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## ORGANIZATION NEWS

### ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON SOCIALIST A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

No one doubted from the beginning of the plans for it that the basket social commemorating the fourth anniversary of the Washington Socialist, would be a success; but now that it is all over every one is agreed that it far surpassed the expectations of any one, both socially and financially. The program was well rendered and was enthusiastically applauded from beginning to end. The birthday cake occupied a conspicuous place on the platform and was viewed with much interest and curiosity during the program. It was both fitting and proper that comrade Crosby, the genial advertising manager, should be guardian of this unique memento of a paper's birthday, as well as master of ceremonies in general. Also he was the official decorator, and please do not doubt our word when we say that he is some artist. There is a rumor afloat that he was once a baker's apprentice. Anyhow, he did full justice to Mrs. Bruhl's masterpiece. From now on and forever her skill in the art of cakemaking will be firmly established in Local No. 1. How Crosby ever succeeded in getting so much on one cake will for all ways be a mystery. When he held it up in order that the audience might the better behold the sublimity of it, we found ourselves gazing upon the following: Map of North and South America, Europe, Africa and the Atlantic Ocean, across which was extended two good-sized hands and the following inscription: "Workers of Washington Unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains, and you have a world to gain. Washington Socialist, 1911-1915." All of this was interspersed with fancy flourishes, the sign of the true artist. You may ask any one that was present if this was not plainly decipherable at the farthest part of the hall. Nothing small and skimpy about Crosby's work. Then forty-two tickets were sold, after which all of this grandeur was divided into forty-two component parts, two of which held the membership buttons that entitled the drawers each to a year's subscription to the paper. The fates decided in favor of Peter Husby and Chris Solle. Then the baskets were auctioned amid much laughter, and it is safe to say that no paper in the history of the socialist movement ever had a "offer" and happier crowd to celebrate the event of its entering upon a new year of activity. The receipts were \$26.30, which will be used to put on a list of Henry Dubbs. Does one of them live next door to you? Then send in his name and we will send him a cure for his Dubbness. We will make him so disgusted with his lot as a wage slave that he will never again be able to look the capitalist system in the face without uttering swear-words. It was after 11 o'clock before the party finally broke up. Then we all wended our way home. Thus ended the story of the birthday party of the Washington Socialist, February 7, 1915.

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### BOSTROM SENDS BOQUET

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 6th, 1915.  
Comrade Shipley.  
I wish to congratulate you on your splendid article in the issue of February 4th, entitled "Disarmament Bunk." It expresses to a "T" my views. I have for some time been thinking along the same lines but have been too busy to write it up. I shall yet do it, however, and shall send you a copy of my opus when it is born. What do you think of the editorial in the last week's Seattle Herald, in which the editor makes fun of a speech made by a capitalist lecturer, because that lecturer stated that labor power is a commodity? That editorial is on a par with the front page you published from the first issue of the "Commonwealth," and shows that the writer has not grown in four years. Wishing the Washington Socialist a future more bright than the past four years have been, I am yours for working class supremacy in a speedy revolution.  
FRANS BOSTROM.

### "MORE THAN PLEASED"

Comrade "Joe" Hazard, one of the numerous editors of the old "Commonwealth," says, in submitting the news from Nevada, published in this issue, "I am more than pleased with the work of the Washington Socialist." Thanks, brother, and we're determined to do better yet, as time goes on. You watch!

### "OFFICE" TAKE THE CAKE

Here comes along the Crescent Mfg. Co.'s representative with a delicious cake "for the editor." Like everything else, we just "edited" the cake and passed it around the office, and they all said, "Well, if that fellow can't raise the dough in Everett, it'll not be any fault of the company's baking powder," and then there was some fast dodging done.

### SNOHOMISH COUNTY NEWS AND NOTES

CARL ULONSKA, Secy-Treas.

### A CORRECTION!

After twice correcting the proof copies of the campaign financial statement published in last week's issue, a mistake was made in printing and the amount received as individual contributions and collections should be \$25.00 instead of \$26.30. The total campaign receipts the same as published, \$449.59. Comrades please note this.

