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PROHIBITIONISTS OF EVERETT HOLD BIG MASS MEETING.

MANY SOCIALISTS ATTEND THE SHOW.

Ex-Governor Patterson Does a Clever Stunt.

Last Friday evening was a gala night for many a wage slave in Everett. The beautiful opera house and its cushioned two-dollar seats were for the evening free to the hoi polloi! The eight-dollar-a-week clerks and other Rockefeller-expectants sat with dignified complacency elbow to elbow with bosses and deacons and bankers and learned jurists, druggists, and "our leading citizens" in general, trying vainly to deport themselves in such wise as to give the impression that those were the seats they always occupy "when anything good comes to town." It was a great night—a night well calculated to make men who are not too "close" to buy a drink when they want it tremble from stem to stern.

A gentleman who makes a profession of that sort of thing told of the wonderful progress of the prohibition movement—a regular draught sweeping the country like a sandstorm sweeping over a rich and luscious country of springs and brooklets and moist verdure, leaving in its wake an aridity that would make the Sahara look like a great lake by comparison.

It was very wonderful how intoxicating liquor had been abolished from more than half the territory of the United States, leaving the thirsty populace nothing but marble-dust soda and aerid Peruna to tide them over the great desert that lay between them and the delectable post-mortem Wal-halla. One might well expect that the poor booze-peddlers had dwindled down to a few isolated breweries and a less number of disconsolate distilleries—we need not mention the unobtrusive blind-pigs.

The editor of The Washington Socialist, who takes more interest in seeing the CAUSE OF THE DESIRE FOR LIQUOR REMOVED than in the abolishment of symptoms, hurried home to his private statistical bureau to find out just how much prohibiting prohibition had done. Alas! On consulting our government's authorities and irrefutable statistics, he found, as he had surmised, that most of the abolishing of the "liquor evil" was done on the platform by professional performers just previous to taking up the collection.

Here they are:

During the year ending June 30, 1910, according to official figures, the consumption of liquors in the United States had increased very considerably. In whiskey alone the increase in the consumption during the year was over twelve million gallons, while there were 3,181,620 barrels of beer produced over that of the previous year. A corresponding increase has been noticed ever since.

With prohibition in about half of the American territory the production of whiskey in that year increased several million gallons. From June, 1909, to June, 1910, the production of beer was 128,657,776 barrels, against 116,650,265 in the preceding year. One striking feature in this comparison is the enormous consumption of whiskey.

The increase in the production of whiskey from 1909 till 1911 is shown by the following figures:

	Gallons.
1909	70,152,175
1910	82,463,894
1911	100,647,155

The increase in the total consumption of spirits, malt liquors and wines in the United States during the same period was as follows:

	Gallons.
1909	1,935,544,001
1910	2,045,427,018
1911	2,169,356,695

Just ponder over these figures, dear reader, until next week, when we shall discuss some other aspects of this prohibition movement.

RUBE SAYS

Ever notice how much advice the farmer gets? Gets it free, too. Now, Jim Hill hands it out to us in big bunches; in fact, James breaks out with it frequently, and does it so innocently too. Jim, you know, farms his back yard in St. Paul and that, together with his whiskers and home-made haircut, he thinks justifies him in claiming to be a farmer. Hence the advice to the rubes. But James, old boy, the above qualifications do not permit you to belong to the Order of Rubes who have too much land that ain't working.

MUNICIPAL REFORM PARTIES

(By Carl Ulonska.)

Municipal reform parties, we find them in nearly every small city and town election!

They pretend to represent "the people," but they are only a mask by which the capitalist politicians seek to lead the workers astray.

In every city and town where the Socialists have control or partly control, a citizens' ticket or a "people's party" ticket was always placed against the Socialist party in order to defeat them for re-election.

The citizens' ticket or any other municipal ticket is only the mongrel hybrid of the two old parties.

They seek to mislead the workers by advocating municipal water, light, gas, soup kitchens and what not.

But remember it has only been through the increasing power of the Socialist party in that locality that has forced them to do this.

Under the mask of the reform ticket the upper class and the lower class join hands to defeat the workers in every election.

Those old party politicians offer all sorts of reforms to catch the votes of the working class, they promise everything, but they will not get off the backs of the workers, the Socialist party cares more for the abolishment of the wage system than for any amount of reform. In municipal parties there are many fallacies but the following two are most noticeable:

First, reform parties usually include the same gang of ringsters and politicians who boss the city or town elections in which the reform ticket is placed, for years thus instead of electing one gang of politicians to manage offices you elect a mixture of both gangs and the result is that more jobs are created, salaries are increased, and taxes raised materially.

Second, reform parties have been an absolute failure in municipal governments. New elections and recalls usually follow a "reform administration."

Frances Willard, a great temperance worker and reformer, declared on her deathbed that had she her life to live over again she would devote it to Socialism.

The Dutchess of Southland, of England, was recently converted to Socialism while engaged in reform work among the pottery workers of South-England.

Some one has very aptly said that "every reform they give you is a bone thrown you to keep you from taking back all that belongs to you."

Municipal reform parties do not and cannot solve the great economic injustice of today. The old party politicians are beginning to realize that the workers are waking up and are hence using the reform ticket as a last effort to shield themselves. The reform ticket is merely the same reactionary Democratic or Republican ticket saturated with a reform cologne to once more fool the workers.

The reform ticket—"a goodly apple rotten at the heart." For as long as one class is forced to exist on dry bread while another class surfeits on porterhouse steaks, as long as the children of one class are forced to wear shoddy clothing, denied an education, and forced to slave in the mills and factories while the children of another class revel in all the luxuries riches can procure, just so long will the Socialist party continue to stand as the only remedy for this economic injustice.

Socialism is industrial democracy. It would put an end to the irresponsible control of economic interests, and substitute popular self-government in the industrial, as well as in the political world.—Charles H. Vail.

EVERETT COMRADES TAKE NOTICE.

Another Big Entertainment Coming.

There will be an International Labor Day entertainment at party headquarters, 1612 California, on Sunday evening, May 3. Our newly organized orchestra will furnish the music. The program being arranged is by far the most interesting ever attempted by the woman's committee and will be printed in full in next week's issue. Suggestions and contributions for the program are in order. Supper will follow this part of the entertainment. Come and bring your friends. These affairs in the past have been so popular and helpful that we are wisely making preparations for the largest crowd since our new headquarters have been opened. For information regarding refreshments call up 2532, or 4782.

Number of Dues-Paying Members in the International Socialist Movement, 1904-1914

(COMPILED BY MORRIS ORANS.)

