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The Socialist Party represents the interests of the working class. When the producers are served, all are served. The prosperity of nations and of the world depends upon the welfare of the workers. The Socialist Party is international in its scope. It realizes that so long as there is national rivalry for markets and imperialism, there can be no peace, and millions of lives must be sacrificed to the demands of each nation to be the dominate factor in trade and commerce.

The Socialist Party demands democracy here and now. It demands that the Constitution of these United States be not abridged in an unlawful manner; that both in peace and war the people shall enjoy the rights for which our forefathers struggled and so dearly won. The very basis of true democracy is the right of free speech, a free press and free assembly. When these are denied it is time for the people to awaken to the necessity of battling against oppression at home. This is true love of country; a patriotism that refuses to surrender one iota of freedom already won and recorded in the laws of our state and nation. This is the democracy and patriotism that the Socialist party stands for. It is not, however, what the Republican and Democratic parties stand for. Their members have resorted to mob rule for the suppression of the freedom of the people, that they make a pretense of representing. They have even carried their cowardly tactics of mob attacks to murder, have been urged on such attacks by the prostitute press of their respective parties. Both their attitude and methods ought to prove to the working class, at least, that there is nothing to hope for from either party but oppression; and that every concession to labor is because of labor's organized power and not because of any regard for justice to the working class. If they have such regard why is labor compelled to expend millions of dollars to maintain organization to obtain the very meagre concessions that it does?

Why must labor fight constantly for simple justice while big business despoils men, women and children, and fattens to greater and greater proportions in the glut of a world-wide piracy? Is it because labor is truly represented in the law making bodies of state and nation? Or is it



ELLIS B. HARRIS.

because big business is truly represented there?

Simple indeed must be the mind that can find any mystery in the condition of the working class. The responsibility can be easily placed. Labor is not represented. Labor votes for the representatives of the old parties. The Republican elephant and the Democratic jackass, that will soon fuse and form a more representative animal—an amalgamated BULL—to combat the ever growing power of the Socialist Party, the only party that represents the working class.

When did either of the old parties ever uphold labor in a strike? When did either party ever make a donation to a strike fund?

WHEN DID THE SOCIALIST PARTY EVER REFRAIN FROM DOING SO? What does the Socialist party send to labor in every crisis? Its speakers, its press and its money.

What do the old parties send? The SHERIFF, THE POLICE AND THE MILITIA.

The only difference between a local and national election is in the size of the elephant, jackass or the fusion BULL. It is the same organization to trample, kick or gore the working class in the interests of little and big business.

Any candidate that supports a system to exploit labor is consciously; or unconsciously opposed to the interests of the working class; and whether a local, state or national seeker for public office, is a factor in the multiplication of labor's opponents. No matter what bait it uses; no matter what may be his record as a labor advocate, the fact that he is not feared by the business interests and suffers little or no opposition as an old party candidate but is supported by one or both of these parties, ought to be proof enough for the working class; that such a candidate dare not maintain working class interests against capitalist class interests, only far enough, perhaps, to get the fish, that he is baiting for, closer to the big business net. True representatives of labor do not adhere to parties whose records prove beyond a doubt that they serve a master class. Truthful representatives of labor do not set up rival parties as respective saviors of the working class and then prove themselves frauds and mountebanks by fusion against a party that is strictly a working class organization. In this fusion they prove again that there is no difference between them or the interest that they represent.

Considering the industrial development of capitalism into great trusts and combines, and the modern method of a unity of capitalists to oppose the working class in its struggles for better living conditions, the times demand an organization of labor adequate to meet these newer conditions, if the working class is to progress rather than retrograde. We, therefore, urge upon the workers the necessity of adopting the industrial form of organization, in which every craft, tradesman and laborer co-operate both on the industrial and political field. This does not mean that the Socialist Party indorses any particular labor union, but that we do approve the industrial form of organization, in which every industry shall be organized to include every worker employed in such industry.

While indorsing candidates for election, the Socialist Party wishes to impress the fact that it is the principle of the party, as set forth in the foregoing, that should be considered. The virtues that determine the qualifications of such candidates

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(5) Work for the unemployed in times of stress, if at all possible to provide it.

(6) No interference by the police in lawful picketing and no importation of private detectives, police or gunmen to break strikes. All protection needed by employers to be given thru local and state authorities by citizens of the state.

(7) The abolishment of the contract system on public work which is an open way for public graft.

VICTOR L. BERGER FOR SENATOR ON SOCIALIST TICKET

Again the Socialist party has risen to the occasion. The nomination of Victor L. Berger for United States senator is a master stroke.

Everybody knows who he stands—though by no means everybody tell the truth about it. He is brave, outspoken, downright. He will make the issue clear. That's the kind of a candidate the time requires.

At this juncture, when there is no national election through which the people can express themselves, the senatorial election in this state offers the best means by which the lovers of peace and the common people

SOLAN L. PERRIN

Candidate for Mayor; one of those "leading citizens" who are always anxious to give us a clean business administration, will not tell the Superior voters how he, with ex-Mayor Crumpton, was fined \$1,000 a few years since for padding the city census figures.

We wonder who supplied the means to pay the fines?

Was it the brewery owners, that might profit by a larger number of saloons, thru the alleged increase in population, or was it insurance companies, or prostitute press that might benefit?

The foregoing methods are not new. When such "patriots" are out for "law and order" it does not include their class, but only the working class.

The condition of the workers, under such business and professional "friends" in city, state and nation, ought to convince them that they are being constantly chlo reformed while "their country" is being "CLEANED."

Socialism is opposed to militarism and demands a peace without punitive indemnity or territorial acquisition.

Socialists demand that the cost of war shall be paid by the capitalist class that profits by it, and whose patriotism consists of raising the cost of living beyond the reach of our own poor until they perish—and not only that—those profiteers do not hesitate to make every effort in blocking the government when it urges their co-operation for better working conditions to bring the war to a successful issue. The capitalist class has proved itself to be unlawful, unscrupulous and treasonable to every country and to every citizen, yet it goes unpunished, while its prostituted press and its agitators cry for mob rule, for tar and feathers and even death to all who have the courage to tell the truth and demand the right.

