

"Organization is the Duty of This Hour" Says Debs

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Debs Says:

"No Compromise"

An audience which packed Moose hall to the very doors greeted Eugene V. Debs upon his return to Cleveland Sunday evening to fill an engagement which is the first of a series of meetings being arranged throughout the state under the auspices of the Socialist Party of Ohio.

Long before the beloved champion of the masses made his appearance every foot of available space in the big hall was crowded with an eager, expectant audience. Comrade Marguerite Frey acted as chairman. Splendid songs were rendered by the local Socialist Sunday school and by comrades composing two singing societies.

Previous to the speech by Comrade Debs, Robert Blackstone, the Mooney defense agitator was introduced. His denunciations of the atrocious frame-up of Mooney and Billings and of the vile Fickert crew were received with tremendous applause. His appeal to the workers to stand firm against the legal assassination of Tom Mooney, which is scheduled to take place on Dec. 13, was met with roars of applause. That this audience was moved by the same inviolable conviction of the innocence of Mooney that pervades the workers of the civilized world, was apparent when they responded with deafening cheers to the speaker's impassioned appeal to stand by a resolve that "Mooney should not hang."

Comrade Debs' appearance was the occasion for an outburst of enthusiastic cheering. The audience arose to its feet and cheered again and again as he bowed in response. Canton and Cleveland His Upbuilding, Said Debs.

Comrade Debs opened his speech with an account of letters he had received from a well meaning man who advised him to remain away from Canton and Cleveland as "they had proved his undoing." Comrade Debs said that he was glad to be back in Cleveland "because he believed Canton and Cleveland had been his upbuilding." A great wave of applause swept the audience at this significant sally.

At End of Capitalism and Beginning of Socialism.

Comrade Debs' speech was largely upon the necessity of organization work among the workers. "We must have a social organization of the end of capitalism and the end of the beginning of Socialism," and that in order to further the ideals of the working class in the organization of work must be undertaken by the Socialist Party was the subject matter of his talk.

His plea for the right of labor since it is the only productive class in society to rule supreme in the world met with instant applause.

No Place in the Revolution for Compromise.

That there is no place in the Revolution for compromise Debs made plain. "Russia," he said, "had its Kerensky, Germany has its Scheidemann," but the workers threw off Kerensky and strengthened the revolution under Lenin and Trotsky. So, too, were the German proletariat rising to replace Scheidemann with Liebknecht. Mention of the names of the Russian leaders and Liebknecht was the signal for round after round of applause.

Comrade Debs voiced his belief in the early rise of the proletariat of the world to power and asked his audience to stand firm against compromise in the revolution. To organize and educate as never before for the victory of the workers over capitalism was, he asserted, the supreme duty of this hour. Capitalism, said Comrade Debs, has fulfilled its historic mission and must now give way to a higher order, not only for the good of the great and only useful class, the class of workers, but for the welfare of humanity at large.

"Liberty Edition" Dec. 31.

Announcement: The last issue of the Ohio Socialist in 1918, which will be off the press Dec. 31st, will be a special number with special articles by Debs, Mary Marcy, W. E. Reynolds, Tom Lewis, Jessie Jason Ruffner and others.

This number will be the finest we ever got out. It will be well illustrated with photos and will contain an historical sketch of the developments of the past year and the victories of Socialism and a discussion of the immediate problems confronting the Socialist movement.

We want every local to order a bundle of this Liberty Edition for distribution. Give your neighbors and townspeople something to interest them concerning the events of the world. Order all you can distribute. The price will be \$1.00 per hundred and all orders must be in by Dec. 25. Order Early.

Occidental View of Our Diplomacy.

CELEBRATE VICTORIES OF EUROPEAN REDS

STATE SECRETARY ISSUES CALL FOR STATE WIDE CELEBRATION OF WORKERS RISE TO POWER

Pay Dues for 1919 NOW Is Plan

COMRADES:— THE PROLETARIAN WORLD IS RINGING WITH NEW JOY. PEACE HAS COME. PEACE—AND THE REVOLUTION! CAPITALISM IN EUROPE HAS BROKEN DOWN. THE WORKERS HAVE TAKEN CHARGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS. CAPITALIST POWER HAS CEASED. THE WORKERS RULE SUPREME.