Country.	Name of Party.	Year Formed.	1914.	1910.	1907.	1904.
Argentina (?)	Socialist party	1896	5,000	3,500	2,400	1,736
Australia	Socialist party	1901	1,000	1,000	.....	.....
Australia (?)	Labor party	1901	200,000	150,000	130,000	80,000
Austria (German)	Socialist party	1888	142,027	114,316	90,000	60,000
Belgium	Labor party	1885	258,912	194,782	174,118	117,383
Bohemia	Socialist party	1878	169,279	125,000	99,098	49,117
Bohemia (German)	Socialist party	1888	34,122	29,195	22,152	15,000
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Socialist party	1909	2,445	1,704	.....	.....
Bulgaria	United Socialist party	1894	3,323	2,425	1,595	1,195
Bulgaria	Social Democratic party	1892	2,293	2,286	1,870	.....
Canada	Socialist party	1904	2,500	2,000	1,000	.....
Canada	Social Democratic party	1910	3,500	2,289	.....	.....
Chile	Socialist party	1912	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Cuba	Socialist party	1907	2,000	1,500	1,000	.....
Denmark	Social Democratic party	1878	48,344	47,000	40,000	30,000
England	British Socialist party	1884	17,000	17,000	14,500	7,000
England	Independent Labor party	1893	80,000	60,000	35,000	20,000
England	Fabian Socialist party	1883	3,200	2,462	1,207	1,000
Finland	Social Democratic party	1899	51,798	48,408	80,328	17,000
France	United Socialist party	1904	71,661	53,928	48,237	34,688
Germany	Social Democratic party	1869	982,839	720,038	530,466	384,437
Greece	Socialist party	1912	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Greece (?)	Social Democratic-Labor party	1909	8,000	6,000	.....	.....
Holland	Social Democratic-Labor party	1894	20,623	11,238	7,471	6,100
Holland	Social Democratic party	1909	600	511	.....	.....
Hungary	Socialist party	1880	59,623	45,266	30,000	20,000
Italy	Socialist party	1892	29,721	32,108	43,781	42,451
Luxemburg (?)	Socialist party	1896	2,000	1,500	1,200	800
New Zealand (?)	Socialist party	.....	12,000	9,000	8,000	.....
New Zealand (?)	United Labor party	1911	40,000	.....	.....	.....
Norway	Labor party	1887	50,000	32,000	27,000	19,800
Poland (Austrian)	Socialist party	1901	23,000	.....	.....	.....
Poland (Prussian)	Socialist party	1893	1,237	1,500	400	.....
Poland (Russian)	Socialist party	1893	6,000	3,500	22,700	.....
Portugal (?)	Socialist party	1907	4,000	1,000	500	.....
Roumania (?)	Socialist party	1892	7,000	6,000	6,000	.....
Russia (?)	Social Democratic-Labor party	1898	168,000	150,000	200,000	.....
Russia (Letonia)	Social Democratic party	.....	5,000	3,000	16,000	.....
Servia	Socialist party	1903	2,100	1,950	615	1,400
Spain	Socialist party	1888	40,000	20,000	9,000	8,000
Sweden	Social Democratic party	1889	62,898	55,248	101,929	54,552
Switzerland	Social Democratic party	1888	32,894	21,132	20,337	18,000
United States (?)	Socialist Labor party	1877	10,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
United States	Socialist party	1900	118,045	58,011	29,270	20,763
Uruguay	Socialist party	.....	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Totals			2,787,984	2,045,797	1,805,174	1,018,422

Where there is a question mark after any country it indicates that the figures are "approximate." From The (N. Y.) Call.

MACHINE GUNS SPIT DEATH IN LABOR BATTLE.

DENVER, April 21.—Advises received here shortly before noon from John McLennan, district president of the United Mine Workers, stated that nine persons were known to have met death in the clash between strikers and militiamen yesterday in the Ludlow district.

McLennan's message was sent from Trinidad.

Four strikers, four children and one woman were killed at Ludlow, the message said, but the names of all were not available.

Eight Soldiers Short.

McLennan also said the strikers claimed eight militiamen also were slain, but that the military authorities denied the report.

With Trinidad practically isolated, it was still impossible today to get accurate information concerning the fatalities in the 14-hour battle.

Maj. Hamrock, commanding the militia, reported to Gen. Chase last night that Private A. Martin, a militiaman, had been killed and three others wounded.

Another report said that Louis Tikas, leader of the Greek strikers, had been shot to death.

McLennan reported nine dead, including Tikas, Jas. Fyler, president of the Ludlow union, Chas. Costa, a miner, William Snyder, aged 6, and an unidentified girl.

McLennan also declared two women were missing.

The Ludlow tent colony was burned during the battle.

It was reported that 1,500 strikers had started from various points to reinforce the Ludlow miners.

Several companies of militia also were ordered to the scene from nearby towns.

A renewal of the battle is expected. Early today the miners were reported entrenched in the hills back of Ludlow waiting for the soldiers to renew the attack.

Use Machine Guns.

At 3 o'clock this morning, according to unconfirmed reports, the militia swept the miners' position with machine guns.

Throughout yesterday Ludlow was swept by a blasting fire. Bullets rained on the railroad station, where women and children had sought safety, and crouched in terror on the floor.

LABOR BOARD OPPOSED TO WAR.

PASADENA, Cal., April 21.—Denouncing as puerile the proposal to wage war on Mexico, the Pasadena board of labor is on record today as urging working men to have no part in such a war. The board is made up of 15 local unions and three federations. The resolution recites alleged wrongs of the miners in Michigan and Colorado, and asserts that the administration has taken no notice of these violations of rights of workingmen, but now would precipitate war with Mexico because the property rights of Rockefeller are involved. The resolution concludes:

"The Pasadena board of labor calls upon the workers in Pasadena and elsewhere to refuse to become a party to the murder of the Mexicans for the dollars that Standard Oil and others hope to make from the Mexicans in their helplessness."

SPEAKING OF FIRING TWENTY-ONE GUNS.

If the president of these United States feels that Huerta ought to fire twenty-one guns in apology for imprisoning an American in Mexico, how many guns should he cause to be fired in salute to the American working class in apology for the illegal persecution and repeated imprisonments of an American citizen in America? And how many guns should be fired for the "murders, insults and indignities" heaped upon members of the working class in Colorado, Michigan and West Virginia?

FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT.

Comrades not receiving the paper regularly can do us no greater service than to report the matter to us. We trace up these cases until the difficulty is located. Remember, that a mailing list cannot be perfectly re-adjusted in a day, and not at all without the co-operation of our readers.

"House passed Literacy Test." It is not so difficult, then, as has been imagined.—New York Evening Post.

Denver union officials say two children were killed.

Maj. Hamrock wired Gen. Chase today that he had driven the strikers to a point three miles east of Ludlow, where they were being reinforced.

