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YOUNG SOCIALISTS' MOVEMENT SHOWS SPLENDID GROWTH

Coming Generation is Awakening to
Need of Change in Economic
Order.

Never before in the history of the Socialist party has the young people's movement demanded so much attention as now. There are various reasons for this, but most prominent among these is the fact that these young Socialists have finally awakened to the wrongs of the present economic conditions and realize that the only remedy is through organization and Socialism. Therefore, the young people, children of the older comrades who have been and are working in the Socialist party should organize clubs which are known as the Young People's Socialist clubs, to aid in the fight for the emancipation of the working class.

RED WINS IN B. C.

Ladysmith, Jan.—The so-called Bolshevik candidate put up by the workers of Vancouver Island in the by-election there has sacrificed the political humbugs and cremated their remains. The liberal candidate in the election here has received a solar plexus blow and polled so few votes against the Bolshevik candidate that he lost his deposit money.

It was simply a walk-away for Hawthornthwaite, even in Ladysmith, where the liberals hoped to defeat the labor candidate and overcome the majority from the outlying districts. Hawthornthwaite received the biggest vote ever given to a labor candidate. He has a majority in every polling station and the liberals are dumfounded for although uniting with the scattered forces of the conservatives, they hardly mustered up enough to place their candidate Cavin in the position of an also ran. If he did it is hard to see when or how. The final vote shows that the labor man won by a vote of more than two to one.

INTERESTING DAYS IN MUNICIPAL COURT

The trial of Editor Morrison of Duluth Rip Saw, arrested some time ago on a charge of conspiracy, against the "big chief," resulted in a disagreement of the jury. The municipal court room was filled to capacity during the whole trial that lasted Thursday and Friday of last week and many a good laugh at the expense of the chief was pulled off. Asked if he was near-sighted the chief replied, "A little," and the attorney for Morrison asked him if he could see the ore docks, to which the chief replied that he could. (He ought to.) The jury was out 19 hours and reported that they could not come to any agreement. The case is now set for Feb. 8.

2,900 IN ST. LOUIS FAIL TO MAKE DRAFT REPLIES

St. Louis.—Approximately 2,900 of the 70,000 registrants in the 23 wards of St. Louis to whom questionnaires were sent have failed to return them to the local boards and their names have been turned over to the police, according to an announcement by the exemption board. Ten per cent of the papers were delivered by the postoffice and were not filled out; the remainder were sent back to the boards as unclaimed mail. In one ward 579 of the 2,799 registrants failed to return the questionnaires.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

It is important that you renew your subscription promptly. Don't wait until the subscription has expired. In remitting write the word "Renewal" on the subscription card.

MEAT PACKERS IN POLITICS EXPOSED

Trade Commission Publishes Evidence That Companies Thought Wilson "Safe."

Washington.—Concerted effort by the nation's packers to prevent a searching governmental probe of their industry was revealed by the federal trade commission.

Correspondence between representatives of the packers and the "big chiefs" was read at hearings suddenly resumed by the commission. Designs on the political lives of legislators interested in inaugurating investigation of the industry were revealed in the correspondence.

Political pressure was brought to bear on members of the house committee handling the bill to defeat it before it reached the floor, one memorandum said.

The packers apparently expected help from powerful sources, the testimony showed.

One memorandum introduced, said:

"This administration has not disturbed the business by prosecution, and does not wish to be known as appealing to the mob spirit. It has not wished to spend money, as its finances are in bad shape. It must come to the corporations soon for money because the convention is close at hand.

"Besides, congressmen wish to attend to their political fences."

Francis J. Henry, investigator for the commission, injected the name of Senator James Wadsworth, New York, as a legislator upon whom the packers called for counsel during their fight.

The packers decided March 17, 1917, to write a letter of introduction to Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., New York, for R. C. McManus, general attorney for Swift & Co.

Henry called attention to the fact that Senator Wadsworth is a heavy stockholder in Swift & Co. It was shown that in numerous ways the packers planned to mould public sentiment and force congressmen to "lay off" of any anti-packer legislation. The schemes were far-reaching, and included aid from government employees.

REHEARING REFUSED IN GOLDMAN CASE

Washington, Jan. 28.—The supreme court, by declining to grant a rehearing of their case and ordering the mandate issued at once, today refused to delay further the carrying out of the sentences of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, convicted in New York of conspiring to violate the draft law. The court sustained their convictions on Jan. 14.

"And the right of man to labor and his right to labor in joy—Not all your laws can stangle that right, nor the gates of Hell destroy; For it came with the making of man and was kneaded into his bones. And it will stand at the last of things on the dust of crumbled thrones."—Edwin Markham.

BRAINLESS DAY SUGGESTED BY WALL STREET JOURNAL

New York.—The Wall Street Journal remarks, "by the way"; "With our meatless, wheatless, heatless, coalless, workless days, the trouble in Washington seems to be a brainless day."

OMAHA SELLS OWN COAL.

Omaha.—The municipal coal yard has sold 2,133 tons of coal to 593 consumers at from \$5.75 to \$6.75 a ton and has furnished 241 tons to the city at wholesale prices since October, at a net profit of \$26.29, according to a financial report made to the city council.

CAR MEN RAISE WAGES.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Brotherhood of Railway Car Men have secured a 10 per cent wage increase and an agreement from the Florida East Coast road, the first since the strike several years ago.

SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICES RAIDED IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Jan.—After the decision of the supreme court was given, upholding the conviction of C. E. Ruthenberg, Alfred Wagenknecht and Charles Baker, prominent members of the Socialist party and recent party candidates in the municipal election, to a year in prison had been announced, the authorities conducted a raid on the Socialist party headquarters and confiscated 55,000 leaflets that were printed to help the Socialists fight the case.

These were taken in custody by Special Investigating Agent De Woody a number of United States deputy marshals and operatives of the secret service department.

At the same time, Postmaster Murphy barred the Socialist News, the weekly bulletin of the Ohio Socialist party from the mails because it contained an attack upon Judge Westenhaven and the federal jury which found the three Socialists guilty.

After the Socialist headquarters at 737 Prospect avenue had been raided, the authorities went to a printing firm where the leaflets were printed and obtained the plates on warrants issued by Attorney Breitenstein.

The convicted men probably will be imprisoned in the workhouse at Canton, Ohio.

KIDNAP SOCIALIST FROM CONVENTION

South Dakota Man Will Sue Party
Adopts Radical Platform.

Mitchel, C. D.—William C. Rempfer, leading Socialist of South Dakota and executive committeeman for the People's Council of America was kidnapped in broad daylight by "patriots" after orders had come to break up the Socialist state convention in session here.

The convention was meeting in the city hall by permission of the mayor and had almost finished its deliberations when the orders arrived. During the excitement Rempfer was hustled into an auto and after several miles was dumped in the prairie with a warning never to return. Citizens became indignant at the lawlessness of the kidnapers. Officers of the home guard joined in the protests. Rempfer has declared that he will sue his abductors.

The convention adopted a radical economic platform, demanding confiscation of war profits and conscription of sufficient wealth from owners of more than \$25,000 to pay the national debt. Government ownership of the Homestead and other mines was called for. The Socialist war program consisted of a combination of the proposals of the Russian Bolsheviks and President Wilson.

Orville Anderson, Milesville, a farmer, was nominated for governor and a full ticket placed in the field. Forecasts on the fall election indicate that the legislature will be divided between the Farmers' Non-Partisan league and the Socialists, the campaign to be fought on economic issues.

MINERS FAVOR U. S. CONTROL OF MINES; OPPOSE LABOR DRAFT.

Indianapolis.—The United Mine Workers late Friday went on record as favoring the taking over of the coal mines by the government on condition the union men had the right to make collective bargains.

The delegates to the next convention of the American Federation of Labor were instructed to prepare a resolution wherein the war aims of American labor are definitely set forth.

Episcopal Bishop Jones of Utah has been kicked out of his job for saying, "War is unchristian."

KIRKPATRICK HELPS IN PHILA.

Addresses Large Meeting to Raise
Funds for Defense of 10
Socialists.

Philadelphia, Jan.—Geo. R. Kirkpatrick delivered a stirring appeal in behalf of the ten convicted party members before a gathering of over 1,500 persons at Royal hall. The Socialists he defended are awaiting a new trial. Their convictions grew out of the charges for printing and distributing the leaflets calling for the repeal of the conscription act.