### NEWS FROM VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 8, 1915.  
Washington Socialist:  
Dear Editor: As I have not seen anything from this part of the state for some time, I will try to give you a few items. Since we had our 'Gene with us, there has been a different impression on the public as to Socialism. If we could keep the gait we have been going since then we would get some place, soon. Comrade Katterfeld was with us last night and put new life into our local; and we have lots to hope for now. When we see our old war horses like comrade Hatch, Warnum, Peyton, and Burrows rear their heads and champ their bits we know there will be something doing in the way of organization around Vancouver. It looks as though the Kirkpatrick meeting that will be held at the Congregational church, which is one of the largest churches here, the 27th of this month, would be the biggest thing we ever pulled off here. We have the co-operation of the church, and everything points to a great success. Our committee are all hustlers, and with comrade Sulak, whom we all feel so much indebted to for our success of the meeting of comrade Debs, as secretary of the committee, we feel sure of a great success. Now, comrades, we know times are awful hard but it will not make them any better to relax on our work. So let us unite as one; let us work together as we have never worked before, and let us make one gigantic effort to push our organization ahead to a point where it never was before.  
Yours for Socialism,  
O. E. DYE.

### EVERETT Y. P. S. L. NOTES

Three new members were admitted last Friday. Every one got next week. Bill Treibel is some lion among the girls. But he won't bite. Speaking about girls. We need more girls like the Moore girls. A real boxing match will be pulled off next Friday at the social. That was only a preliminary we had last week. Nobody was hurt. Harry Griffin took home a fresh girl last week. Rose, nobody knows. A study class has been started by the league. Get wised up and show your friends that they don't know anything worth knowing. Did you notice how many girls went home last Friday without escorts? Don't let it occur again. They don't come to the meeting for the purpose of going home by themselves. Get your feet wet Bill Myers. Myrtle Anderson says she don't like kissing games. The trouble is that she don't get kissed by the right fellow. Don't forget the big social on Lincoln's birthday. Bring your friends along and get them acquainted. Harrison is determined to sing, but that should not deter you from coming. You can slip out of the hall when it is his turn to sing. Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Luster will give selections on the guitar and banjo. Dr. Foote's Plain Home Talk, a cyclopedia of popular medical and social service, \$2.00 at Hill's Book Store, 2929 Colby. Ten copies of the Washington Socialist for ten weeks will cost you \$1. Let us send you a bundle so that you can build up the Socialist movement in your locality. Get your local interested in this.

### HURRY UP!

The Lyceum course is expected to start during the first part of March. If your local has not taken the matter up, do so at the next meeting and enroll among the hustling locals of the county. Hugo has said: "People do not lack strength they lack will." This is just what a lot of us need—enough backbone to reinforce our wishbone. The sermon is ended.

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## THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

By JOSEPH T. HAZARD.  
The 1915 session of the Nevada legislature opened on Monday, January 18, with comrades Martin J. Scanlan, state senator, and C. A. Steele, state representative, in attendance. In these years when the growing strength of the Socialist party is proven by an ever increasing number of elected servants of the working class, it is our pleasant duty to review their plans and prospects for service in the great class struggle. My visit to the Nevada legislature in the opening week gives me the chance to send to the comrades of Washington a message of hope and cheer. On my entrance into the assembly chamber, my attention was drawn at once to two men, young, strong, alert —working earnestly. Before them the desk was piled high with reference books, notes, drafted bills—and a bundle of copies of the American Socialist. All about them were the other members of the assembly, carefully watching moments for which the state of Nevada was paying a wage of \$10 a day, or gathered in little groups, lobbying, wire-pulling, fixing those little interests which engage the attention of the non-Socialist members of all legislatures. On no other desk in the room was there a single book, reference or otherwise. Upon introducing myself as a former editor of the "Commonwealth," I was given the glad hand and all the information I could wish, to let the comrades of Washington know of the work in Nevada. These are a few of the working rules of comrades Scanlan and Steele: 1. Conference and united action in all the affairs of both the senate and the assembly. 2. No compromise, no political trading, no mixing in the affairs of the state which do not concern the working class. 3. No jack-in-the-box speaking on unimportant motions, and no joining in debate without previous, organized, scientific knowledge. 4. Hard work, eternal vigilance in the preparation and presentation of working class legislation—and a bitter fight against all action against the working class. 5. Absolute loyal obedience to the Socialist party of Nevada, of the United States and of the world. In the Nevada legislature we have two class-conscious workers, whose public acts will be a power in their sphere of work for the coming revolution.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