THE SOAP-BOXERS IN SNOHOMISH.

Comrades Ulonska and Crosby made their promised trip to Snohomish last Saturday night and had the experience that goes with soap-boxing the world over. On account of a landslide on the N. P. R. R. that company was sending its trains down over the inter-urban and from Everett to Seattle over the G. N. As a result the car waited at Lowell for an N. P. passenger and was half an hour late reaching Snohomish. Of course, the Snohomish comrades were not wise to the state of affairs and thinking the speakers were not coming they wended their weary way homeward. When the travel-weary speakers arrived on the scene of action not a Red was to be found on the streets, the promised soap box was not on hand, and taken all around the prospect was anything but encouraging. After vainly searching for a red button a box was bummed off an accommodating grocer and the spell began. A crowd soon gathered of about fifty people and listened while Comrade Ulonska handed them out bunches of Socialist dope, and Comrade Crosby handed out sample copies of "The Washington Socialist." At the conclusion of the meeting quite a number of pamphlets were sold, and taking it all in all the comrades feel in nowise discouraged.

Eatonville, Wash., April 11, 1914.

Editor Commonwealth, Everett, Wash. Dear Comrade—Mrs. Flora I. Foreman, the persecuted teacher of Quincy, Ore., wrote me a lengthy letter two days ago explaining her troubles. She asked me to give publicity to the contents of her letter. I turn to you to help me. Please print the enclosed write-up in next week's Commonwealth. It is not too long, I hope. The subject surely demands an airing. Do not print my name; am a wage-slave. Yours for Socialism.

SUBSCRIBER.

We Socialists are willing to give the capitalist all he produces; we will be satisfied with what is left.—Fred D. Warren.

You think it the chief good to live on another's crumbs.—Juvenal.

Be it true or false, what is said about men often has as much influence upon their lives, and especially upon their destinies, as what they do.—Victor Hugo, "Fantine," Book 1.

COMRADE BOSTROM WRITES INFORMING ANSWERS TO SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS OF A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER.

Everett, Wash., April 10, 1914.

George Karnopp, Two Harbors, Minn. Dear Sir—Replying to your letter of the 13th inst., in which you request my opinion on certain questions, I wish first to call your attention to the fact that I am a Socialist. As such I base all opinions in conformity with the fundamental principles upon which the philosophy of Socialism is built, namely, what we call economic determinism and the existence of a class struggle.

1. Would the recall be abused?

Cases if possible. Answer: Where judges are elected as candidates of parties, i.e., where they are not elected as non-partisan, it often happens that they are elected by a plurality and not majority vote. It therefore follows that the majority could at once recall them before they had been guilty of any act whatsoever. I know of no such case, and common sense and common fairness will probably prevent it from happening.

2. Would the recall prevent a good man from accepting office?

Answer: There is no such thing as a good man. Whether a person is "good" or not depends upon the point of view. He may be good to you and bad to me. He most likely is good to one class and bad to another. He may be more or less able. Able lawyers are mostly employed by the corporations and after years of such service have become used to look at things from the point of view of the good of corporations. Few men can tear themselves away from habitual ways of thinking. In fact, like the gold nugget found on the bedrock of a creek, which is fashioned by and carries on its surface the imprint of the surrounding gavel, so every human being is formed by its environment. The will of man is but the desire created by outside pressure. The all pervading desire of this age is to make money. The person who cannot be bought with riches is for sale for a crust of bread. In fact, we are all potential cannibals. Sufficient pressure will bring us to any level. In non-partisan elections the majority would elect and it would be easy for the judge to satisfy that majority. He has no business to thwart the majority, of which he is after all only a representative.

3. What, in your opinion, might be done to make the present system better?

Answer: The introduction of the cooperative commonwealth. However, I suppose you mean the judicial system? Nothing can improve it appreciably; it is part of the capitalist system and as good as any other part of that system.

4. Cases of courts usurping legislative powers?

Answer: Too numerous to mention. Instance, the veto power of the supreme court of the U. S. in congressional decisions. The veto of state courts by declaring law unconstitutional. However, I know of a specific case in this city, where the courts issued a mandamus commanding the city council to take a certain action.

5. Would the fear of recall prevent an honest man from making an impartial decision?

Answer: The question is paradoxical. If fear of recall prevented him from making an impartial decision he could not be honest. However, do not deceive yourself. All men are honest or all men are dishonest. You may consider it either way you like. Men adjust their ideas of morality to their own position in the world. The thief has no trouble in finding justification for his acts nor any other ill-doer. We are all drawing a line very close behind our hind-foot and those who are not abreast of us are bad and dishonest. Strictly speaking, if there is such a thing as honesty, every man is honest who satisfies his own (shall we call it?) conscience. Only a stupid weakling could be scared into deciding against his better understanding.

6. Would the recall of decisions offer a better solution for the evils of the present?

Answer: As stated above their is only one solution—Socialism. Patching up the system is poor business. The daily press rules the public opinion. The daily press is a common prostitute for sale at all times and for all kinds of prices. No one could therefore be recalled unless the corporations were in favor of such a move. No sounder could be recalled unless the corporations decided that he had gone so far that it would be dangerous to sustain him. No decisions could be

THE SPIRIT THAT MAKES CAPITALISTS TREMBLE.

Gold Bar, Wash., 4-19-14.

Washington Socialist:

Dear Comrades—I make my first bow to the new born babe, The Washington Socialist. Please find inclosed P. O. money order to pay for the inclosed subscription cards. These are a part of the five dollars worth of cards you sent me. As my own private fortune today amounts to seventy cents, I can only pay for six months at present, but I think we can do better by the first of the month.

The slaves here have been out of work several months, but the mill is running now, and we will have a pay day the first of the month.

Say, Comrade Shipley, that "Call of Conscience" must have been real RED! Just write another one when you get time, for we can start a new paper every month if necessary. Here is my heart, hand and last half dollar. But go to it. The new paper is a dandy! Yours for success,

RUFUS WREN.

Congress talks of adjourning by July 1. Part of the movement for a safe and sane Fourth.

upset without the consent of the money power.

7. Would the recall overthrow the main purpose of the constitution?

Answer: There is quite divergence of opinion as to the main purpose of the constitution. However, we Socialists hold that purpose to be "protection of property!" As long as the daily press is at the command of the highest bidder there is no danger to property from below. But from above there is. The tendency is consolidation. The smaller property holder is disappearing. The constitution does not and cannot protect the middle class. It is doomed to furnish the workers of the next generation since the workers of this generation are not sufficiently paid to reproduce itself.