Federal agents were scattered through the crowd, and Kirkpatrick sensing their presence, said: "I am not here to criticize the government neither am I here to start any trouble, but if there is an officer of the law present, I want to make a speech that will interest him, and he is entirely welcome."

A collection was taken up, totaling \$263 in cash, checks, and even war saving stamps. A thrilling feature of the meeting was when the speaker called the convicted party members to the stage, and said: I ask you, do these people look like criminals. Should they be sent to jail for asserting their rights as citizens of this great republic? In all countries, past and present, people have cherished the right to criticize their governments. Have we not the same liberty here?"

Chas. Shel, chairman of the defense committee, said after the meeting: "While I'm pleased with the results, still more help is urgently needed in order to save these comrades from jail. Help is expected from the party membership outside Philadelphia. All contributions should be sent at once to the Socialist party, 1326 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Socialist Candidate Wins Reichstag Seat Over Conservative

Amsterdam.—Victory of a Socialist candidate, Henry Uhlig, over the Conservative aspirant, Dr. Herman, in a bye-election to the reichstag at Bautzen, Saxony, was reported in Berlin dispatches. The Socialist organ, Vorwärts, recalling an opinion expressed by the Conservative Kreuz Zeitung that the election would be "a test of the feeling of the German people," declared that victory must come to the Socialist majority's policies.

Bautzen is a city in Upper Lusatia, 31 miles northeast of Dresden, on the river Spree. It is an important manufacturing center.

PUBLICITY CREATED WEALTH

(Josiah Dudley, in The Ground Hog)
When the country was still young and the accessible land had not all been taken up, say prior to the Civil War, poverty was practically unknown in this country, and in that period we had no very rich and no paupers. At that time our national wealth was about eight billion dollars, our population about 25,000,000 people; our national wealth is now thirty-five times as great, while our population has increased fourfold; that is, our wealth has increased about nine times faster than our population, and yet during that time, poverty has developed, side by side, with the accumulation of great wealth. This condition suggests that something is wrong and it is up to us to find a remedy.

Now, how did this eight billion dollars in 1860 increase to 280 billion dollars in 1916; was it all created by labor? Decidedly not—part of it, and a great part of it, is what Blauvelt calls Publicly Created Wealth, and his point is that this Publicly Created Wealth belongs to the public and should first be used for public purposes before wealth created by labor is used. The distressing point is that that part which should go to the public goes to private individuals.

COAL MEN IGNORE U. S. ORDER,

Operators Bigger Than Fuel Administration, Six State Dictators Say.

Kansas City, Mo.—That the coal operators are bigger than the fuel administration and that they never have obeyed the fuel administration's orders or shown any intention of doing so, was the declaration made by Emerson Carey, fuel administrator for Kansas, at a meeting of fuel heads of six states here late Monday.

Except P. A. Norris, fuel administrator for Oklahoma, all the fuel directors concurred in Carey's statement that the operators "never had played fair; that they have obtained extortionate prices, and that the fuel administration must get out from the shadow of the 'coal trust' if it is to get best results."

Wallace Crossley, fuel administrator for Missouri, told the conference the coal shortage in St. Louis was due largely to the fact that the St. Louis coal supply comes almost entirely from southern Illinois, and that these mines are controlled by Chicago operators.

"Since the coal shortage became acute," Crossley said, "these operators have diverted the coal which formerly supplied St. Louis and sent it to Chicago. Nothing the Missouri fuel administrator could do or say had any effect on these operators. The virtually have sneered at our pleas."

BOLSHEVIKI PAPER ATTACKS ENVOYS

Calls Diplomats Agents of Imperialism Which Would Crush Revolt.

Stockholm.—Replying to sharp criticism in The Novala Zhizn of Petrograd, Maxim Gorky's paper, of the arrest of the Roumanian minister at Petrograd, the Pravda, organ of the council of workmen's and soldiers' deputies, says:

"And you believe seriously that all these men—M. Diamandi (the Roumanian minister), Mr. Francis, (The American ambassador), and M. Noulens (the French Ambassador)—are really envoys for the workmen's and peasants' government, for the Russian people! You think the government should consider as envoys these men, who have declared that this government is not recognized by their governments! Have not these men themselves declared they are not remaining in Russia as envoys but merely to obtain information?"

"Worthy" gentlemen, for us all these Roumanian, French and other diplomats are nothing but agents for international imperialism, which has for its aim the crushing of the Russian revolution. They are spies and helpers of Korniloff, Kaledines and Savinkoff. If they, who sent out spies and understrappers, begin to take liberties with our soldiers—we shall arrest these agents, no matter how much they chirk about their immunity."

New Delegation Arrives.
Bern.—Considerable embarrassment has been caused German peace delegates at Brest-Litovsk by sudden appearance there of a new delegation of Ukrainians to negotiate peace. The news arrivals, it was declared in Berlin dispatches today, challenged the authority of the other Ukrainians to speak for their nation. The newcomers, it was said, profess support of the Bolsheviks.

WILLING TO SWEAR.

The lawyer had a somewhat difficult witness, and finally asked if he was acquainted with any of the men on the jury.

"Yes, sir," replied the witness, "more than half of them."

"Are you willing to swear that you know more than half of them?" demanded the lawyer.

"Why, if it comes to that, I'm willing to swear that I know more than all of them put together," The Optimist.

AND CALL FOR THE \$1,000,000 VOLUNTEERS

We are giving below in full a news article that appeared in The Chicago Herald, Thursday, January 24th. This article would indicate that the Million Dollar Plan of the National Organization is getting under the skin of the politicians.

The Herald article follows:
"Immense activity of the Socialist party along money-raising lines recently attracted the attention of the federal authorities. Thousands of circulars appealing for money have recently been sent out from the national headquarters of the party, 803 W. Madison St.

"The circulars call for a \$1,000,000 fund, to be assessed on party members and sympathizers at the rate of \$1 per head, to finance a campaign for Socialism. Thousands of campaign workers and organizers are to be put into the field, according to the Socialists, who will follow the slogan: 'On to Washington.'"

"Federal authorities are inclined to believe that the issuing of the circular at the present time is a strategic move, toward off the full force of possible criminal prosecution of half a dozen party leaders under the Espionage law.

"Fourth Jury Gets Data.

"Ever since the raid on the party headquarters more than four months ago, successive grand juries have been listening to evidence collected by agents of the federal investigation bureau. Previous grand juries have adjourned without taking a vote on the proposed indictment, but it is understood that a vote will be taken by the present body before it adjourns sine die next week.

"Attorney General Gregory has taken a personal interest in the case and has been consulted on every move. He is said to have approved of the plan to prosecute and to be satisfied with the evidence collected.

"The government will probably charge that heads of the organization have conspired to discourage enlistment and recruiting and with spreading false stories concerning the military forces of the government.

"All Refused Immunity.

"All the members of the Socialist party who have been called before the different grand juries have been told that their testimony would not give them immunity from prosecution and that they could refuse to answer questions.

"Adolph Germer, national secretary of the party, has already been held for grand jury action by Judge Carpenter who sat as a committing magistrate, on charge of spreading a false report.

"The announcement that Mr. Gregory's first assistant, William C. Pitts, is about to come to Chicago is taken as evidence that the indictments will come within the next few days. Mr. Pitts arrived in town just a few days before the true bill was returned against 166 members of the I. W. W.

"If indictments are returned, a federal agent pointed out yesterday, the Socialists will reply that they are a direct result of their political activity and the government is attempting persecution to prevent a Socialist victory at the next election."

This article would indicate that the department of justice at Washington, D. C., is not satisfied and in-

tends to again try and secure conviction of the party leaders.

It will be recalled that National Executive Secretary, Adolph Germer, was placed on trial for conspiracy to violate the Espionage Law at Grand Rapids, Michigan, last October and was acquitted together with 12 local comrades.

In this trial, the party leaflets, "The War Proclamation," and "The Price We Pay," were introduced as evidence and read to the jury. The jury decided that these documents were neither seditious nor treasonable, that no conspiracy had been formed and returned its verdict accordingly.

From the beginning we have contended for the right of free criticism, free speech and free press, for these constitute the foundations of democracy. We have always said, and say now, that the "War Proclamation" and "The Price We Pay," together with all the other literature issued by the party has been perfectly legitimate and legal. In our opinion, the suppression of the circulation of this literature was a blow struck at the heart of the democratic institutions of America and we have not hesitated to say so.