THEIR VICTORIES HAVE THRILLED MILLIONS OF WORKERS WITH NEW HOPE, NEW COURAGE AND GREATER FAITH IN THE EARLY TRIUMPH OF SOCIALISM. WORKERS EVERYWHERE ARE GLORYING IN OUR COMRADES VICTORIES AND RALLYING TO THE CALL THEY SEND TO US TO PREPARE FOR VICTORY TOO.

WE MUST ANSWER THAT CALL. WE MUST PROVE OUR INTERNATIONALISM BY DEEDS. WE MUST SHOW OUR COMRADESHIP BY CELEBRATING THEIR VICTORIES IN A MANNER THAT WILL MEAN VICTORIES FOR WORKERS HERE.

Here Is How

WE HAVE TOLD YOU OF OUR PLANS FOR THE GREATEST ORGANIZATION WORK EVER UNDERTAKEN. A PLAN OF ORGANIZATION THAT WILL MEAN THOUSANDS OF NEW

MEMBERS, HUNDREDS OF NEW LOCALS AND A TREMENDOUS INCREASE OF ACTIVITIES IN ALL LINES.

YOU KNOW THESE ARE THE PLANS AND THEY HAVE THE ENDORSEMENT OF EVERY MEMBER. BUT IN ORDER TO START THE WORK AND TO KEEP IT UP TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT, FUNDS MUST BE PROVIDED FOR LITERATURE, ORGANIZERS AND SPEAKERS. IN ORDER TO IMMEDIATELY RAISE THESE FUNDS WE REQUEST EVERY PARTY MEMBER TO

Pay Dues One Year Ahead

WHY NOT? THE DUES ARE SMALL. BUT EACH DUES STAMP SOLD MEANS ONE CENT MORE IN THE ORGANIZATION FUND. IF 6,000 MEMBERS PAY ONE YEARS DUES THAT MEANS 72,000 DUES STAMPS SOLD OR \$72,000 FOR THE ORGANIZATION FUND. WILL YOU CELEBRATE YOUR COMRADES VICTORIES BY THUS PREPARING FOR VICTORY HERE? IS YOUR JOY AT THEIR VICTORIES WORTH \$3.00 TO YOU IN DUES STAMPS? WE THINK IT OUGHT TO BE. SO WE ASK YOU TO DO THIS TO MAKE SOCIALISM VICTORIOUS HERE AND NOW. PAY YOUR DUES FOR 1919 NOW

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YOURS IN COMRADESHIP

H. Wagenknecht.

State Secretary, pro. tem.

"Officially Sealed"

On Nov. 11 we received in the mails an I. W. W. Trial Bulletin dated July 23, last. The envelope had been open and sealed with an Official Seal of the Postoffice Department. Three months and a half is plenty of time for Uncle Sam to "officially seal" which we take to mean "officially open" our mail it seems.

We do not say that the Defense Bulletin was held in Chicago all this while for the purpose of preventing us from receiving it and possibly publishing it. However, that may be now that the trial is over and Leavenworth Federal Prison had opened its doors to the 100 members of the I. W. W. there can be no possible chance of swaying the public mind in favor of the defendants by publishing this bulletin now.

We would not think of doing so either were it not for the fact that part of the proceedings of the trial contained in the bulletin bring to mind so vividly past scenes and remembrances experienced in the big timber regions of the northwest. It also serves to show the intolerable conditions which the I. W. W. was up against and which it fought so intrepidly. And one may say in truth that these same conditions produced thousands of I. W. Ws. Is it any wonder that the I. W. W. won with the workers of the northwest when such conditions as these were the general conditions and not the exception? Here follows the evidence against the masters.

THE HERO'S REWARD.