8. Is the majority able to decide wisely and justly whether a judge is doing his duty honestly and intelligently?

Answer: You are doubting the efficiency of democracy. Of course you are right in so doing. We all think we are wiser than the mob. And we are. But not to a very great extent. Thousands of years of experimenting on the part of intelligent minorities have only demonstrated their inefficiency as rulers. The mob pays the price. The majority may be wrong; we will admit that it always is wrong, but it alone has a right to be wrong. An intelligent minority after having convinced the majority of the good sense in permitting the minority to rule, must make good. It has always failed in it. Why? Because it can never represent the interest of the mob. The judge that does not act so as to satisfy the majority should be recalled, discussing the question theoretically. But only theoretically, because the daily press is there and no unhampered public opinion can exist until the influence of the capitalist press is annihilated.

9. What is your opinion of the argument that courts are the bulwark of special privilege?

Answer: The courts are the instruments of the money interests as a matter of course. We all are. The money power rules the press, the church, the school and through these agencies the public opinion. The Socialist press lives a hand to mouth existence. Thousands of preachers are churchless because they spoke the truth. The teacher who dares to let his pupils know that John Hancock was a smuggler who needed separation from England to save him from the penitentiary, and that George Washington stole thirty thousand acres of land, will teach no more unless a Socialist school board should be elected somewhere. To teach that the invention of machinery or in fact any change in the mode of production necessitates economic changes, is treason to capitalism. To teach that religion and morality change as we change our mode of making a living is a fearful offense. The fact that cannibalism was moral when cannibalism was necessary to prevent starvation is heresy. The courts must be the most conservative force in society or their occupation is gone. I could instance the Humphries incidents in Seattle but they are exceptional since that judge went so far that it became necessary for capitalism itself to repudiate him.

With best wishes, yours for a united working class in a speedy revolution,



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ORGANIZATION NEWS

NEWS FROM ARLINGTON.

Resolution Adopted by Local Arlington, Socialist Party of Washington.

Whereas, the capitalist minded directors at Quincy, Oregon, encouraged by a set of crooked officials whose pretended business it is to protect the weak, have beaten and cruelly treated a Socialist teacher whose only crime was her ability to think and her capacity to understand the children of the working class; and

Whereas, this teacher, Mrs. Flora I. Foreman, after enduring insults, abuse, and blows in the face at the hands of the capitalist thugs, is now to be tried for rioting when she did all in her power and succeeded in preventing her friends from retaliating on the monster that struck her in the face and otherwise maltreated her; therefore, be it

Resolved, by Local Arlington, Socialist party of Washington, that we condemn the miserable wretches that were a faithful to this inhuman treatment of our faithful comrade and that we pledge her our financial and moral support in her struggle with the tools of the ruling class; and further, be it

Resolved, that we call upon our comrades everywhere to rally to the defense of this teacher whose only crime is her devotion to the working class.

Adopted in regular session and ordered that copies be sent to Comrade Foreman, to the officers involved in the medieval plot against her, and to the press for publication.

WM. DeWITT,
Secretary.
J. W. MORRIS,
Chairman.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

There is at present great activity on the part of the unions and sympathizers in an effort to secure the enactment of an eight-hour law.

Such activity is commendable, and will receive the undivided support of all Socialists. It is in fact one of the most important "immediate demands" in our party platform. Nevertheless, it would be criminal if we should neglect calling attention to certain very important factors involved. After years of strenuous effort on the part of the workers, an eight-hour law for women was enacted; and, for a time the workers for the eight-hour day were ready to fall upon the necks of "our" legislators in an excess of joy. Now, they are ready to fall upon their necks—with an axe. The law has been found to be full of "jokers," and is calculated to cause unthinking persons, women especially, to become disgusted with the eight-hour day, and clamor for its abolition.

To those who KNOW, it would be a matter of wonder if ANY law purporting to be in the interests of labor, DID NOT contain "jokers."

Those who frame such laws are the paid agents of the capitalist class, and the law is enacted for no other purpose than that of temporarily FOOLING the workers. They simply practice a bit of political sabotage.

Any LABOR LAW, to be really beneficial, will have to be, drafted by a CLASS-CONSCIOUS WORKER, and will have to be enacted by a legislature composed of that class which will benefit by such a law—the working class.

Even if such a law is enacted by direct vote of the people, via the referendum route; it will never be satisfactorily enforced until the executive and judicial officers are filled with class-conscious workers. A material, peculiar to the Socialist party, and found in no other political organization.

The people of Colorado, for forty thousand majority, voted for an eight-hour law; but, because they neglected to place the enforcement of the law in the hands of those to be materially benefited by it, it was not enforced, and was the cause of that bitter civil war which culminated in the arrest and trial of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

While it is perhaps true that a thorough organization of all workers into one big union could have forced the masters to observe the eight-hour law, it is equally true that if the executive officials of Colorado had been class-conscious working men, the military power of the state would not have been used for the masters and against the workers. Would, indeed, have been used in quite the reverse way, had occasion required.

Let us make no mistakes in this matter. It is useless to depend upon the "friends of labor" for the passage or enforcement of any kind of law in favor of labor. Labor has no friends—no friends except itself.

A class-conscious Socialist working man or woman is the only real wise friend which labor has. Beware of imitations.

JOHN McSLARROW.

Talk that does not end in action is better suppressed altogether.—Carlyle.

NOTICE TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY LOCALS.

Locals urged to attend county convention.

Local Everett No. 1. urged every local in Snohomish County to send delegates to the annual county convention to be held Sunday afternoon, May 10, 1914, at 1:30 p.m. in the Socialist Party Headquarters, 1612 California St., Everett.

We believe that in order to have the opinion of the locals of the county in regard to the important matters that will come before the convention that it is absolutely necessary that delegates from every local be present.

The question of abolishing county autonomy, the nominating of the County Executive Committee and other county officers are but a few of the important matters that will doubtless come before the convention. These matters affect every local and the whole county and we urge every local in the county to send their delegates to the convention.

Local Everett No. 1.
CARL ULONSKA
A. B. PAVEY PETER HUSBY
Committee.

THANKS, COMRADE!

Arlington, Wash., April 20, 1914.
The Washington Socialist, Everett, Wash.:

Dear Sir—I see my money order will soon expire, so I enclose subscription order of one dollar to extend it from No. 180. I wish you success with your new paper. Yours for Socialism,

JOHN A. BERG.

A WELCOME VISITOR.

Among the callers at the office of The Washington Socialist this week was S. S. Crosby, well known to the Everett Socialists, who was in town to visit his brother, F. G. Crosby, of the Washington Socialist. Comrade Crosby is also looking for a master, and does not know where he will locate.

THIS MEANS YOU.

