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Washington, Jan.—The postoffice department has sustained the decision of the postmaster at New York in excluding from the second-class mailing privileges the issue of the Irish World of Jan. 19, which contained editorial matter held to be violating of the espionage act. In making this announcement Solicitor Lamar said the decision would not affect future issues of the paper unless objectionable matter is found in them. The department also has under consideration recent issues of the Gaelic-American and the New York Freeman's Journal, other Irish papers held up at the New York office for alleged violations of a similar nature.

Doings of the Locals

The Scandinavian Local had its usual entertainment last Sunday night with a first class program. Comrade Harris from Superior held a good lecture which was often applauded. Thompsons Orchestra (the blind mans) gave a few numbers that were well received and the way he handled his drums made many of our comrades wonder.

Comrades, your attention is called to that we have now changed our meeting nights. From now until April we will meet on Mondays. This on account of the last order from the fuel commission to the effect that the hall must be closed on Tuesdays. Also note change of the package Social that was going to be held on the 29th, will now be held on the 28th.

At its meeting last Tuesday the local decided to have Wm. Thurston Brown here the 11th of February and to try to arrange a meeting for the purpose to get life in the English Local. He will be at Woodman Hall on Monday the 11th and at Tarmo Hall on the 13th. The meeting at Tarmo Hall will be especially for the purpose of reorganizing the English local. Brown is now lecturing in Ohio and from reports that come here he is making good. Comrades should remember this date.

It is very likely that the "The Great Wanderlust," a socialist movie will be here some time next month. Chas. Drake who has the show was here last week and if arrangements can be made with any of the local theaters, comrades will have a good treat coming.

The City Central Committee will give a Dance at Tarmo Hall 8 W. 1st Street, February 6th, and tickets can be secured from comrades to be sold in advance. The committee needs the money to carry on the work so do your best to make this a success.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Secretary Baker has advised the Senate military committee the war department favors discharging from draft liability men who have passed the age of thirty-one since registering on June 5, 1917.

He refers to those who have not been called to the colors.

GARMENT WORKERS GAIN.

Racine, Wis., Jan.—The Hilker-Weicher Manufacturing Company has raised wages 10 per cent.

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Expert Points Out How Nations Power And Fuel Needs Could Be Entirely Solved.

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The crisis in the fuel situation in this as well as in every other community throughout the country and the resultant death list from excessive cold emphasized once more the incompetency—to put it very mildly—of those men who year after year have been sent to the legislative halls and placed in executive positions to safeguard the interest of the people.

The people are now suffering from the folly of conferring power on members of political parties that have repeatedly betrayed the masses into the hands of a small group of men to whom has been given the ownership of the means of life and the exclusive privilege to rob the rest of us. That in a single sentence is what Republican and Democratic administrations—succeeding each other in office—have done to the masses in the United States. These politicians have taken orders from crafty lobbyists in the pay of powerful monied men, into whose hands "the people's representatives" have voted the franchises legalizing the exploitation of the boundless natural resources of one of the richest areas on the globe.

Ownership of the basic materials and of the basic industries give their owners the power of life and death over the working class, who can obtain employment only on terms laid down by the masters of the jobs. By paying the workers in wages only part of their product, the owners thus cruelly exploit labor in the first process and hold living necessities at prices beyond the reach of the inadequate wages. The result is that men, women and children freeze and starve, while the owners of fuel and food accumulate more colossal fortunes. That is the situation today as a result of the surrender of the people's rights into the hands of the masters.

One of the vital factors is the control of fuel by private individuals. Reference in these columns has been made to the 5,000,000 potential horsepower at and below Niagara Falls. If the people had unhampered access to this available power in the past, they would long ago have generated electric current with which every house in the community could be adequately heated with the most sanitary fuel; every housekeeper could be cooking meals and be lighting the home with this same energy, and the fuel, power and light problems would be solved.

Waterpower Undeveloped.

Not only is Western New York favorably situated in respect to adequate fuel and power, if these were produced for use instead of for dividends, but in many other sections of the country there are millions of water horsepower still undeveloped. According to a recent United States geological survey bulletin there are 1,678,000 horsepower available without storage. This is distributed as follows:

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Washington, Jan.—The postoffice department has sustained the decision of the postmaster at New York in excluding from the second-class mailing privileges the issue of the Irish World of Jan. 19, which contained editorial matter held to be violating of the espionage act. In making this announcement Solicitor Lamar said the decision would not affect future issues of the paper unless objectionable matter is found in them. The department also has under consideration recent issues of the Gaelic-American and the New York Freeman's Journal, other Irish papers held up at the New York office for alleged violations of a similar nature.

Doings of the Locals

The Scandinavian Local had its usual entertainment last Sunday night with a first class program. Comrade Harris from Superior held a good lecture which was often applauded. Thompsons Orchestra (the blind mans) gave a few numbers that were well received and the way he handled his drums made many of our comrades wonder.

Comrades, your attention is called to that we have now changed our meeting nights. From now until April we will meet on Mondays. This on account of the last order from the fuel commission to the effect that the hall must be closed on Tuesdays. Also note change of the package Social that was going to be held on the 29th, will now be held on the 28th.

At its meeting last Tuesday the local decided to have Wm. Thurston Brown here the 11th of February and to try to arrange a meeting for the purpose to get life in the English Local. He will be at Woodman Hall on Monday the 11th and at Tarmo Hall on the 13th. The meeting at Tarmo Hall will be especially for the purpose of reorganizing the English local. Brown is now lecturing in Ohio and from reports that come here he is making good. Comrades should remember this date.

It is very likely that the "The Great Wanderlust," a socialist movie will be here some time next month. Chas. Drake who has the show was here last week and if arrangements can be made with any of the local theaters, comrades will have a good treat coming.

The City Central Committee will give a Dance at Tarmo Hall 8 W. 1st Street, February 6th, and tickets can be secured from comrades to be sold in advance. The committee needs the money to carry on the work so do your best to make this a success.

BAKER FAVORS DISCHARGE
OF MEN PAST 31 IN DRAFT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Secretary Baker has advised the Senate military committee the war department favors discharging from draft liability men who have passed the age of thirty-one since registering on June 5, 1917.

He refers to those who have not been called to the colors.

GARMENT WORKERS GAIN.

Racine, Wis., Jan.—The Hilder-Weicher Manufacturing Company has raised wages 10 per cent.

FUEL CRISES
COULD BE MET
BY WATER POWER

Expert Points Out How Nations Power And Fuel Needs Could Be Entirely Solved.

By FRANKLIN P. BRILL

The crisis in the fuel situation in this as well as in every other community throughout the country and the resultant death list from excessive cold emphasized once more the incompetency—to put it very mildly—of those men who year after year have been sent to the legislative halls and placed in executive positions to safeguard the interest of the people.

