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THE SHOPMEN'S STRIKE

Revolt of the Rank and File was Lively Enough while it Lasted

The Railroad Shopmen's strike last week was surely a lively one while it lasted. Mass meetings were held in the Labor Temple every morning with speakers and good music and the spirit of those meetings was all for Practical Democracy, that is to say Industrial Democracy. The rank and file of these unions came to the front for a few days at least, taking charge of their own strike and pushing the international officials aside.

"Get together, and get together quick," is their slogan. They are now determined, through their powerful organization, to free themselves from the shackles of the Industrial Despotism which rules today in America. The sudden termination of the strike should not be taken by anyone as an indication of a weakening of their spirit. The men felt that the purpose of the preliminary strike had been accomplished and their going back to work was only for the purpose of taking a strike vote and preparing themselves for militant action in case their demands are denied or delayed longer. As one striker expressed it: This strike is only a rehearsal; next ing through from Hungary regarding and granted the workers' demands in month we will stage a real one."

at Fairmount Park there was a large tirely false interpretation is being put attendance. Comrade Bloor, who was upon the events that have transpired the speaker of the day, was introduced there. by chairman Suiter, Business Agent of the Blacksmiths' Union, "a working class orator." She spoke on "The government has ceased to be a workreceiving enthusiastic applause from ered around her to express their approval of her address. Five hundred differences and formed a cabinet in the boss a good lesson this time." copies of the Workers' World were which all shades of socialism were distributed at the picnic, but were far inadequate to supply the demand.

WIN A FREE SPEECH FIGHT

Paterson Officials Back Down and Allow Union Meetings to be Held

have surrendered unconditionally in kaos; Finance, Joseph Miskics. Food, their fight to prevent the Amalga- M. Knittelhofer. mated Textile Workers of America from recruiting the organization 10- change of personnel, the government cally from the 40,000 employes of the remains a workers' government—and silk mills.

chief of police for several weeks to possible to take up international rehalt the textile union's work and lead- lations with the people of Hungary. ers, a controversy embittered by accusations by union leaders of persecution, discrimination and invasion of the constitutional rights of free speech and free assemblage, and by city officials of misrepresentation and suspicious of improper motives and disloyalty, ended suddenly with a complete back-down on the city's part.

Four union officials, arrested following a raid on a business meeting of the American Textile Workers July 10 and charged with "inciting hostility to the governments of the United States and State of New Jersey by advocating a Soviet form of government" were to have answered the charge in the Supreme Court here yesterday. The case was not called and it is unofficially announced It never will be.

REPUDIATE THE TRAITORS

During the conscription issue, Labor in Australia acted in a decisive manner towards the renegades who disobeyed the rulings of the executives and tried to fasten conscription on the people. It will be remembered that conscription for oversea purposes was opposed by the Labor Party and defeated when votes were taken on two occasions.

Included in those expelled from the Labor Movement were the Prime Minister of Australia (Mr. Hughes), several State Premiers and other lesser lights of the political party.

Lately there has been a disposition to allow them to come back into the party now that the war is over. However, to set the matter at rest, the Australian Labor Conference took the matter up and passed a motion that prevents any of the renegades ever being admitted into the party again.

AGAINST FAKE LABOR MEETS It has been decided that in the fu ture Australian labor will attend International Labor Conferences of a bonafide working class nature. They will not however, be parties to any

bourgeois or milk-and-water "Labor" gatherings, such as are being staged from time to time by the Gompers faction in the United States. It is definitely stated that they will be represented at the various Internationals that take place, except the forthcoming one of Lausanne (Switzerland) in August, as they cannot get delegates there in time. British delegates will act on behalf of Australian labor at that conference. At future gatherings, however, Australia will have direct representation, as was done at the recent Amsterdam Con-

WORKERS STILL CONTROL

False Interpretation of Hungarian Turn-over by Capitalist Press

Bela Kun's resignation is, it is never- full. At the picnic held Friday afternoon theless sufficient to show that an en-

The capitalist papers of America ers' government. As a matter of fact, tools. represented.

upon the resignation of Bela Kun on refused to work with him, knowing are: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peter darity. Agoston; War, Joseph Haubrich; Justice, Paul Garami; Welfare, Alexander Garbai; Commerce, M. Dovohak; Education, Stephan Szabo; Home Affairs Paterson, N. J.—Paterson's officials Karl Payer; Agriculture, Joseph Ta-

While, therefore, there has been a by the resignation of Bela Kun the The endeavors of the mayor and the Allies' face is saved, thus making it

STRIKES GALORE EVERYWHERE.

PARIS.—Almost every issue of "Le Temps" contains a column headed July, the column was filled with ac- rade Sweeney, General Secretary of the prices of many commodities. In counts among the miners and the ma- Treasurer of Journeyman Tailors' In- future the Government will control chinists. It is significant of the situ-ternational Union addressed the meet-through a number of national syndiation that a paper of the complexion ing and Comrade Bloor spoke on the cates the requisition and distribution tory of the United States was the wonderful only because it was preof the "Times "should pay so much need for solidarity and the abolition of a large number of essential arattention to labor conflicts as to re- of prejudice against workers of other ticles, which will be retailed by Coport them regularly.

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 11.-Direct ac-

When the boss of Blake Bros. silk he was being cheated in the measuring 23.) of his cloth, the weavers called a shop meeting and declared a strike for the increase in wages.

then offered to compromise, but the workers refused to modify their demands. On the fifth day, the strikers sent a committee to call out the workers in a mill on Warren St. operated by the same firm. Rather than have all his profits cut off in this way, the Fragmentary though the news filter- boss sent for the strikers' committee

in another shop in the same building, in gality a "class control," which is

ORGANIZE THE TAILORS

Launching of New Local Celebrated by Mass Meeting at Labor Temple

The newly organized local of the cities to join in the movement. Tailors Union held a mass meeting at the Labor Temple on Monday evening, August 11. Many new members were have usurped the powers of the muniinitiated and the officers were in- cipalities, and are now issuing decrees stalled. The chairman called upon regulating commercial affairs and fixthose who have taken the lead in or- ing maximum prices, not only for ganizing the union for short speeches food, but also for other articles of and Lubartowsky, Lieberman, Klein commerce. and a number of others made good pointed talks.

WIN WITH DIRECT ACTION of the working class without craft, creed or nationality divisions warmly received.

in the Labor Unions."

GENERAL STRIKE IN LISBON

bon, describing the general strike in

that city, states that the printers re-

fused to put out the newspapers; the

bakers baked a minimum ration: the

street-cars moved about with two

armed soldiers on each car during the

day, and four in the evening. The

railroad and postal services were on

regular schedule. (Le Temps, June

AIM AT CLASS CONTROL

G. G. T. of France Driving Straight

Ahead to Soviet form of Government

A dispatch to "Le Temps" from Lis-

From this meeting Mother Bloor Textile Workers get Results without went to the Jewelry Workers' Union Intervention of Union Officials and gave them a talk on "Democracy

tion tactics in the shop, without the intervention of any business agent or union officials, are becoming an established custom in this city, as a result of six years of I. W. W. propaganda among the silk workers. With the present shortage of help, the workers are making the most of the opportunity to demonstrate what solidarity can accomplish.

mill at Madison and Grand Sts. discharged a weaver who claimed that reinstatement of their worker. At the same time, they decided to demand an

For several days, the boss held firm,

written article that appeared in "Le lin. At the Criterion Silk Mill, Railway and Kentucky Aves., the workers de- C. G. T. "aims to establish a national cided to join the I. W. W., but one economic council, seconded by reweaver refused to join any union. Un- gional economic councils." To these willing to work beside his shop in- councils says General Secretary Jouhave tried to demonstrate that the definitely and calling on his men to houx, "the direct representatives of come and get their money and their the working class will bring, together They saw through the trick, of Solidarity and One Big Union and though Kun is no longer premier, the however, and refused to be stam- groups, their technical capacity, their know that all of these people hate regard to Bolshevism and agree with new cabinet is socialist. In Hungary, peded. The boss, seeing that his bluff knowledge of detail, their suggestions it will be remembered, the two so- failed to work, discharged the "scab" for rational, scientific organization, of heard her. At the close of the meeting men, women and children gath- for them to take over the reins of to work. They voted to wait until the of production." This presupposes the replacement

When the scab started in to work racy by a proletarian control that is

August 2nd, many of the members of what he had done. They stopped the equality of rights and duties for all the Kun cabinet re-appear. The new looms and five minutes later he was citizens." The writer goes on to say premier, Jules Peidll, is a typographer on the street looking for another job that the program of the "C. G. T." is and editor by trade. His associates and meditating on working class soli- an extreme form of revolutionary socialism, thinly veiled.