Now what we want to know is, do you really want to better the intolerable conditions under which you live? Do you know why such a vast majority of people submit uncomplainingly to conditions that a savage would revolt against? Well now, read this carefully. The worker of today, like his ancestor, the serf and chattel slave of the past, has been hypnotized. He has been told that he is free, that he is an uncrowned king, a voting sovereign, the silent partner of his big brother, the capitalist, etc.

Of course you know better, but you will have to submit to the same treatment that your hypnotized brother does until the spell is broken. The question is, how to break the spell. That is easy. Give him a home remedy. Get him to subscribe for the Commonwealth. We'll transform him from a humble slave into a stand-up straight revolutionist. Try it; get him to subscribe at once.

A capable woman has been named for a \$7,500 position by Mayor Mitchell of New York. Perhaps one reason so many men are averse to letting women vote is that they are qualifying so fast for the big jobs.—Baltimore American.



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If any local has paid for entry in this directory and has been omitted from the list, please notify this office at once and correction will be made. The rates for this directory are \$5.00 per year.

Seattle, Fifth Ward Local—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., 2012 Westlake Ave. Neta Wells, secretary.
Local Everett No. 1—Meets every Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, at the Socialist party headquarters, 1612 California St., Everett, Wash. Peter Husby, Secy.

Granite Falls—Meets every Friday night at 8 o'clock in Miller Bldg. Julia Herman, Rec. and Cor. Secy.
Hillyard—Meets every Thursday night at 446 Sanson Ave. J. C. Harkness, Secy-Treas., Box 307, Hillyard.
Mountain View—Business meeting the second Wednesday in each month at the homes of the members. Propaganda meeting the fourth Sunday in each month at the Mountain View school house. D. C. Buchanan, Cor. Secy.

Local Port Angeles No. 1—Meets every Sunday at headquarters at 2 p.m. Fred Goos, Secy.

Prosser Local, S. P.—Meets at the office of S. H. Mason, attorney, opposite postoffice, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. John C. Mathews, Local Secy., Box 2.

Sedro-Woolley—Meets Tuesday evening twice monthly. Geo. Sherman, Cor.-Secy. Box 457, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

Silvana—Meets the second and fourth Sundays at 2 p.m. at Union Trading hall, Silvana. Nels bruseth, secy-treas.; Ole Larson, organizer.

ANTI-WAR RESOLUTION PASSED BY LOCAL ARLINGTON.

Resolved, by Local Arlington, that we have no property interests in Mexico which need protecting. If others have, it is their affair, and it is certainly not up to us or to the working people of the United States to go to war to protect the property interests of others; and this especially true in the present instance where, as we are informed and verily believe, the alleged property interests in jeopardy are owned by the very trust magnates who are most oppressive to the workmen of this country. So far as the protection of the lives and liberty of Americans in Mexico is concerned, it appears that the Mexican government and our own have warned all Americans of the danger of remaining there. If after this Americans choose to remain there it certainly should be at their own peril. If after due warning, Americans choose to stay and demand our protection, the American irresponsible adventurers and filibusters can always keep this country in foreign turmoil. We are opposed to such precedent. Therefore, we insist that we have not a man or a dollar for a Mexican war.

But, resolved, that nothing herein shall be construed as intended to discourage these "undesirable citizens" of this country who are oppressing American workers, who have invested their surplus wealth in that unhappy country and who are now most anxious for intervention in Mexico, from going there and enlisting on the firing line and spilling their blood to their heart's content in battle with each other or with the capitalists of Europe.

WM. DeWITT,
Secretary.
J. W. MORRIS,
Chairman.

The above Resolution has been endorsed by Island Grange No. 290, seventy members.

Who says that the Progressive party can't come back? The steamship lines are still running to South America.—Seattle Post Intelligencer.

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The express brought us today another lot of new Blue Coats, all the new styles. Prices\$7.49 to \$14.00

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New Serge Dresses, also new Taffeta Dresses, up to \$10 values. Sale price\$5.00

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- 4—One Kimono, well worth \$3.00.
- 5—One Silk Waist, in your size.
- 6—One Silk Petticoat.
- 7—One Lace Waist.
- 8—One tan colored and stylish Dress, made of linen; size 36 or 40.
- 9—One blue Ostrich Feather, value about \$5.00.
- 10—One order for \$5.00 in trade; as good as cash all over the store.

We are ready to give this all to you in order to convince you that this sale is a forced one and is different from any ever held in this store, and conducted by this well-known price-cutter, Paul. He don't care what the goods cost—it's what he thinks we can get for them. Don't say I can't come. We want you to be the one to get it. Bring your friends with you. You can save many dollars on high-grade apparel for men and women.

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CHURCH CALLED UPON TO DO ITS DUTY.

The Arlington Labor Bureau Association has addressed the following circular letter to all the ministers of that city:

"Reverend and Dear Sir:

"You are probably aware that the working people of this city have organized a labor bureau, but I have not had the pleasure of seeing yourself among us. Perhaps you do not know when and where we meet. We have fitted up the last building on the east side of Railroad Avenue, near the corner of Division, for a Labor Temple. A handsome sign will assure you if you will look for it. So many of our members are employed ten long and strenuous hours every week day in their usual avocations, and rest and recreation from so arduous toil demands so fully the rest of their secular time that we have chosen Sunday as our day of meeting. Our carpenters, shingle weavers, sawmill hands and timber workers feel that Sunday is a proper day for these meetings because it is the very day set apart by custom and tradition for remembering Him who was their elder brother, who wrought with their tools and at their trade and who was a workman that 'needeth not to be ashamed.' But we meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon—an hour which, we believe, does not conflict with any church service. And we invite the attendance and interest of yourself and your fellow church members.

"We certainly believe our work for workers will appeal to you. We are now fitting up the Labor Temple for a rest room and meeting place for all toilers. We intend to keep constantly on hand craft papers and wholesome literature. We are remote from places where strong drink is sold and we will not permit it upon our premises. We are endeavoring to wean the workers away from such environment and associations. No gambling will be permitted. Cleanliness of life and limb will be encouraged. In this effort for the advancement of the Kingdom of Uplift among the lowly you and your people can materially help.

The End in View.