Bert Bassett, logger and member of the I. W. W., was one of the witnesses called. Bassett is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, having several engagements to his credit. He also served another full term of service in the United States army from which he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. After serving his country with risk of life and limb, this man re-ordered in industry where he was gratefully presented with the living conditions of a savage and made to share the bed of a hog. His description of a bunk house in the state of Washington, in

German Bolsheviki Threaten Scheidemann Group

The latest news from Germany concerning the revolution indicate that the capitalist and former ruling classes are rallying against the Socialist parties for control of the government. At the same time the Spartacist group of Socialists, led by Liebknecht, the Bolsheviki of Germany, are gaining in numbers and influence and that a decisive conflict between this group and all others is only a matter of time. Co-operation between the Spartacist group and the Russian Reds is being sought.

The situation in Germany is now a parallel with that which occurred in Russia when the compromiser Kerensky was overthrown by the revolutionary group and Lenin elected premier.

Macaulay's Prophecy.

"Your republic (the United States) will be as fearfully plundered and laid waste by the barbarians in the twentieth century as the Roman Empire was in the fifth, with this difference, that the Huns and Vandals who ravaged the Roman Empire came from without, while your Huns and Vandals will have been engendered within your own country and by your own institutions."

"The Party of Reconstruction"

When the Lord's anointed led his cohorts to Chicago and organized the Progressive party of sacred memory, it attracted the attention of a callow youth by the name of Hays. Later he was made chief of the Indiana host, and now is chairman of the Republican national committee. The boy wonder blossomed into a domestic reconstructionist and a world statesman of the first rank. A ukase has been sent to all the faithful enjoining them of the "necessity of convincing voters of the obvious fact that by training and thorough foresight the Republican party is obviously the party for reconstruction."

G. O. P. chiefs have been wont in the past to "point with pride" to party achievements, but the boy wonder neglects this. The party has a record on reconstruction, yet no mention is made of it. Why this modesty? The Call will mention a few items in the record by way of enforcing the claim that the Republican party is "obviously the party for reconstruction."

The civil war laid the South waste with fire and sword. Farms, villages and towns were destroyed and a large portion of the people were reduced to beggary. The Southern governments had to be reconstructed and this gave the G. O. P. its opportunity. The South was divided into five military districts, with army officers in control. A swarm of sharpers, grafters, politicians and contractors followed them into this devastated region. The "carpet baggers," Republican appointees, were often unprincipled men, drawn by an instinct of plunder. They plied staggering debts upon the stricken people of these states. In South Carolina alone the average cost of the government for 8 years was \$1,326,589, while the average cost for the previous 78 years was only \$609,000. The politicians also established a bar adjoining the Senate and drank choice liquors at the expense of the population. Free lunch and free whiskey went hand in hand with Republican genius for "reconstruction." Then there was the Freedman's bank established by the patriots for the benefit of the freed Negroes. The latter were induced to practice "thrift" by placing their nickels and dimes in this institution. It "failed" and the blacks never received any compensation for this theft. Sharpers spread stories among the blacks of the government's intention of giving all "40 acres and a mule," and sold painted stakes with which each must be provided "when the day of division came." Fake land deeds were sold to the helpless and trusting Negroes. One "deed" frequently used, read: "Know all men by these presents, that a naught is a naught and a figure a figure; all for the white man and none for the nigger. And whereas Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so also have I lifted this d-d old nigger out of four dollars and six bits. Amen! Selah! It was a great job of "reconstruction." Professor Paxton, a Northern historian, writing of it, stated that "Deliberate theft of public money was so common as to occasion no surprise. In no state were books kept so that the modern student can be sure he knows where all the money went. Graft in contracts, fraud in the administration of schools and Negro relief schemes, sale of charters and votes, illegal issues of bonds, improvident loans to railroads, combined to enrich the officeholder and to increase the volume of public debts." This coarse and brutal materialism permeated Northern officialdom as well. Grant's appointments were of a low type. His ambassador to London gave his name to a mining swindle. His chief claim to fame was that he was an authority on draw poker. It was the era of financial vultures who hovered over the capital. It was the period of "The Credit Mobilier" steal which implicated the vice president, vice president-elect, the speaker of the House, and a number of senators and representatives. Reviewing the whole dirty mess, the poet, Lowell, asked in 1876 whether ours was not a government "for the benefit of knaves at the cost of fools." After the G. O. P. had "reconstructed" the South and "freed" the Negro

Mooney's Spirit Shall Stark

Abroad Like Bonquo's Ghost!