"In one respect 'The Herald' is badly muddled. We did not issue the call for the million dollar fund to ward off the full force of possible indictments. If the government insists on new indictments after the Grand Rapids trial, well and good. Every comrade indicted will be worth a hundred thousand dollars to the million dollar fund. Every comrade indicted will be worth a million votes in the congressional election. And for every comrade indicted we will send ten socialists to congress at Washington. The government may put some of our officials in jail temporarily pending trial. We are going 'On to Washington' and sent a group of Socialists in Congress.

Two weeks ago we issued a call for 25,000 volunteers to start this work. The response to this call is beginning to come in and the way the comrades are responding has sent the spirits of the committee in charge soaring.

However, we must have this first \$25,000 right away. Sooner if possible! We must get this work under way and we again appeal to the comrades to join this first division of the conquering socialist army by rushing in their contributions. Sign the blank below and rush it in. If you don't care to write your name, sign "Friend."

I, the undersigned, hereby volunteer as one of the first 25,000 contributors to the Million Dollar Fund in response to the second call. You will find enclosed \$..... for the emancipation of the working class and the establishment of the American Socialist Republic.

Name
Address
City State
(Send \$1—More if Possible.)

RINGLEADER OF MOB AGAIN AT LIBERTY.

According to Industrial Worker the men that were arrested some time ago for being ringleader at the time the Pigott Printing Company's plant was destroyed, have now been released on a \$1,000 cash bail, furnished by men connected with big interests. It is predicted that the men now released will quietly disappear. It has been reported that they have made treats to return and completely wreck the place so that the Call and Industrial Worker could not be printed any further.

RAHWAY, N. J. ELECTS SOCIALIST COMMISSIONER

Rahway, N. J.—Despite opposition of the old parties and the press, the Socialists succeeded in electing one of their candidates, James B. Furber as one of the three commissioners of the city. For weeks before election The Railway Record, owned and controlled by the city, chamber of commerce, carried on a campaign against the Socialist candidate. The paper appealed to the "loyalty" of the citizens not to elect Furber.

SOCIALIST STATE SECRETARIES SAY, "IT CAN BE DONE."

Chicago, Ill., Jan.—State Secretaries of the Socialist Party are lending their efforts toward raising the Million Dollar Fund to send Socialist congressmen "ON TO WASHINGTON" in November.

They declare that it will be possible to raise a million dollars for this year's Socialist campaign. Extracts from letters received from some of them are as follows:

"The Million Dollar Fund is a big undertaking, but no bigger than the Socialist movement now is, and we will do it! The West Virginia movement is with you until this magnificent inspiration is an assured reality. The two huntington locals have voted that every member shall give \$1 or more and that each member shall receive a subscription blank with which to solicit funds among outsiders and those friendly to the cause. To the Pluties, who know the power of their press and mis-education, the prospect of one million working class dollars being devoted to a working class press and working class education, may well send shivers of apprehension along the plutocratic spine from Wall street to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. And one million dollars put to the purpose of a clean, glorious cause will be more powerful for good than ten millions to back the dirty politics of the despairing gang of profiteers who will stop at nothing to keep the workers bound to the treadmill of capitalism. You will hear from West Virginia in a substantial way soon."—Edwin Firth, State Secretary of West Virginia.

"It is a delight to me to say that Kansas will do her share in the Million Dollar drive. I have been figuring a little, and it seems to me that twenty thousand is about our share in this. A little white back, I would have been utterly dismayed, but now I am ready to make a desperate try at it. So, let me know if I can do anything and I shall gladly co-operate."

Kansas would rather not get out her own literature. We will use the leaflets put out by the National Office. I have no jealousy in my make-up and I am sure the executive committee here is not made up of that sort of comrades. We are not afraid that we will not get our share. We will do what we can and feel sure that we will get a square deal. A victory in New York looks just as good to us as one in Kansas. Our membership has about trebled in the last year and we have plans that will insure the continuance of that, I am sure. So, use our money where it will do the most good, whatever is coming to us we will use to pay some of the organizers here who have sacrificed for the cause for years, working for almost nothing. Comrade P. T. Laughlin put in 500 new members paid in advance for a year in five months, and got \$375 for it.—Mrs. Ida Beloff, State Secretary for Kansas.

BIGELOW AND THE BLACKSNAKE BRUTES

By EUGENE V. DEBS.
Sunday, October 28th, 1917! Make a mental note of this date. You will have occasion often in future to recall it. Your children and their children for generations to come will know of it, for on that day there occurred an historic event in the United States. The significance of that event is but little understood in this day and generation. The few only who have vision can see it with clarity and interpret it with understanding.

On Sunday, October 28th, 1917, Herbert Seeley Bigelow, of Ohio, an eminent clergyman, chairman of the convention which framed the constitution of his State, one of the greatest of Americans, and one of the gentlest, finest and most beloved citizens of the republic, was seized by a band of masked brutes in the forms of men as he was about to enter a public hall in Newport, Kentucky, to make a plea for peace and good will on earth, for the Fatherland of God and the Brotherhood of Man, flung into a waiting automobile, gagged and handcuffed, and speeded away several miles into a dense forest, where he was stripped naked, tied to a tree, beaten with a black snake until the lash was red with his blood and lacerated flesh, and his hair saturated with petroleum until he fainted away from agony and exhaustion, as did the Man of Galilee, and left more than half dead in a wilderness, miles from home, without a soul to hear his cry or relieve his excruciating torture.

The shadowy fiends who plotted and committed this crime of crimes,

"Your letter of explanation on raising and expending the funds for the 1918 campaign arrived today, and needless to say that as far as I am concerned in this great work, Indiana will do all within her power to make the entire plan a success."

"I cannot see any reason why the plan should not be the means of securing the best results in collecting the funds as well as in spending them. If the comrades of this nation will get real earnest and get that million (And I Know They Can) then each state will have far more in speakers, organizers and cash to do things with than they ever had before."—Wm. H. Henry, State Secretary of Indiana.

"I think very favorably of the Million Dollar Fund and enclose herewith circular sent to locals and will mail our local California Socialist Bulletin in a day or so, so that you may see the boost I have given it. Things are beginning to boom in California, and I feel confident that we will give a good account of ourselves next November."—Cameron H. King, State Secretary of California.

From Some of the Many Contributors.

"Inclosed herewith please find \$15 which is a contribution of the Central body, S. P., to the Million Dollar Fund. We will do more in the near future, and hope every Branch and every comrade will do the same so that you may meet with success."—Bethlehem, Pa.

"I am sending you herewith my contribution to the \$25,000 preliminary fund. Later, I shall send along the remainder of what I think my share of the Million. I see no reason why this amount, big as it appears to be at first sight, should not be easily raised in the next ten months. This is a year of big things, had as well as good, and we Socialists must measure up to the world's standard by being big, too."—Kensington, Maryland.

"In regard to the Million Dollar Campaign Fund for our national campaign, I want to volunteer as a Booster from start to finish. I will give \$25 out of my own pocket and if it is needed, I will give more. I am willing to take this matter up with our local and keep it before them all the year and also, see every man who will, I think, pay anything. It is forward to Socialism!—or STAY in barbarism. Count me—first, last and all the time."—Bay City, Texas.

"Local Gary, Ind., English Branch, hereby extends its fraternal greetings, and expresses approval of the plan to raise a million dollars for the campaign of 1918."

"I have received pledges to the amount of \$60. I am also glad to say that I think it is possible to raise more funds later."—Gary, Indiana.

this monstrous horror, this unbelievable atrocity, this staggering infamy, strange as it may seem, were all "Christian gentlemen" of the highest standing and "respectable citizens" of the first order. There was not an "undesirable citizen" among them.

They intended, after saturating the hair of their victim, who lay bleeding and unconscious at their feet, with kerosene, to apply a lighted match to his head and burn him alive, but their coward hearts failed them and they fled in terror from the scene of their appalling infamy and crime.

This "incident," this "episode," this "affair," as it has been variously termed by the public press, epitomizes the entire capitalist regime, reflects its ethics and morals, incarnates its brutal spirit and bloody misrule, accounts for its ruthless ravages and criminal conquests, and finally, in its sheer barbarity, issues its flaming appeal to the souls of men to rise in their might and sweep this savage system from the earth.

The bleeding back of Herbert Bigelow covered with wounds, "poor dumb mouths," makes mute appeal to the conscience of America, to the civilized judgment of the world. The scars that remain will be his passport to immortal fame.