"The conditions of labor are not easy. As we see it, they are hard and growing harder. We do not now speak so much of wages, as of environment. We fight for camp and home sanitation, for shorter hours and more spiritual and intellectual opportunity. In this we are but the local end of a world-wide struggle. This fight is being made just now all over the land. Strange that in a so-called Christian land people should have to fight for such things so needful and so consonant with the Book upon which your profession is founded, but you must remember the uplift of the workers may and generally does mean a restriction of profits for parasites and partial parasites. The teachings of a greater Worker than we was so distasteful to the rich (see Luke, 6:24-25) that they were willing to give thirty pieces of silver for the privilege of nailing him upon a cross; and we find our efforts hindered often by the modern representatives of those very hypocrites who of old frequented the places of worship one day in the week and lashed labor to its tasks the other six. In other places, merchants and business men have fought against the betterment of toil's hard conditions, using pickhandles and guns, and employing for that purpose armies of agents, provocateurs recruited from slum and brothel in order to drive the workers like dogs back to their vomit and like the sow that is washed back to her wallowing in the mire. We are confident that you and your church will not approve such bestial conduct, but that you will join with us to rid the temple of our times of the money changers whose little fingers are becoming harder and heavier than their fathers' loins. If you will now help us with your influence and the potency of your open sympathy and encouragement, we are sure our great and good work can be brought without any physical strife. The strike, which a few weeks ago seemed imminent, has been put by in the desire for one more effort to peaceably secure an eight-hour day. Will you come out in your pulpit and give us your help?

All Producers Welcome.

"We do not confine our membership to unions or organized labor. With the broadest spirit, we welcome all manual workers and all whose productive toil is helpful to the world—all who can say in truth as the Carpenter said: 'My father worketh hitherto and I work.'"

"Kindly write me how you feel about our movement, whether you commend it or differ with us. If the former, we need your encouragement; if the latter, perhaps we can explain or remedy the point of sharpest difference.

"Thanking you in advance for announcing our meetings in your pulpit and for the encouragement which we hope you can give us, we beg to remain, sincerely yours," etc.

H. A. SOCK,

Local Secretary.

BERT C. GATZLAF,

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Curlew, Washington, April 14, 1914.

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ARE WE TOO NARROW?

LOCAL CURLEW MAKES SOME POINTED OBSERVATIONS.

To all members of the Regular Socialist party of the State of Washington

Comrades:—

Whereas, the state Convention held at Seattle recently, has amply demonstrated that the affairs of the regular Socialist party of the state of Washington, are far from being in a satisfactory condition, due to the fact that the party members have of late been eternally wrangling and warring over nonessentials and mere technicalities, instead of devoting their time and energies towards educating and organizing the workers to a point whereby they can bring about their complete emancipation, and

Whereas, the regular Socialist party of the state of Washington have become too narrow and dogmatic, and distinctly undemocratic in their views and tendencies, with the result, that the impression has gone forth, that no one but a wage-worker or a manual laborer can become a class conscious Socialist, and

Whereas, if Socialism is international and world wide in its application, its platform must be broad, constructive, and democratic enough to permit one to stand upon it irrespective of Race, Creed, Sex, Wage-worker, Farmer, Professional men and others, providing they are fully class conscious and sign section three of the constitution, and agree to recognize, and work for, and to uphold the three fundamental principles of Marxian Scientific Socialism, viz.—The Class Struggle, the abolition of the Privately Owned Tools of Production, and the inauguration of Economic Freedom, and

Whereas, while we do not suggest that the regular organization of the state of Washington compromise, or seek to fuse with the yellow faction, but rather we favor the seceders being permitted to return of their own volition, because we recognize that if the Socialist party of Washington did not need this lesson it would not be called upon to pass through the present crisis, and further, we believe that the party can be much better reformed and expurgated from within, and not from without, or by the establishing of a second Socialist party in the state of Washington; and

Whereas, the Socialist party is too large to be dominated by individuals or cliques; and

Whereas, a painstaking party official should at all times subordinate his interests for the welfare of the party, and not seek to fasten his own personal views upon the party, and have it go forth as the official opinion of the Socialist party of Washington; and

Whereas, we do not advocate the Socialist party constituting itself into a reform or opportunist party, but we do desire to see all Socialists identifying themselves with all true progressive working class measures of reform, and so help to alleviate somewhat, the burden and miseries of the proletarians, because it is only by such efforts that we can hope to educate and uplift the proletarians out of their despondency, and elevate them to a point whereby they can comprehend and assimilate, and in turn, further disseminate the principles of scientific Socialism; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Local Curlew desires to draw the attention of others locals throughout the state to the singular condition that the party has been brought to, and to the apathetic manner in which the party members regard it; and, be it further

Resolved, that the party through its locals and other gatherings cease to spend their meetings in wrangling and warring amongst themselves, but to devote their time to the spreading of Socialist propaganda, and so hasten the day of working class emancipation and freedom.

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THE SOUL OF A SLAVE.

Always looking up to be saved—economically, intellectually and eventually.

Just think of how many thousands of wage-slaves we now have under the modern, scientific machine slavery of capitalism.

These slaves, through their ancestors, the chattel slave and the feudal serf, have been trained for centuries by their masters to look up to see the great—alongside of some god.

What is more nauseating to observe than a bunch of capitalist-brained wage slaves working for a "salary" of \$3.33 per day and everlastingly chattering about a Roosevelt, a Bryan, a Wilson or some prospective president of this class—men who disdain the working class as a class?

Never do you hear such a bunch once intimate that they ever thought that a member of their own class could be president! Always looking in the direction they have been trained to look! How sickening!

Now you fellow wage slaves, let me throw you the hint that we who know we are slaves do not have to think, talk and act like slaves. Neither do you. We have a mighty contemptible opinion of you who do think, talk and act like slaves.

If you have any viscera to go with the brains you have got, you will quit looking up and look straight ahead. You will then see your own economic class—the only useful and necessary class in this day and age.

If you have enough primitive knowledge about you, you can save yourself by uniting with your own economic class. No other class cares a damn for you except what they can get out of your hide! Do not stop when you unite either. Study!

If you do not make some effort to save yourself, economically, you are not fit to save eventually.

PROLETARIA BILL.

No. 2867.

NOTICE.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE

STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN

AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SNO-

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In the matter of the Estate of John

Lykins, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Charles

C. Bishop, Administrator of the Estate

of John Lykins, deceased, has filed in

this court for settlement his final ac-

count as such administrator, together

with his petition for final distribution

of said estate, and that the hearing of

the same has been fixed by the Judge

of said court for Saturday, the 23rd

day of May, 1914, at ten o'clock A.M.

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WHY SHOULD YOU NOT HAVE IT?

Just as your editor was sitting down to work on an editorial about the Mexican war,—or the war of Huerta,—or whatever it is,—along comes the New York Call with a splendid editorial made, it seemed to us, to order! We have no good excuse to do anything more now than to print it in these columns and say, "Them's my sentiments," and let her go at that.

THE HONOR OF THE NATION.

The commercial interests which have demanded intervention in Mexico could not budge President Wilson. No, of course not. The best they could do was to start a quarrel and let the quarrel budge the President.

President Wilson is a high-minded statesman. Everybody who knows him is convinced that he could not be made a party to a war for profit. Nothing but the honor of the United States could be the issue in any war which he would sanction. What, then, must the distressed profit-seekers do? Why, see that the honor of the United States is challenged.