By ROBERT E. BLACKSTONE.

"After Tom Mooney had been sentenced to hang by his neck until dead by Judge Grimm, he announced to the press that he expected "no justice from the class courts of California." Was Mooney a prophet? No! He is a class-conscious proletarian thoroughly understanding the fight for the emancipation of the Workers of the World. He knew what he was up against! He knew when a court room had been turned, temporarily into a "Dive" of "Barbary coast" with all the earmarks of such a "dive" such as prostitutes, drug fiends, moral male poverts, professional witnesses and the like and when he heard a District Attorney introduce such characters, such delinquents, as respectable business men, millionaires and heirs, he knew that there was no justice for him or his co-defendants. He had with his own eyes seen the assault on "Miss Justice"—seen her tied hand and food by legal verbiage, spread-eagled and RAPED by a gang of pro-kaiser legal lickspittles put into power by the union-baiting, scabbering mammonites of the "Law and Order Committee of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce." "My only hope," Mooney added, "is in the labor movement."

Could Mooney's allegations have been more thoroughly proven than when the CLASS COURT of CALIFORNIA admitted, that without question he had been convicted on perjured testimony, but because the perjured was not contained in the record of the trial they could not grant him a new trial?

Mooney said when he started to prison—for the death cell: "That he expected no justice from the class courts of America!"

The United States Supreme court refused to review his trial.

Is there a thinker, a liberal—an honest man, that thinks for one sec-

ond that either the State Supreme Court of California or the United States Supreme Court, would have refused to act if, by any stretch of imagination, Rockefeller, Morgan, Schwab, Spreckles, Miller-Lux, Weychauer, or any of their ilk—any of the "Captains of Industry"—had been convicted under similar circumstances?"

All right Master of Bread, if you must have Mooney's blood, because he was true to the working class. LYNCH HIM! By your acts you breed among the workers more intolerance, more disgust, more hate for your Class Courts, more disrespect for them. LYNCH HIM, Lynch Mooney! And from every drop of Mooney's blood shall spring into the class-conscious labor movement of the world a million fighters—a million liberated from that damnable phrase "equal rights to all; special privilege to none"—a million, I say, from every drop of Mooney's blood shall germinate, shall sprout and shall put the fires of the martyred Mooney shall sweep your "putrid system built on brothers' blood, your monster competition together with wage-slavery and all the ruck and blood and war and hate which these produce shall be sent to join the cannibal and blue-blooded thief."

Lynch Mooney! You murderers! Kill him you labor-union haters! Crucify his body on your cross of gold—God of Mammon—drop the black cap, trip the door, strangle this agitator Mooney, but you CAN NOT kill his Spirit and that's the thing that counts. His Spirit will live EVERYWHERE; IT WILL INVADE EVERY UNION MEETING; IT WILL PERMEATE THE MINDS OF THE WORKERS LIKE THE FOG THAT ROLLS IN THROUGH THE "GOLDEN GATE" AND PENETRATES THE innermost room of your palaces.