By WATTS.  
Socialists of Ridgeley, W. Va., have elected five of the seven candidates voted for at the first election. Indianapolis Socialists have organized a Labor Lyceum league as a start toward erecting a home of their own. The Call is the name of a four-page weekly just started by the Socialists of Local Centralia, Wash. George W. Downing, Socialist member of the California legislature, has introduced an emergency bill into the legislature appropriating \$1,000,000 or whatever part thereof that might be necessary to give immediate work to the unemployed. One hundred thousand miles of railroad are under the control of two groups of banking houses in this country. Sixty thousand more are about to be brought under their control. The state referendum to postpone this year's convention has carried by a vote of 838 for and 120 against. Jerome K. Jerome, the famous British author and playwright, declares, "This war is turning us all into Socialists." Comrades James Grant and A. E. House, Box 1733, Spokane, have started a weekly bulletin of Socialist news and views. The paper is named the Spokane Socialist and the subscription price is 24c a year. Half a dozen new locals were organized in Washington during the month of January: Granger, Yakima county; Home Acres, Snohomish; Friday Harbor, San Juan county; Clearbrook, Whatcom county; Ellensburg and Roslyn, Kittitas county. Thursday, March 18, is the 44th anniversary of the "Paris Commune." There will be a special issue of the Washington Socialist for that day so get your local to order a bundle. Every local should get up a concert or banquet for that date. The city of Providence, R. I., is relieving the unemployed situation by employing men for two or three days a week for the what the city officials think princely—sum of \$1.50 a day. The postoffice department made a ruling against the "Little Old Appeal" recently regarding the mailing of a special issue. The Appeal was put out just a little bit but the "army" got busy with the result that over a million copies of that issue has been sent out and orders are still going in for more.

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Q. I am a subscriber to the Washington Socialist, and would like to ask you a few questions.

I have two lots in this state. A mill company has built a large lumber shed, and a railroad track, along side of it, across my lots. They told me two months ago that if they were on my lots they would move off, but have not done it.

Now, I want to know if they can set their own price and get my lots or if they have to pay my price? Have they any right to take the building off? Can I get rent for the time they have been on the lots. —A. R.

A. One thing is sure, they can not set their own price. As to the land on which the mill company have built its shed, the company will have to pay your price. As to the spur track, which was presumably built by the railway company, if the railway company doesn't want to pay your price, it can condemn the right-of-way and pay you what the court and jury deem a reasonable price. You can make the mill company pay rent for the time the shed has been on your land. The company has no right to take the building off, legally.

**REACTION!!**

**SIX SENATORS UNITE TO URGE DEATH PENALTY**

Last Monday six doughty preservers of life and property at Olympia, one "trembling with feeling," introduced a bill to restore capital punishment for the crime of murder. The six senators—nay, Drakos—framed the bill Sunday evening after reading some headlines in the "Seattle Crimes," telling of the murder of Angelo Bianchi, of Bayne, King county. The senators joining with the Hon. Sharpstein in the introduction of the bill were Palmer, McGuire, Nichols, Phipps and Boner.

"I am not much in favor of renewing questions which are disposed of by one legislature after a full discussion," said Senator Sharpstein on the floor of the senate, "but I am moved, and so are those who join me in presenting this bill, to do so by the great frequency with which there appear in the papers of this state, since the legislature of 1913 abolished the death penalty for murder, headlines like these in the Seattle Times of yesterday which I hold in my hands, so that we may get back to the times when things like this do not happen every week."

The fact that "things like this" happen no more frequently now than during "the times" when men were slowly strangled to death by bungling hangmen, in cold blood, at Walla Walla, was not permitted to embarrass the senator "trembling with feeling." The further fact that murders are committed in Chicago and New York, with the gallows and electric chair still operative, for less than \$40 per victim was also tremblingly ignored by these sagacious (?) Drakos.

Incidentally, let it be remarked that while this reactionary senate is tremblingly solicitous of the life of any one having goods and chattels in taxable quantities, it is doing absolutely nothing to remove the evil conditions which make murder for \$40 worth the risk and infamy.