The people are now suffering from the folly of conferring power on members of political parties that have repeatedly betrayed the masses into the hands of a small group of men to whom has been given the ownership of the means of life and the exclusive privilege to rob the rest of us. That in a single sentence is what Republican and Democratic administrations—succeeding each other in office—have done to the masses in the United States. These politicians have taken orders from crafty lobbyists in the pay of powerful monied men, into whose hands "the people's representatives" have voted the franchises legalizing the exploitation of the boundless natural resources of one of the richest areas on the globe.

Ownership of the basic materials and of the basic industries give their owners the power of life and death over the working class, who can obtain employment only on terms laid down by the masters of the jobs. By paying the workers in wages only part of their product, the owners thus cruelly exploit labor in the first process and hold living necessities at prices beyond the reach of the inadequate wages. The result is that men, women and children freeze and starve, while the owners of fuel and food accumulate more colossal fortunes. That is the situation today as a result of the surrender of the people's rights into the hands of the masters.

One of the vital factors is the control of fuel by private individuals. Reference in these columns has been made to the 5,000,000 potential horsepower at and below Niagara Falls. If the people had unhampered access to this available power in the past, they would long ago have generated electric current with which every house in the community could be adequately heated with the most sanitary fuel; every housekeeper could be cooking meals and the lighting the home with this same energy, and the fuel, power and light problems would be solved.

Waterpower Undeveloped.

Not only is Western New York favorably situated in respect to adequate fuel and power, if these were produced for use instead of for dividends, but in many other sections of the country there are millions of water horsepower still undeveloped. According to a recent United States geological survey bulletin there are \$1,678,000 horsepower available without storage. This is distributed as follows:

North Atlantic states	4,910,000
South Atlantic states	5,501,000
North central states	3,342,000
South central states	4,270,000
Western states	44,049,000

Or a total power of 61,678,000

It is estimated by the same competent authority that with the maximum of storage there is 200,000,000 available water horsepower in the United States. Of this vast amount of power only 6,000,000 are under development, or only 10 per cent of the available waterpower without storage and 3 per cent of the amount with storage. Gifford Pinchot estimated that 50,000,000 horsepower would run every train, every factory, mill and mine and power plant in the country. If this is correct, the balance, it is readily seen, would furnish fuel (heat) and light for many millions of people.

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Corruption of the "Pay-Triotic" Profeteers and Their Hirelings Press Exposed at Last

Revelations rought Out by Probe of Two Million Dollar Mitchell Campaign Slush Fund in New York Astounds Nation and Shakes Wall Street.

The "pay-triotic" corruptionists and profiteers and the "pay-triotic" subsidized press have been finally and completely unmasked as a result of the revelations growing out of the probe into the two million dollar campaign slush fund raised to re-elect John Purroy Mitchell, mayor of New York City, and defeat the Socialist candidate, Morris Hillquit.

At the same time the real motives of those who daily challenge Socialist Party loyalty to the best interests of the nation are being bared to the bright light of day. The result is the most revolting and repulsive spectacle that has ever forced those who have the good of the republic at heart to turn their heads in shame and disgust.

Corruptionists Dirty Tactics. There has never been a time when the profiteers, backed by their subsidized press, did not misrepresent and vilify Socialists and the Socialist movement. Their dirty tactics reached the ultimate depth of human depravity when the nation entered the great world war.

Specially inspired organizations were brought into existence, like the National Security League, backed by the dollars of Wall Street, to hunt down, intimidate, jail, imprison, deport, horsewhip and assassinate any one who dared raise his head against the robbery of the many by the few, against anyone who dared protest against the increasing cost of living and dared expose and oppose the increasing profits of the war profiteers of Wall Street.

Every effort has been exerted by the press and by many in power to hush up the crimes of the plutocracy. No investigation was ever made of the kidnapping and beating up of Herbert S. Bigelow, The deportation at Bisbee, Arizona, was investigated, and although every crime charged against the copper kings of that state was found to be true, nothing further was done about it. Nothing was ever done about the hanging of Little at Butte, Mont.

Is Day of Judgment Here. But the day of judgment has come in part through the revelations being made in New York City as a result of the investigations into the two million dollar corruption fund raised to re-elect Mitchell mayor of that city.

When the learned Dr. Samuel Johnson coined the phrase, "Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel," he could not have had in mind the organization of trust magnates and multi-millionaires that were financing the campaign of Mayor Mitchell on a platform declaring that all who were against Mitchell were disloyal, and that Mitchell's defeat

would mean a victory for the Kaiser, because its author was long dead, says Issues and Events, New York City.

But its truth has been singularly realized by the events attending the investigation into the slush fund of approximately \$2,000,000 which was subscribed to defeat the will of the people.

The investigation under District Attorney Swann goes merely on, and we are told that panic has seized the corruptionists who managed the gigantic fund.

Cringing before the flood of publicity that has attended the investigation of District Attorney Swann, millionaire reform backers of Mitchell have bent every effort to get immunity.

The district attorney asserts that these efforts had even gone so far as to involve personal pleas to a prominent judge. This official was asked to intercede for Mitchell managers with Mr. Swann.

Other important witnesses have eluded the subpoena servers by flight from the city. District Attorney Swann said:

"Not only have I been approached by friends of men already mentioned in the inquiry, and some who are convinced that they will be brought into it, but I know that a prominent judge has been asked to intercede with the authorities in an effort to hush up the inquiry.

Falsified Accounts. I have been particularly careful to inject no partisan politics into the investigation, yet those men are crying that the election is over and that we ought to 'forget.'

"I am certain the public wishes the whole affair thoroughly aired, and I intend to do just that, if only to prevent any recurrence of such a scandalous imposition on the voters.

"The investigation into just one phase of the inquiry shows that there are at least four counts against the men who were responsible for certain acts right in the Mitchell headquarters.

"These persons knowingly falsified their accounts.

"They knowingly accepted contributions from corporations.

"They knowingly persuaded dumplings to contribute or accepted their checks.

"They spent thousands of dollars in the interest of one man in the primaries, when that is expressly against the law.

"There are four counts against them in just that one party of our investigation, to say nothing about the men who are guilty of grand larceny for pocketing the money they received for political purposes, and of others who perpetrated other illegalities, such as filing no accounts whatever."

Six Corporations Affected.

"I may quote just one instance in the mass of evidence we have been accumulating," said Assistant District Attorney Edwin P. Kilroe.

"We know of one corporation which put up \$1,000. This corporation was approached and the president put up the check of \$1,000 on the corporation bank account. The Fusion managers, taking this check, called attention to the fact that such contributions from a corporation were illegal. They asked the president to place the check to his account, in his own bank and to draw a personal check for \$1,000. This was done.

"We know of at least five similar corporation cases. The president of that concern, of course, will have to be a witness for us, altho an unwilling one, against the Fusion people, who knowingly accepted that check and actually engineered the transaction."

The boodle ramifications in the cause of patriotism and outlavery of Mitchell's opponents extended to outside sources. Out-of-town millionaires under fire are:

Samuel P. Colt of Rhode Island, head of "The Rubber Trust" and director in twenty other corporations having property or business offices in New York.