He stood erect and serene beneath the banner of international brotherhood, red as the blood he shed in its glory, and pleaded as the Nazarene one did for "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men."

It is not strange to men of understanding that Jesus was seized by the Ku-klux of his day, nor that Bigelow his twentieth-century disciple, should meet with the same fate at the hands of the so-called followers of the Judean in the twentieth century.

Jesus, for preaching love and peace, was nailed to the cross; Bigelow, for the same crime, was tied to a tree. Both were stripped to the skin. Jesus in his agony was treated to vinegar and gall; Bigelow to Rockefeller kerosene.

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the friend of the poor, the enemy of the rich, the rebel against the ruling class, was hailed with joy by the rich and respectable elements throughout the Roman Empire. Every usurer, every money-changer, every slave-owner, every profiteer, every sweeper of the poor, every hypocritical scribe, every pious pharisee and all their brood of professional retainers and apologists, rejoiced exceedingly in the summary "justice" which had been dealt out to the agitator who was charged by the Caiaphases, the solemn high priests of the Roman ruling class, with the crime of the ages: "He stirreth up the people."

The crucifixion of Herbert Bigelow, the faithful follower of Jesus, the friend of the suffering poor, is hailed in our day with almost the same unanimity of rejoicing and approval by the usurers, money-changers, sweaters of child labor and profiteers of all descriptions, including their servile preachers, professors and pencil-pushers, as greeted the execution of "the Son of Man" 20 centuries ago.

It is true that the President of the United States has indirectly and with all due mildness voiced his disapproval, it is likewise true that a few papers objected, but mainly upon the ground that it was not wise policy and that it might establish a dangerous precedent and incite retaliation.

Capitalist Society as a whole has placed the seal of its approval upon this monstrous crime, this eternal infamy, and this constitutes its supreme significance.

Herbert Bigelow had violated no law; he was charged with no offense. We was honest, upright and law-abiding, and yet he was made the victim of a crime with scarcely a parallel in history.

Have the black-hearted villains been apprehended? No! Will they be? No! Has the governor of Kentucky or the mayor of Newport offered any reward for their arrest? No! Will there be any atonement whatever on the part of those responsible for it? No!

Why not? Because it has the whole-hearted approval of the "respectables" of our day. It registers capitalism's degree on the barometer of civilization; it reflects the morals of the capitalist system; it expresses unerringly the ethical code of the present exploiting class.

Personally, Herbert Bigelow is the most modest of men and considers himself of small consequence. But in the light of October 28th, 1917, he stands forth a martyr and a hero. His flesh may be bruised and bleeding, but his soul is erect and triumphant. The ages will come to know him.

The eminently respectable kidnappers and whippers of Bigelow have but crowned their victim with glory and given his name to immortality. Theirs is the disgrace and the defeat, and theirs the inheritance of infamy and oblivion, while the great cause for which Bigelow stood and suffered, the cause of humanity, to the cause of love and peace, goes on and on in its triumphant sweep across the ages.

The Citizen

DOINGS OF THE SOCIALIST LOCALS

Comrades should remember that Tom Lewis from Portland, Oregon, will lecture at the Woodman Hall, Sunday evening, Feb. 3rd and all who have heard him before will surely be glad to hear that he is still in the movement. He will also lecture at the Comrade meeting to be held on Monday night, at the same hall. Be sure to come. There will be no admission charges Monday night. See ad in other part of the paper.

Wm. Thurston Brown will be here as stated before on the 11th at Woodman Hall and at Tarmo Hall the 13th of February. Be sure to be there.

"The Great Wanderlust," a six-reel working class wonder movie will be at the Lyceum Feb. 28th under the auspices of this paper and from reports that comes from places where it has been showed it is some show. Get your tickets now to be sure that you will get a good seat.

City Central Committee's Dance at Tarmo Hall on Feb. 6th should be remembered. Get your tickets from comrades and sell to your fellow-workers.

The package social at the Woodman Hall last Tuesday night was a great success, and the ladies in charge of the affair have asked to express their thanks to all the comrades who helped to make the affair a success and especially to comrade Blackman of the Jewish local

for his splendid help. Thank you one and all. The board of Directors also want to thank the Scandinavian Sewing Society for the well needed help.

Tickets to the show at the Lyceum can be ordered from this office and from all comrades active in the movement.

A surprise party was given in honor of Comrade Mrs. H. Singer, 609—2nd ave E. on Friday evening, January 25th by comrades from Duluth and Superior. Beautiful presents were given her by her husband Mr. H. Singer and her sister Mrs. Z. Zimmerman. A beautiful cut glass set was given her from the other friends.

REAL MASTER CLASS.

When we refer to the master class we have in mind the capitalist class which are the predominating class under this system, but only so by permission of the working class, the producing class, who constitute the great majority of the American public, and who are the real master class.

The none producers, capitalists who are the small minority have in their possession the legislative and military government and by reason of these facts, possess practically all the avenues of education, included here are nearly all educational institutions, form our public schools to our colleges and universities. Our churches and the associated press, also are their willing and able servants.

With these instrumentalities they have been able to mold, hold and control public opinion to suit their profiteering system. Which spells prosperity for the capitalists and destruction for the workers.

Through the means of false teachings, lies, misrepresentation of facts, mesmerism, and hypnotism, the capitalists have temporarily succeeded in procuring the delegated rights of the masses to become their masters. And therefore the so called master class will remain the master class, until the real master class, the working class have become sufficiently interested in the affairs of government to understand, that they are not getting their just portion of that which they have produced. Not until then will the workers come to the realization, that they are not properly ruled and will proceed to rule themselves in order that they may enjoy the benefit of that which they have produced.

How long shall we the masses, the workers, who are the real master class tolerate to see our principles, social justice, democracy, universal brotherhood, morality, purity, freedom, liberty and all crucified, on the cross of gold, for the mere purpose of satisfying the selfish and unmerciful greed of the capitalists.

And yet it is useless to blame the capitalists, the workers themselves who are the real master class, are to blame for permitting a system to exist under which such conditions as exists today are permissible. The capitalists are merely taking advantage of the conditions and environments which this system creates, to keep the workers in submission.

Capitalism has had its day. Despotism, Manarchy, Autocracy and tyranny has had its day. And now its time for humanity to have its day. And with the united efforts of the workers who are the real masters, with the guiding spirit of righteousness crying out for freedom and liberty. Humanity must and shall have its day.

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O. E. THOMPSON.

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A Week In Washington

By Robert M LaFollette, Jr.

Washington, Jan.—Thanks to the reactionary speeches and efforts of Sherley of Kentucky, Rainey of Illinois. Labor got a terrific wallop in the House last week in the vote on the bill to appoint a commission to study the question of insurance against unemployment, invalidity and old age. Although the House has spent appropriations like the proverbial seaman, the suggestion of appropriating \$50,000 for the study of after-the-war reconstruction was too much for them.

Sherley, the new chairman of the Appropriations Committee, fought the idea bitterly. "There is a surfeit of commissions," he shouted. "We have had commissions on everything under the sun. The Walsh Commission went all over the country exploiting all sorts of views from reactionary to almost anarchistic."

The house voted down the bill although the labor committee had reported it unanimously and it was known that labor had been pleading for such legislation for years. The vote was 199 against, 133 for, with 95 not voting.

Here is the list, by states of the men who voted to kill the bill. Labor ought to chalk their names up on the walls of every union headquarters:

Alabama: Almon, Bankhead, Blackmon, Burnett, Dent, Gray, Heffin, Oliver, Steagall.

Arkansas: Caraway, Goodwin, Oldfield, Taylor, Tillman.

California: Hayes, Kahn.

Colorado: Timberlake.

Connecticut: Freeman, Glynn, Merritt.

Florida: Kehoe, Sears.

Georgia: Bell, Brand, Crisp, Larsen, Lee, Overstreet, Park, Winson, Walker.

Illinois: Denison, Foss, Fuller, Ireland, McAndrews, McKenzie, McKinley, Madden, Rainey, Sterling, Williams, Wilson.

Indiana: Elliott, Moores, Sanders, Wood.

Iowa: Good, Green, Haugen, Kennedy, Sweet, Townner.

Kansas: Anthony, Campbell, Soule.

Kentucky: Kincheloe, Langley, Powers, Rouse, Sherley.

Louisiana: Aswell, Pupre, Martin, Lazaro, Sanders, Wilson.

Maine: Peters.

Maryland: Linthicum, Price Talbott.