Socialism demands the public ownership and democratic control of the means of life. That the government, municipal, state and national shall be made truly democratic, so that the wish and will of the whole people shall be the law of the country.

Socialism cannot be carried in to full effect while the Socialist Party is a minority party. Nor can it be inaugurated in any single city. It can, however, establish such measures of improvement for the working class as possible and give the working class all lawful protection in its struggles with the capitalist attendance where necessary, free from the taint of charity.

are the virtues of working class loyalty. Other parties laud "good men;" and formulate platforms purely as vote catching propositions. Their platforms are made for their "good men" to run on before election and to run away from after the election.

The Socialist Party believes that the evils of the modern system may be materially relieved and their final disappearance hastened by the introduction of social, political and economic measures which have the effect of bettering the lives and strengthening the position of the workers and curbing the power and domination of the capitalists.

(1) That the city acquire as rapidly as possible, own and operate its public utilities, water, light and street railway systems; establish coal and wood yards, ice plants, etc.

On all public works, an eight hour day, union wages and progressive improvements in the conditions of labor to be established and maintained.

(2) That the city extend the service of all public school buildings as social centers for public gatherings of all kinds pertaining to amusement, recreation, health and education, including political meetings of any and all political parties.

(3) Rigid inspection of factories by local authorities for the improvement of sanitary conditions, ventilating, heating, etc. Safety appliances required in all cases for protection to the workers.

(4) Free legal advice and medical attendance where necessary, free from the taint of charity.

ple everywhere—here and abroad—can be heartened and encouraged.

To the workingmen of England, France, Germany, Austria, Russia, Italy and all the other nations, the name of Victor L. Berger of America carries the same confidence that the names of August Bebel of Germany, Jean Jaures of France and Keir Hardie of England carried when those immortal fighters of the right were on the scene of action.

The people of all these countries know Berger is an international figure in the Socialist movement. They know his upstanding fighting qualities in the struggles. They know that he stands for a speedy, general and democratic peace.

His election would therefore bring encouragement to the people of all these nations. It would hearten them in the struggle against their own autocrats.

It would mark the falling of the tide of jingoism and the rising of the tide of international brotherhood everywhere.

In our own country, it would strike terror to the profiteers.

The profiteers have been running riot. They have made use of their prostituted press to blast the reputations of the few who dared to expose them. At this time they have the country by the throat. They feel that they can ruin any man who stands against them.

The election of Berger would help greatly compel these profiteers to pay the cost of the war. It would plant the handwriting on the wall right before the eyes of the other

"WE STAND FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF INDUSTRY".

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Fourth Ward ... H. M. PARKS

Fifth Ward ... C. L. CARLIN

Sixth Ward ... A. L. MARX

Seventh Ward ... E. V. LATVALA

Ninth Ward ... WM. H. CLEVELAND

senators and congressmen and materially affect their votes on matters involving the people's interests.

And the election for Berger would distinctly make for peace.

The people of a great state, speaking for peace, could not be ignored. Our autocrats at Washington are human. Their terms as autocrats, fortunately, are limited. A congressional election is coming on next fall. The election of a Socialist senator from Wisconsin would strike consternation to the hearts of these autocrats and make them much more ready to use their best efforts to bring this terrible war to a close.

Finally, the election of Berger would be a scorching rebuke to the enemies of democracy, who, in the name of patriotism, have all but nullified the constitutional guarantees of free speech, free press and free assembly in the United States, and who give either, their active assistance or their passive acquiescence to mob violence.

Every genuine patriot in Wisconsin—every citizen who stands for real patriotism as against spurious patriotism—will rally to the support of Berger.

And we have full confidence that there are enough real patriots in Wisconsin to elect Victor L. Berger.

Revolutions produce great minds.—Lord Palmerston.

Revolutions are not made with rose-water.—Bulwer-Lytton.

A man may joyfully revolt from an unjust ruler.—Abradatus.

The gods favor those who engage in a judicious revolt against a tyrannical government.—Arsaces I.

Revolutions are not made; they come. A revolution is as natural a growth as an oak; it comes out of the past; its foundations are laid far back.—Wendell Phillips.

There is no slight danger from general ignorance; and the only choice which Providence has graciously left to a vicious government is either to fall by the people, if they are suffered to become enlightened, or with them, if they are kept enslaved and ignorant.—Coleridge.

VICTOR L. BERGER



Here is a bunch of "pay-triots:" "Jingle, jingle," hear their glee:

"Rah! Rah! Rah! for the money pots, "Inspiring pure democracy."

SUPERIOR NEWS

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CHILDREN OF POOR GO NAKED IN SUPERIOR

The following appeared recently in the Superior Telegram:

The present severe cold wave has caused a great deal of suffering in Superior, and several families have been found in destitute circumstances by Mrs. T. L. McIntosh, who is doing welfare work through the Lake Superior Mission. Mrs. McIntosh reports that there are any number of families without wearing apparel, under wear or top clothing, and that bedding is greatly needed.

"We feel that if the public knew of the misery of these families we would get immediate relief for them," said Mrs. McIntosh. "We have called upon Superiors several times, when everything is so high and cold weather so continuous the suffering is greater and help is more necessary than ever before."

Warm clothing of all kinds can be used. Children's clothing, that has been outgrown, and adult's clothing that probably has gone out of style and shoes of all sizes will all be most welcome. Bedding is needed in large quantities.

WHY I VOTE FOR SOCIALISM.

By VACHEL LINDSEY
I am unjust, but I can strive for justice.
My life's unkind, but I can vote for kindness.
I, the unloving say life should be lovely.
I, that am blind, cry out against blindness.

Man is a curious brute—he pets his fancies—
Fighting mankind to win sweet luxury;
So he will be tho' law be clear as crystal,

Tho' all men plan to live in harmony.

Come let us vote against our human nature,
Crying to God in all the polling places
To heal our everlasting sinfulness
And make us sages with transfigured faces.

THE OPPOSITION

By ELLIS B. HARRIS.
The speculator stood within the mart
And damned the Socialists as "riff-raff scum."