But with the institution of private property and the concentration of power in the hands of the proprietary class, the state suddenly severed its former connections with society, as a whole, and came to represent the interests of a mere fraction of the community.—Loria, Economic Foundations of Society, p 125.

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**SOCIALIST PARTY FIRST REGIMENT IN BLOODLESS WAR FOR PEACE**

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK  
Author of "War—What For?"

The Socialist party is the vanguard of the working class in its grand march upward to freedom. The Socialist party is the first regiment in the silent and bloodless war for peace—armed with information and discussion instead of ignorance and dynamite; armed with the printing press and the ballot, instead of the gatling gun and the bullet. The Socialist party is boldly warning the WORKING CLASS of the world against war—URGING THE WORKERS TO REFUSE TO GO TO WAR.

Wars, modern wars—in almost ALL cases—are between jealous groups of the parasitic ruling class in their swinish international scramble for territory, markets and profits. In these wars the workers cut their own throats ignorantly shouting "Patriotism!" and wade in their own blood (ignorantly shouting "Patriotism!"), while the crafty capitalist class, at home, safe and far from the firing line, clap their soft hands together, wink knowingly and cunningly shout "Patriotism!"

In war the worker's blood is split, the worker's tears are despised, the worker's children are orphaned, the worker's wives are widowed, the worker's lives are robbed to pay war taxes and war bonds and war bond interest, the worker's health is blasted, the workers become hobbling cripples insulted with stingy petty pensions, while distinguished high salaried judges (whose lives are never risked where the cannon roar) are fattened on pensions of thousands per year.

In war the workers have nothing to gain and all to lose. The workers are learning these things well, very well. The Socialists are striking these facts of warning into the brains of the working class in all parts of the world.

Indeed, even the best informed and most distinguished ENEMIES of the Socialist party in all the world admit that the Socialists are persistently and effectively warning the working class against war.

But the great war is the CLASS war, the CLASS STRUGGLE—the war between the capitalist employer class and the wage-earning working class—between the exploiting class who OWN the INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATIONS of society and live on profits, and the exploited class who productively USE the INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATIONS of society and live on wages—the industrial war, in which the employers struggle to force up the price of labor power.

THIS IS THE FUNDAMENTAL WAR, the SOURCE of war, the war without an end—while capitalism lasts. In this war of clashing CLASS interests other wars originate.

And in this struggle rises the Socialist party—the political organization of the working class, with which the working class is cunningly (intelligently) seizing the political powers of society, and thus legally getting into legal position for strategic SELF-DEFENSE—to, legally CONTROL the industrial foundations of society for the benefit of all who are willing to work—to give to all who are willing to work EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY TO WORK, and to give to every worker the value of his applied labor power, undiminished by rent, interest and profits.

**IT'S POVERTY THAT AILS THE POOR**

"The curse of the poor is their poverty" is a favorite expression of Bernard Shaw's, and he has good biblical authority for his text. It is one of the truths that is hardest for the wilfully blind to see.

"The curse of the poor is their improvidence," the banker writes upon a card to be displayed in the street cars. Then he orders another automobile, and tries to make the white lights burn red until the bank breaks and the savings of labor are gone.

"The curse of the poor is intemperance" cries the fanatic, counting the glasses of beer of the worker and shutting his eyes to the bottles of champagne of the exploiter.

"The poor suffer because of their laziness," lolls the fat preacher of platitudes as he sinks back into his upholstered chair at the club.

But it is not because the poor are improvident or intemperate or lazy, but because they are poor that they suffer. They are poor not because of the pennies they fall to save from the pittance they get, but because of the dollars they do not get from the plenty they produce.

Wealth does not come from the industrious. It is the workers in every land who are poor.

Poverty is the father and mother of crime and misery and degradation in every form. Yet the only movement that dares to strike at poverty is Socialism.—Milwaukee Leader.

**THE PHILANTHROPY OF THE POOR**

Recently a reporter was sent into a tenement district to secure some photographs. In one of the three-room homes she visited she found a young girl of about sixteen bending over a machine. Near by sat an old woman and a mother with three small children, while a second girl bustled herself at some household duty. The girl left her machine to explain.