Latest advices show that the Italian Labor revolt is spreading. The trouble originated in the smaller towns, but the leaders are now inviting the larger

In the province of Bologa the strikers have formed committees which

Following vesterday's Cabinet meeting an announcement was made that John T. Smith of the Central Labor the Government had taken important "Strikes." During June and early Union welcomed the new union. Com- measures with a view to the reduction countries. Her appeal for One Union operative societies at municipal stores.

PEACE IN EUROPE

American Soldier Says Wars Will Continue Until People Rise and Take Control. Tells of Bolshevik Methods

partment bureaucrats and our junker other. easte generally received a severe shock this week when they turned, with the dread which its appearance always creates in conservative circles, in the Hungarian army spread propato the issue of "Soldiers-Sailors-Mar- ganda among the Czech soldiers to ines," and read a letter printed there from an American soldier stationed in that their officers are getting fine sal-Central Europe.

et sentiment throughout Europe, the of the war, while the poor soldier has soldier concludes with a compliment to do all the dirty work and the fightto the United States, with the reser ing. This has caused whole regiments vation that even in America "there to go over to the Bolsheviki without are certain things that can be im- firing a shot and most of Slovakia has proved upon—among them the damned been lost by the Czechs. army and the caste system."

Extracts from the letter follows: Czecho-Slovakia, June 19, 1919. Dear -

I have been traveling ever since May 1. First we visited Venice, Trieste, Vienna, Prague, Agram, Belgrade and Fiume. Since then we A general review of the policy of the have visited Venice, Trieste, Prague 'C. G. T." (General Confederation of and Vienna again, and have also made follow the lead of Wilson and hold a Labor), of France, in a carefully two trips to Warsaw and one to Ber-Temps" for June 28, declares that the Vienna, Agram and Belgrade.

There are Alternatives. I note that the league of nations is worrying a lot of people in Washing- the invaders and delivering a few ton . It doesn't worry me much be good licks themselves. They believe cause it doesn't amount to anything they are fighting for a holy cause and I know it won't work. I have traveled they fear nothing. I have read a few with the representatives of other enough around in Central Europe to of William Allen White's articles in each other, and they will continue to them fully. fight until one of two things happen. i. e., until one nation conquers them all and form a Central European em-

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—War de ernments and refuse to fight each

A Bolsheviki Diversion.

It seems that the damn Bolsheviki the effect that they are all brothers; aries, good clothes, plenty of eats and After describing the spread of Sov- a good place to sleep, and all the glory

Added to this is the Bolshevik agitation in Czecho-Slovakia and the fact that Austria may go Bolshevik and join Hungary any day. The whole of Europe is in a similar turmoil. I don't know where it will all end.

All Going Bolsheviki.

It is my firm belief that unless these established European governments parley with Trotzky and Lenin, and Next week we are going to cancel that Russian war loan held by France, the whole of Europe will go into the hands of the Bolsheviki. Their armies are holding back all of

Thinking and Doing.

Everywhere you go-from Belgrade to Warsaw—the laboring man is talkpire, like Germany tried to form, or ing communism and Bolshevism, and of the present government beauroc- until the workingmen of all these na- what a continent thinks and talks of tions rise up and overthrow the gov- it very shortly does.

What You Don't Know Won't Hurt You"

By Scott Nearing

Like many another catch-phrase, They watch Punch and Judy, gaze at you," is vicious as well as false. at the antics of the clowns. People did not know anything about stances, ignorant of the economics of most. not save the people from the rocks day of the rich." toward which the Ship of State is headed. "What you don't know won't hurt you," is the philosophy of ignorance, folly and cowardice.

Knowledge is power. Truth makes men free.

ignorance, prejudice, shams and lies. the engine house. Knowledge is the only key that will unlock the gate.

Circus Day.

try village, comes a circus day. The fences and barns are plastered with lurid announcements. Children beg and implore their parents for weeks in advance to be taken to the circus. In anticipation they taste circus lemonade, and sport circus balloons and Temps" from Spain announces that eat circus peanuts. At last the great the cabinet has decided to grant a gen-

day of the year comes-circus day. their one and two-seated rigs, their ment has also decided to abandon the Fords and their automobiles to the censorship of the press except in those circus tents, where two wretched sections that are now under military clowns, a few horsemen mounted on law. (Le Temps, July 3.) the sorry nags that have been dragging the circus equipment for the many weary miles between this and formed at Chungking, West China, the last station, and one baby lion called the Szechwan Co-operative Soa brown bear, two sickly monkeys, a ciety. Mixed nationalities, including

of the corn fields and the dusty roads. thirty.

What you don't know won't hurt the animals, and shout with laughter

The rich man rising from such Spanish Influenza last winter, yet it humble surroundings and rememberhurt the whole world. The man in ing the joys of circus day, tells himthe street did not know in 1913 that self that he will have a circus day there was to be a world war the fol- 365 times in the year. He builds a lowing year, yet the war came in all great house; surrounds himself with of its destructive ferocity. The gov- expensive ornaments; eats rich food; ernors of states and mayors of cities dresses in costly garments and inwho are to confer with the President dulges in every whim and fancy and on "reconstruction" are, in most in- every want and desire to the utter-He establishes what a great reconstruction. That ignorance will writer has called "the unceasing holi-

But it is not a circus day. Night may be turned into day and the ends of the earth may be switched to meet the innumerable demands of the leisure class, but the pleasure, the tang, the zest of circus day has gone The world is in the re-making. never to return. Life is full of con-Times are ripe for the advent of a trasts,—day and night, high and low, new social order. Never in the his- large and small. Circus day was menace of ignorance and folly more ceded and followed by 364 non-circus portentous. Never was the need of days. A circus every day will beknowledge and truth more pressing. come as tame to the country boy as The people are seeking liberty, the advent of the fire engine to the They are held back by stockades of boy who lives across the street from

The rich hasten to provide themselves with all that their money will purchase and when they have completed the task they find that they have arrived nowhere. The circus Once a year, to nearly every coundays of their lives ended when they became rich.

GENERAL AMNESTY PROMISED.

A general correspondent of "Le eral amnesty "on the occasion of the Miles and miles they journey in signing of the peace." The govern-

A Co-operative Union has been tattoo man and a band of four Chippe- a sprinkling of Chinese, compose the wa Indians, stand the back-bone of the committee. Goods have been received from the English Co-operative Whole-Yet they are happy,—these children sale Society. It has a membership of



Ella Reeves Bloor Will Speak On "The Plumb Plan

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ADMISSION FREE

Choking the Channels

By Edward Rutledge

(Continued from Last Weeks' Issue.) A free press is vitally essential for a free country. The fact that the right can be abused is no just ground for its denial. The one is less productive of evil than the other. The false, the criminal and the obscene

are their own worse enemies. To drag them to the light of day is only to destroy them, if the people be in telligent enough to know them for what they are. Putting an end to free expression however, is paralyzing the arm of progress. Good is suppressed along with bad; truth pays the same penalty as falsehood; and tyranny thrives when principles of truth are not present to oppose it. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty?" Then there can be no liberty when voices are hushed which warn against immediate and impending danger.

We are departing from old landmarks with an impetuous haste which national newspapers do not hesitate to endorse enthusiastically methods that have been rendered hideous by King and Kaiser and Czar. The name of militarism is spurned, but the spirit of the hateful things is retained and strengthened.

There is darkness ahead. There is much to suffer. There are burdens to in their power to "save the pieces." naughty Carranza regime, will be very ferred again and again.