"They plan to confiscate the rich,"
He said,
"And then divide it with the motley crowd;
"They ought to be in jail, the thieving bunch!"
And then he raised, another ten per cent.
The price of ice, upon the sweltering poor.

While babies perished in the city slum.

"Immoral are the Socialists," said one.

As his desk he figured all his due.

"They would destroy the home and family;

"They should be hanged upon the nearest pole."

He scanned the number of the homes he owned,

Hotels and abodes where the scarlet gleamed.

Next day the inmates cursed him—
called him beast!

While women pandered for another hour

To meet the interest on the rent he claimed.

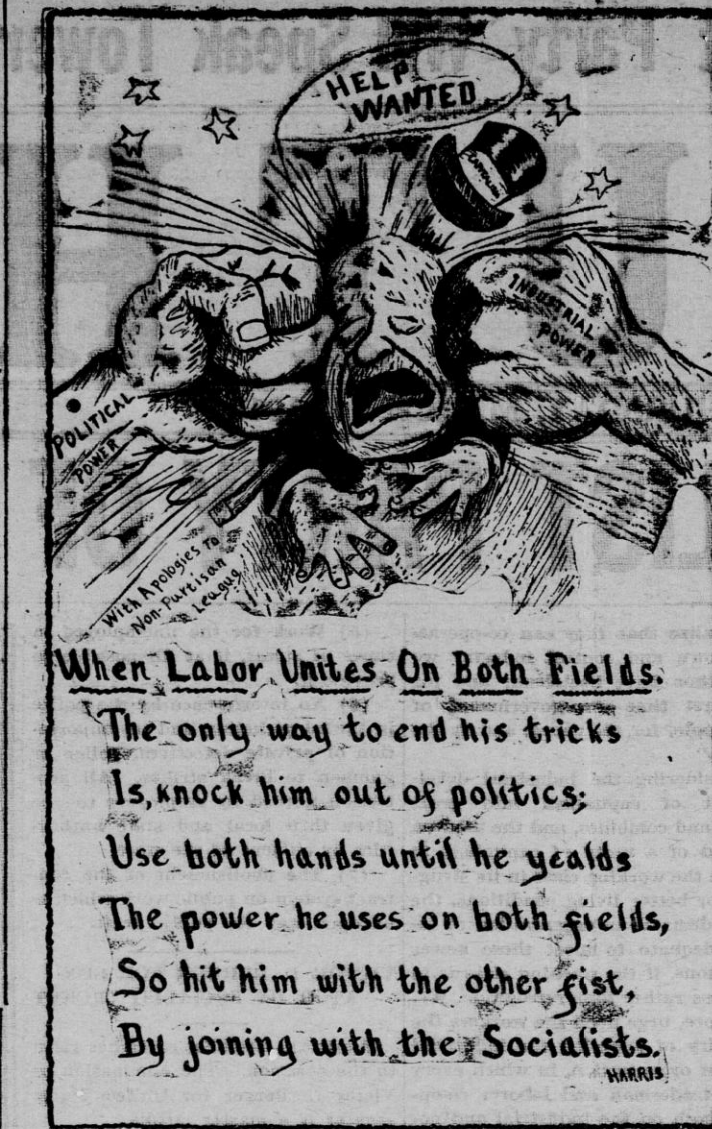
The banker said: "Incentive would be nil

"If Socialists could satisfy desire;
"All aspiration then to strive and do
"Would be no more—all progress surely cease."

And then he scanned the widow's meagre loan

Upon her home—at twenty-five per cent—

He smiled—the date to do her good was now—



Incentive came—the mortgage was foreclosed.

"Unpatriotic are the Socialists,"
Howled loud and long the pulpit hypocrite:

"They have no country, conscience, nor a God!

"They should be shot at sunrise—one and all!"

And then amidst the plush he sat at ease,

Or on a downy pillow slept in peace,
While others gave up mother, home and wife

And wondered why a vicar of the Christ

Should loiter there, while war is heaven's way.

A HUGE INCREASE IN FOOD TRUST'S PROFITS

How Do You Like This?

Food prices go up! Sure! So do the food trust's profits!

"In its fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1917, Swift and Company enjoyed the largest measure of earnings in the history of the corporation," is the exact language used by the Chicago Tribune, Jan. 10, 1918 in an article under the heading, "Swift and Company Earnings Break All Records."

The net income jumped from \$20,465,000 in 1916 to \$24,650,000, an increase of 67.8 per cent. The company paid in dividends \$10,000,000 and put away as surplus \$24,650,000.

"Immense Gains" were also reported for Cudahy Company, the gross sales this year (1917) showing an increase of \$51,000,000 over last, E. A. Cudahy declared the profits to be "extremely gratifying." They were \$4,300,000!

Morris and Company in 1917, nearly doubled their profits, compared to 1916. The figures are: 1917, \$10,358,489; 1916, \$5,694,588.

Armour and Company took a toll of profits amounting to \$21,000,000, while Wilson and Company also showed huge gains. And it will be remembered that the war profits of 1916 were double and in some instances treble the peace profits in 1913.

Millions of men, women and children hunger and starve while the Food Trust keeps on increasing prices to enlarge the golden flood of profits pouring into its already overflowing treasure chests.

How long must this go on? The world is on the brink of starvation to the death! Shall we meekly go over the precipice? Or shall we turn back fight our oppressors, wipe out the profit system, socialize the food industry and every other great national undertaking, and usher in the era of Socialism?—Brewery Workers Journal.

LABOR OR CAPITAL—WHICH IS THE MORE PATRIOTIC?

In every stage of the nation's history American wage-workers have shown their loyalty when called upon to serve their country. From their ranks were recruited the armies which under Washington won the political independence that converted a few weak colonies into a powerful nation.

In England's attempt to reconquer America in the war of 1812, labor again bore the brunt of the fighting. In our Civil war recruits from workshops all over the land rallied to the defense of the Union. In the war in which we are now engaged the ranks of wage-workers supply the overwhelming majority of those who will have to do the fighting. Now as ever the men who earn their living by the sweat of their brows are ready to answer the call made upon them by their government. The newspapers published in the interest of capital are loath to give them credit for all this. Because labor unions demand increases in wages that will meet the increased cost of living, they are denounced by these newspapers as being guilty of treason to the United States.