The War as Agitator

FROM THE PUBLIC

There is small good in appealing to the engineers to the directing brains of our industries, Russia has done this and producing nothing by own efforts. The war has agitated the community's needs and divide his spoils with them. The strategic position of land in our prevailing economic order is patent to anyone who thinks. There may be a few industries that could still exploit the community if raw materials were open to any enterprising competitor. The driving force behind our schemes of reconstruction we must go to those who suffer grievously from the reign of private monopoly. We must go to the farmer who is a tenant, or is struggling along under a mortgage, or is working fourteen hours a day and making the scantiest of livings because various rent-takers stand between him and his ultimate market like a submarine zone, in Frederic C. Howe's figure. We must go to the employes of our great basic industries who were lucky, before the war, if they were permitted to work three days a week, so that their earnings had to be pieced out by charity, and even then their babies died of preventable diseases or grew up with inadequate schooling and went into the gutted labor market too early. We must go to the great army of homeless migratory who cut our timber and our ice and build our roads and picked our fruit and harvested our grain—men whose hope of economic independence and security had long ago departed as opportunity narrowed and came more and more under the arbitrary control of the few who owned the land. We must go to them or be swept aside by them, for they are arousing and shaking off their chains—the mental chains that held their minds in subjection to the cheap and cruel lies of the apologists. For things as they are, "Oh all these lies, the cheapest and crudest is that which justifies private ownership of land on terms of privilege, on any terms except those of trusteeship, with the obligation to put it to beneficial use or relinquish it to others. It is not only the enormous unearned toll taken in rents—values that belong to the community, but the fact that it withdrew and turned the blacks over to the tender mercies of the white aristocracy. The latter soon eliminated the blacks from the frontier, and a large portion of the poor whites were treated in the same way. To this day thousands of workers of both colors are disfranchised in the South, and the party guided by the boy wonder has never attempted to enforce the 14th amendment. Neither has the Democratic party, for that matter.

Yes, "by training and through foresight the Republican party is obviously the party for reconstruction." Take the boy wonder's word for it if you will not take ours.

All this is coming to be seen by those who suffer most. And they are preparing to make effectual use of that political democracy which is of real value only as it gives them the means of achieving economic democracy by orderly process.

SHRAPNEL.

Supports were being brought up to the first line trenches by the American, British and French army service corps. A colored sentry stood on the road in the dusk as the first train of ammunition wagons drew up. "Halt! Who goes there?" the sentry said as he approached the center of the road.

"British supports," came the answer back.

"Pass on British supports," the sentry said.

A few moments later another train of vehicles came along.

"Stop! Who goes there?" the sentry repeated.

"French supports," the spokesman replied.

"Pass on French supports," the sentry returned.

It had become dark before the American train of ammunition wagons passed along the road and the sentry was hardly able to see, but in keeping with his orders he expostulated.

"Halt! Who goes there?" "Get out of here, you nigger, or we'll run over you," the spokesman replied.

"Pass on Americans," said the colored sentry.

HEAR EUGENE V. DEBS

Toledo Nov. 27, Mansfield Nov. 29, Niles Dec. 1, Tiffin Dec. 3, Sandusky Dec. 4

Other Dates Will Be Announced Later

What Socialism Is

By CHARLES H. KERR.
V. THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF AMERICA.

(Continued From Last Week)
We have seen that men's ideas and ownership of industry in all the war-torn countries, and as we go to press with the present edition of this booklet (September, 1917), the process is fairly under way in the United States. Much that we have urged in our propaganda regarding the useless wastes of competition is now out of date, not because there was anything wrong with our arguments, but because the capitalist class has itself applied the remedy. Even many of the so-called "immediate demands" which the Socialist Party has incorporated in former platforms are out of date, since the capitalist class has already taken control of the distribution of food and coal, and has forced the private owners of the railroads to run them under a unified administration which is virtually controlled by the government. And this is probably only the beginning. More startling changes in the same direction may be looked for any day.

International trade has practically passed out of the hands of private capitalists and into the hands of the allied governments, working together so as to buy on the best possible terms. England, which until the war was the greatest investor in the stocks and bonds of corporations, has now practically prohibited any new investment except in government bonds. Production in the United States is increasing by leaps and bounds; and the wage-workers are still getting a living and nothing more.