T. Coleman du Pont, affiliated with the Du Pont Powder Trust of Maryland and chairman of the Equitable Life Insurance Society of No. 120 Broadway.

John H. Paterson, head of the National Cash Register Company of Ohio.

Some of the Colt holdings include the United States Rubber Company, American Commerce Company, General Rubber Company, Holland American Plantation Company, India Rubber Products Company, Maiden Lane Realty Company, New Brunswick Rubber Company, United States Rubber Export Company, United States Tire Company, and 12 other minor corporations.

An investigation will be made to determine how interests of non-resident millionaires could have been affected by the re-election of the corporation favorite.

Will Ask Jail Sentences.

The district attorney made it plain that he would ask jail sentences for boodlers guilty of corrupt use of the \$2,000,000 Mitchell slush fund, following Lewisohn's examination.

That men high in big business and the counsels of the Fusion party plotted acts in contravention of election laws, and deliberately hired tools to do their dirty work, is the belief of the district. The trail leads into the palatial offices of attorney, trust magnates and social favorites.

Assistant District Attorney Kilroe questioned Sam A. Lewisohn, Fusion treasurer, with regard to the records of Patterson and Du Pont.

He asked the Fusion treasurer whether he knew that Patterson had been sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment by a United States court, and probed him for knowledge of the political activities of the Du Ponts in Maryland.

"Hasn't it been charged from time immemorial that Du Pont money has

been bribed and corrupted the electorate?" Lewisohn was asked.

The Fusion treasurer denied knowledge of the subject. Lewisohn, however, was hazy as to the exact monetary support given the Fusion committee by these men.

Every man whose name has been mentioned among the score of trust agents that swarmed to the support of Mitchell will be interrogated by the district attorney.

Already there are signs of weakening on the part of the lesser fry, and when the Mitchell slush fund evidence is taken to the grand jury it is expected that there will be evidence to force conviction in high quarters.

Books Won't Bear Scrutiny.

Assistant District Attorney William Harnum Black brought out the fact that Lewisohn and his confederates ran a set of books that could not pass muster with a public accountant. Lewisohn also was asked about alleged irregularities, one of which involved the sum of \$1,000 charged to A. C. Carmichael, assistant treasurer.

Repeatedly, as witness was questioned about vast sums paid out without apparent investigation, he took refuge in the statement that disbursements were largely left to assistants and other members of the Fusion committee.

Even in attempts to find out who was responsible for the formation of the Fusion committee and in determining its policy of "procedure, Lewisohn's memory failed.

Further revelations regarding the "billion dollar luncheon" and other levee feasts of reform at which the trust agents passed the hat were given by Lewisohn.

The mass of checks, vouchers and books relating to the slush fund yet to be gone over is staggering. A corps of expert accountants working day and night has failed thus far to bring order out of chaos says the American.

Root, Roosevelt and Hughes.

One of the witnesses examined by the assistant district attorney was the Fire Commissioner Robert Adamson of the city Democracy. The trend of the examination may be inferred from some of the leading questions asked: Whether he knew that two of the prominent men of the organization were put on the bench as city magistrates; that a special appeal was made to disgruntled and destitute men, disappointed office-seekers and so-called leaders in assembly districts, impaired both in morals and fortune; that certain positions on the bench were promised to certain leaders for their influence; that organization men were tempted with large sums to switch, and that certain leaders of the city Democracy were actually paid money for their influences? The assistant district attorney said:

"Our information was that there was a conference about ten days before the election in which the Fusion chances for success were discussed

and in which it was generally conceded that the mayor was in great danger being defeated. A number of extemporaneous talks were made, and among the speakers a prominent leader got up and said: 'Our only hope is if a great calamity should happen.' The mayor made reference to that in a speech at DeWitt Clinton High School, and he said: 'What are you going to do about it, now that American lives are lost.'

Mr. Adamson was asked if he could ascribe any reason for the interest in the campaign of such out-of-town interests as those of Patterson, the cash register man, of Dayton, Ohio; of Colt of Providence, R. I., and of the New Jersey Zinc Corporation.

Misha Applebaum of the Humanitarian Cult and editor of a magazine acknowledged that he or his interests had received \$13,700 from the slush fund.

For all that has so far been revealed touching the origin of the \$2,000,000 slush fund, Roosevelt, Taft, Hughes and Root stood as endorers and patrons. It was Root who put the brand of disloyalty on the 500,000 honest voters who cast their votes against Mitchell and declared that many of them ought to be shot at sunrise; it was Roosevelt who flayed them in frenzied oratory, and Hughes who told the people that the re-election of Mitchell was a patriotic duty, that the Mitchell administration had been the best the city of New York had ever had.

Some of these patriots were talking for the Copper Trust, the Rubber Trust, the Zinc Trust, the Cash Register Corporation and the Banking Trust, and secretly wishing that an American transport crowded with troops might be sunk to insure Mitchell's re-election. Some were not concerned how many conscripts went to the bottom of the sea, provided the big interests, for whom they were spokesmen, elected their tool. Each one of these once respectable leaders turned his back on the regular Republican nominee; Ben. nett, and worked for Mitchell.

Servility of Press Bared.

The accusation of former Representative Calloway, Texas, on the floor of Congress that many of the important daily newspapers were in the pay and editorial charge of the Big interests and war profiteers in order to stifle public opinion, is being verified by the facts unearthed in the investigation into the Mayor slush fund.

The forces back of the late Mitchell campaign are the same forces that control the daily newspapers, continues Issues and Events.

Representative Calloway, in his speech on February 9, 1917, said in the House:

"In March, 1915, the J. P. Morgan interests, the steel, shipbuilding and powder interests, and their subsidiary organizations, got together twelve men high up in the newspaper world and employed them to select the most influential newspapers in

the United States and a sufficient number of them to control generally the policy of the daily papers of the United States. These twelve men worked the problem out by selecting 179 newspapers, and then began, by an elimination process, to retain only those necessary for the purpose of controlling the general policy of the daily press throughout the country.

"They found it was only necessary to purchase the control of 25 of the greatest papers. The 25 papers were agreed upon; emissaries were sent to purchase the policy, national and international, of these papers. An agreement was reached. The policy of the papers was bought, to be paid for by the month. An editor was furnished for each paper to properly supervise and edit information regarding the questions of preparedness, militarism, financial policies and other things of national and international nature considered vital to the interests of the purchasers.

"This contract is in existence at the present time, and it accounts for the news columns of the daily press of the country being filled with all sorts of arguments and misrepresentations. * * * This policy also included the suppression of everything in opposition to the interests served. The effectiveness of this scheme has been conclusively demonstrated by the character of the stuff carried in the daily press throughout the country since March, 1915."

District Attorney Swann has been making sensational disclosures, proving that a number of prominent papers, thru their employees, were paid out of the big corruption fund to promote Mitchell's election by attacks on the loyalty of those opposed to their candidate. An examination of the campaign contributions led to a peculiar number of curious discoveries.