But hope is justified, and the fondest of hopes will be realized. Even out of the war, the war that so many of us so bitterly deplored and which stirred in our souls such intense revolt, is coming a shower of blessings for the human race. Already they have appeared in Russia. We cannot doubt that our own land will share them, perhaps before the present gen- "procuring" for the slave markets. eration has passed away. The most and democracy that will discard the came apparent to the captain that his receive guns, dynamite and weapons

For all the blood shed, for all the treasure expended, the beneficiaries went down into the hold, struck the of the responsible social system will chains from off the slaves and bid have to pay to the very last drop and them immediately to the deck to save the very last cent-and that will mean the ship. These slaves, vitalized with the annihilation of their blood-stained, the air of freedom, rushed up the riggreed-cursed regime.

struction. Liberty lives and will Then, when all fear of danger was coasts. For every paper suppressed, the slaves were led back firmly to the

"The blood which has cleared the forests, tortured the earth of its secrets, made the ocean its vassal, and subjected every other race it has met, dell Phillips).

Not always, at any rate. (The End).

The "King" Business

Every party member who makes a study of party affairs knows that the national constitution specifies that the national executive committee elected in 1918 shall go out of office on July 1, 1919. Article 3, Section 3, covers this provision. Yet the old national and whose term of office ended a month ago, continues to "king" the party as if by divine right.

It is now voting to expel the Socialist Party of Ohio for recognizing the suspended federations; for refusing to remit to the national office the proceeds from the sale of national convention assessment stamps and for deciding in convention, to affiliate with that section of the Socialist Party which stands for the Left Wing program.

All of the above alleged "crimes" are acts of the recent state convention of the Ohio party. These acts have not yet been ratified by the state membership, and will not become acts of the state party until so ratified

BOOKS WORTH READING

"Six Red Months in Russia" "Ten Days That Shook the World" "The Preletarian Revolution in Russia'

August Liberator now on Sale PROGRESSIVE NEWS CO. 405 East 12th St.

Balloting upon these acts does not close until the last of August.

The actual reason for this attempt to expel the Socialist Party of Ohio upon the eve of the national convention is to further eliminate that great element in the party nationally which is uncompromising and demands afternational instead of with the Berne

Sheidemann International. element in the party prevailed, he and others would have to join the Labor

Germer is now in correspondence organized the Labor Party in Cleveland, with a view to breaking into the should make us pause. Making a Ohio Socialist Party organizations. of Mexico City, publisher of Gale's President Wilson spoke in anger of ranks of the strong Cleveland and letter from my friend, Linn A. E. Gale change is not bad in itself, it may The Cleveland Labor Party, after vot- Magazine, which serves to confirm all to a 6 per cent profit, changed this to of American intervention in Mexico, read capitalists are entitled to a FAIR | Comrade Gale writes: profit. It is such an aggregation of muddleheads that Germer proposes to lie that revolution is again rife in tion necessary to induce the American feed the Socialist Party to.

Whether the Ohio Socialist Party is expelled or not, its 16 delegates will is to be taken seriously in its "kinging" business.

A. Wagenknecht.

The Galley Slaves

Once upon a time British merchants in them. Parasites began this war, used to send large ships across the but producers ended it. The former ocean to far distant countries for the expect to profit from it for general purpose of carrying the large cargoes tions. The latter will disappoint of slaves which their agents were

On one occasion when one of these blatant shouters for liberty and de-ships was in the Bay of Biscay on its mocracy abroad have no conception way to Bristol, England-which was a of what those words mean, but even one-time slave market—a great storm their blatant shouting is helping to came on. Hours passed and the stir in the people a passion for liberty storm grew steadily worse, until it beshadow and demand the substance all ship was in eminent danger of going of slaughter from American sources

ging and worked like Trojans for eight The destiny of America is not de- or nine hours and saved the ship.

flourish in spite of all the gold-braided past, when the ship was riding easily, and silk-hatted despots between the as it were, on the crest of the waves, ten will spring up. For every pleader hold, their chains were refastened to skinned savages ceaselesly hack and tion will be involved. for peace imprisoned, a score will their loins—a little more securely this loot one another with fiendish delight time, in case they should long for the in torture and spoilation. Misled by ment raise its voice in loud protest and they were taken on to Bristol and

That has been the lot of the worker through history. We have fought will never volunteer its own industry every classes' battles but our own, to forge gags for its own lips." (Wen- | First we destroyed the divine right of kings for the barons, then we overthrew the barons for the capitalists; back to the hold.

YOUR WIFE AND THE UNION.

man left in the union, and your have Why do not these men and women executive committee, elected in 1918 to fight alone." So the wife of a form themselves into a voluntary asunionist spoke to her husband, an old sociation each agreeing to contribute member of organized labor.

> had never joined the union you each month to certain working class wouldn't have to go on strike. You papers which are already established would be working now." So spoke in places where they can and are dothe wife of another unionist to a man who had gone on strike.

> two battles to wage. He must battle struggle. It is a vital factor in the inthe employer on the picket line all dustrial struggle, of which Butte is day, and go home at night and the center. In all the Northwest struggle to convince his wife of the necessity of organization.

have been.

class does she belong to? The class of women who say "stick" or the class who say "quit?"

More than likely it was the second man's own fault that his wife felt the way she did. He probably had waited to explain unionism to her until a strike was on.

Have you explained the ideals and hopes of unionism to your wife?

bers in its federated co-operative so- otherwise compel our wealthy friends cieties. The membership increase in to support a sustaining fund for cer-

Hands Off Mexico!

The outstanding feature of the Mex- the Philippines. It is true that there with Max Hays, formerly prominent in straightway decided to curb the murthe Socialist Party and who recently derous profit-mongering of American and British capitalists.

"Foreign interests have started the Mexico and that Carranza will be removed from the Presidency. According to the plans of these gentry, the be at the national convention to do all new administration, unlike the There will be nothing but peices of friendly to the Allies, especially the the Socialist Party left if the former | United States, and will obey the outlawed national executive committee slightest wish of the American ambassador and the American and British oil companies without a murmur. Prosperity will return and foreigners will again pour into Mexico by the thousands, intent on gobbling up its wondrous wealth and enslaving the delighted peons. The Porfirio Diaz regime will be lived anew and American capital will dominate the nation as it never did before. Happy day when comes this consummation so devoutly desired by alien plutocrats and exploiters!

> "That Villa, Diaz, Angeles, et al., will some of these days get the same dose of medicine dealt out to Blanquet, Zapata and their colleagues may be predicted with a fair degree of cerand undoubtedly American capitalists would like to see them win.

> unless almost unlimited support is given the bandits, and unless the Carranza government, which is really firmly established, suddenly does the than guerilla warfare waged in deplaces."

would do for Mexico what it did for Mexican brothers!

ican "problem" is that the turmoil in are peoples on the globe more infiliation with the Moscow Third In- Mexico is largely of American origin. clined to the pursuits of peace than Investigators who have visited Mexico are the Mexicans, perhaps. But it is as students and who have been in equally true that the barbarous in-Information from reliable sources terested only in reporting facts assert stincts of the Mexican people have now gives us to understand that Ger- that such is the case. One of Amer- been awakened chiefly by the goading mer and the former national executive ica's most reliable reporters; Lincoln of foreign exploiters. It is reasonable committee plan to wreck the Socialist | Steffens, reported a few years ago that to assume that if Mexico were free Party so that they may, swing what if there had been no imperialist axes from the machinations of foreign busthey leave of it into Labor Party to grind, Mexico would long ago have iness, its civil life would be compararanks. Stedman of the old national settled her domestic strife. Steffens tively pacific. One cannot help but be executive committee frankly stated was equally sure that Carranza was amused to hear Americans talk exsome weeks ago that if the radical the first man to secure the presidency citedly about the savagery of Mexico of Mexico who had anything like the when one considers that the moncommon weal of Mexico at heart—and strous World War in which Anglothat he was exceedingly unpopular Saxons participated makes internal with foreign investors because he strife in Mexico a street brawl in comparison! It was only three years ago that ef-

forts to precipitate strife along the Now, three years later, I receive a Mexican border by American business interests became so flagrant that be good, but it should be that; and it ing to include in its platform the that Steffens said about the Mexican ly endeavoring to involve the United statement that capitalists are entitled situation. In discussing the possibility States in war with Mexico." It was proved that bandit groups were being liberally supplied with weapons and ammunition so as to create the fricpeople to clamor for war.