JACK SCREW KONK.

Perpetual Candidate for Mayor on any old ticket.

The Lesson

By ELLIS B. HARRIS.

The one great lesson for the human race to learn is that the key to human happiness lies in co-operative effort in fellowship and not in competitive individualism.

It seems strangely inconsistent that man, with all of his intelligence and the progress already made in public ownership against private ownership, still opposes further progress in the public possession and control of our public utilities, and still votes by a large majority for private exploitation in the means of life—private ownership of raw materials with the machinery of production and distribution, notwithstanding that so far as we have acquired public ownership we have agreed that it is good.

The people would not now have us go back to the toll gate across our roads; they would not have us return the parcels post business back to the express companies; no one would wish our fire departments otherwise than publicly owned; none but religious bigots would abolish our public schools. And should the people acquire all of our institutions of welfare and all the means of production and distribution necessary for needs and happiness, it is most reasonable to believe that they would wonder why they ever opposed it.

Having acquired ownership, such possession would be for the benefit of the owners—all of the people—and no longer for private profit to a very few of the people. Under such ownership human happiness would be the incentive for co-operative effort and progress—material and spiritual. Industry would be democratically controlled, all institutions governed for and by the people, and not, as now, for and by the politicians.

There would be access for all to the means of production, and there would be no private owner there to bar the way against the workers, whose very lives now depend on such access, yet it is now withheld from many until they and their loved ones perish. There would be an abundance of food, clothing and shelter for all, and war, the destroyer of the worker and his product, would be no more.

Public ownership with democratic control; production for use instead of profit; the abolishment of the competitive system for one co-operative industry. That would be Socialism. Why should any reasonable being oppose it?

When the people finally awakened to the great import of this cooperative proposition they will accept it as something wholly different from and infinitely better than the present form of government ownership, in which there is no such thing as democratic control (control by the workers employed in the industries) but control by the ins and outs as they take turns at the public trough.

SAYINGS OF "MR. DOOLEY"

(Speaking of Woman Suffrage)
"Don't ask for rights. Take them, an' don't let anny wan give them to ye. A right that is handed to ye f'r nowthin has somethin' the matter with it. Its more than likely it's only a wrong turned inside out."

"Th' millionair starts in as a foreman in a can factory. By an' by, he learns that wan iv th men wurkin fr him has invinted a top that ye can op'n with a pair iv scissors, an' he throws him down an' takes it away fr'm him. He's a robber, says ye? He is while he's got th' other man down. But whin he gets up he's a magnate."

THE OLD SUFFRAGIST.

By MARGARET WIDDEMOR.
She could have loved—her woman passion beat
Deeper than theirs, or else she had not known
How to have dropped her heart beneath their feet
A living stepping stone.

The baby hands—did they not clutch her heart?
The guarding arms—was she not very tired?
Was it an easy thing to walk apart,
Unresting, undesired.

She gave away her crown of woman
Her gentleness and silent girlhood grace.
To be a merriment for idle days,
Scorn for the market-place.

She strove for an unvisioned, far-off good,
For one far hope she knew she would not see;
These—her daughters—crowned with motherhood
And love and beauty—free.

to wallow in dirty political trickery and glut themselves at the expense of the public.

To a minority of men and women the cause of humanity has ever been in the future rather than in the present. They have been the pioneer evolutionists and revolutionists in all ages, living in advance of the time, as they must, if they are able to be the light bearers that lead to broader and lighter paths for the advancement of this and other generations. For those who come with new ideas and new plans for bettering the conditions of the race there is never an easy road nor a thornless path. If the way were clear, and human progress meant simply a journey over verdant fields and flowers strewn meadows, then the race would have little need for the more clear visioned men and women who, with undaunted courage, struggle on through the jungle of competitive strife, never lacking in that faith and ardor drawn from a knowledge based on TRUTH—the facts that teach of birth, advancement to maturity, and then decline and death to newer birth in endless circle of eternal progress.

Those who know little or nothing of Socialism assert that we must change human nature before we can acquire any such condition. They mean that the race is too selfish to co-operate. They mean that we must eliminate the factor of avarice from the nature of man before that small part of humanity that exploits the larger part will become altruistic enough not to do so. Many of our Christian friends tell us that the race must be Christianized first. But upholding a system of do the other fellow before he does you is helping to maintain an environment hardly suitable for the culture of the Golden Rule. Preaching to our youth the honor of success in commercial life and the criticism of failure to gain at another's loss, to live and prosper as a parasite on industry, is hardly likely to change human nature in the direction of the brotherhood of man.

But human nature needs no changing. Socialism is not an unselfish proposition. Indeed it is on the very selfish nature of man that the Socialist depends for the overthrow of the capitalist system. The workers are taught that they are the producers of all value and, as the producers, they are the rightful owners and should co-operate and take possession. They are to have their full products, but must unite politically and industrially to take and hold it. There is to be an abundance for all that is willing to share in co-operative labor. There is to be health, recreation, travel, education, food, clothing and shelter, because the workers realize at last that the non producers are not entitled to the producers' product. There is nothing unselfish about it. The worker has

learned where his self interest lies, and that it can be best served in a co-operative commonwealth. One need not be Christianized to learn that the way to our daily bread is to keep it after we have sown, reaped, ground and baked.

Socialists are charged with being materialists because they strive for man's material betterment, but none but the blind fail to see that the critics of Socialism are always crowding around the table of capitalism to serve their own material interests, not by honest effort, but by sharing in the spoils taken from the workers. To teach the workers how to better themselves materially is to take from them the incentive to serve in poverty here that they may have a greater reward in heaven. That does not suit the exploiting class; therefore the tools of capitalism must teach the workers that Socialism is opposed to religion and the spiritual welfare of the masses.