One prominent writer of editorials on one of the leading morning papers which printed extravagant encomiums on Mitchell and his regime at regular periods, is shown to have received money from one of Mitchell's various campaign committees. By a strange coincidence these payments were made on the same day that the paper printed articles in praise of Mitchell and his regime. This remarkable coincidence is traced thru the entire period of the campaign. In addition, a number of reporters received sums, independent of their salaries, for "over-tune."

The papers directly involved in the disclosures are the New York Times, the Tribune and Evening Sun. While it is true that the money was paid to individuals directly or indirectly connected with newspapers already controlled by the Big Interests, their bribing is nevertheless a scandalous and degrading effort to poison the sources of public information. It is high time that the legislature should order an investigation of the whole dirty business

and prevent any recurrence by legislation.

The money for this purpose was subscribed by J. P. Morgan, Cleveland H. Dodge, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, by Henry P. Davison and Frank Vanderlip of the Morgan Banking group of Wall street; by Ogden Mills of the Steel Trust; by Thomas W. Lamont, one of Morgan's big partners; by Charles H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust Company; by George Converse, member of the Nickel Trust the Bankers' Trust and the United States Steel Corporation; by George F. Baker, leader of the Money Trust, one of the Wall street "big four" and one of the men censured by the Pujo committee; by T. Coleman Du Pont of the Powder Trust, and by William C. Morse, the Astors and Vanderbilts, and by Daniel Guggenheim of the Copper Trust.

The revelations in regard to the use of bribery and corruption by corporation to influence reporters and writers on papers like the New York Times, Tribune and Evening Sun recall similar disclosures in connection with the recent Interboro investigation, which exposed the fact that one of the managers of the New York Times was the recipient of favors at the hands of a corporation. The result of the Interboro investigation was only in part given to the public. The rest, the far more scandalous part, was suppressed out of regard for the persons concerned and the papers which benefited.

The state legislature has an obvious duty to protect the public from newspapers whose moral sense and spirit of fair play is too weak to guarantee the impeccable character of their employees.

This is the kind of company the renegade and expelled Socialists associated with when they entered the campaign in New York City on Mitchell's behalf and against the Socialist candidate, Morris Hillquit. Chief among these was Charles Edward Russell. Perhaps the present investigation in New York City will show how much was given them out of the Mitchell slush fund to turn traitors to the cause of the working class. No wonder some of them, like Rose Pastor Stokes, are seeking to crawl out of the reeking mess by making an application for a return to membership in the Socialist Party.

We hope that the investigation now on in New York City will go to the bottom of the rottenness of the Mitchell corruption fund. The only good that will come, however, will be the education that the workers will get out of it. Before the investigation is over we expect thousands more among the awakening electorate will have their eyes opened and that they will in the future work and vote for only working class candidates, the standard bearers of the Socialist Party—Eye Opener.

"MIMIC MEN" MOB LEADERS ARE ARRESTED

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Tried to Incite Riot.

G. Muri Gordon is the same individual who used the name of the Red Cross in an endeavor to start a riot in the Seattle I. W. W. hall on the night of December 17. This was the night that an extra large number of city detectives were in the hall and refused to leave when a meeting for member: only was called. Gordon was given the floor to speak on behalf of the Red Cross and his speech ended with an impassioned plea for the men to form in fours and march to the Red Cross headquarters. The audience refused and now have added confirmation of the idea that they then expressed that the whole thing was a plan to massacre them on the ground that they were making an attack on the Red Cross office. The refusal of the city detectives to leave the hall is considered significant in the light of recent developments.

Who Vouched for Gordon?

A notice appeared in the Worker three weeks ago stating that an account of this attempted riot would appear in its next issue. It is reported on good authority that Gordon remarked, in Ralph Horr's office, on reading the notice, "Like hell it will. There'll be no next issue." Ralph Horr, who has filed

for mayor, and Bert Sweazy, of the Pioneer Printing Plant, are said to have introduced Gordon to the Red Cross as a worker. He was further vouched for by Mrs. F. H. Jackson of the Clear Lake Lumber Company, according to R. R. Fox, a prominent Red Cross worker. Mr. Fox is a former president of the Employers' Association and Gordon claims that Fox was paying his board at the Frye Hotel, but Mr. Fox states that Gordon's expenses were paid thru a Red Cross committee of which he was a member. Gordon falsely represented himself at the Frye Hotel, to be a U. S. secret service operative, and color was lent to his statements because of the persistent report that he was making investigations for District Attorney Clay Allen. Gordon's partner, J. F. Drake, is a notorious scab and gunman, if his own reported statements are to be believed.

Gordon Retained Despite Protests.

Army and navy officers and those of the Red Cross who are really concerned in winning the war, made protests against the employment of Gordon unless he could show proper papers and give a good account of himself, but they were overruled by the element which uses "patriotism" as a pretext to crush labor. It is pointed out that Gordon might well have been a German spy, and the ease with which he penetrated the inner workings of official and semi-official military bodies, discloses a weakness that can be remedied only by taking all such matters from the hands of those whose loyalty rests on a profit basis.

After the Men Higher Up.

Members of the I. W. W. are working on still other clues that point toward the "men higher up," and the Pigott Printing Concern may make a demand that the prosecuting attorney look deeper into the case to learn the identity of those who would strike a blow at The Daily Call, The Industrial Worker and a business rival at the same time, using patriotism as a mask to hide their lawlessness.

The Worker, the Call and the Pigott Concern never realized what a host of friends they had until this mob action aroused the people of Seattle to show their real feelings. Almost we feel tempted to say "Bless the Mimic Men and the idiotic efforts of would-be sleuths and reputation makers."—Industrial Worker.



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FUEL CRISIS COULD BE MET BY WATER POWER

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Waterpower Possibilities.

The geological survey report for 1913 shows that the consumption of coal for all purposes was about 570,098,125 short tons. In addition to this the petroleum used in 1913 was the equivalent of 2,000,000 tons of coal. Every horsepower now going to waste is substituted for fuel power is equivalent to 5 1/2 tons of coal. To give an idea of the possibilities of conservation of fuel and power, if the 61,678,000 water horsepower on the above basis of coal consumption were used it would be equivalent to the use of 340,000,000 of coal, or 60 per cent of the total amount used in the United States. At two dollars per ton this would amount to \$680,000,000.

It takes very little reflection to see what the development of this vast water power would mean to the people of today. Is it too severe a condemnation to say that those who in the past and present have been charged with the duty of conserving the comfort and lives of the people have been criminally negligent? These "representatives of the people" have not only failed to develop this available current for fuel, power, light and transportation for the benefit of the whole people, but they have voted much of it into the hands of profiteers.

The Shield's Bill.