> The San Francisco Chronicle of July 22 speaks favorably of intervention, and among its various reasons it offers the statement that "official life in Mexico is permeated with graft." Overlooking the fact that the Carranza regime has done more to eliminate graft in high places than any regime that preceded, one would rise to enquire about our own record. Evidently the Chronicle never heard of Hog Island! The Chronicle tries to point out that "all Mexicans have utter contempt for Americans and especially for the wobbly American government." By "wobbly," I presume the Chronicle refers to what it deems a vacillating Mexican policy on the part of the United States government. But one can easily understand why Americans are cordially hated by the Mexicans. Mexicans may be more or less primitive in their thinking, but few of them fail to see that they are being mercilessly exploited by foreign interests. They have an excellent reason for hating us. Let us hope that Love forever the foreign parasite: that fatten off their toil.

unbelievable and collapses, the rebel- and eventually bring about some form lion will never attain more importance of intervention. Corrupt officials of our prisoners; that is the power of a the State of Texas are now being used | conscious proletariat. sultory fashion in a few isolated for this purpose. If Texas is granted is a semi-torrid land where dark- a matter of time when the entire na

Let the American Socialist movethis belief, many well-meaning people and pledge itself to refuse to aid in

Sustaining the Press

Certain bourgeois magazines, such as "The Public", the "New Republic" in fine, we have piled up mountains of and others are kept alive by a sustaindead, we have poured forth rivers of ing fund furnished by wealthy liberblood to decide the right of others to als. I am informed a certain radical rule us—and we have always gone woman in New York sets aside \$50,-000 a year for the support of the New Republic. There are

rich Socialists in the

United States, to whom \$1,000 a month would be a drop in the bucket as "You stick. Stick if you are the last compared with their other expenses. a certain sum into a general fund-"Now you have to lay off. If you this money to be distributed regularly ing the most good. For instance, the Butte Bulletin is a miner's paper, born In the second instance the man had in the stress of the recent great there is no other paper that carries so great a responsibility, nor upon Think how much more in the cause whom the revolutionary movement the heart of the first unionist must can rely for more able service, yet it How does your wife stand? Which under a great handicap—the lack of struggles along from week to week money with which properly to carry

We should have a string of papers, well supported, that reaches from coast to coast.

I hope that the Oakland World, the Butte Bulletin, the Workers' World of Not with your gloried pomp and Kansas City, Mo., the Truth of Du luth, and similar papers will form themselves into a "Get-Together and But with the blood and surfeit wrung Go-After Club." Plan the campaign Holland now has about 50,000 mem- carefully. Persuade, induce, entice or creased about 15 per cent since Detain proved and worthy working class But in the scalding flood of tears papers. I believe that this can be

done if the papers themselves will organize and go after it in the proper

Caroline A. Lowe.

A NEW LIFE OF DEBS. The authorized story of Eugene Victor Debs' life in all its significant details is soon to be given to the world in permanent form. David Karsner. Sunday editor of The Call, who for many reasons, is well qualified to do

this work, has been commissioned by Boni & Liveright, New York publishers, to write the book. Karsner will have the manuscript completed within a few weeks and the biography will be published this fall. It will be the official story of the great humanist's career. The commissioning of Karsner to write

though the latter may never see the text of the book. The title will be "Debs; His Authorized Life and Letters. From Woodstock to Atlanta Prisons." Divided into nine chapters and an appendix, the narrative will deal with these main epochs of Debs' striving; Trial, Conviction and Appeal: The Journey to Prison; At Moundsville and Atlanta; Early Days and Backgrounds; Labor Unionist and Woodstock; Four Presidential Campaigns;

it has been fully approved of by Debs,

Impress on the Future. ENGLAND. By S. A. DeWITT. We still see you, Britannia-

Socialist, Libertarian and Lover; His

pinions flung Over seven seas;

From the centuries: Not with your tinseled show of prigs and peers-

From Erin to Ind.

PUSHING THE WORLD

Mrs. Fishbein comes in with five more subs from St. Joe.

Mrs. F. M. Hoppes, formerly of Kansas City, sends in a sub from Long fellow citizens. Island, Kansas.

Mrs. O'Sullivan, secretary of the Kansas City, Kansas, local of the Socialist Party thinks the World is the keep it going.

Three radical book stores in Chicago handle the Workers' World and have good sales for it.

Comrade Lilly Robinson is busy pushing the World in Omaha. She sent in \$7.00 this week, one dollar of which is her own contribution and six dollars collected from Dr. A. Romin for sub and contribution to the en-

D. W. Keesling, the old time Socialist of 25th and Vine, sends in two dollars as the first installment on a \$25 pledge to the endowment fund.

500 copies of the World were disributed at the Strikers' picnic at Fairmount Park last week.

with \$5.00 to the endowment fund.

Ten dollars from Dr. Burkhardt and five from Edwin, Jr., helps the enwith the printer's bill.

Dr. E. Geraughty, a Socialist for and promises to get back into active work for the party.

Only One Power

We of the Left Wing, have no faith not the slightest scrap of it—in the many-sided game of appealing to the logical enemies of the worker. Be their hate will grow until it culmin- they called liberal, radical, or any- justified. ates in a determined attempt to retthing else under the sun, we know no power lies in that direction; and not only no power, but worse than It is very likely that the imps of that; betrayal-for every real or ap imperialism will intrigue and scheme parent "favor" granted! There is only one power that can safely release

We have no illusions on this score. the privilege of settling border dis- We know that power lies with a con-The popular conception of Mexico putes by force of arms, it will be only scious, unified working class; we are letting no grass grow under our feet before setting to work to instill that consciousness and aid that unity. We want the prison doors open, and we are convinced, this is the only way, opine that American intervention any way the nefarious war against our it can be done. If I were to be asked to enter the prison gates tomorrow, I would be selfishly glad, as well as glad for all the imprisoned workers, that outside, was a new Communist Party and a gathering industrial unity in the country—the only power in these United States that can ultimately get and keep us out of prison. If all who were busy flirting with

the A. F. of L. officialdom and with the bourgeois-liberal element had instead busied themselves making inroads upon the consciousness of the rank and file, the Convention in Atlantic City might have demanded the release of all political and class-war prisoners. That would have some significance. Let the industrial unions grow strong enough, and the Communist Party formidable enough and the working class will command the opening of all the prisons- a command that none will dare disobey. We shall not go begging on bended knee -kowtowing to the enemies of labor, for justice to our own class-justice to their enemies. No compromise with them is possible. We must stand alone-a working class depending on its power—a power that is gathering to the point of invincibility. Until then, we must be willing to suffer imprisonment, death, if need be. I am sure that 'Gene,' himself, the clearest of class conscious rebels, would agree to every word here uttered.—Rose Pastor Stokes in "The Revolutionary Age."

Advertises Job Hunt

After a long and vain search throughout the city for a job which would pay him a living wage, a New York veteran, just returned from France, chose a novel way of bringing his plight to the attention of his

On a staff about seven feet high, surmounted by an American flag, he fastened a big placard, inscribed with the following words: "Are you an American? Where do I fit? After 18 best organization builder and contri- months of Sacrifice and Hardship, butes \$5.00 to the endowment fund to facing death and watching my pals die for your protection and prosperity -I find that this city and people for The I. W. W. local of Souix City whom these sacrifices were endured orders a weekly bundle order of fifty turned DOWN!!! their Heroes who protected them-can this be true? I seek a Position; who has one to offer? One with a Living Wage."

With this standard he marched to one of the busy thoroughfares and there displayed it, standing at attention beside it, while thousands of New Yorkers filed by, wonderingly. At the present writing even this novel advertising stunt has not yet brought him the job.

Tom Mooney---A Principle

Tom Mooney is still behind prison bars and efforts are still being made to get him out, but the public should know that the freedom of more than one man is involved. Mooney is more than a man now; he is also a principle. The months of alternating hope and despair, the secret plotting and C. W. Foss comes to the bat again open, impudent corruption of the prosecution, have made him a personification of outraged justice. He symbolizes the working class. Deprive him of hope, and millions of workers' dowment fund in this week's race hearts, from San Francisco around the world to Petrograd, will sink with keenest disappointment. However, the worst that can be done cannot many years, subscribes for the World conquer the spirit of Tom Mooneynor the spirit of the working class.