"I am married," she said; "it is not good for a girl to be alone in New York. This," indicating the young girl, "is my sister. My husband has no work, neither can my sister find any. The old woman has no home, and she"—pointing to the "mother"—"her husband is in prison, so I took her and the children. I work for all now. But when my baby comes—I do not know—it is hard!"

There has been a great deal printed about the philanthropy of the rich; we are tolerably familiar with the names of various hospitals, colleges, libraries, which have been given to their fellowmen by the possessors of great wealth. But we hear very little of the philanthropy which involves self-sacrifice—of the mother who in addition to the care of her growing family assumes that of the neighbor who is ill; of the girl who shares her one party dress with a fellow-worker; of the man who time and again "lends" his hard-earned savings to some brother who needs assistance; of the tenement family, not knowing whence the next month's rent is to come, who yet welcomes to its roof and table the family which has been evicted from the floor below.

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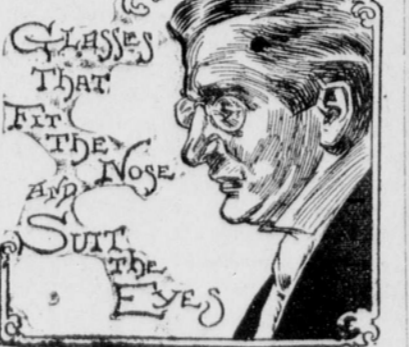
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**Warrens of the Poor**

Is it well that while we range with science, glorying in the time, City children soak and blacken soul and sense in city slime? There among the gloomy alleys progress halts on palsied feet, Crime and hunger cast our maidens by the thousands in the street.

There the master scripps his haggard seamstress of her daily bread, There a single sordid attic holds the living and the dead; There the smouldering fire of fever creeps across the rotted floor, And the crowded couch of incest in the warrens of the poor. —Alfred Tennyson.

**SAYS DIRECTORS CUT CHROME PAY**

Amos Pinchot Tells Commission of Absentee Directors in Jersey Case

The Liebig and Williams & Clark plants at Roosevelt are subsidiaries of the American Agricultural Chemical company, an enormous corporation incorporated under the laws of Connecticut. The chairman of the board of directors lives in Boston. The vice presidents live in New York, New Jersey and Cleveland, and the directors are scattered all over the country. One of them, A. B. Hepburn, is a director of the Rockefeller foundation. "Last October the directors informed the local superintendent, whom I know, and who I believe is an intelligent and decent man, that wages would be cut 20 per cent. In January the employees decided that they could not continue to support their families on \$1.60 a day. They struck, and next day, in order to protect the property of the company, 100 gunmen were sent for and sworn in as deputy sheriffs.

"The result of the importation of these gunmen in Jersey was the same as that of Mr. Welborn's importation

in Colorado. On January 19 gunmen shot into a mass of unarmed strikers and kept on shooting for fifteen minutes, although the strikers fled and offered no resistance."—From testimony of Amos Pinchot before Industrial Relations Commission.

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OUR MISINFORMATION BUREAU

Inheritance Tax Twaddle

As an adherent of the Marxian theory of political economy and a believer in straight revolutionary tactics, the editor of this paper feels impelled to voice a protest against some of the stuff sent out by our National office through the "Socialist Party Press Service." And, while we're at it, let it be of record that we believe the whole "service" should be immediately suspended. First of all, it costs more than it is worth. Secondly, it is not needed. The few Socialist papers that have space for outside contributions seldom or never use more than one or two articles out of fifteen to twenty sent out. Many of our party papers set up only a few columns of local "stuff," and fill in with worthless "boiler-plate" material. The few articles that are used from the "Socialist Party Press Service" could just as well have been omitted, and some of them ought to have been omitted. Were this "service" devoted to the compilation of crisp, party news items, the expenditure would be both curtailed and justified. But no, comrade Engdahl must needs send out a bunch of long-winded articles of doubtful value, with now and then—once in a great while—something of real educational value. We say, "cut it out." Save those wasted dollars and that time and energy to devote to something that is necessary to our party progress.

MISLEADING ARTICLES

We particularly object to the "service" rendered by comrade Carl D. Thompson, supposed to be devoting his time and talents to a National Information Bureau. If he isn't more careful, we shall soon have to label his department, as represented by our "Party Press Service," the Misinformation Bureau.