In the last session of Congress the Senate passed the Shields power bill, which seeks to give to a private corporation for a period of at least 50 years millions of this water horsepower. This bill, with the Meyer bill also prepared by another group of promoters, would embrace most of the country's water power. On December 14 last, while people throughout the country were freezing to death because of a fuel famine, the Shields' bill again passed the United States Senate by a vote of 46 to 18, 31 not voting.

It is this brutal defiance of the public good and plant subservience to the big exploiting interests that have marked the record of the national House of Representatives in both branches for more than a generation.

All this water power, pregnant with fuel and energy sufficient to protect the people from cold, and provide industries with motive power, is the common property of the people. To vote it into the possessions for gain is, in the eyes of humanity, a crime and those so voting are compounding the crime. Will the people continue to put into office their own betrayers.

WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH IT?

The leading men of the nations are talking peace. They say, too, that they want democracy and a permanent peace. International arbitration for future international

problems is spoken of and an international navy to enforce whatever agreements may be made, by an international court, as to the best methods of dividing up the workers products, of their respective countries and to choke the surplus down the throat of their neighbors, under the guns of the aforesaid navy and arbitration. Beautiful! To the Socialists it sounds much like the story of two serpents, that beginning at the points of their tails, satisfied their hunger by swallowing one another. It is all pure "bunk."

Peace may come within the next few months, but there will be no permanent peace as long as the competitive system lasts. And none of those with power to negotiate for it are simple enough to believe that it will. Capitalism can no more live on peace than a tiger on bird seed.

The most terrible fact about this system of labor exploitation is that it makes wars inevitable.

All the great nations have developed, are maintained and flourish, for the ruling class, thru their capacity to produce and dispose of their commodities. What they receive for such commodities is re-invested in further production, and must be, if the system is to be perpetuated; and greater and greater to each and every commercial nation become the necessity for markets in which to dispose of the spoil.

The constantly improving machinery, new inventions with their ever increasing productivity, their capacity to burn out more commodities with a less number of workers; giving every nation a surplus of products and an army of unemployed

and menacing every government with the threat of revolution, is the condition that every commercial country must face.

Can the problem of the nations to keep the wheels of industry turning, dispose of the surplus product and so keep its workers employed, comparatively contented and save itself from revolution be solved by arbitration, navies and courts? Who is foolish enough to believe it?

Put it up to the exploiters, or their retainers, and we shall find them dumb to the all important question of how to dispose of that surplus that they fleece from the producers, of all lands. So long as that problem is here, to uphold such a system and so oppose public ownership with democratic control of industry, that would produce for use and not for markets; that would shake every parasite off the backs of the people and make useful citizens of them in production; that would reduce the hours of labor to conformity with consumption, is to uphold the murderest now taking place in Europe and to invite more to follow.

If there are any who are now talking permanent peace, maintained by international arbitration, a navy and courts, that can inform us what they will do with the surplus product of the workers of their respective nations, and so continue their commercial functions, keep themselves in the sun, and avoid revolution, we are listening. ut we are quite sure we shall listen in vain.

No, this will not be the last war if capitalism remains in the saddle when it is finished. E. B. H.

THE NEW YEAR AND ITS ISSUES

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

The year just begun will afford the working class the greatest political opportunity to advance their interests they have ever had in the United States.

The state elections in the fall of 1917 which recorded the enormous increase in the Socialist vote created a panic among the old party leaders and hack politicians who saw in the returns of these elections the handwriting upon the wall. Since then these leaders, national, state and municipal, have gravely met in conference to consider the political outlook and have uniformly concluded, as we are informed by press reports, that the two old parties must get together in the national campaign of 1918 to fight the Socialists and prevent them from getting into Congress and the various state legislative bodies.

What is the meaning of this "getting together" of the old parties for the purpose of crushing the Socialists? Simply this: The Republican and Democratic leaders, the political tools of the capitalist exploiting class realizing the rapid rise and menace of the Socialist party as the representative of the working class on the political field, are forced at last to throw off their masks and embrace in political fellowship for their mutual salvation. That is what is meant by the Macedonian cry of the Republican and Democratic leaders to "get together" to defeat the Socialists in the congressional campaign of 1918.

Thus is the prophecy of Socialists once more fulfilled. Twenty years ago and ever since the Socialists have been telling the people that there was no difference of principle between the Republican and Democratic parties, that they were essentially alike, that their battles were for the spoils of office only, that they were equally subservient to the exploiting class and that when the Socialist party developed sufficient power to menace their misrule they would instantly amalgamate and stand together as one, which they actually are, to prevent the working class from getting into power and overthrowing the robber system of their despotic masters.

We may rest assured that this step on the part of Republican and Democratic leaders has been reluctantly taken. It is not from choice that these two sets of capitalist politicians combine, thus proving the long-standing Socialist contention that they are one and the same beetle of fish, making it impossible for them to further deceive and mislead the workers with their sham battles over bogus issues and thus dividing the workers at the ballot box and insuring the continued misrule of their exploiting masters. No, it is not from choice but from stern necessity that they are compelled to rush into each other's arms, these lofty-minded, high-souled politicians, to prevent the government from being wrested by the working class from their autocratic and corrupt exploiters.

The amalgamation of the Republican and Democratic parties, scheduled for this year marks a distinct triumph for the Socialist party. It has literally driven these two capitalist parties to confess their hypocrisy, and stand before the world for what they are.

What now has become of the "fierce hostility" of these capitalist political twins toward each other and the fiery denunciation of each other that marked their campaigns? All vanished into the same thin air in which it had its origin.

We rejoice to see these capitalist politicians in one and the same party. It will be easier now for the workingman to see to which side he belongs in the fight between the self-servant politicians, backed by their plutocratic masters, and the Socialists, who are none other than the awakened workers marshalled in battle array for their emancipation.

The issues in the campaign this year will as usual rise from the capitalist system, but the main issue must always be the system itself under which the ruling parasites wax rich and fat by robbing the workers of the proceeds of their toil.

The false cry of "disloyalty" will not deceive so many of the workers this year as the wily politicians anticipate. It is true that the master class have the politicians, the preachers, the professors, the editors, and other retainers and hangers-on without number to parrot the lie, but there has been too much Socialist education among the workers to make it safe any longer to rely as in the past upon their blind faith and easy gullibility.

This year they will line up by hundreds of thousands in class-conscious array and make the fight of their lives for the party that repre-

sents their interests and expresses their desires and aspirations, and unless all signs are misleading they will send a delegation of social revolutionists to the next congress and be well represented in many of the state legislatures, and to this end the amalgamation of the Republican and Democratic parties will be a factor of no little account.

The duty now of prime importance to Socialists is to develop by all possible means the economic and political power of the working class.

We must therefore develop our power for it requires power in such a struggle as we are engaged to command respect and secure and maintain our rights.

Just to the extent that we have power we will make progress, and just to the extent that we lack it we shall invite contempt and it will not fail us.