If Tom Mooney must suffer full punishment for a crime he neither committed nor instigated, then no worker is safe from the organized criminality embodied in the existing social order. If there be any justice, any fairness, any genuine law, any common decency left in the land, Tom Mooney will soon be free. The good name of the nation demands it, and any method that will do the work becomes Even though that method be a gen

eral strike.

Edward Rutledge.

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Organization News

PIC-NIC.

The Workers' World picnic committee will meet Monday. August 18, at 8 P. M. at the World office to make final arrangements for the big picnic of the season. All comrades who can volunteer to help make this picnic a success are invited to attend the meeting of the committee. Donation such as cakes, poultry, cutlery, jewelry, tailormade suits, etc. will be thankfully received and raffled off for the benefit of our paper.

The regular meeting of the Social-Central Streets, at 2:30 P. M. This is now engaged in writing a pamphlet will be the last opportunity to vote on "The Chicago Race Riots." on delegates to the National Conven-

in September. The first work to be colored people. taken up will be "The Communist Manifesto" and those desiring to atwith the secretary.

Problems."

August 16th, at 18th and Woodland. if ying-to the parasites. Ella Reeve Bloor will speak.

and all women are invited.

Get ready for the big Workers' World picnic which will be held at but the majority had a right to vote; Swope Park on Sunday, August 24th. they failed to do so. Perhaps we shall This will be one of the big events of do better next time. the season and all the friends and sup--porters of the Workers' World will be on hand.

Nebraska Notes.

Workers' Defense League, was in waukee Leader and the Seattle Union-Omaha last week on a speaking tour Record will find a favorable reception. in defense of Tom Mooney, urging that efforts be continued for his release. He spoke to many, and some heard the case presented for the first time, but many more should have heard him. If the newspapers would mittee of Kansas City comrades went have given more publicity, and he with Mother Bloor to Saint Joe for an co-operative recently started at Bremcould have reached any considerable open air meeting. Mrs. Fishbein Max erton was \$9,628. The membership at proportion of the working population, there is no doubt that a strong protest against Mooney's incarceration would already be going out from

Tippett's most pronounced quality is geniality, but he does not try to tickle the ears of his hearers; he is earnest and effective and capable of voicing indignation in such a way as to transmit his indignation, unabated. to others. Avoiding ill-chosen, violent tributed. or revolting language, nevertheless he is as forcible as anyone could well desire, demonstrating that good English and good sense in expressing it are not incompatible with intense feeling and persuasive power. He can laugh and denounce at the same time. He can utter a select bit of profanity now and then with all the solemnity of a No Peace on Picket Line. pious exhortation.

Tippett would be a power in the revolutionary movement, and, by cer- of the active workers in the trade son, but always with deep significance. tain of his references, we think he has union movement is well illustrated by One of the first things that struck my almost arrived.

Enclosed in a gilt frame, the following graced for some time the desk of the State Secretary:

"MY CREED."

ideals of individual and social moral- ring with dissatisfaction and human

"Upon this, my confession of faith, ness and usefulness."

the Espionage Law.

Somebody thought so much of the industrial independence. creed, evidently, that they walked away with it, frame and all, which, of course, is another exhibition of de- tries were represented at the Inter- problem from the wrong angle, to my the Catholic against the Protestant, pravity!

party fold.

Comrade W. F. Notte, of Mynard, sends \$2 for balance on dues, for propaganda purposes and to help pay for sending out the Workers' World to the membership. "Forward with the revolutionary changes and down with the profiteers and investigators!" he adds in closing.

Comrade Arthur Boesewetter, of Walton, sends 60 cents, balance on dues account.

Comrade Edwin Firth, of the Literature Department, National Office, races is smoldering here (Chicago), but it is so ticklish that the authorities are afraid to give permission to 15,000 colored workers to go back into ist Party will be held Sunday, August the stockyards. Ninety per cent of the 17th at Bookbinders' Hall, 12th and trouble here is purely economic." He

The letter was written in reply to Study classes will commence early pecially suitable for use among the

The fight between the "Lefts" and tend the first class should enroll now the "Rights" goes on. The latest de Board of Directors, consisting of J. velopment is a "Socialist Party Bulletin" from Cleveland, Ohio, published Another open air meeting will be by the new National Executive Comheld at 12th and Oak Streets on Fri- mittee elected under Referendum "C," day evening, August 15th, at 8 o'clock. but which the old administration re-The meeting will be of special inter- fuses to recognize because of alleged est to women. Mother Bloor will irregularities in the election. Alfred speak on "Women's Relation to Social Wagenknecht is given as the Executive Secretary, pro tem. Thus we have two National Offices, two Executive "Industrial Democracy" will be the Secretaries and two Party Bulletins. subject discussed at an open air meet- It would be funny if it were not so ing to be held Saturday evening, serious. It must be funny-and grat-

Credentials have been issued to On Wednesday evening, August 20, Comrades C. C. Mickey and Edward the Women's Committee of the Work- Rutledge, elected to represent Neers Educational League will take their | braska at the emergency convention. suppers out to Penn Valley Park and 12 ballots were cast in the election, will gather at the Scout Statue, 27th 11 votes being cast for Mickey, 11 for and Summit. A good time is promised Rutledge and 2 for Comrade Frank Billot. Comrade Billot's name was written in on two of the ballots.

Thus, a very small minority rules,

The mailing address of the State Office is P. O. Box No. 679, Omaha. The State Secretary likes to get letters, suggestions, even reprimands, if deserved, and copies of radical papers T. H. Tippett, of the International especially the New York Call, the Mil-

St. Joseph Notes.

On Saturday evening, last, a com-Alex, Y. Zier and other Socialists and present is about 600. members of the Cap Makers' Union were waiting at the corner of 8th and Edmond streets with an automobile. Dr. Burkhardt introduced Comrade Bloor who soon had the streets packed from curb to curb. 300 copies of the Workers' World and 300 leaflets on "The High Cost of Living," issued by the Woman's Committee of the Workers' Educational League, were dis-

in about two weeks at the same place.

the following letter printed in the Ma- attention was the race riots between chinists' Magazine and written by J. Henderson, a national organizer:

terests of capital and labor being identical, stand on the picket line for a sors. Be it so, but what say the out logically that he went to war and "To live cleanly, to love sincerely, week or more. Let them listen to a rioters? "We do not want to work the boss was free to buy the Negro's to learn constantly, to labor faithfully. one-man court demand and denounce with Negroes in the Stock Yards." The labor power and to turn him out to To be worthy of any trust imposed in in one breath. The banquet table pic- noble art of "shoveling guts" is, of enjoy his blood-won honors. The me, to worship the God made mani- tures human satisfaction, while the of course, a characteristically White white man only sees the negro in fest in Man, to cherish the highest battlefield and the strike headquarters occupation. misery.

There can be no alliance between are based all of my hopes for happt- the oppressors and the oppressed, and those who chant the divinity of their We suppose this is an exhibition of station are the obstacle to our indepravity, illustrating the shocking dustrial development. Strikes today ideas that some Socialists entertain. represent the groans of a dying sys-And then that part about "social tem of society that was born through morality" is no doubt a violation of workers' social indifference, and is fast decaying because of the workers'

Eighteen allied and neutral counnational Co-operative Conference in Paris recently, Professor Charles Gide, Ladegard, of Litchfield, can't be the veteran French co-operator, pre- industry. Everything is to be gained other primordial and destructive brain kept down. This time he arrives with sided and welcomed the delegates. money for dues and asks the co-opera Victor Sewry of Belgium spoke at dustry. But control cannot be had apart at each others' throats. For tion of the State Office in getting length of the arrangements being upon the basis of race riots—that is just as long as they can be made to

What Co-operators are Doing.

By Alanson Sessions

UNITED STATES. Tennessee.

John T. O'Connor, President of the State Federation of Labor of Tennessee, states that the organized labor men of the Southern railroads are planning a chain of co-operative stores to center about Knoxville. Shares in the enterprise are to be sold at a dollar apiece, but each member must writes: "The situation between the buy at least 25 shares. It is hoped by ington to work together to finance the this means to raise a capital of \$100,000.

lowa.

the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, has written for information regarding co-operation from the Cooperative League of America, preparatory to starting a course in the an inquiry for Socialist literature es ideals and practice of co-operation in education. These clubs are estabthat university.