An example in point of what we regard as "twaddle" is comrade Thompson's article (his fifteenth!) just "released." It deals with our party platform plank on the inheritance tax.

Says comrade Thompson: "Burdens of taxation should be apportioned according to the ability of the taxpayers. . . . The percentage of tax on the inheritance should increase as the distance of the relation inheriting increases. And the reason is obvious. The more distant the relation the less they have to do with the creation or even accumulation of the wealth; and therefore the less they are entitled to any share of it—the more clearly it is an unearned income."

A FALSE IMPLICATION

We submit that the implied admission in the above words emphasized (by us), is this: the NEARER the relation the more they have had to do with the creation or even the accumulation of the wealth; and therefore the more they are entitled to a share of it—the less clearly it is an unearned income.

That's it. The more the Socialist party dabbles with middle-class issues and reforms, the less clearly it is seen and understood that all incomes excepting wages or fees paid for actual service rendered are unearned incomes.

If comrade Thompson's statement (or principle) cannot hold good when reversed, or stated conversely, it is wrong and misleading as originally expressed.

There are no degrees of rightness and wrongness in this question. As the original accumulator of surplus wealth, if it was obtained by rent, interest, or profits,—as distinguished from pay for service rendered society—did not earn it, but obtained it by exploitation of labor in some form, how can nearness of kinship establish any better title to said exploited surplus than remoteness of kinship? Once deprived (robbed) of the product of our labor through the wage system, it should make absolutely no difference to us, as Socialists, as to whether or not the state subsequently robs the holder, or inherits, of a greater or less portion of his unearned booty, or lets him escape scot-free.

The Socialist party should keep the minds of the workers on the original robbery, and not mix up in the bourgeois attempt to patch up the capitalist system so that it will be more comfortable, more "reasonable," "fair," etc., for the middle class.

Here's another example of bourgeois equity, being fair, just, and sweet.

EVERYBODY KNOWS THIS

Workers Voted For It

WHY COMPLAIN AT GETTING IT?

Unemployment always serious has this year become acute and alarming. Not less than 3,000,000 and possibly as many as 5,000,000 people are unemployed at the present time.

This situation is rapidly assuming the proportions of an immense social tragedy.

Every great city in the land is overrun with the unemployed. Local authorities are either unwilling or unable to cope with the situation.

Added to the personal loss and suffering of those who cannot find work is the immense social loss which cannot be less than \$1,000,000,000 a year, from failure to keep these millions at productive labor.

Homes are imperiled. Women and children are left to inevitable destitution and want, while millions of men and women, baffled by the incalculable conditions, lose hope and courage. Thousands sink inevitably into the ranks of the dependent, defective and delinquent classes, that are an ever-increasing burden and menace to our civilization.

NOT AN INDIVIDUAL PROBLEM

NEW YORK.—In discussing unemployment, Dr. Andrews, secretary of the American Association of Unemployment, says:

"The time is past when the problem of unemployment could be disposed of either by ignoring it, as was the practice until recent years in America, or by attributing it to mere laziness and inefficiency. We are beginning to realize that the causes of unemployment are not so much individual, and due to the shiftlessness of 'won't works,' as social inherent in our present method of industrial organization."

It is estimated that 10,000,000 people in the United States are constantly on the verge of poverty.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND DESERTION

It is an observed fact that wife desertions have been distressingly numerous in the industrial centers. The reason is, of course, plain. Men, being unable to support their families, have abandoned them. It is not a pleasant fact to contemplate, and the actuality must at least be uncomfortable for the deserted families. But there is a limit to human endurance, and when a man willing to work is rendered unable through no fault of his own to supply the necessities of those dependent on him it is not wonderful that he (or at least a percentage of him) breaks down. But society and the law are there to straighten matters out, and the two foolish old parties think that they vindicate justice by imposing imprisonment for wife desertion. What is the man to do? Taft but echoed the voice of society in his bitter gibe, "God knows."

A curve showing the steadily increasing productivity of the machine per worker, and a curve of annual number of divorces granted the wife for "desertion," would almost exactly correspond, rising steadily from two thousand per annum in 1867 to sixteen thousand in 1914.