Power of the workers implies their unity, and unity implies their class-consciousness. The power of the workers in the class struggle is of a twofold nature, economic and political. If one or the other is lacking there is certain to follow corresponding weakness and failure.

The workers must be organized both industrially and politically on a revolutionary basis, industrially that they may back up their political power and take over and operate the industries with the political overthrow of the capitalist system.

Without industrial organization any political victories the workers may achieve will be barren of results.

The great task that confronts us, therefore, on the threshold of what promises to be the greatest political campaign in American history is the industrial and political organization of the working class.

Now is the time to urge the workers to organize along industrial lines, embracing all the workers according to the industries in which they are employed, and at the same time to join the Socialist party and help to give it strength for the coming conflict in which the workers will have the opportunity, if they are intelligent enough to take advantage of it, to outnumber their masters 10 to 1, wrest the exploiting power from their hands, and install themselves as the rulers of the world.

THOUGHT

The heaviest artillery, the mightiest explosive in all the Universe, is the power of THOUGHT.

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No dungeon can confine it, no gallows or firing squad can kill it. It defies banishment, gag laws and censorship.

Men perish by the millions, but the message of one Thinker goes on forever, gathering greater strength as it goes.

Truly can it be said of THOUGHT, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Exile the Thinker to the frozen zones of Siberia; torture his body even unto death; bury him in an unmarked grave; and the THOUGHT that the tyrant would annihilate is borne on immortal wings.

"To every brow that brooding thinks, erect with manhood's honest pride."

Smother the kindling sparks of THOUGHT with man-made laws, and like Prometheus' quenchless fire, stolen from the gods, THOUGHT, feeding its flames ever and anew with fresh fuel, bursts forth at last like lightning from the throne of Jove. Before its blasting flames the petty structures of puny minds wither and perish; and above the ashen heap THOUGHT erects another triumphal arch to the ever-building Temple of Truth.

"It is no boast, it is no threat, thus history's iron law decrees."

Every revolution in human society is preceded by an army of Thinkers. It is an army that can neither be bought nor beaten. No power on earth can stem it once the Eternal command, "Forward! March!" goes forth.

"Ye see me only in the cell, ye see me only in the grave; Ye see me only wandering long beside the exile's weary wave; Ye fools! do I not also dwell where you have sought to pierce in vain? Rests not a niche for me to live in every heart, in every brain?"

THOUGHT, the dauntless herald of every social Revolution—the prophet and precursor of every higher hope! When, in all the history of the world, has THOUGHT so charged the brains of men and women as in the present hour? It may be historically told of this age that, where once a fool, now a Thinker is born every minute.

Linking hearts and brains over continents and seas is being forged a chain that shall bind in fraternity and peace a common Humanity. The fearful storm shall sweep away the thrones of kings; the common people of earth are THINKING; and before the flashing flame of THOUGHT the serpents of superstition and servility flee from the habitations of men.

"Tis triumph song, victorious song, her prophet voice is sounding free, 'As once of old your Godhead spoke—'I was, I am, and will be free.'"

"And therefore will I be, and lead the nation yet their foes to meet, 'And on your heads, your necks, your crowns, I'll plant my strong, rebellious feet!'"

THOUGHT! Thou art a divinity at whose shrine I offer the tribute of my love and faith! Thou art the Savior of the lowly and the Scourge of lords! When thou stirrest the brains of Men the foundations of lies totter and fall! In thy resplendent circle none kneel to idols! In thy light there is no fear, save of being faithless to that light itself! Thou art the destroyer of fables and the giver of facts! In thy realm the suns and worlds are guided in their courses, and the laws of the Universe maintained! Thou art the boundless Ocean, a drop of whose waters quickens the human mind! Thou art the Soul of Nature, the Designer and Evolver of all! If there be other divinities they cannot exist without thee!

Pro-Humanity.

The Industrial Crisis

By MARK FISHER.

What will happen when there is no longer a market for the world's surplus? What happens today when more has been produced than can be sold? An industrial crisis, or panic, is the result. When manufacturers are unable to sell what they have produced, they do not keep on producing more, they close down their factories until they can sell the products which have accumulated on their hands.

When the factories close the workers in them are thrown out of work, their wages cease and their purchasing power is gone. The factories which close down stop buying raw material, and this results in the closing of the industries supplying the raw material. More men are thrown into the unemployed army and the purchasing power of the working class is still further reduced, thus again decreasing the market and causing the closing of other factories. With the stopping of manufacture there is a decreased demand for coal and a consequent closing of mines. Railroad traffic falls off and still more men are discharged. Hordes of men are unemployed and the industrial crisis is on.

The unemployed workers wander by millions about the streets in search of work and have the pleasure of seeing the market glutted with the goods which they have produced, but which they cannot buy back. They cannot secure work, because the factories must first sell what has already been produced; the workers cannot buy up their products because they are unemployed. Here is a condition in which the workers are forced to be hungry, ragged and homeless because they have produced too much food and clothing and built too many houses. It must be a pleasure to the man who is starving to know he is hungry because too much food has been produced; it must give him a peculiar satisfaction to know that he is ragged because too much clothing has been manufactured.

A crisis, or panic, is really a state in which the markets are so glutted and choked up with what has been produced that all further production is rendered impossible. Capitalism has reached that stage in its development where it is temporarily smothered in its own unconsumed products. In the words of Engels: "The means of production have outgrown the methods of distribution and are in rebellion against them." The capitalist system could not recover from an industrial crisis were it not for world market. The products with which the home market are glutted are gradually consumed by the undeveloped countries and production is resumed. But the introduction of labor-saving machinery steadily increases the productivity of labor. The surplus that each worker creates is therefore constantly increasing; so also, is the number of workers in capitalist society. For this reason each of these periodical crises is more violent than the preceding one, and each time capitalism recovers only by opening a new market where the surplus can be dumped.

The time will come, however, when the markets will no longer suffice to consume the surplus. The time will come—and before long—when further capitalist expansion will be impossible and the working class will have permanently lost its purchasing power. There will be no sale for anything that is produced under the profit system. Capitalism—the profit system—will be plunged into a crisis from which it cannot recover.

These periodical industrial crises are simply the death paroxysms of an outgrown social order. These paroxysms are coming with ever increasing violence, and with the ending of capitalist expansion and the passing of the world market there will come a crisis that will close down every mill, mine, factory and railroad in the world. They will never again be able to operate for profit. This is what will happen unless the old order is voluntarily overthrown before it comes to a violent end.

From this we see that no matter whether we like capitalism or not, and regardless of how hard every one may try to prop it up, the system, is doomed to collapse. It cannot last. People are simply wasting time when they argue in favor of capitalism. Foundations cannot be laid for the existing social order, not even by bourgeois political economists. The order of capitalism has been outgrown. It is no longer adapted to the conditions of life and it must now go the way of previous systems. A revolution must take place. That Revolution is here—From "Evolution and Revolution."

The Week in Washington

By ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, Jr.