Massachusetts: Carter, Dallinger, Gillett, Olney, Paige, Rogers, Tinkham, Treadway, Walsh.

Michigan: Cramton, Currie, Fordney, Kelley, McLaughlin, Scott.

Minnesota: Ellsworth, Miller, Steenerson.

Mississippi: Collier, Sisson, Stephens, Venable.

Missouri: Booher, Borland, Dyer, Meeker, Romjue, Rucker, Russell.

Nebraska: Lobeck, Cloan, Stephens.

New Hampshire: Burroughs, Wason.

New Jersey: Bacharach, Brown, Fagot, Gray Hutchinson, Lehigh, Parker, Ramsey.

New York: Chandler, Dempsey, Gould, Hicks, Husted, Mages, Platt, Rowe, Sanders, Snyder.

North Carolina: Doughton, Godwin, Pou, Robinson, Small, Stedman, Weaver, Webb.

North Dakota: Norton.

Ohio: Cooper, Fess, Gordon, Hollingsworth, eKarns, Key, Longworth, Overmyer, Snook, Switzer, Welty.

Oklahoma: Carter, McClintic.

Oregon: McArthur.

Pennsylvania: Butler, Clark, Cragg, Darrow, Griest, McFadden, Moore, Steele, Sterling, Temple.

Rhode Island: Stines.

South Carolina: Byrnes, Dominick, Lever, Nicholls, Stevenson.

Tennessee: Austin, Byrnes, Garrett, Houston, Hull.

Texas: Black, Blanton, Buchanan, Connally, Dies, Gregg, Jones, Mansfield, Rayburn, Slayden, Wilson.

Utah: Welling.

Virginia: Carlin, Flood, Harrison, Holland, Montague, Slomp, Watson.

Washington: Hadley, Johnson.

West Virginia: Cooper, Reed.

Wisconsin: Classon, Esch, Lenroot, Stafford.

SOCIALISM—THE PATH TO FREEDOM AND POWER FOR THE WORKERS OF AMERICA

By WM. THURSTON BROWN

To the men and women who are doing the work of the world, who feed the world, who clothe the world, who house the world: I want to talk with you as man to man.

Producers of America, there are some facts which you MUST KNOW, there are some things which you MUST UNLEARN, and there are some things which you MUST DO. Not because I say so or because one says so, but because ALL YOUR INTERESTS IN LIFE demand that you know these facts, that you unlearn these false ideas which you have been taught, and that you do the things which stand between you and your freedom and happiness.

Fellow-workers, on the farm, in the mine, on the railroad, in the store, in the mill and factory, everywhere: I ask you to think first what your FUNCTION IN SOCIETY IS. Is it a necessary function, or an unnecessary one? Are you needed in this world or are you not? Can the world get along without you, or can it NOT get along without you—without your labor-power.

Mark this: If we human beings are to live at all, A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE MUST WORK. Life cannot be maintained without food, clothing and shelter. THE HIGHER LIFE OF MEN AND WOMEN CANNOT BE AT ALL WITHOUT SOME LEISURE, WITHOUT FREEDOM, WITHOUT JOY. Food does not drop from the clouds. Clothing does not grow wild on bushes. Houses do not build themselves. Men and women must work hard to produce food, to make clothing, to provide shelter. THEY WHO DO THESE THINGS ARE ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE TO THE LIFE OF THE RACE. If there are people who do nothing to produce food, to make clothing, to provide shelter, SUCH PEOPLE ARE NOT INDISPENSABLE TO LIFE.

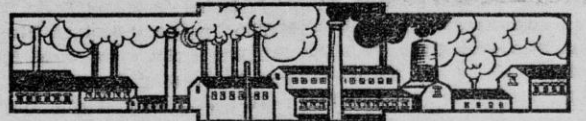
If you who read this article belong to the producing class, you are indispensable units in society. Life cannot go on without you and your labor. But if there are people who are not producers, are not having any necessary part in tilling the soil, in making clothing, or providing shelter—if there are people who are not needed in order that railroads may be run, mines may be worked,

mills and factories operated, houses built, crops planted, cultivated, harvested, and turned into food products—then there are people who are not indispensable to the life of society, and since these same people consume the products of labor without doing any useful work themselves, they are parasites and the rest of us who do work are carrying them on our backs—just as we are carrying (on our backs) the idle and useless soldiers who shoot us down in all our struggles for a living.

Fellow-workers, I wonder if you realize what merely living in this world involves, what a world-wide co-operation of labor is necessary in order to erect a building or make a suit of clothes or furnish one meal. The whole world of human labor is involved in every one of these processes that are necessary to life. The workers of the whole world—the WORKERS, remember—are uniting their energies all the while to make life possible for all. Upon their united labor rest all the leisure, all the study, all the luxury, all the joy, all the art, all the music, all the wealth, all the laws and institutions, the counts, the armies, the clubs and guns, and swords, the brutal wars, the whole terrible fabric of modern society. All that we see or know is the product of labor. The working class alone is necessary to the maintenance of human life—all its health, all its beauty, all its joy, all its art, education, freedom, fulfillment—all rest securely on Labor, on the LABOR-POWER of those who toil.

Think now, you workers of America, what your condition is. Think what a spectacle this human society of ours presents. In spite of the fact that the earth contains inexhaustible deposits of coal and hundreds of thousands of men are risking and losing their lives in mining this coal, hundreds of thousands of people CANNOT KEEP WARM IN WINTER. Who are these hundreds of thousands that cannot keep warm in winter? THEY BELONG TO THE WORKING CLASS. They belong to the one class of people without which society could not exist.

Brown will lecture at Woodman Hall Monday evening, February 11th and at Tarmo Hall, Wednesday evening, February 13th. Both evenings the lecture will begin at 8 o'clock.



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Agitate—rouse the workers—educate—teach him to use the new weapons he has found—organize—rally the workers' forces at the point of attack.

These great forces intertwine. The year 1918 will see them at work. The Socialist party is raising a million dollars to win along these lines. Here's a great job—raising this money—and getting the greatest benefit from its use.

It's an inspiring job, though, and we're going into it with the spirit that wins. Our forces will be strong and united because composed of members who want to be with it, and must be with it. Our program will be one that shows the way out of the chaos and anarchy into which capitalism has thrust society. Our victory will be one that will bring new courage and hope to the workers of the world.

JUST THE LITTLE THINGS.

Stanley Wilson tells of a great bridge that was pronounced unsafe and finally made useless because a small birch seed had been blown into the crevice above the keystone of the arch and was left to grow until it became a tree.

It sent its roots into the mortar and foundations, wrenching apart the structure of this great piece of masonry.

As a seed or twig it could have been pulled out with the hand of a child, but left to grow, it ruined the bridge.

Vigilance and diligence are necessary both in our individual and collective interests, he points out.

Perpetual motion is solved by a recent philosopher, says Don Federson, as follows:

Rags make paper. Paper makes money. Money makes banks. Banks make loans. Loans make poverty. Poverty makes rags. Rags make paper.
Keep on repeating.

THE CHANGING ORDER.

Says Carlyle: No revolution ever rises above the intellectual level of those who make it, and little is gained where one false notion supplants another. But we must some day, at last and forever, cross the line between nonsense and common sense. And on that day we shall pass from class paternalism, originally derived from the fetch 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.

CAPITALISM TO PAY THE PRICE OF PEACE

Who said "peace at any price?" Certainly not the socialist. He knows there is a price that must be paid for peace—real, lasting, permanent peace.

It is a price staggering to comprehend—to the bondholders and coupon clippers. It is a price the proletariat gain by paying.

That price is the capitalist commercial system that begets war, and it will be named only by those who have nothing to lose but their chains and a world to win.

It is only a question of time until the workers will demand a settlement and the price will be paid.

Food is needed to win the war. We can't win without it.

The same is true of flags. Without flags we can't win the war. So little children, tired mothers, whole families of the poor work late into the night making little flags. With the few pennies thus earned the wolf is kept from the door, little lives are saved so Johnny and Bennie can grow up big and some day fight for the honor of the flag that dear old mother worked did her bit for to "make the world safe for democracy."

We feel moved to remark that some people who attempt to spread Socialism across the continent should try to spread a little of it across the supper table, too. A family of socialists is better than a family of socialists and Henriets or Henriettas as the case might be, all in one union.

"Punishment does not prevent crime because it does not prevent the things that lead to crime."