California.

The San Bernardino Union Co-oper- pia. ative Store recently elected its new E. Batchelor, F. H. Shyrack, N. Elledge, H.E. Moore, M. D. Farrington, John Fox and F. W. Park. The San Bernardino Co-operative during the last half of June did a business of

Minnesota

Since the St. Paul Co-operative Store have given its clerks and grocers Wednesday half-holidays, the Retail Grocers' Association has been forced to do the same. Local co-operators consider this eloquent proof of the advantage of co-operation and rades-unionism working hand in hand.

The Brotherhood of Local Firemen and Enginemen of Crookston pledges its support to boycott the H. T. Quinlan Company, wholesale grocers, who have refused to sell goods to co-operative institutions. This brotherhood is solidly behind the Co-operative Wholesale Society of America.

New York City.

There are now 20 co-operative stores in 20 different post-offices m New York, operated by postal employees. All intend to affiliate with in New York. It is estimated that there are 100,000 members of the Postal Union.

Illinois.

The first \$1,000 for the Chicago branch of the new National Wholesale was subscribed June 15th by local co-operators at the New Morrison Hotel. It is planned to raise \$100,000. the amount thought necessary to be gin operations in Chicago.

Washington. The first month's business of the

The Seattle Consumers' Co-opera-

tive Association has taken over the Crown Hill Co-operative Coal and are being assisted by the government Wood Yard of Seattle. The yard will to a considerable extent. handle all kinds of wood and only union-minded coal.

The Gold Bar co-operatives of Washington have subscribed \$800 to the new National Wholesale.

Organizer Carl E. Lunn is now active in getting all the stores in Washlocal wholesale. It is planned to open the wholesale the first of September, 1919, and to raise by that time \$20,000. Prof. Gilbert G. Benjamin, one of The amount received in subscriptions to date is \$14,000.

> Women are active in co-operatives forming guilds or 'womens' clubs for very powerfully against co-operation.' the purpose of spreading co-operative lished in Everett, Leavenworth, Gold Bar, Foster, Auburn, Pasco and Olym-

Arkansas.

Another co-operative laundry is be ing launched in Little Rock, Arkansas, backed by the Central Trades Council. Shares are five dollars each. The Little Rock Co-operative Laundry will be run by union workers, with union

SAID AY DEBS

"Wendell Phillips once gave a happy and illuminating description of the capitalist politician. Said he: 'A politician is a man who lives by whispering at Washington what he wouldn't for all the world have known at home, and whispering at home what he wouldn't for all the world have known at Washington, and who is politically dead the moment he is equally well known in both places.'

"The capitalist politician to succeed republican, democrat or progressive, the branch of the National Wholesale matter of fact, this is absolutely im- Capitalism. possible as long as there is an upper and lower class, an exploiting and ex- a product of the terrible tragedy of ploited class, in society. If he is for peace. Capitalism is latent war and the exploiters, he is against the exploited, and vice versa, and as he can consuming at a particular moment. take sides with neither openly, he The necessity of war and destruction takes sides secretly with the strong creates its own ideology: Capitalism against the weak, the cunning against | makes a litany to war and destruction the ignorant, and then loudly shouts necessary to Capitalism but against his own praises from the stump, and life and peace. with many a striking attitude and fierce gesticulation warns his soldout victims against the awful things that will happen to them if they should be so unfortunate as to be no longer mis-Congress."

The Race Riots.

By John Dequer.

Well, I am in Chicago. I have been darity and therefore of advantage to here for a week with eyes and ears the ruling class. open to the murmuring and often Many of the questions asked the If anyone doubts that a mighty social roots. First, the struggle for the blood of his country's young mannood speaker showed great interest in the upheaval is at hand, a week in this bosses' favor on the job; second, due vital questions of the day concerning city will dispel such doubts; if any to lynchings and other white deprethe working class, and all present de- one hopes for a peaceful transformacided to have another open air rally tion of society from competition to many Negroes came North and Chieral degrees.

The mass of mankind is restive; it it is in a fighting mood—and that The developing class consciousness mood vents itself blindly, without reawhites and blacks. Why should the Let those who prate about the in-tural antagonism, due to different Natural hostility arises because the race characteristics," say the profes-

So white and black proceed to kill one another, unmindful of the fact that both are exploited and impoverished and enslaved by the same Capitalists. The system of exploitation that makes the lives of both white and black unendurable receives but little attention. It resolves itself into a struggle between the races for the privilege of shoveling guts for Armour and Company.

I hold no grief for the white or the Wholesales of the various countries | judice. Race prejudice is anti-soli- thrive at the expense of all.

From what I have been able to growling of that great beast, Labor. learn, these race riots have several dations on the black in the South; co-operation, his hopes will sink sev- cago's black belt grew and ran over into white communities. Here their differences began to grate on each is in a protesting mood-nay, more, other and made for hostility; third, during the war the white man was drafted to go and make the World mies of labor will indulge. This is safe for Capitalism, and his place was taken by a negro man or woman.

Thus the returned white hero, covered with glory and hungry, comes races kill each other like dogs? "Na back to his job and finds it taken. white slave does not reason the thing what he considered his place-hence his anger is vented against the negro, whose only crime is an effort to make a hand labelled "U. S. A." and carrya living.

All these factors are used by the master class to keep the races apartand hence it follows that this same master class is responsible for the blood that flowed in the streets of Chicago last week.

black in this matter. They tackle the Black, the Jew against the Gentile, way of thinking. There is nothing the skilled against the unskilledgained by running each other out of awakening hatreds, jealousies and by organizing for the control of in- processes in order to keep the workers some "reds" around Litchfield into the made to link up the Co-operative why the masters encourage race pre fight each other, will exploitation every loyal American is ripe. Pluck it

FOREIGN. Palestine.

Co-operative societies, based on Rochdale principles, have been organized by workingmen in the New Jew ish State, according to authorities of the Zionist movement. The societies

Omsk.

It is stated on good authority that co-operators are persecuted under the Koltchak regime. The representative of the All-Russian Union of Consumers' Co-operative Societies asserts that the co-operators have never endorsed the Koltchak government.

Switzerland.

"The middle class people in Switzerland are very strong against co operation," says Doctor Antoine Suter, "and they are influential with the in Washington. Everywhere they are Government. They are organizing now

WALL STREET FEARS DEBS.

Wall Street has a well-defined opinion of Debs and a terrible fear of

Broadenwall, the New York Amer ican's financial expert may rightfully be regarded as one of Wall Street's mouthpieces, and when Debs was sent to prison, Broadenwall delivered himself of this comment in his paper:

"Any clemency to Debs on the part of the government would be regarded by Wall Street as bearish on the situation. Wall Street knows Debs and does not consider him a true labor

"Wall Street is willing to deal with labor under other leaders and believes that his elimination would be a great step toward complete understanding."

A LITANY TO WAR.

Capitalism plunged the world into war. It made work for death instead at the game must be a hypocrite and of life the normal occupation of coward. If he goes to congress as a peoples. It disorganized industry, encouraged destruction and idealized he is supposed to represent ALL THE death. Capitalism did all these things PEOPLE in his district, when, as a in order to promote the supremacy of

The terrible tragedy of the war was destruction, becoming actual and all-

THE DOUGHBOYS' DUTY.

In its issue of June 13, its last apthe official newspaper of the American expeditionary forces, we find the following:

but the men, who suffered through it. double that done before the war. Upon them rests a solemn duty. They must go home and choke the coward jingo who masks himself behind his false and blatant patriotism, and the merchant-politician, not content with stuffing his home coffers till they burst-but anxious to barter the

New Offensive.

for new places in the sun.

There is no limit to the amount of misrepresentation in which the eneagain illustrated in the series of advertisements, all of them occupying a full page, now appearing in leading metropolitan papers and released by the "American First Publicity Association."

"Biting the hand that feeds them," is the caption of the current effusion, copyrighted by the "New York Globe." The "Bolshevists, the I. W. W. clan and the Proletarians, all of one and the same tarred stick," are represented as an ugly wolf with immense fangs and greedy eyes, about to seize ing in its palm the statue of liberty, an attractive home, a bag of coin marked "prosperity," and a book labeled "Education."