To teach the ethics of Christianity and assert that they can be practiced under capitalism without taking up the cross and following the Carpenter of Galilee to Cavalry is not only untrue but criminal. It is criminal because the unthinking (they that base their belief on faith alone, rather than reason) become the willing tools of a master class and a power to hold others in bondage to a plutocracy that, scorning the faith, uses it, on every occasion, to take all the treasures and pleasures of earth, at the expense of not only those who heed their cunning spell binders, but all of those who protest as well.

"Give us this day our daily bread" is a vain appeal under the private ownership in the means of life and under the laws of a ruling class.

"Lead us not into temptation." We are not only led but urged into temptation, and far beyond, by the commercial life that our schools, universities and churches set before us as the proper life. To be a failure in that life is not laudable, but reprehensible.

"Deliver us from evil" is a right appeal, but we can never be delivered from evil in a system where food, clothing, shelter, and all that makes for human happiness, depends upon the very evils from which we wish to be delivered. Nor can the "Kingdom" come and human brotherhood be established where a constant struggle for existence exists in society, and the privileged few may ride on the bended, toiling backs of the many. To teach otherwise is to strive to rivet the chains of wage slavery more firmly on the limbs of the working class—the only class that does or can produce anything for the welfare of the people.

The working class will never come to its own until it turns a deaf ear to the hypocritical tools of plutocracy and refuse longer to be the burden bearers.

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City Central Committee.
They hold their meetings every other Wednesday, their next meeting will take place in the Tarmo Hall, March 26th.

Social Study Class.
Social Study Class has been arranged and takes place every Sunday afternoon and is held in the Stack Building, room 116. All are asked to attend, women and men comrades, good discussions and budding speakers are the order of the afternoon.

Scandinavian Local.
The Scandinavian Local meets every Tuesday in the Woodman Hall, for their usual business meeting. Every Sunday eve. they hold their weekly entertainment. On Thursday and Wednesday they also run a dance in the Woodman Hall.

The Scandinavian Womens' Section of the Local hold their business and get-together meeting, on the first Thursday in every month. All women members of the local are urged to attend, mental and physical needs attended to.

The Scandinavian Local also runs a Childrens' Study Class, every Sunday morning, from ten to eleven, this class has for its teacher the Editor. All children are welcome and comrades themselves are urged to come along with their children. Lessons are given, so that any child can understand them. Note the address, 116 Stack Building.

Jewish Local.
The Jewish Local meets every second Thursday, their next meeting will take place on March 21st. 8 p. m. Jewish Workmen's Circle meets every first and third Thursday evening.

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The Jewish Ladies Auxiliary.
composed of members of the Party and the Workmens' Circle, meets every Monday, their next meeting will be on March 24th. All women comrades are urged to attend these meetings, as many well-known local speakers will address them.

The Headquarters of these organizations are 22 East First Street.

English Local.
The West End Local meets every second Tuesday in room 116 Stack Building, their next meeting will be held on March 19th.

The City Branch meets every second Wednesday in the Tarmo Hall. Their next meeting will be held on March 26th.

Finnish Local.
Finnish Local meet every First and Third Sunday in the month, and they hold dances every Tuesday and Saturday. Their Headquarters are situated in the Tarmo Hall.

Workmen's Circle.
The Workmen's Circle will give an entertainment in Moose Hall on Sunday afternoon, March 17th half of the proceeds to be turned into the Campaign Fund of the Socialist Party. The program will commence at 1:30 P. M. and consist of two speeches in English by Comrades Carney of Duluth and Ellis B. Harris of Superior, a speech in Finnish by Miss Lena Moghinsky, vocal solo by Mrs. Saari, dancing by little five-year-old Miss Laila Kuusisto. During the entertainment the following articles will be sold: a framed picture of Comrade Debs, a frame containing the pictures of the six leading socialists of Europe, a set of books by Morris Rosenfeld and a \$3 box of candy. After the program refreshments will be served. All nationalities are invited to attend.

Finnish District Committee.
The Finnish District Committee has issued an appeal to the Federation for the calling of mass meetings, a letter over the country, requesting that our Government recognise the Bolsheviks.

The Capitalists of Finland do not want a Socialist Republic and it is because of their dislike for Socialism, that they are conspiring with the German Government. The Finnish bourgeoisie in America are holding mass meetings, where the sentiment of the Bolsheviks is not expressed. The only way we can assist our Finnish comrades, is by arranging our own mass meetings, if there has been no meeting called in your district, get it before your local and arrange for one yourselves. Let us concentrate our energies on this proposition, and so assist the Bolsheviks in the only way possible at the present time.

We cannot ally ourselves with the militarists of one nation, with the hope of assisting our revolutionary comrades in Finland and Russia. If we go one part of the way with the militarists, we will be eventually forced to go all the way. For proof of this, witness the actions of Scheideman in Germany. We can best assist the Bolsheviks by promoting Revolution throughout the whole world. Germany included, and that must come thru education and not thru bayonets.

Send a letter or telegram to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, asking them to use their influence in sheviki Government, securing the recognition of the Bolshevik Government.

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"He does," said Mr. Dooley, "if he ain't turned back at Castle Garden."

This is a strange thing, when we come we come to think iv it, that th' less money a man gets f'r his wurruk, th' more necessary it is to th' wurruk that he shud go on wurruk in. Ye'r boss can go to Paris on a combination wedding an' divorce thrip an' no wan bothers his head about him. But if ye shud go to Paris—excuse me f'r laughin' meself black in th' face—th' indushtrees iv the country pines away.

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YOUNG FOLKS ROUND TABLE

By BALKIS
(Editor of The Little Comrade,
Chicago.)

We have two beautiful letters this week. You will read them with interest, I know.

Come on, young folks. Let us hear from you. Give us your best thoughts. Let us prove to the Big Folks, that we can both entertain and instruct each other.

Who will send us a motto for our column? Not over ten words. The best one received by April 5th will be adopted for the head of our department.

Next week, we are going to have a lesson in Socialist principles, and if you study this lesson, you will be able to ask some very puzzling questions of your teacher when you go back to school.

In writing to Balkis, please sign your name very plainly.

A Young Enthusiast.

Superior, Wisconsin.
Dear Balkis,
I read about the Young Folks' Round Table in TRUTH so I thought I would write and answer some of your questions.