So observed the Appeal. A California comrade, writing on this point, makes the following comment which is passed along just for instance:

"Shall the Appeal be allowed to attack the temperance cause in this way? he asked. 'The statement may be true in some cases but Prohibitionists know better. Their party depends on the principle that if the liquor business can be declared a crime the punishment threatened by prohibition law will remove it without touching the things that force men into it either as producers or consumers. The large number of Socialist-Prohibitionists proves the Appeal wrong for once—does it not? Quein sabe?' I am going to spill a galley or two on this subject sooner or later if the time and opportunity presents itself, and get myself in bad with a lot of the comrades for sure.

GOOD ROOTS.

Here's another one of those little Stanley Wilson fables:

Botanists will tell you that, speaking roughly, the roots of a tree are as far spreading as its branches. There is as much growth underground as there is above ground. There is as much unseen as there is seen.

A great tree requires a great rootage, and so does a great movement.

The organization or institution that is worth while must have its roots well down in principle.

SOCIALIST MEETINGS AND THEIR RESULTS

Why is it that so many Socialists are never seen in branch or party meetings, even when lectures are announced. There may be many answers to this question, but only one is satisfactory and that is, they don't find the meetings and the speeches interesting enough for them to go there, and it is our business to make them interesting.

At least, this is the conclusion of one of our papers and its reasoning on this point is of such interest and value that I reproduce the argument here:

"If you give people what they want they will come and get it and nothing will keep them back. Let us make our meeting rooms as attractive as our means will permit. Cut down the necessary business routine as much as possible and don't waste your valuable time in non-essential discussions about things that the common sense of the organizer or secretary will settle as a matter of course.

And finally, let us encourage our speakers and lecturers to treat their hearers not merely as poor exploited and wronged wage slaves with a grievance but as cultured men and women interested in everything that appeals to the human intellect, eager to hear and take part in the discussion of questions and problems that are taboo in purely political meetings and ready to open their hearts to the message that modern science, literature and philosophy are offering to this our world.

It is necessary, of course, to open the eyes of men and women to the brutal facts of our social world, to make them understand the lives they are living. And the bread and butter question will always retain its place in the foreground of our discussions because of its dominant importance of the working people. But man does not live on bread alone. His mind starves if its appetite is not satisfied, his emotional life is stunted if it is deprived of nourishment, he feels himself a stranger, in the world of intellectual achievements and efforts if he is treated as a down-trodden, brutalized, ignorant miserable pariah unable to understand the language of educated men and incapable of grasping the meaning of real civilization.

Ours is a message of hope and joy and we must conduct our meetings in a manner that is not merely instructive but edifying and inspiring also. A person leaving a Socialist meeting must leave it with the feeling not of a despised and wronged wage slave but of a conqueror who has become master of his own mind and soul and will soon become master of the world.

A PICTURE OF THE NEW AGE.
"Production, and not destruction, is the edict of destiny!" says Stanley Wilson, and he tells this story.

The Prophet Micah and a vision of the time when nation shall not lift up sword against nation and

when war should cease to occupy the minds of men.

It was a marvelous vision for that age. It was a marvelous vision for any age.

The Prophet saw the swords of the world beaten into plowshares.

There is an old picture of a cannon which had dropped from its battered carriage and was lying in a meadow rusting away to ruin. A lamb was feeding at its very mouth, and round it on every side the flowers were growing.

It is a beautiful picture. But the picture of the converted plowshare is the more inspiring.

A manufacturer of Birmingham gathered up the empty cases of the shells used in a war and turned them into dinner gongs!

The plowshare is to be used for supplying dinners.

No energy is to be destroyed. It is all to be transformed.

Production, and not destruction, is the edict of destiny!

OPINIONS FROM THE WORTH WHILE

Letting Mike, the Bum, and Percy, who receives his checks from father, talk to themselves for a while, let us read what two famous writers and scientists have to say on Socialism as it appeals to them.

H. G. Wells, writing in the "Socialist press, years ago said: 'Socialism is to me a very great thing indeed, the form and substance of my life ideal and all the religion I possess. I am, by a sort of predestination, a Socialist. I perceive I cannot help talking and writing about Socialism, and shaping and forwarding Socialism. I am one of a succession—one of a growing multitude of witnesses, who shall continue. It does not—in the larger sense—matter how many generations of us must toil and testify. It does not matter, except as our individual concern, how individually we succeed or fail, what blunders we make, what follies we encounter, what private hopes and level our personal imaginations 'to the dust. We have the light. We know what we are for, and that the light that now glimmers so dimly through we must in the end prevail.'"

The great naturalist, Alfred Russel Wallace, confesses in his My Life: "I was yet so much influenced by the individualistic teachings of Mill and Spencer, and the loudly proclaimed dogma, that without the constant spur of individual competition men would inevitably become idle and fall back into universal poverty, that I did not bestow much attention upon Socialism, having, in fact, as much literary work on hand as I could manage. But at length, in 1889, my views were changed once for all, and I have ever since been absolutely convinced, not only that Socialism is thoroughly practicable, but that it is the only form of society worthy of civilized beings, and that it, alone, can secure for mankind continuous mental and moral advancement, together with that true happiness which arises from the full exercise of all their faculties for the purpose of satisfying all their rational needs, desires, and aspirations."

IT'S STALE STUFF.

This censorship business is nothing new at all. How about the censorship that has been and is yet maintained against Tom Paine? Against Ingersoll? Against Emerson? Against Whitman, Debs, Isaiah, and judging by current events, against Jesus Christ and the Constitution of the United States.

An exchange says it took Carl Marx 20 years to write "Capital," but some way or the other a lot of us get our knowledge pretty quick. The exchange wonders if there might not be cases among Socialists like the young lady mentioned in the following story:

"The Simplicity of It."
"Speaking with a young lady, a gentleman mentioned that he had failed to keep abreast of the scientific advance of the age. 'For instance,' he said, 'I don't know at all how the incandescent electric light is produced.' 'Oh, it is very simple,' said the lady. 'You just press the button, and the light appears at once.'"

THE SINKING OF THE SHIP OF THE CAPITALIST STATE.

Dan Hogan, the famous Arkansas agitator, in one of his matchless compositions compares the sinking of splendid giant vessel with the unsinkable, always buoyant system ship of capitalism "which rides the waves of the great blue black ocean of commercial piracy as gaily and as fearlessly as did the Titanic upon the Ocean! The ultimate of the genius of wealth expropriators, manned with all the machinery for labor's exploitation which the devilish ingenuity of mercenary man can devise, her decks protected by the written and unwritten constitu-

tions, and the decrees of all the governments of all the earth, her bulkheads bolted air tight by the decrees of the lawgivers in all the Congresses and Parliaments, and by those upon the bench, her boilers steamed by the hot blood of the submerged workers, stokers in the hell hole of wage slavery, awed into submission by injunctions, bull pens, militia, army and navy, with propellers whirling at incredible speed, with sails unfurled to catch the energy of every impelling breeze, she sails on, confident, complacent, un-mindful and indifferent to the multitudinous warnings which betoken her inevitable doom."

If the boilers had not burst, the ship would have survived. The architects who built her did not look for this unexpected occurrence. But when an immense hole was torn in the side of the ship, the boiler rooms were flooded and an explosion followed and sent her in twain, and her doom was sealed.

So Capitalism does not take into account the boiling blood in the stoke holes of working class oppression. Capitalism forgets that it is human blood—that it is red. No one is aware of the mutiny in the stoke holes, of the rising, ever growing, ever expanding feeling of class consciousness among those who furnish the energy which drives the ship. In spite of the warning of this hour Capitalism believes that the workers will always remain ignorant, disorganized and helpless. It believes that because for a thousand years the workers have been divided by 'race, by religion, by false economic clap trap and by vain and meaningless political vagaries, that they will always be. Capitalism has not heard and does not heed the cry: "Workers of all countries unite," which in union is repeated by thousands in every language under the sun.

"Capitalism sails on and on, knowing not whither, but the great undivided army, composed of citizens of the world, knows, and some day in the not far distant future the impelling energy in the stoke holes of the great system ship, is going to unite to conserve their blood for themselves, and the propeller wheels will cease to turn, and way out in the mid ocean of eternal solitude because the wheels to not turn, because the wheels to dot turn, because labor has put its hand in its pockets—but the silny surface of a waveless, shoreless sea, the sea that lies dark and dreary over oblivions grave, we will leave the rotting hulk to its inevitable decay.