Bolshevism's view of prosperity is defined as "no individual shall hold property of any description, though he Capitalism, working upon the in may have labored hard and honestly stincts of the races, plays them all his life to acquire it. . . . It likeagainst each other for the benefit of wise signifies that, in case of orphans Capitalism—the White against the inheriting a home, the very roof of the home may be taken from over their heads, leaving them helpless, impoverished dependents, like stray dogs without shelter." And so the drivel

At the end is the usual eminous threat: "The hour for serious thought and determined action on the part of before it rots with delay."

Brought to Judgment.

By Anise in Seattle Union Record

They came surging back

Into Russia. All the PEASANTS And the WORKERS Who had left her. Year after year driven forth By the Cossack whip and sword Year after year seeking The great, great NEW WORLD Of FREEDOM. America—The Dream! They came surging back They who had been GUESTS Of OUR Republic. They brought to us high faith, But we gave them DISILLUSION! We showed them NOT our GLORY, But our SHAME! They came surging back-And some of them, perhaps, Were German agents. And some of them Were bitter class-haters, But most of them Were just simple people Returning HOME! Hoping to build FREE Russia In the land where the czar Was FALLEN! Kerensky stood, appealing 'Twixt Russia and the Allies Striving to bridge the gulf, Crying: "Let us have A Constituent Assembly Like the great Democracies Of the WEST. Let us uphold our Allies Against the German iron heel!" But they answered: "The Great Free Democracy Is THIS! And they told of Ludlow! The Great Free Democracy Is THIS! And they spoke of Mooney! The Great Free Democracy-They told of our steel mills, Of strikes in our coal mines. Of police corruption, Of the East Side in New York! And they said: "We overthrew ONE CZAR; Let us not replace him With TWENTY!" Thus, in our hour of need When the Western Front Was shaking, When a NEW LAND Was choosing its future, We were brought to judgment, Every SWEAT SHOP. Every TWELVE-HOUR day, Every INJUSTICE-Judged by the simple people, They who in the end

According to the latest statistics able, the total number of actual consumers in the German co-operative movement amounts to 2,900,000. Nobody under God's great, tranquil The volume of business done by the skies can tell of the rottenness of war movement at present is practically

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THE PLUMB PLAN.

The proposal of the Railroad Brotherhoods that the Government retain the roads under a scheme of management in which the organizations of the workers would have one-third of the executive control and receive one-third of the profits is so great a departure from previous labor demands as to merit the most careful consideration. With the workers themselves looking upon the plan as certain salvation, politicians, with an eve to the labor vote, applauding it and William Howard Taft denouncing it as "a toe-hold for the Soviets," there is a need for it to be explained and interpreted in the light of the Socialist philosophy.

First, the introduction of the bill in Congress is notice from 14 unions, acting as one unified body, that the workers are not going to permit the roads to go back to private management and control. Second, it is an admission that Government ownership under political control is a miserable makeshift and can no longer serve. Third. it is a most significant indication of the extent to which even the most conservative workers have been influenced by the Russian methods, despite all the newspaper rep-

However, the scheme is doomed to failure because it is basically unsound, ignoring the irreconcilable conflict between the producers and the parasites. The workers cannot go into partnership with their exploiters and the government which is the instrument of the exploiters. They have no interests in common and cannot work together. The very condition of the exploiters' existence is the subjugation of the workers. Their title to the roads is a robber's title and cannot be recognized by the workers when they become thoroughly awakened to their class position.

On this point again the experience of the Russians will be our guide. Before they reached their present stage of complete working class control, they tried the scheme of divided authority without success. The very nature of the class struggle compelled the capitalists to sabotage production as long as they were permitted to have a voice we contemplate with ever increasing satisin the management of industry. The work- faction the progress of the Kansas City laers, accordingly, were driven to seize all hor movement as it is registered by the propower and to completely dispossess the cap- gram arranged for Labor Day. Being on italists, denying them any right to partici- the inside, we have been tipped off to the pate in the management of industry except list of speakers and have even been furas workers.

will be forced to take the same attitude. who is to be the orator of the day. We are With all society standing on the verge printing extracts of the speech here in orof the abyss, brought there by the der to let you know the kind of a treat that unsolvable contradictions of the capi- is in store for you. After reading the extalist system, with the graves of ten mil- tracts, every union man who is out of jail lions of the workers dead standing as the will go to hear the Judge in person. silent evidence of the unfitness of the capitalists to rule society for the good of so-sure you that it gives me as much pleasure ciety, the organized working class, con- to appear before you as it gives you to apscious of its responsibilities, rises up as the pear before me. (applause). I think I have only savior of society from ruin and death. earned the right to be called a friend of or-It is the duty of that organized working ganized labor because in my business I al- And class to press boldly forward and to take ways give union men the preference. (apall power in industry and Government into plause). Election day is never too stormy But all that you thought were buried are its own hands. The Plumb Plan is a step for me to take a union man's vote. (apalong the road, but a step is not enough; plause). I always give a union man all the And they carry a brass-bound sceptre—the we must go all the way.

PUSH THE BUTTON.

Baseball, poker and all the other traditional pastimes of the American people are being put into the shade by the grand game of making both ends meet. The dollar is running a close race with the pound of butter and bacon, with the said butter and bacon and other things needful for human allowed to increase the fare to eight cents. existence gaining daily, we might say hour- Aren't these Public Utilities Commissions

the bell of revolution, but the victim protests before he puts his finger on the button and we are hearing that protest now in full cry. President Wilson drops his explanations of Shantung long enough to say a few words to satisfy the hunger of the people and the Press offers extra large headlines to fill the void in their stomachs.

The profiteers have all agreed that the guilty party is the profiteer and if they find him they intend to put him in jail. That's what the papers say, but we wonder how they could do it. The profiteer is an elusive fellow and will have great difficulty in finding himself. Even then he couldn't be put in jail because the jails are already filled with his victims. You see the situation is very complicated and neither the press nor the president can give us any relief, much as they like us and want to help us. So we may as well push the button.

THE SHOPMEN'S STRIKE.

For six months the demands of the six shop crafts have been jockeyed back and forth between the International Officials, the Government's Director of Railroads and other functionaries with no prospect of early and favorable action being taken. Then suddenly it occurred to the shopmen to hasten matters by a demonstration of their organized power and, before the strike had gotten fairly started, their case was pushed to the head of the docket as a matter of public importance" as the lawyers

The equally sudden decision of the strikers to return to work is no cause for discouragement and is not in the least a sign of defeat. They maintained their solidarity and went back, as they came out, in a body. Of course, it would have been more effective if they had remained out longer all over the country as they did in some sections, but it is too much to ask that men who have been dominated so long by a conservative officialdom and "educated" by the capitalist press should develop into class conscious revolutionists over night. Their demonstration established the fact that the spirit is there—although the understanding is lacking. The development of that understanding rests with us-the Socialists who already understand. The instrument for that work is the party organization and the party press. Our constructive work has been necessarily hampered by the unavoidable theoretical controversy which has occupied so much of our attention during the past year. We will dispose of that controversy at the Emergency Convention where the Socialist Party will reorganize on a basis in harmony with the proven principles of the Bolsheviks and we can then proceed with the pressing business of building of the organization and the press to win From Fulton to Savannah—as they and the working class for Socialism.

LABOR DAY.

As Labor Day draws nigh and nigher The man-at-arms self-fashioned, the man nished with an advance copy of the speech Sooner or later the American workers of Judge Latshaw, of the Criminal Court,

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to aslaw allows me to give. (cheers). You showed a fine spirit in inviting me to be the speaker today. (applause). We are going Through the depth of the Devil's darkness, to have Mike Casey of the Hod Carriers' Union speak at the Bar Association banquet next week. (loud applause mixed with cheers and cries of "good for Casey").

The Street Railway Company has been ly. The push button of hunger always rings handy things for corporations to call on?

ENLISTING THE WOMEN.