Washington, Jan.—In some ways the most significant news of the week is being completely ignored by the metropolitan press. Or perhaps they don't know it. At any rate I am able to give you as a piece of exclusive information the news that the administration, after stepping all over the pacifists ever since the war began, has now begun to send out "peace makers" of its own.

George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information and general "handyman" around the White House, has completed arrangements this week with the Church Peace Union, 72 Fifth avenue, New York city, and the American Peace Society, Colorado building, Washington, to send out through the country carefully selected speakers who will discuss peace terms under what might be described as the unofficial imprimatur of this government.

That is to say, the administration will not hold itself responsible for what the speakers say but it will exert itself through Creel's bureau to see that they are not molested by the thickwits of the Department of Justice. Communities which are

timid about having "peace talks" under the impression that they will be raided by the Marshal McCarthies of the administration if they do, will be given to understand that speakers of a certain conventional type have the administration's O. K. Back of the move, of course, is the feeling on the part of the president that the country needs educating on some of the European questions involved in the peace terms.

My informant—who is distinctly on the inside—tells me that Creel has laid down only two stipulations. One is that the speakers must not criticize Congress or discuss universal military training, pro or con. The other is that they must use, when they discuss the president's views, the text of his speeches printed in Albert Shaw's recently published "President Wilson's State Papers and Addresses." Somewhat mystified as to the selection of this text over all others I dug further and found that this edition has omitted most of the indiscretions which, from the president's point of view, marred some of the semi-extemporaneous speeches of the so-called "preparedness tour." For example the suggestion made in St. Louis that we should have a navy "equal to the greatest in the world" is gone. So is the suggestion that the president lacks power to send the National Guard over seas. It is a safe and sane edition.

It is going to be a safe and sane tour, for that matter, I don't understand that Scott Nearing is to be encouraged to go though, on the other hand, Creel might up and do it, just as a gesture in liberalism.

The suffrage victory in the House last week, although so close that one ardent suffragist admitted that she almost fainted, transfers the battle to the floor of the Senate. Many divergent views have been expressed during the past few days as to the chances for suffrage in that "august body." The anti-point with confidence to the narrow majority—far from the necessary two-

Discussion clears the air of doubts and lies.

Discussion explodes false teachings.

Discussion of meekness destroys meekness.

Discussion puts iron into the soul of the slave, of the serf, and of the wage-earner.

Discussion flashes ideas from brain to brain.

Discussion ripens plans and plots and ways and means of Freedom.

Discussion develops power for organizations.

Discussion spells hell for hypocrisy death for autocracy, and revolution for plutocracy.

Discussion flashes fraternal heat from heart to heart.

Discussion wrecks wrongs and ripens rights.

Discussion destroys despotism and develops democracy.

Therefore: "Down with discussion! To hell with the agitator!"

—is the autocrat-plutocrat's policy—always. "Silence!" is Caesar's way with slaves—always. The ancient Pharaohs of Egypt demanded silence. The tyrants of ancient Babylon and Greece and Rome always promptly crushed discussion among toilers—of all colors. And this selfsame policy of "Slaves, keep silent!" has since been and is now the cunning policy of the ruling class. The policy of silence fogs the brain of the working class, locks the lips of the bravest slaves, seals the soul of courage prevents propaganda crushes co-operation, balks the workers whenever and wherever they long for and look for freedom and strangles their struggle for the Rights of Man for themselves.

thirds—which the amendment received in the Senate in 1914. However much has happened since that vote was taken and both of the organizations of suffragists here are now confident that this session will see the Susan B. Anthony amendment referred to the states for ratification.

The New York victory—even though it is laid to the doors of the pacifists and the pro-Germans by the New York Times and the estimable Mrs. Wadsworth—will convince a good many state's rights advocates in the senate that their position will bear a careful reconsideration. This is the view of a number of men in whose judgment I have confidence. For although it has been proved that a presidential election can be won without New York, nobody wants to risk such a harrowing experience.

ARE YOU WITH US?

BY GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK. President Woodrow Wilson has written in one of his scholarly historical works, "Division and Reunion," page 13:

"There can be a moneyed aristocracy but there cannot be a money democracy."

In the evolution of the American republic we have reached the stage of "moneyed aristocracy." We already have one billionaire, several semi-billionaires, hundreds of multi-millionaires, thousands of millionaires, and tens of thousands of semi-millionaires, and other wealthy people. They control the republic and its industrial life. They constitute a "moneyed aristocracy."

The revolution from this moneyed aristocracy, from this industrial despotism, to an industrial democracy must come. And the Socialist movement is the organized effort peacefully legally to overthrow this industrial-moneyed despotism and secure industrial democracy.

Are you with us?

To join the Socialist movement, as an inside, systematic, organized party member, you sign an application for membership card containing the pledge below, and you agree to pay monthly a small sum, a very small fee, called "dues." This fee is less than a cent a day. This fund is used by the organization to keep the educational and organizing work going all the year around. And there is no other way to finance and promote and protect a movement of the working class. The pledge follows:

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NEWS FROM THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT.

ON ITS FORTIETH BIRTHDAY

When the House passed the Federal Suffrage Amendment on January 10, 1918, it celebrated the 40th anniversary of the measure. It was on January 10, 1878, that the amendment was first introduced into the Senate by Senator Sargent. During the 40 years interim it has twice come to vote in the Senate and once in the House. The first time the Senate voted on it was in 1887, when it polled sixteen affirmative votes. The next time was in 1915. By that time favorable sentiment had increased more than 100 per

ENTHUSIASTIC PEACE

MEETINGS IN ENGLAND.

In Socialist papers from Great Britain scores of weekly meetings in favor of peace are reported. Enthusiastic receptions are given to peace speakers. In only the exceptional cases are they met with uncontrollable opposition. A gratifying feature of these reports is the demand for Socialist and pacifist literature. At 19 week-night meetings mentioned in recent British exchanges no less than 28 pounds' worth of literature was sold, mostly penny pamphlets.—Maoriland Worker.

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ONE SIDED PATRIOTISM.

"The Scott-Graff Mills are shut down and I am not going to pay the men for the time lost. It is not the money that the payroll would cost but the effect on the working men. All workers in Duluth are receiving high wages, and are enjoying prosperity never before equaled. They do not realize there is such a thing as war going on. My men will have it impressed upon them that everyone must help in this war, and united we must push it through to conclusion in fast order. They need some thing of this nature to wake them up."

The above is supposed to be the words of a prominent lumberman or rather lumber mill owner in Duluth at a meeting of the "captains of industry" held in order to consider the shut down order of the Fuel Administrator.

Coming in the face of the President's recommendation that for patriotic reasons the employers should pay the men full wages it simply shows that in meetings of this kind the workers are looked upon as so much swine.

It further shows that the business class can be patriotic when there pocket books are not hit or they can get secured bonds at a good rate of interest.

But when the worker is forced to lose time which means wages, which mean life, he must either make up the time or have his pay envelope shaved, in the name of patriotism.