"And the life boats of Socialism wherein shall be safely housed all that is good and beautiful, all that is noble and true, shall stand by and with an exultant shout we shall see the scuttled Titanic of Capitalism go down to its grave of forgetfulness. We shall shout because it will carry with it, poverty and ignorance and superstition, crime, insanity and disease, hypocrisy and hate and all the causes thereof and peace and love shall reign forever, and the sea shall not give up its dead."

IMPORTANCE NOTICE TO EXCHANGES.

It is our aim to include in this department a review of what the radical press and its people are doing and saying, including excerpts of current opinion of topics of the hour, comments on their movements and achievements, etc., so to aid in carrying out this aim urgently request all our exchanges and other radical periodicals to place the following name and address on their exchange lists: M. Sanford, Box 761, Lovelock, Nevada, X.

We thank you.—Ed.

COAL PROFITEERS ROB US OF MILLION DOLLAR EVERY DAY

We have just become accustomed to handling out a million dollars in profits every day to the U. S. Steel Corporation.

Now we are told that the profits of the coal barons also amount to one million dollars a day.

This makes more than half a billion dollars annually in profits to just two big corporate interests.

Clifford Thorne, of Chicago, gave the figures to the U. S. senate investigating committee, but it is not to be expected that anything will be done about it.

Instead, Thorne declared that his six months' study of the coal situation had convinced him that government price fixing had advanced prices, that the coal profiteers were making excessive profits and that the public did not have sufficient voice in governmental investigation to gain data for price regulation.

Mr. Thorne testified that the National Union Coal company at Ward, Iowa, was selling 100 tons of coal daily to the government at Camp Dodge at a price 50 per cent greater than it was charging for 150 tons of the same kind of coal delivered daily to the Burlington Railroad Company.

Thorne estimated that the coal operator's profits now aggregate \$1,000,000 a day.

With competition in the Illinois field in August, 1916 the average price for slack coal was \$1.25 a ton and the price now, under government regulation is \$1.70, he said.

Why should the government delay one minute taking over the coal industry and wiping out this huge toll of profits.

THEODORE THE GREAT VIR- TUALLY BRANDS WILSON AS PRO-GERMAN IN HIS POLICIES.

The recent fight going on between Democrat and Republican "statesmen" in Washington is bringing out a lot of truth and facts, which heretofore have been kept from the anxious American public. When the "big guns" start quarreling, then the people commence to know something about what is going on back of the scenes. The big noise, Theodore The Great, has gone to Washington to help speed up the war. He says he thinks that the national motto at this time should be "Tell the truth and speed the war." He says he is more interested in what the President has said about Chamberlain than what Senator Stone has said about himself (Roosevelt). Theodore The Great declares, "It is the mark of the pro-German to oppose what is done to make our participation in the war more speedy and more efficient, or to defend inefficiency of lukewarmness and delay and to assail those who oppose such inefficiency, lukewarmness and delay."

Is Wilson Also "Pro-German"?

Senator Chamberlain (Democrat) from Oregon has greatly angered President Wilson by attacking the administration's policy and championing bills to introduce a permanent military training system and for a non-partisan war cabinet. Wilson replies by claiming that "Chamberlain's statement as to the present inaction and inefficiency of the government is an astonishing and absolutely unjustifiable distortion of the truth." Therefore, if Roosevelt's statement quoted above, is right in regard to what he considers "Pro-German," then President Wilson is being branded with the mark of the "Pro-German by Roosevelt, because he is defending what Roosevelt and Chamberlain calls "inefficiency or lukewarmness" and "is assailing those who oppose such inefficiency."

A Most Amusing Spectacle.

So we have the amusing spectacle of Stone claiming that Roosevelt is "Working in the interests of the kaiser," and Roosevelt practically claiming that Wilson is following a "Pro-German" policy. It appears that it will not be necessary for Socialists to condemn the war policies of the government; as it is being done very thoroughly, now, by such "super-patriots" as Roosevelt, Chamberlain and others. From now on we will be treated to a free Kilkeney cat show with Roosevelt, Wilson, Stone and Chamberlain, etc., as the principal contestants for "honors."

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of comrades who have walked out of merchants' stores with whom they had been trading for years because the merchants refused to advertise in the TRUTH. And we can also tell you comrades who refuse to trade with Merchant Jones who does advertise, because they think Merchant Smith's sugar just a little bit sweeter than the sugar of Merchant Jones. However, we do not intend to tell tales. We DO intend to tell you that ALL comrades are going to get into the habit of PATRONIZING TRUTH ADVERTISERS. It's no use kicking back. YOU ARE GOING TO GET THE HABIT. More than this, you are going to KEEP the habit. It is this way, comrades. ALL of us are getting to be better Socialists every day. Once upon a time there were all pretty shoddy in respect. Yes, we are all becoming better Socialists. And we are getting more numerous every day. You may not notice it, being so hard at work in fixing some other party member. But we are. Every day

we add to our ranks. And this is what happens. You who are negligent now will graduate out of that class of Socialists, and will become of the very best. Others newer in the cause, will take your place in the "negligent class." Well, knowing to be a foregone conclusion that you are to be one of the BEST of Socialists, may we not now cancel the "are to be" and place you in the "is" class? What's the use in hesitating? As we said, YOU ARE going to get the habit of patronizing our advertisers. You can't help yourself. If you ARE a Socialist, then you believe in a Socialist press, then you will support that press. And that is the way to support our press. PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS ALL THE TIME. Quit going to Merchant Brown who does not advertise because his load of wood contained two knot holes less than the load you got from Merchant Green who does advertise. Comrade, have a little sense. Are you going to be guilty of being part responsible for crippling our paper, just for two knot holes?

SOCIALISTS' REPORT BIG YEAR IN MASSACHUSETTS

Boston—The annual report of the state secretary, Socialist party, states that contributions were the largest in the history of the party; literature sales exceeded previous years; expenses were larger than in any other year; more speakers were routed and more meetings held than for many years. The Socialists elected three party members to the constitutional convention; two clauses in their program for revision of the constitution were adopted by a general vote.

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EDITORIAL



A SPARK OF TRUTH

On the front page of the leading daily appeared a cartoon one day of this week, that, to a socialist at least, carried more truth than any that has appeared since the beginning of these strange and troubled times.

It depicted Bill Hohenzollern and Mr. von Hertling sitting on the knees of a giant labeled "junk" and being handled like the puppets of a vaudeville ventriloquist.

A more striking illustration of the pithy phrase of Marx "governments are but the executive committees of the ruling class" would be hard to find.

Something surely must have slipped by in the sanctum of the censor of thought that the public should think.

Throughout the entire period of war time stress the plute press has been continually emphasizing the individual at the head of affairs rather than the powers and forces back of the individual that were really the cause of all the trouble.

We heard how the murderous Kaiser caused the war, how the silly czar of the Russians did this or that, how the unspeakable Lenin balled things up in Russia and how the deadly doctrines of Trotsky would be the economic ruin of Russia, what a great man Lloyd George was, and what a splendid leader President Wilson, is and all about this and that individual until any one would think that the entire world depended upon the acts or sayings of some one in power, be he either knave or hero.

Great times produce great men, and great men are only great because the ideas and opinions they express and strive for represent the ideas and opinions arising out of a certain set of conditions that place a class of people in the position of a ruling power.

Thus the ruling class in modern society to day is the class that controls the capital of the world, the wealth of the world that is being used to exploit the working class that more profit and capital will accrue to the possessing class.

Thus with possession goes power and is expressed in government and the class that controls the wealth will seek control of the government and administer its functions in their own interest.

"The ruling ideas of any age are the ideas of the ruling class." And with the control of government by the possessing class goes the control of the institutions that teach the masses, create ideas and mold opinion.

In Germany it meant industrial efficiency and militarism. In Russia it meant ignorance and graft, and in militarism it meant snob worship and militarism, in America bull con and dollars and in each and every capitalist power it meant something peculiar to the interests of the ruling class and in all of them religion, patriotism, literature, drama, art, history, politics and reform have been used to keep the possessors in power and the dispossessed out of power.

If one individual does not suit the aims and ambitions of the ruling class another will be found that will, and back of all the high sounding phrases and polished platitudes runs the undercurrent that is easily detected by the interested parties and tells them whether the individual be "great man" or puppet.

It is but a trick of the capitalist opinion molders to saddle the responsibility of historical events and historical changes on to an individual and call him great or call him knave; like the ancient tribes of the children of Israel used to saddle the sins of the tribe on to a goat and turn him loose in the wilderness to bear away the iniquity of the people.