Women have been inducted into the industrial life of the Nation in such large numbers as a result of the labor shortage incident to the war and are retaining their Wing of the Socialist Party?" That war-time jobs in so many cases that the is a question with which I am conproblem of reaching them with the message of organization is one that cannot be shirked. Women need the strength of the organized labor movement to protect them has to do with end, the other with against the inhuman exploiters who respect | means, one with goal, the other with neither sex nor age, who can be restrained only by the power of the union. The labor movement needs the intelligence and zeal which the working women will bring into it here as they have in the great organizations in the East.

The granting of the suffrage to women in Missouri opens up another gate through which they will be drawn into active participation in the political affairs of the country and the politicians of the Capitalist parties are already busy with their plans to mislead the working women with the same bunc which always worked with the men.

Here we have a two-sided opportunity for Socialist activity and the Committee of life. Socialist women of Kansas City is to be commended for the promptness with which it has seen the opportunity and taken advantage of it. Extensive plans for house to house canvasses and distribution of Socialist literature have been made and the committee is going straight ahead, increasing in numbers and adhering strictly to the class line which must be the basis of all our

"Woman's place" under Capitalism is not in the home, only, but in the shop and office; in the union and the party. The a host of other perfectly nice, sweet, conditions of Capitalism have put women in proper humanitarian measures. Capthe shop and the office and the work of the talism, with some of its teeth drawn Committee of Socialist Women will do and its horns blunted and its tail much to get them into the union and the

MARCH OF HUNGRY MEN.

the dreams of your downy couches, the shades of your pampered sleep.

Give ear; you can hear it coming, the tide that is steady and deep-Give ear, for the sound is growing from re-

sert and dungeon and den; The tramp of the Marching Millions, the March of the Hungry Men.

As once the lean-limbed Spartans at Locri's last assent.

As William's Norman legions through Sussex meadows went, As Wolfe assailed the mountains or Sherman led the way

more than they.

So comes another army your wit cannot compute,

you made the brute. From farm and sweatshop gathered, from

factory, mine and mill, With lever and shears and auger, dibble where the workers rule the industry in and drift and drill.

They bear no sword nor rifle, yet their ladders are on your walls,

Though the baubeck is turned to a jumper, the janibeaux to overalls,

They come from the locomotive, the cab, and the cobbler's bench; They are armed with the pick and the jack-

plane, the sledge and the ax and the wrench.

And some come empty-handed with fingers gnarled and strong,

some come dumb with sorrow, and some sway drunk with song:

stirring and lithe and quick, brass composing stick.

with the distant stars for light, They are coming the while you slumber, and they come with the might of

Right; On a morrow—perhaps tomorrow—you will waken and see, and then

You will hand the keys of the cities to the ranks of the Hungry Men.

-Reginald Wright Kaufman.

VIEWS, REVIEWS AND INTERVIEWS.

By Ralph Cheyney

"Why should I belong to the Left outstanding reasons why every worker should throw all his energies into the war the Left Wing is waging. One method, one with the Free Society, the other with the road to it.

want? We know some of the things we do not want. We do not want over-crowded quarters, insufficient food, long hours of dulling, dazing, deadening drudgery, low wages and high prices, unemployment, the hell of poverty, and the privation and prostitution that poverty means. We are sure that we do not want these curses that now blast and wither our want freedom of speech and press and assemblage, we do want jobs that leave us time for plenty of play and pay us enough to have all the necessaries and a few of the luxuries of But is this the end of our desires?

When we have gotten rid of these things I have mentioned that we do not want and received these things shall we rest content? Shall we strive for them alone or for something else? They are vital. But I should lose all faithint he Soul and the Sense of Labor if they embraced our most ardent. aspirations and most eager expectations. Yet this is what the program of the Right Wing consists in, these things and nothing more, these things and greater kindness to criminals and hidden under a swallow-tail coat, this is what such Socialism as the Right Wing advocates amounts to. The worst features of Capitalism would remain absolutely unchanged. would be but little less infrequent, if indeed there would not be more and worse wars than before; even greater power would be in the hands of a few men and their hirelings, while the masses would be enslaved just as surely and stiflingly even if a little more pleasantly; Socialism would be just as remote. Moreover, bourgeois and capitalistic standards of mentality and morality, culture and civilization, would be stronger than ever. If we've got to have Capitalism at all. by all means let us castrate it. But do we have to have it? If we do, why have a Socialist Party at all? The new American Labor Party, beginning with a slate clean of all tints of red and hints of revolutionary and libertarian aims and utterances, will be in a much better position to bring about the New Capitalism.

What are the comrades of the Left Wing after? What is their vision of the Promised Land? It is the Co operative Commonwealth! The splendid, shining goal that lightened the labors of the marvelous mind of Marx and all the other genuinely scientific students of Socialism. It is Communism, "from each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs." It is Industrial Democracy, which they work. It is the Free Society where each individual will be free from the indignity and degradation of governmental impudence and intrusion. It is the triumph of Proetarian Culture.

It is the coming of that day prophesied by Thomas Carlyle: "We must some day, at last and forever, cross the line between Nonsense and Common Sense. And on that day we pass from Class Paternalism, originally derived from fetish fiction in times of universal ignorance, to Human Brotherhood in accordance with the nature of things and our growing knowledge of it; from Political Government to Industrial Administration; from Competition in Individualism to Individuality in Co-operation; from War and Despotism, in any form, to Peace and Liberty.'

(Next week the difference in method between the Left and Right Wings of the Socialist Party will be briefly outlined).

VIEWS ON EFFICIENCY.

The Granite Cutters' Journal prints | Editor, Workers' World: this conversation on the muchly-discussed efficiency question.

Hired Man-"I do that now."

"AMERICANA"

"Almighty God has created the mind free. All attempts to influence it by temporal punishment or burdens, or by civil incapacities, tend only to beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness.

"To suffer the civil magistrate to introduce his power into the field of opinion, or to restrain the profession or propagation of principles, on supposition of their ill tendency, is a dangerous fallacy, which at once destroys all liberty, because he, being, of course, judge of that tendency, will make his opinions the rule of judgment, and approve or condemn the sentiments of others only as they shall square with or differ from his own. It is time enough for the rightful purpose of civil government for its officers to interfere when principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order."-Thomas Jefferson's preamble to the Virginia Toleration Act of 1785.

The twelve Socialists of Cincinnati found "guilty" of exercising their right of free speech should remind the Court of the fact stated above that "Almighty God has created the mind

WOULD OUST RADICALS.

Tacoma. Wash., Aug. 12. - The Washington State Federation of Labor will lose its charter in the American Federation of Labor if the unions persist in voting on the formation of one big union," according to a letter received from Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, by Charles Perry Taylor of Tacoma, former secretary of the state

Frank Morrison evidently forgets that the words "American" and "Federation" really mean something like 'One Big Union" in practice as as preaching.

STANDARD OIL UNIVERSITY.

Two lecture engagements were recently cancelled arbitrarily by the authorities of Chicago University. One of the lecturers was Padraic Colum the Irish radical poet and friend of the Sinn Fein movement, and the other was Wilfrid Humphries of the Y. M. C. A., who has been telling the story of his experiences in Russia, a story which is not especially dan ing to the Soviet Government.

FREE PRESS AND FREE SPEECH. every radical or liberal idea and de port all those who disagree with them, Mark Twain's comment on Russia under the Czar is respectfully commended. Mark said:

"As soon as they find a Russian with any ideas of his own they lock him up in prison or send him off to Siberia. This is a wonderful plan. It is so successful. It is so effective. For it keeps the general level of intelligence in Russia down to that of

The above from Mark Twain is recommended to the attention of Burleson and other Czars of our time

THE NET OF THE LAW.

"The net of law is spread so wide No sinner from its sweep may hide Its meshes are so fine and strong They take in every child of wrong O, wondrous web of mystery! Big fish alone escape from thee!" Quoted by Bourke Cochran.

Bourke Cochran might well have been thinking of the Beef Trust and the Profiteers, Robbers and Murderers of little children in America. Think of it—360,000,000 eggs hoarded in Kansas City now.

TO THE HINDU STUDENTS.

My brown and gracious friends Courteous. Imperturbable-What miracles of contemplation.

Of silence and wide spaces, Taught you to smile, Still courteous, Still imperturbable While you study Western democracy

In jail?

-Florence Lucy.

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