No gentleman, you know, will fight for money. Let two gentlemen run simultaneously across a pocketbook in the street and it is unthinkable that they would quarrel about it. No, they would simply reach simultaneously for the pocketbook and they would bump each other's heads in doing so.

Now, if a gentleman's head is bumped, his honor is bumped and each would demand an apology. If it is not forthcoming, they will fight. Not for the pocketbook, of course, but to protect their honor as gentlemen. But incidentally the one who wins the fight wins the pocketbook.

Two cheap skates might fight directly over the pocketbook, but gentlemen never. President Wilson is a gentleman.

This is not a slur against President Wilson. It is not an insinuation of hypocrisy. It is not an intimation that he does not look upon war as a dreaded calamity or that he is secretly glad of a pretense. Nothing can be farther from our thoughts. Gentlemen who get into a muss do not like it. They haven't the slightest idea, as a rule, that commercial reasons have dragged them into it. They are uniformly sure that honor, and honor alone, is the thing at stake. But the results are uniformly the same as though they fought outright for the pocketbook.

President McKinley was a gentleman. He stood off the war with Spain until the Maine was blown up. It has never been proved beyond the possibility of a doubt that the commercial interests who would profit by such a war actually blew up the Maine. But where a number of commercial interests oppose each other and watchfully wait for any length of time for a chance to get the financial drop on each other, it is a foregone conclusion that some one's honor will be bumped.

We avenged the Maine by killing thousands of Spanish boys who never knew that there was such a boat and by killing more thousands of Americans with the rotten overstock of Chicago's canneries. We may now avenge Huerta's insult by killing a few thousand Mexican youths who have been helplessly drafted into Huerta's army.

Then the Americans interested (but not the soldiers who do the fighting nor the working class families from which they come) will cheerfully divide up the Mexican purse and declare that the honor of the nation has been saved.

President Wilson cannot well be blamed for the present crisis. With all his schoolmasterly high-mindedness, he is a helpless pawn in the hands of capitalism. The goodness and greatness of any individual cannot deliver us from the horrors of capitalist civilization. Nothing but class action on the part of the workers can cause a change.

It is interesting to note, by the way, in what manner our honor has been bumped. Several sailors and a paymaster were arrested illegally by Huerta's agents and discharged when the "mistake" was discovered. But there was no official apology and Huerta refused to salute the American flag with twenty-one guns as a public expression of contrition.

There are, by the way, many other Americans who are being imprisoned illegally from time to time. One of them, in particular, is worth mentioning; but, as she is only an old woman past 80, she is not worth considering in the eyes of President Wilson and his gentlemen advisers. And it is Colorado, not Mexico, where her frequent imprisonments take place. There is no suggestion from the Wilson Cabinet that Governor Ammons be required to fire any number of guns. Mother Jones belongs to the working class. Also, Colorado is in the clutch of American capital as far as it can be, and there are no patriotic commercial interests to rub our honor the wrong way.

The honor of the nation! Piffle! Do the people who are trying to scare up this war care how much the working class is insulted? Does President Wilson care?

They do not. They think, no doubt, that American workers do not care. They think they will let all their own injustice and privation and misery and joblessness pass unnoticed while they go out and get shot full of holes in order to teach etiquette to one poor drunken Mexican bandit.

There wouldn't be so much cry about honor just now if the criers were the ones who would have to take the shooting. But they can stand on the sidelines and cry while those who do the suffering in peace go out and stand the tortures of war. And the punishment they will inflict will not, of course, land on Huerta, but upon his wretched serfs, against whom we cannot possibly have a grievance.

We are insulted! Huerta has done it. Therefore we should go out and tear the arms and legs off a lot of Mexican boys who probably never saw an American flag.

In spite of the commercial interests and all this honorable piffle, this war need not occur. President Wilson, tied down to the ideals of his class, may not be able to stop it. But the American working class can stop it.

The very suggestion of war for such a cause is an insult to every member of the working class. If the workers have intelligence enough to know when they are insulted, now is the time to make themselves heard. Let the gentlemen know that they can have war if they want it, but that they will have to do the fighting themselves.

If it is the Mexican pocketbook which is to be fought over, let those who will get a piece of it shoulder the guns. If there is to be war in order to drill Huerta in the art of ceremonious fireworks let the gentlemen interested in such tableaux go down and do the drilling.—The New York Call.

THE CHARGE ON MOTHER JONES.

By Henry M. Tichenor.

The patriotic soldiers came marching down the pike Prepared to shoot and slaughter in the Colorado strike; With whisky in their bellies and vengeance in their souls, They prayed that God would help them shoot the miners full of holes

In front of these brave soldiers loomed a sight you seldom see— A white-haired rebel woman whose age was eighty-three; "Charge!" cried the valiant captain, in awful thunder tones, And the patriotic soldiers "Charged" and captured Mother Jones!

'Tis great to be a soldier with a musket in your hand, Ready for any bloody work the lords of earth command; 'Tis great to shoot a miner and hear his dying groans, But never was such a glory as that "Charge" on Mother Jones!

HOW RICH WE ARE.

Here Are the Figures.

Now you ginks and malcontents who have been running around hollering your heads off about the ten million poverty-stricken workers of this country, and the four-million unemployed problem, just take a slant at the statistics below. If your rent isn't paid, and your grocerman looks sad when he makes a "statement" to you, and the doctor thinks it's about time you were doing "a little something" for him, and your suit is so shabby you're ashamed to continue on your search for a job, and your shoes need repairing and your wife—well, in short, if things are running along about as usual with the average "breadwinner," Henry Dubb, et al, why take courage. "We" are the greatest, richest, largest, and all-around most scumbumptious country in the world.

YOU may be a little hard up just at present, a little hungry and a little "seedy," but YOUR country is "the richest of all countries and the greatest in productive capacity." Judge Gary, head of the Steel Corporation, says so. A director of the Deutsche Bank told the Emperor of Germany that it is so, and the "Statesman's Year Book" will afford you further data if you care to contest the point.

Well, here are the facts, predigested for you:

TOTAL WEALTH	
United States	\$130,000,000,000
England	80,000,000,000
France	65,000,000,000
Germany	60,500,000,000

WEALTH PER CAPITA	
United States	\$1,415
France	1,425
England	1,250 to 1,385
Germany	1,100 to 1,200

In the matter of money alone—that is, gold, silver, and "uncovered paper"—this country far outranks both the United Kingdom and Germany, figures for France being unobtainable. Indeed, it far outranks the two combined, and may equal all three. Following are the figures:

United States	\$3,500,000,000
United Kingdom	1,000,000,000
Germany	1,500,000,000

Now reach down in your jeans, brother patriot, and rattle a little of that "matter of money alone" stuff. It's good music!

