strikes by the workers as the cardinal motive for boycotting the present elections. Are these mass strikes political parliamentary bodies we had to decide the chute. He and a constitution of the communist Party by believed in constructive work in parliamentary bodies we had to decide the chute. He and a constitution of the communist Party by by the present elections?

They are considering the initiated mass when the Second International strong; the weight of only part, the remains the weight of only part, the in aim; are they creating at the present, with those mass strikes, any
superior weapon for the propaganda
and agitation in the Municipal campaigns? Or does the imposibility of using the name create any unusual political situation?

In aim; are they creating at the preblow far we shall go not to be absorbed
by the bourgeois parties. But in the
present epoch of capitalist imperialism
where we have to cast aside all dreams
of any constructive work in the parliaments or through the Capitalist
that were a superior coming before the U. M.
W. local at a special meeting, the subdistrict officials were at once notified
the workers we have to cast aside all dreams
of any constructive work in the parliaments or through the Capitalist
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