While on the other hand the business class will keep right on drawing their salaries and other emoluments pertaining to ownership and control and on the other five days of the week intensify production to make up for the day lost.

Of course, the workers do not realize the war is on—Oh no! Double price milk, double price coal, double price spuds, triple price meat, double price flour, double price clothing and second rate value, selective draft, strikes, home guard coercion, wageless days and single price pay.

The working class will furnish the vast majority of the men who must fight the war through; the working class will do most of fighting, marching, shooting, bleeding and dying.

The working class will win the war and the working class will send the Hohenzollern tumbling into oblivion just as the Romanoff has tumbled.

No one can say the working class as a class is shirking in the war work, whatever the reason may be for them to do so.

All they have asked is living wages and fair working conditions and in return they have received abuse, threats and bullets.

Still the working class keeps the wheels of industry turning and in the final analysis the working class is the class that will carry the burden through the bitter end.

"They need something to wake them up." Mighty well right they do. And they are getting it. And they are waking up. Yes slowly but surely they are waking up.

And when they wake up it is going to be good to be alive.

W. E. T.

CONTROL OF INDUSTRY.

When the fuel order came, like a bolt out of a blue sky, the bosses closed up their desks hid away to a meeting to get together and decide on what to do and what not to do.

The wage earners stayed at their tasks and wondered what would happen next and speculated on who was going to be the goat.

The patriotic bosses, the larger portion of them, no doubt, decided to skin the payroll, or in cases where they were forced to grant at some time in the past the eight-hour day, cooked up a schedule to have the wage earners make up the lost time, in other words, work six days in five.

But very carefully overlooked the matter of cutting salaries which of course are needed to carry the heavy burdens imposed on the business class by the war.

The order of the Fuel Administrator of course was carried out and shut down ordered and without much more than a passing thought for the wage slaves.

In the foregoing action, is noted the vast power, and control upon industry, exercised by the owners of the instruments of production.

Now then when the Socialist idea of control of the socially necessary means of life becomes ascendant in the minds of the working class just what would happen in the event of unforeseen emergencies, arising?

Instead of these problems being considered and decided in the light of the interest of the private owners, like it is today, it would be handled from the standpoint, not alone of the needs of the whole people but also from the standpoint of the needs of the workers engaged in the industries affected.

Just there is the point around which the greatest struggle and the grandest victory in world's history, will come about.

Control of the industry.

And right there is where organization on the economic field comes in and trains the workers for this future responsibilities.

Let us not forget the main object—get control.

W. E. T.

There is one thing that is stronger than armies, and that is an idea whose time has come.—Victor Hugo.

BREAKING DOWN

Wheatless days, meatless days, heatless days and now it is wageless days. After the war it will be workless days.

Towns in the state of Pennsylvania cannot buy coal even when they are situated directly over the mines.

Plute press plaintively peeps that a hundred million bushels of spuds will go to waste if not put on the market soon.

Congressman from Illinois says that millions of bushels of corn are rotting in the fields owing to lack of transportation facilities.

Packing officials turn up their nose at the federal meditaion committee on meeting with the workers representatives.

reaking down—slowly but surely breaking down—not many more years to wait before the workers—properly organized—must take hold of production and clean up the muck of mismanagement made by the capitalist class. Speed the day when we can hear the crack of doom for the capitalist power.

Excerpt from plute press—"Their contended employees live in beautiful homes built by the company."—Haw, haw, haw, haw!!
W. E. T.

HERE IS WHAT THE LAST ISSUE OF SEATTLE INDUSTRIAL WORKER HAD TO SAY.

WUXTRA! WUXTRA! The J. W. W. hall has not been raided for two days.

Can you beat that? Somebody must be sleeping on the job!

AFTER THE WAR—WHAT?—

No matter how long or short this war may be, how much more destruction of human life and of treasure there may be, the one great question looms large before the people of all warring nations and that question is: What shall we do to take care of our returning soldiers? It is a question which should be studied by the best and broadest minds of our country.

Do not let us imagine when this war ends, all conflict ceases, far from it. When thousands upon thousands of soldiers are returning home which they will be so eager to do, and get back into civilian clothes and go back to the job they had left when they were drafted.

But what a change will confront them: The readjustment will have set in. The factories which were making war supplies, and working their help at top speed will suddenly find the demand cut off and millions of employees thrown out of employment will mingle with other millions of Soldiers released from duties and with no money saved from the slender earnings. The situation is anything but pleasant to contemplate from the standpoint of the working class. Let us take a lesson from England, when her returning soldiers after the Boer war, tramping the streets of the great industrial centers, and the rural lanes of England looking for work and none to be had. We can not afford to let anything like that happen in this country. Those industries already taken over by the government must not be allowed to go back into private hands, with all its crookedness and to be exploited for the benefit of the few and the taking over by the government of all, mines, mills and factories must be accomplished that all may have work when the tidal wave of unemployment sets in after the war.

Not only the industries, but housing of people, must not be left to the exploitation of individuals. So let us agitate and organize upon the industrial and political field that the scourge of unemployment may not be visited upon the American working class after the war is over.

MY DESIRE.

By WILBY HEARD

I want to sing, my brain is filled
With thoughts that seek the open;
But somehow tongue and pen are stilled
By the slaughter hate we grope in.

I've dreamed of Progress years on years
And visioned Freedom's calling;
Now find the way washed out by tears
Of mothers' woes appalling

I want to sing of joys, of mirth,
Help fill the world with pleasure,
But hear men curse the day of birth,
While Death heaps up his measure.

I've dreamed of comfort, Love and Ease
All humankind enjoying—
Murdered lie the dreams of these,
Greed's bent on mad destroying.

I want to sing, but seek in vain
A theme that's worth the trying,
They're blotted out by the sad train
Of mourners wildly crying.

I want to sing of LIFE so fair,
To dream of things arighting,
But all the world's a red nightmare,
With brother brother blighting.

Or can it be this all's a dream
From which I wake tomorrow,
To find—with golden sun agleam—
That Joy has conquered Sorrow?

To find that I can truly sing
That Labor is the master,
That Truth has spread her Loveliet wing
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(Special Correspondence.)

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"They will co-operate locally with the numerous organizers that we are planning to send into those places where we have organizations to assist the Socialist Party branches to build up their membership and plan the campaign, "On to Washington!"

"These volunteers will take care of the local work of routing the many candidates of the party for the principal offices in every state for the 90 days preceding the election.

"These volunteers will take care of the local arrangements for other speakers that will be routed into every nook and corner of this country during the 60 days preceding the election.

Plan Literature Distribution.

"These volunteers will take care of the local distribution of the carloads of literature that must be distributed.

"The army that will finally go "On to Washington!" as the result of these 25,000 volunteers will be made up of hundreds of Socialist congressmen who will go to victory under the Socialist standards at the November elections.

"In their wake there will go an army of thousands of Socialist legislators to every state legislature in the land.

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