I am twelve years old and in the sixth grade. My father and mother are socialists and so am I. I read all the socialist books and papers I can sing most of the English socialist songs. My mother and father talk to me about socialism and teach me to understand what socialists are. My father sells socialist books and papers. He has been selling them for about six years.

I wish there was a Socialist Sunday School out here, but there has not been any for a long time. There are not any socialist children at the school I go to. My brother and I are the only ones. I guess I will try to answer your questions now.

"Who is Trotsky?" the new head minister of Russia.
"What is a U-Boat?" A submarine, I guess.

"What does the red flag mean?" The red flag is the flag of the workers and the socialists.

"Name one thing that socialism would do for young folks?" Socialism should teach young folks to demand their rights.

I will close my letter for this time. With best wishes to all.

Yours Truly,
HILJA TARKIAINEN.

From Our Comrade in Jail,
Dear Comrade:

Forgive me for not writing to you sooner. Over eight months of my time have now elapsed without any visible effect on my health and with a great improvement in my education. Time intensifies my revolutionary ardor.

I will try to depict 24 hours of my time in here. At 6:30 A. M., while the first rays of dawn steal into the cell and cast the shadows of the bars upon the steel walls, the gong breaks the silence to announce the rising time. After a few hearty yawns I rise, wash and dress myself and then put up the canvas bed; it works on hinges. At 7 the breakfast is served in the cells, which are open at this time. After breakfast the broom is passed along to sweep out the cells and the rage, which is a walk facing a row of 25 cells. The floor, of the cells and the range is of stone blocks. Often, as I sweep, I stop gazing at these specimens of sandstone strata. My mind flees back into the geological ages, once before the appearance of life. Again I see a mighty, raging seas tearing away the mountain ranges, grinding and crushing the rocks with its giant waves, depositing the sands in its dark depths to be formed into sandstone, and hundreds of centuries later, through eruption into hills, from which men now build palaces, churches and prisons. Until 9 o'clock I read the paper or a book; at 9 the gong announces the walking hour, which lasts till 10. During this hour I walk on the range with other outcasts of society. Here I listen to the stories of crushed lives, of injustice and wrongs, of rebellion against the laws which keep men poor.

At 11:30 we each get our pan and have it filled with soup. Until 2 I again read or sometimes dream of a land without masters or slaves or prisons or armies or slums.

At 2 o'clock (four times a week) we are allowed to walk in the yard for one hour. Looking above the high wall and the grim, grey building we can see the clear blue sky and occasionally some hurrying white clouds. They seem to be going to work, and have no time to look upon our misfortunes. In the yard I see my comrades, and there, as we walk around, we recall the fond memories of the struggle for eight hours and

our dreams of victory that have been so brutally crushed.

At 3:30 we eat our supper and bring it to our cells to eat. After sweeping our cells again, we are locked in at 4:20 for the remainder of the day. And now a period of silence begins; silence that seems to grip you with awe, broken only now and then by approaching footsteps, the click of a lock, a deep sigh, a whisper or a sob from some new arrival. Sometimes as I try to read I am disturbed by the tramp of restless feet of someone who paces his cell to quiet his tortured mind.

At night, as I lay upon the bed watching the barred shadows on the wall, I begin to think and wonder when will the workers tear off their chains and cease to be slaves, and, as I wonder, the subtle hand of sleep blends my thoughts with dreams of fluttering red banners carried by a band of smiling children singing songs of freedom, love and joy to the music of the rustling leaves, buzzing bees and babbling brooks. I see them going through a land of green grass, beautiful flowers and fields of ripe, golden wheat, bowing and waving before a gentle breeze.

Allegheny Co. Jail,
Yours for Liberty,
RUDOLPH BLUM.

MY FEET.
My feet, they haul me 'round the house

They hoist me up the stairs
I only have to steer them and
They ride me everywhere.

THE ROOF.
The roof, it has a lazy time
A-living in the sun.
The walls they have to hold him up,
They do not have much fun!

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CALLS UNIONS TO CEASE STRIKES DURING THE WAR

27 Building Trades Will Be Asked Today For Pledge.

A movement to gain the indorsement of all labor unions in the Chicago district to the plan not to take part in strikes for the duration of the war is to be started at a meeting in the Briggs hotel this afternoon.

The call for the meeting was issued by Simon O'Donnell, vice president of the Co-operative league of building trades and industries, to the 27 unions in the building trades, an organization representing 80,000 workers.

O'Donnell Explains Call.
Explaining the call for the meeting, Mr. O'Donnell said:

"I believe it is only right to give the men in the building trades of Chicago a chance to make good on the declaration of the American Federation of Labor and other bodies that we will refrain from declaring strikes during the period of the war."

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The Chicago Building Trades council, in common with other interests, has joined in a movement which has for its purpose aiding the government to win the war.

"We virtually have offered to the government all of our resources in man power, our capital, and everything that Chicago possesses which government may need for war purposes. We believe it to be a fundamental article of good faith on the part of labor to give assurance that not only will labor stand solidly and patriotically behind the government, but will discourage any attempt to interfere with the government work or the government functions by calling labor strikes.

Plan Joint Agreement.
"The rank and file of our unions are whole heartedly for this war. We propose, if we so arrange, to have a joint agreement signed by all the officers of the unions, but also ratified by the unions themselves. We are undertaking to do this because we feel that it is our duty."

The chief purpose of the movement, it is said, is to make labor conditions in Chicago so secure that there cannot be any interruption of work on munitions for the United States or the allies.

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AMPERES OF TRUTH.
Any person under the age of 30, who, having any knowledge of the existing order, is not a revolutionist, is an inferior.

G. Bernard Shaw.

You don't have to preach honesty to men with a creative purpose. Let a human being throw the nergies of his soul into the making of something, and the instinct of workmanship will take care of his honesty. The writers who have nothing to say are the ones you can buy; the others have too high a price. A genuine craftsman will not adulterate his product; the reason isn't because duty says he shouldn't but because passion says he couldn't.

Walter Lippman.
Government is no reason, it is not eloquence—it is force! Like fire it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master; never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action.