Were this constant improvement in methods of wealth production a blessing to society as a whole, through collective ownership of the means of production, divorces would decrease inversely to the rise in productive power. As it is now, the more the worker produces the less he has, and the sooner he is out of a job. Capitalism is fast breaking up the home!

ly "reasonable." The Illinois Socialist party platform has the provision that money may be left to heirs only as follows:

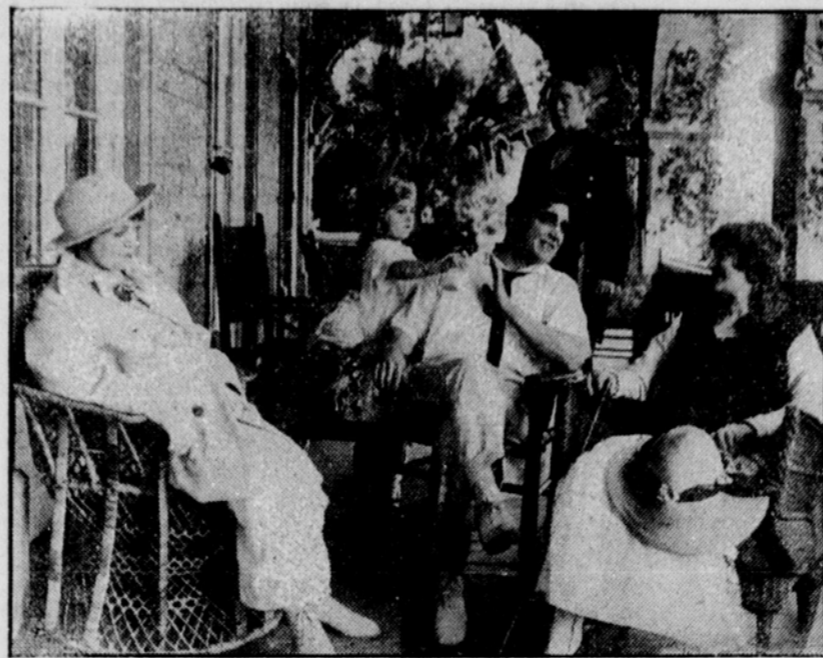
"Widows not to exceed \$100,000, direct heirs not to exceed \$50,000, collateral heirs not to exceed \$25,000. All the remainder of the deceased's estate to become the property of the state."

Commenting on this working-class (?) issue, Thompson says:

"Here is a proposal to take all of the estate above \$100,000 for the widow, all above \$50,000 to direct heirs, and all above \$25,000 to collateral heirs."

"At first thought this may seem extreme. But really what widow needs more than \$100,000? What son or daughter could not struggle along on \$50,000? And is it at all likely that either have contributed more than that amount to the fortunes they thus inherit?"

If the above sample of Marxian (?) economics and misinformation, or misleading twaddle, is not enough to convince the party members that their money is being misspent, to say the least, then we know not what they need short of a "full course on Socialism."



His Home, His Wife and His Child, the Prey of "The Vampire"



We Called Her the Woman Who Did Not Care But the Fool He Called Her His Lady Fair.

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IT'S THE ONE PLAY THAT WILL BREAK ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS FOR ATTENDANCE IN THE CITY OF EVERETT. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO COME EARLY—TO THE MATINEE IF POSSIBLE

Set everything else aside and see "A FOOL THERE WAS"

SEE THE DAILY PAPERS FOR TIME SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

"An Evening at the Princess is an Evening Well Spent"

WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Petition Congress?

After setting forth the woes and wrongs of the workers, showing how they are shot down like dogs on the least pretext, and how millions of would-be wage slaves are denied even the opportunity to turn out wealth for the bosses, at any price, the national office of our party turns loose a long "Memorial to the President and Congress," which Socialist papers are asked to publish and have their readers sign and send to the above mentioned aggregation of time-serving politicians. To quote a paragraph:

"President Wilson and congress can do something to meet this (unemployment) problem. They would do it if they were the servants of the masses and not the tools of big business."

Well, if our revolutionary representatives in Chicago know that the members of congress are in Washington as "tools of big business," why should we Reds address that "honorable body" thusly:

"In our conviction no greater problem confronts your honorable body than this; no duty is quite so imperative and important, while at the same time no greater opportunity to render notable and praiseworthy social and civic service awaits you."

WHY NOT BE SINCERE?