Governments may come and governments may go, kings may quit or be kicked out, congresses may meet, cabinet resign, prime ministers, chancellors, and diplomats may spout and spout; but just as long as the working class will keep the fires agoing and the wheels a turning and meekly bow to "great men" serving capitalist interests the possessing class is safe in power.

When the working class develops its intelligence to the point of discerning clearly the class character of the existing order of society it will arise and dispose of the puppets of the ruling class of all the nations of the world and set about the establishment of a society that will not tolerate a class rule but will establish a democracy that will afford equality of opportunity and equity to all members of the human race.

Wm. E. Towne.

PROLETARIANS

Some intellectual tools of the class with an axe to grind by keeping the workers confused and guessing have tried to confuse the issues of the class struggle as raised by the socialists and have endeavored to make people believe that the person with a savings account, or the owner of a home, or the owner of a bond, or the owner of some bonus share in an industrial enterprise were in fact capitalists and therefore were most vitally interested in the success and security of the capitalist class; that they were not proletarians because they were possessors of "property."

Like all words that have come to us through the ages, the word proletarian has had various adaptations in various epochs.

In Rome in ancient time it was applied to the class that was dispossessed, absolutely without any means of livelihood.

In the middle ages it was applied to the class that must work for others in order to get a living; serfs for instance.

In modern capitalist society it is applied to wage earners. Webster says it means "one of the poorest and lowest class in a community or state; a wage earner, especially one without capital."

Therefore it follows that the modern industrial proletariat may not be wholly destitute of property.

Property is not always capital.

Capital is wealth used in business or used to employ wage labor.

Modern industrial property is capital and the wage earners do not own any capital.

They are dependent on the sale of their labor power for their livelihood. A wage earner may squeeze out of his earnings enough to buy a home, start a savings account, may buy a little stock in a doubtful enterprise, may have a small bond in his possession, but if he is still dependent on the sale of his labor power for a living and does not receive enough income from his "property" to keep himself alive he is still in the proletariat class.

It is the nature of the present industrial system to hinder the accumulation of property by the wage earners. Sooner or later misfortune, sickness, unemployment overtake him, and, puff, the "property" is consumed.

The capitalist class endeavor to stigmatize the word proletarian, to make people believe that it means the slum element, the rotten mass of capitalist society.

As long as capital is the private property of one class the other class must depend on for jobs and life.

As long as this condition exists, then we will have proletarians, wage earners. And when a worker realizes he is a proletarian, dependent on another class, then we say he is class conscious.

When he is class conscious he knows that he is not an embryo millionaire or a pseudo capitalist but a being stripped of property rights in the socially necessary means of life and dependent on the sale of his labor power for livelihood.

It is this proletarian state of being that the Socialist aims to abolish. And with the emancipation of the proletarian the last class struggle in human history will have passed away and each and every being will have the right to a share in the world's wealth and the right and opportunity to a living without first producing for another's profit.

And don't forget a proletarian is a wage earner, a person without capital.

Wm. E. Towne.

AMPERES

By ELLI SBE HARRIS.

Will the democracy that has been taken from us be returned after the war? Sure! Who says so? Why the honest men that have taken it away from us!

The divine right of capital is on a par with the divine right of kings. An awakened people will abolish both.

We may not agree as to creeds; we may not be in harmony as to tactics. But we should agree that the private ownership of the means of life is wrong; and then strive for public ownership and democratic control in a co-operative commonwealth where justice, not profits, should be the inspiration.

Are the Socialists after the Kaiser? You bet! After a plurality of Kaisers, not only in Germany but the world over, including this freeland, where we are permitted to write and say anything we please—so long as it does not displease the only simon-pure democrats. And the Socialists are going to keep after them until the worst punishment possible comes to them, that they will have to stop being public thieves and beggars and earn an honest living.

Every prostitute editorial writer on the capitalist press can inform the working class how to become rich by practicing thrift. But he never explains why he himself continues to be a cheap little tool of capitalism, selling his soul for about \$25.00 per.

Schwab, of the steal trust, says that after the war the workers are going to be in control of industry; and what he says was published on the front page of the steal trust organ. Following his prediction is a very urgent plea for everyone to do a big bit to carry the war to a successful issue. A very good indication that Schwab does not believe what he says is the publication of the article in the steal trust Trombone. It looks like a little camouflage to flatter the workers into greater efforts of production by inspiring them to believe that Schwab and his kind will have to go to work later on.

The workers will control industry after the war, but how long after the war it will be before their industrial democracy begins is a question; and much depends on what happens in Europe. But it is only a question of time; and it makes no difference what Mr. Schwab thinks, or what his little writer tools think they think; Socialism is the next step in the industrial evolution; we may be months and we may be years in taking that step but take it we will.

The Socialist Party is of the people that make for revolution based on evolution. Its members make for the only real democracy desirable to every lover of justice—the abolishment of special privilege; the inauguration of a system of production to conform with the needs of the people, production for use not for profit; a system in which every man, woman and child shall have equality of opportunity to acquire, health, strength and happiness and to develop whatever talents they may possess to their full enjoyment.

"I give ye a new commandment," said the Man of Galilee, "That ye love oneanother." Socialism clears the way with its commandment that you be just to oneanother.

"Love your enemies." To its enemies Socialism offers a world of peace and equity.

"Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And of such shall be the kingdom of earth under Socialism.

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To the Duluth News Tribune:

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The News Tribune, on January 13, 1918 asks this all important question, "Is the next step Socialism?" This question is equivalent to admit that the Socialist is right when he says Capitalism is out of date and ready for the scrap heap. Yes, Capitalism is now a wreck beyond repair, but it is hard to see how we can establish Socialism while all the Socialists are in jail. To have Capitalists establish a state of Socialism would be like taking a broken down automobile to a dressmaker's shop for repair. I would expect a failure again. In fact, I would not expect even a start. Not that the dressmaker cannot learn to repair or build a machine, but it will take time.

Just now we are "drifting," but Government control is, to my mind, much further from Socialism than Capitalism itself was. Exactly what we expected when we take our machine to the dressmaker. For every bolt and screw she takes apart, she is that much further from a useful automobile.

"Under the complete socialist definition, every property owner is a capitalist," says the Tribune. This is Capitalistic misinterpretation.

While it is very difficult to draw the line between the actual capitalist and prolitaire, yet it is plain that if a man cannot maintain his home without the wages that he receives from the employer which he works for he is not a capitalist. In other words, if you, Mr. Editor, depend on the corporation you work for, or someone else like it, you are a prolitaire and not a capitalist. You must have enough capital to employ yourself and be independent of others, before you can stick your thumbs in the sleeve-holes and proclaim yourself a capitalist. We have been told time and again that the farmers are capitalists and the most independent of all workers, but forty-seven per cent of them are only tenants or renters. They may be capitalists in their minds, but a man that pays rent for his land cannot be called a capitalist.

"How many families; how many voters are there then who are (not) capitalists?"

"One thing that should be quite evident is that never again will production, industry, trade and manufacture be so individualistic as in the past." It is to be regretted that capitalists could not see this before this war broke out and saved us from this "ocean of blood and sea of mothers tears."

"Is the social democracy apt to be in fact antagonistic to capitalism in the broader sense?" asked the Tribune. Capitalism in the broader sense may mean government control and guaranty of a larger interest on watered stock to the present owners, or it may mean socialism where we are all stockholders in U. S. industry to the extent of, say, \$1,400 per individual with an undisputed right to go to work when we like and receive the full value of our labor minus cost of operation. In other words, a condition where the worker will be spared from paying the so-called unearned increment on capital invested.

Respectfully,

THOS. G. LEE.

WORKING MEN WILL CONTROL WORLD, IS SCHWAB'S PROPHECY.

NEW YORK, N. Y., January.—The Bolshevik spirit has come to stay and must be reckoned with in considering the future economic situation of the world, according to Charles M. Schwab of the Bethlehem steel corporation. As a graduate of old public school 40 here, he spoke at a dinner of the alumni in the Grand hotel.

"The time is coming," he said, "when the men of the working classes, the men without property, will control the destinies of this world of ours. It means that the Bolshevik sentiment must be taken into consideration, and in the very near future. We must look for a solution of the economic conditions."

"I am not one to carelessly turn over my belongings to the unfit of the nation, but I am one who has come to a belief that the worker will rule, and the sooner we come to a realization of this the better it will be for our country and the world at large."

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