When the smoke of the great war finally blows away, it will probably be found that production in America, England, France, Germany, Italy and Austria is too firmly organized under government control to be "unscrambled," and that a new era has set in, the era of state capitalism. * * * What then will the Socialist Party do? It is becoming more and more evident that only one course is possible, and that is why the members of the party are drawing closer together and forgetting past controversies over tactics. What we must do is to stand together for the right to organize in the shops and to have a controlling voice over the conditions under which we are to work. Craft unions will be helpless to meet the new conditions. Industrial unions enrolling all the workers in each industry will be the only kind that can make headway against the concentrated power of the government. The Socialist Party must, in its propaganda and educational work, urge the need of such organization. And on the political field we must stand firm for the right of the workers to control the conditions under which they work. The old party officials will represent the bond holders, who will be the most obviously parasitic class in the world's history. Their only claim to a share in the annual product of American workers will rest on ownership and nothing else, for they as bond holders will be performing no useful function whatever. And yet the interest on bonds can only be paid out of the wealth created by the workers. Never were class lines so clearly drawn. Ours is the party of the workers, and if we stand together we shall win. * * *

A book which explains clearly the complex problems with which the Socialist Party has to deal in shaping its tactics is *The Militant Proletariat*, by Austin Lewis. This book can be had by ordering from the State Office, The End.

RECONSTRUCTION IN RUSSIA

FROM CLASS STRUGGLE

(Continued From Last Week)
GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE RUSSIAN SOCIALISTIC FEDERATED REPUBLIC

The fundamental problem of the constitution of the Russian Socialistic Federal Republic involves, in view of the present transition period, the establishment of a dictatorship of the urban and rural proletariat and the poorest peasantry, the power of the All-Russian Soviet authority, the crushing of the bourgeoisie, the abolition of the spoilation of men by men and the introduction of Socialism in which there will be neither a division into classes nor a state authority.

1. The Russian Republic is the free Socialist Society of all the working people of Russia, united in the urban and rural Soviets.

2. The Soviets of those regions which differentiate themselves by a special form of existence and national character will be united into autonomous regional associations ruled by the sessions of the Soviets of those regions and their executive organs.

3. The Soviet associations of the regions participate in the Russian Socialist Republic on the basis of federation, at the head of which stand the Pan-Russian session of the Soviets and, in periods between the sessions, the Pan-Russian Central Executive Committee.

CONCERNING THE RUSSIAN SOVIETS

Section First: Concerning the Suffrage.

I. The right to vote and to be elected to the Soviets is enjoyed by the following citizens of the Russian Socialist Soviet Republic of both sexes who shall have completed their eighteenth year by the day of the election:

1. All who have acquired the means of living through labor that is productive and useful to society and are members of the trades associations, namely:

- (a) Laborers and employees of all classes who are employed in industry, trade and agriculture.
- (b) Peasants and Cossack agricultural laborers who hire no labor.
- (c) Employees and laborers in the offices of the Soviet government.
2. Soldiers of the army and navy of the Soviets.
3. Citizens of the two previous categories who have to any degree lost their capacity to work.

II. The following persons enjoy neither the right to vote nor to be voted for, even though they belong to one of the categories enumerated above, namely:

1. Persons who employ hired labor in order to obtain from it an increase in profits.
2. Persons who have an income without doing any work, such as interest from capital, receipts from property, and so on.
3. Private merchants, trade and commercial intermediaries.
4. Employees of communities for religious worship.
5. Employees and agents of the former police, the gendarmic corps and the Otkhrana; also members of the dynasty that formerly ruled in Russia.
6. Persons who have in legal form been declared demented or mentally deficient, and also deaf and dumb persons.
7. Persons who have been punished for selfish or dishonorable misdemeanors.

PRINCIPLES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE RUSSIAN STATE

The government is based upon the smallest settlements (villages and hamlets), the inhabitants of which may elect one representative to each 100 persons.

The rural Soviets are under the authority of the Soviets of the Volosts (districts), and these latter under the Soviets of the Uyezds (larger regions). The urban and Uyezds elect delegates to sessions of the government or Oblast Soviets. Each of these bodies chooses independently its own executive committee.