If Christianity were taught and understood conformably to the spirit of its founder, the existing social organism could not last a day.
Emili de Laze.

All those who oppose intellectual truths, merely stir up the flame; the cinders fly about and set afire to that which else they had not touched.
Goethe.

If there is anything that can not bear free thought, let it crack.
Wendell Phillips.

Do not waste your time on Social Questions. What is the matter with the poor is Poverty; what is the matter with the Rich is Uselessness.
G. Bernard Shaw.

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A DEFEAT THAT SHALL BE A VICTORY

By MARVIN SANFORD

The Eighteenth of March in 1871!

The workers were defeated, and today throughout the world the workers are celebrating their defeat, for Commune celebrations tonight will attract the toilers of cities the nations over.

The workers will again read the balance sheet of bourgeois vengeance and swear that 110,000 dead shall not have died in vain.

The workers fought, the workers bled, and the workers it were who died, in this first conscious endeavour of the rising proletariat to assume the economic and political powers of state. French Plutocracy feared more its own proletariat than its Prussian invader.

Events shaped themselves toward the great Crucifixion of labor. Paris was surrendered to the Germans. The workers proclaimed the Commune of Paris and its central committee, mostly Socialists, called for the election of an administration. The fleeing French liberated French prisoners and even Germans themselves united with the traitorous administrators at Paris in the war against the workers.

The forces of Bourgeoisie Rulership must be turned against the proletariat—they must be turned against the Commune of Paris! They were. The slaughter proceeded. There was to be no revolutionary spirit left in the working class. All was to be killed out!

Men fell. Women and children were not spared. Twenty thousand massacred stretched the Parisian streets alone. Prisons yawned for more. Maladies and torture and Bastille claimed their victims. Capitalism had its bloody feast. The Bourgeoisie had their horrible triumph.

If the workers had only known! If they had only chosen to administrate the Commune, men of their own class, their own interests, their own desires. Instead they trusted to their "friends" and votes for "the good man." "Good men" sold out the communists who had elected them to power.

They did not know. They did not know that they alone could accomplish their own liberation. They didn't know they could not trust their masters and their "statesmen" even as the worker of today, who asserts the "identity of interest" between master and slave and pirates of "the common good."

They did not know. They did not know the power and ruthlessness of their masters, their own impotence when disunited. They were not prepared, even as the worker of today, who looks to the masters to bring about peace and good will among the nations of the earth.

The workers, enchained, rebelled, their "friends" and leaders in power, unclassconscious, unprepared. The results are a terrible memory to this day.

In our time of economic ruthlessness, of oppression and wage slavery, of increasing alarm and crisis, what the lack of class consciousness, what has faith and trust in "leaders" and labor's friends, and working class unpreparedness, resulted in?

In '71 the masters sought blood. 'Twas the workers' blood.

In 1918 armies and navies and murder ships and big guns are piling up, "defense" and "prepare" cry high.

The masters seek blood. 'Tis the workers' blood.

The masters say, "defend our civilization, our democracy, our society, our country."

Have the workers harkened long enough? Is not the time drawing near when the workers of all nations will join hands with the Russians; will join all as one to complete the beginning made by the heroic communists toward rearing the industrial republic, and say to the masters:

"Ah, but we know you now. Your hideous reign is about over. Our age-long defeat shall be a glorious victory. We are class conscious. We are prepared. The world for the workers. "We are going to take from your palaces and purpled ease, and in that day you shall work for your bread even as the peasant in the field and the poor and rusty clerks in your metropolises. Here are our hands. They are strong hands!"

Then will the workers in their victorious course find peace and happiness in the World Commune—the Republic of Labor and Democracy. Then will the workers, the Lowly Proletariat, have achieved their great and lasting triumph!

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' HARD LABOR.

Read it! Repeat it! Read it again! Still keep on reading it! No dear reader this sentence was not for murder. It was not for starving the poor children of America. No, certainly not! A sentence delivered on the profiteers of America, we should say not! It was passed upon comrades of the Socialist Party, whose love for humanity was so great that they refused to shoulder a gun. Comrades what are you going to do about it? Are you going to allow these comrades to languish in prison?

Are you not going to act and help to have these savage sentences reversed! If you have red blood within your veins, act now, send your last dollar if need be to A. L. Sugarman, 424 Second Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn. Comrades your liberty is in danger so help yourself by helping others.

HARD LABOR, LONG TERMS IN PRISON.

Eight men from St. Paul sentenced to 20 and 25 years. Camp Dodge.—Found guilty by a general courtmartial of refusing to obey orders, eight men from St. Paul, Minn., all Socialists, have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment in the Leavenworth penitentiary it was announced today.

One of the men—A. S. Broms—was given 20 years and the other seven were sentenced to 25 years confinement, all at hard labor.

The seven are:

W. H. Treseler, R. A. Carlson, Carl W. Johnson, Axel W. Carlson, Gunnard Johnson, Morris Kamman, and Nickolaus Uncar.

THE PAINTED WOMAN.

In every city throughout the entire world, Duluth is no exception, there are thousands of women and young girls, who are set aside as outcasts from decent (?) society. So much so, that to even mention their calling in the presence of some people, it is considered a grave breach of social etiquette. Lecky, the great European author and philosopher, designates this type of woman, "the most mournful and the most awful figure in history," he says that "she remains, while creeds and civilization rise and fall, the eternal sacrifice of humanity, blasted for the sins of the people."

"The painted woman" today is the object of scorn and derision, reformers use her to fool the people. So called purveyors of public opinion, use her in order to sell their wares. Newspapers make an attack upon a "sporting house" and drive it away, and their editors loll back in their chairs and think that they have assisted in making their city clean. This type of editor, who capitalises the misfortunes of women, is a danger to the community. They fill their sheets, with all the lewd stories, that the law will allow, and instead of educating their readers, they only assist in keeping them more ignorant of the real cause of that which recruits the "painted lady" to its ranks.