Now, if our honorable representatives in the national office know, as they say they do, that they who compose the "honorable body" in Washington are not "servants of the masses," but merely "tools of big business," why should we call upon them to "render notable and praiseworthy social and civic service?" Why not be consistent? Why not be sincere? Why should Socialists humbly petition the "tools of big business" to represent the masses? Why should we beg them to solve this unemployed problem when, as we declare, "The presidential and congress claim the jobless problem is too big for them?"

WE'RE WILLING TO WAIT UNTIL WE CAN COMMAND

The editor of this paper declines to join in any petition to our political enemies, "the tools of big business" to please do something for the workers which the masters do not want them to do.

The "tools of big business"—and of little business, too, for that matter—are in congress because "the masses" sent them there. Now let the masses do their own begging, beseeching, petitioning.

We Socialists vote only for those whom we may command. Not being able to command the "tools of big business," we certainly have no right to demand anything of them; while to petition and beseech our enemies should be beneath our dignity as rebels. Let "the masses" who vote for the "tools of big business" do the begging.

"The masses" voted for nothing in 1912, and again in 1914; they can now get what they voted for without our help.

ISN'T THIS A LITTLE BELATED?

"The Socialist party, the political wing of the working-class movement, proposes to put every congressman on record on the question of unemployment."—From the Memorial.

LINCOLN NOT A SOCIALIST

One hundred and six years ago, the 12th of February, two mothers, separated by thousands of miles of ocean and wilderness, were fondly caressing two little palpitating bundles of possibilities in the form of human infants. In the mind's eye we see a picture of those homes on that eventful morning.

The one, surrounded by comparative luxury in a nation which had reached maturity in its national life, glorying

in its past achievements and hopeful of greater things for the future of art, literature, science and feats of arms and statesmanship. That nation was England, and the baby eventually developed into Charles Darwin, with all that name implies to the human race today. Who can estimate its meaning?

It spells mental liberty. On that same eventful morning, in a little log cabin in Kentucky, furnished only with the bare necessities of life and surrounded by the primeval forest, another baby, destined by the fates to play a leading part on the world's stage, was fondled and suckled by a virile pioneer mother. That baby finally developed into Abraham Lincoln, the one great statesman that capitalism has so far produced.

Lincoln was not a Socialist. He was a human being and could not foresee the battle for industrial freedom, and this is said in spite of a few isolated quotations that are often used to prove the contrary.

But Lincoln did stand for just those basic human rights that are being attacked by the ruling class of today. He had the utmost contempt for a court that could give a Dred Scott decision. He would have had an infinitely greater contempt for a judicial system that should abolish the right of trial by jury in the interest of an exploiting class.

Lincoln certainly stood for free speech, for a free press and for all those rights that are being threatened by a frightened plutocracy.

GEO. R. KIRKPATRICK TO SPEAK HERE

Famous Anti-Militarist Will Be Heard at People's Theatre Sunday Afternoon, Feb. 21

Those who heard George R. Kirkpatrick, when he last visited this city two years ago, will not

need to be told that a rich intellectual and moral treat is in store for those who attend his lecture at the People's theatre, Sunday afternoon, February 21. His subject, "War Against War," is one which gives the lecturer scope on the most vital topic of the hour—anti-militarism—a subject on which he has become famous and won world-wide recognition as one of the best authorities and most eloquent speakers in this country.

Recent events both in Europe and in the United States are bringing the menace of militarism very close to the home and the hearts of the people. To working people it is especially vital, but there is no class over whom the baneful blight of this social menace does not cast its shadow.

On the subject of war and militarism, in their sociological and moral aspects, there is no one better equipped to speak than Geo. R. Kirkpatrick. He brings to the subject a well-trained mind, exhaustive knowledge of the facts, wide platform experience, profound moral conviction and an impassioned eloquence.

Educated in Albion college, Vanderbilt university and the University of Chicago, he has drunk deep at the sources of information and learning. He has filled the chairs of history and sociology in the universities of Kansas and Wisconsin. For the last five years he has been a lecturer for the New York City board of education. As author of the great anti-militaristic work, "War—What For?" he has attained world-wide fame and influence.

Seldom have the people of Everett had the opportunity of listening to a speaker of such ability and eloquence as George R. Kirkpatrick.