An even more impressive showing is made when railway mileage is considered. In 1911, the date of the last returns accessible, totals for the four leading countries were as follows:

United States	246,573
Great Britain	23,417
France	31,391
Germany	38,747

Even when allowance is made for the larger population in this country, the American mileage will be seen to be far in excess of that for any other of these countries, if indeed it be not double the mileage of all three combined.

Yes sir. We can carry more hoboes on our brake-beams than can all other "civilized countries" combined. You bet!

As to the production of wealth in 1912 this country produced in agricultural products alone \$9,299,000,000, of which at least 80 per cent was in crops. The other 20 per cent, it is estimated, was fed to animals on the farms. In minerals it produced in value \$1,918,326,253. While the figures relating to other countries have not been secured, it is universally recognized that the United States is far in the lead in the production of corn, wheat, oats, tobacco, petroleum, pig iron, steel, and copper; and the location of the United States in a temperate zone, together with the richness of its soil, insures an ever-increasing production of crops on the average; and they are the real basis for expecting the greatest material growth and progress. Another fact worthy of mention is that the balance of trade between this country and all other countries for the fiscal year ending June 30 amounted to \$653,000,000 in our favor.

That's it. Don't you see? The more wealth the workers produce that they don't get, the more there is left for the bosses to sell in foreign countries, thus increasing "our" balance-of-trade account. Where do you come in on this "balance"? There, there, now, don't be asking questions about things you don't know anything about! Leave such matters to your betters.

IMMIGRATION AND UNUSED LANDS.

Congressional speeches on the immigration bill furnish many shining examples of how men can talk all around a subject without touching on the essential point.

Said Mr. Loneragan, of Connecticut, on January 31: There are 711,980,000 acres of undeveloped public land in the United States. We can accommodate a population of 500,000,000 people."

Said Mr. Johnson, of Washington, also speaking of public lands only: "More than 90 per cent of all of Arizona, 87 per cent of Nevada, more than 80 per cent of Idaho, 80 per cent of Utah, almost 70 per cent of Wyoming, 65 per cent of Montana, 62 per cent of New Mexico, half of Oregon, half of California, half of Colorado, and 40 per cent of my own state, Washington, all conserved."

Said Mr. Peterson, of Indiana: "A few days ago I made a trip through the South. I saw thousands of acres of unimproved land, much of it susceptible to cultivation."

Said Mr. Edmonds, of Pennsylvania: "For every 100 acres that are now tilled, about 375 more acres may be tilled."

But none of these Congressmen had any practicable plan to suggest as to how to open this unused land for use. The reason the land is unused is because the price demanded by the owners is too high for would-be users to pay. In order to open the land the owners must be induced to reduce their demands. If this will not be done the land might as well be non-existent. This point was not touched upon by any of these Congressmen. Was it because they do not know how to treat it?

But the Socialists know how to treat the problem, and the solution is very simple: have the government confiscate all land out of use, and turn it over to those who are willing to make it productive.

We are all collective beings, let us place ourselves as we may; for how little have we, and are we, that we can strictly call our own property?—Goethe.

I have always supported the forward march of the human race toward the light, and I have sometimes resisted a progress which was without pity.—Les Miserables.

RESOLVED, THAT MOTHER JONES BE LET ALONE!

Curlew, Wash.

Editor Commonwealth,
Everett, Washington.

Comrade—Whereas, in open violation of Articles IV and V of the constitution of the United States, the persons and property of citizens of the United States have been seized and held without due process of law, the most flagrant and infamous example being the retention of Mother Jones incommunicado by General Chase of Colorado; and

Whereas, General Chase by warring upon women and children, and other acts of lawlessness, has shown himself totally unfit to be a commander; therefore, be it

Resolved, by Local Curlew, a branch of the Socialist party of the state of Washington, and of the National and International Socialist party, that Local Curlew demands that President Woodrow Wilson of the United States see that no further violation of the constitution of the United States be permitted; and be it

Resolved, that Local Curlew demands that Governor Ammons of Colorado take immediate steps to deprive General Chase of his commission, and stop further lawlessness by the state militia; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the following: President Woodrow Wilson, Governor Ammons, Representative W. L. La Follette, and the Washington Socialist.

H. A. LOCK,

Local Secretary.

MRS. R. SHERIDAN,

Local Secretary.

Curlew, Wash., April 6, 1914.

IT'S THE TRUTH

And You Know It!

We of the white race have prided ourselves much on the progress we have made. We here in the United States of Rockefeller are especially prone upon occasions like Washington's birthday or the Fourth of July to lose ourselves in a burst of senseless oratory and vainglorious boasting. We boast of our intelligence, of our superior learning, of our marvelous advancement in science and art. But what have we really accomplished?

How many of the "proud and patriotic citizens" who, on occasions of this kind, fill themselves full of pride of country and of race and also very much full of Pride of Kentucky whiskey, how many of these intelligent citizens would know the difference between science and soft soap, if they should have to make a choice?

Are the citizens of a country intelligent while they spend millions for "reformatories" and penitentiaries and not a cent to provide employment or food for their own benefit? As a society we in this country have never even provided a place where we could get a can of beans for ourselves. That is, outside of the army and navy. Instead of seeing to it that all of the members of society have easy access to the factories for the production of food, clothing and the necessities of life, we allow a favored few to have the supreme say in these vital matters.

We, in our ignorance, mislabeled intelligence, prefer to maintain condition which of necessity FORCE a certain per cent of our members into crime, in punishing our members for doing what we FORCED them to do. Intelligence? We will have to show where we keep it. We certainly do not use it.

Washington was a great man. We honor his birthday. Using the same logic Wilson must be a very small man. We have ignorance, want, poverty, jobless men, hungry women and children, white slaves and child slaves. If men in the presidential chair are to be given glory and credit for all the GOOD things, it is a part of the logic of compensation that they take the responsibility for the evil which besets us. Wisdom? You bet. We have an overdose of it. But it is not soiled from over use.

ICHABOD JONES.

ANOTHER INSTANCE OF HOW CAPITALISM REWARDS GENIUS.

Poverty and obscurity were the rewards that Charles Tellier received for his great benefaction to the human race. Most of the honor due him for inventing cold storage for the preservation of perishable food seems to be coming to him after his death. Tellier died the other day in the little back-stair apartment of two rooms in a suburb of Paris which served as his home. He was the son of an Amiens miller, and lived to be eighty-five years old. Financial misfortunes removed him from a business that has now developed to colossal dimensions and he turned his attention to other plans. He was long forgotten, but the history of refrigeration was delved into some time ago for the International Refrigeration Congress, his poverty was then made known.

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