Sporting houses" will not be abolished just by an occasional article in a newspaper, the cause for its existence, lies deeper than the average newspaper editor cares to talk about. The reason why we do not make any progress today, is due to the fact that we are too hypocritical. Take the case of Roosevelt when he was President of America, he refused to have the proceedings of the Vice Commission reported, and his excuse was, that the report was too vile. What did it matter that the ranks of the "painted women" were being increased by new recruits, the report of these things would mar our "good tastes." With such a man as Roosevelt at the head of affairs, how could we hope for progress? Roosevelt does not stand alone, the whole country is full of men and women, just as hypocritical as Roosevelt.

The main cause of prostitution is poverty, and the cause of poverty is Capitalism. Here in our midst, we have a type of being known as "our leading citizen." He pays girls anything from four to six dollars a week and he is one of the first to insist that "our" city be kept clean. He is like the manufacturer in Chicago, who attended a meeting whose object was the Suppression of Vice. He was so touched by the stories that he heard at that meeting, that he gave a check for \$500 to assist in keeping down vice. He went home quite happy and contented, and thought that he had done his bit, towards ridding the world of this terrible curse of prostitution. The next morning he went down to business, his manager informed him, that trade was rather depressing, so he fired 100 women employees. What were the hundred women to do, now that they had no work? Must they starve? The philanthropic manufacturer did not worry, business is business, and so more women went on the streets. A starving stomach has no time to waste, discussing morality, the first thing that it needs is food and food it must have. Well what is to be done, no work, no wages? Then the step is taken, and as Bernard Shaw states, "So long as the procurer can offer chicken and wine to the starving girl, so long will we have prostitutes in our midst."

Prostitution is an effect of an economic cause. It can only be eradicated, when we awake to the fact that it is the product of a system. We may send whole armies to Europe to educate the Germans, but what are we doing to educate our own people? Why is it that we are so anxious to send armies to other countries to avenge the outraging of the women of Belgium and we do not care a straw about the outraging of our own women? It is because in each instance it is a question of "business." We use the outraging of women abroad as a pretext, so that we can protect our business, and we are afraid to act, when it comes to our women, because it is a case of business again. Our respectable citizens makes fortunes out of the degradation of our womenfolk. Department store owners pay women starvation wages, and drive them to the street. Landlords make huge profits out of the houses that the prostitute lives in. Police officials make graft out of the whole business and so nothing is done. But this cannot go on all the time, sooner or later it will be stopped.

White slavery will be abolished, when the workers of Duluth and the whole world awake to the existence of the causes of prostitution. When they do awake, then they will begin to think, when they begin to think, they will begin to act. But how are they going to act? First, they will have to organize on the job. They will not organize as carpenters, electricians etc., but they will organize as workers. They will have to organize into one vast army of the workingclass, and in so doing, present a united front to the enemy, the capitalist class. They will have to act like armies act, act as one. In the war, infantry, grenadiers, aviators and artillery, all act together, and present a united front to the enemy. The infantry man that refused to fight with the grenadier, would get shot, and so with the artillery and the rest of the army. We must use the same tactics on the industrial battlefield, act as one. But the first thing we must do, is to scrap our leaders (?) pension them off if need be, do anything with them, so long as you take them off the field of action. Our present day labor leaders, are old men with old ideas. We live today in a new world, and new times demand new methods and new methods demand new men. So we must be wise in our time and adopt new methods, our present form of organisation is out of date, you might as well try to swim the Delaware and compete with an aeroplane, it can't be done. Gompers today is a hindrance to the labor movement, he kills any sign of progressiveness he sees in the Federation of Labor. He does because he knows that a progressive spirit in the Federation means the death of his conservative ideas, and the death of his ideas, means the death of his influence and that means the death of Gompers. As a member of the Federation of Labor, we are prepared to pay an extra dollar to give him a pension, it would be well worth it. After the workers have organized on the job, they must do like their masters, reflect their economic power upon the political field and the only workingclass political party in Duluth is the Socialist Party.

They got y' kid, they got y'—just like I said they would. You tried to walk the narrow path; You tried and got an awful laugh; And laughs are all y' did get, kid—they got y' good!

They never knew the little kid—the kid I used to know, The little bare legged girla back home, The little kid that played alone—

They don't know half the things I know, kid, ain't it so?

They got y' kid, they got y'—you know they got y' right They waited until they saw y' limp, Then introduced y' to the pimp— Ah, you were down then, kid, and couldn't fight!

I guess y' know what some don't know, and others know damn well— That sweatshops don't grow angels' wings.

That workin' girls is easy things,

And poverty's the straightest road t' Hell!

PAUL HANNA

RENUNCIATION.

(Dedicated to Archie Sinclair, Cell 363 Cook County, Chicago, Ill.)

I'm tired of drudging for wages, of being a peon for board

Dreaming of joy in the future, while I slave for a present lord.

I have brains, even workers possess them, I am strong as a tiger is strong,

And I'm sick of the bourgeois conscience, what whines of the right and wrong.

For whatever we want, we possess it, is the one only right.

And wrong is to be denied it, to plead for it and not to fight.

I shall sever the bonds that bind me, and adrift in the jungle of life,

Grow to the god that is in me, or heroically fall in the strife.

Farewell then, ye duties and graces, thou renegade pals of my youth.

Who coaxed me along to the present, with the fables of love and truth.

Farewell all ye softer feelings that rise, as I write, in my brain,

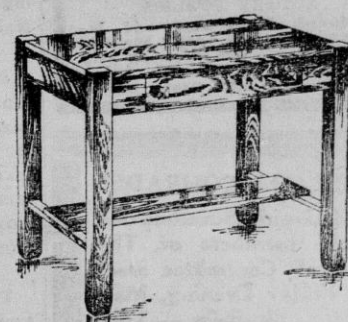
For I know that the gentler pleasures, are but preludes to keener pain.

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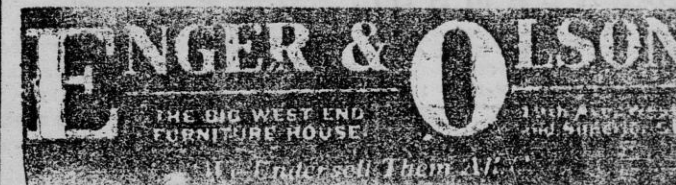
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