The system in the whole constitution is embraced in:

The Woman's Cause

A DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN WHO THINK.

Mother of Men

By IDA CROUCH HAZLETT.

She has mothered her child in the jungles wild,
Through many a long gone age;
She has mourned her dead by the sunset red,
Where the storms of battle rage.
She has borne the burdens of every clime,
And borne its men as well.
And is this the reply to her human cry:
Down, down to the harlot's hell?

She has lighted the fire on every hearth;
She fashioned the vessels rude;
She turned the earth in its first gray birth,
And gave to the nations food.
She made the tools and she formed the rules
To clothe the tribes that dwell.
And is this the reply to her mothering cry:
Down, down to the factory hell?

They chained her like beasts to labor's wheel;
They locked her in haven cage;
They snatched her babes from her quivering breast,
By court and law and page.
But she comes as the moon walks over the sea—
In the glory of years to be;
To bless the race with her joyous face,
And woman shall yet be free.

CONCERNING THE PAN-RUSSIAN CONGRESS OF THE SOVIETS

1. The Pan-Russian Congress of the Soviets consists of representatives of the urban Soviets (one delegate for each 25,000 voters) and representatives of the government congresses (one delegate for each 125,000 voters).
2. The All-Russian Congress of Soviets will be called together by the All-Russian Central Executive Committee at least twice a year.
3. The extraordinary All-Russian Congress will be called together by the All-Russian Central Executive Committee upon its own initiative or upon the demand of the Soviets of districts embracing at least one-third of the entire population of the republic.
4. The All-Russian Congress of Soviets elects the Central Executive Committee of not more than 200 members.
5. The All-Russian Executive Committee is responsible to the All-Russian Congress of Soviets.
6. The All-Russian Congress of Soviets is the highest power in the republic. In the periods between its sessions that power is represented by the All-Russian Central Executive Committee.

It is further provided that the Central Executive Committee shall be divided into eleven colleges for administrative functions. These are:

1. Foreign Politicians.
2. Defense of the country (army and navy).
3. Social order and security (militia), census of the people, registration of societies and associations, fire department, insurance, organization of the Soviets.
4. Justice.
5. Public economy (with sub-sections for agriculture, industry and trade, finances, railways, food supply, state property and construction).
6. Labor and social welfare.
7. Education and enlightenment of the people.
8. Public health.
9. Post, telegraph and telephone.
10. Federal and national affairs.
11. Control and auditing.

INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

Decree of the Council of People's Commissaires Establishing Organs of Workers' Control of Industries.

1. In order to put the economic life of the country on an orderly basis, control by the workers is instituted over all industrial, commercial and agricultural undertakings and societies; and those connected with banking and transport, as well as over productive co-operative societies which employ labor or put out work to be done at home or in connection with the production, purchase, and sale of commodities and of raw materials, and with conservation of such commodities as well as regards the financial aspect of such undertakings.
2. Control is exercised by all the workers of a given enterprise through the medium of their elected organs, such as factories and works committees, councils of workmen's delegates, etc., such organs equally comprising representatives of the employees and of the technical staff.
3. In each important industrial town, province, or district, is set up a local workmen's organ of control, which, being the organ of the soldiers', workmen's and peasants' council, will comprise the representatives of the labor unions, workmen's committees, and of any other factories, as well as of workmen's co-operative societies.
4. Until such time as workmen's organs of control hold a congress, the All-Russian Workmen's Council of Control is to be set up in Petrograd, on which will sit representatives of the following organizations. Five delegates of the E. C. (executive committee) of the Council (Soviet) of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates of Russia; five delegates of the E. C. of the Peasants' Council of Russia; five delegates of the Labor Unions of Russia; two delegates of the Central Committee of the Workingmen's Co-Operative Societies of Russia; five delegates of the Factory and Works Committee of Russia; five delegates of the Eigners' and Technical Agents' Union of Russia; two delegates of the Agrarian Union of Russia; one delegate from each Workmen's Union in Russia having not less than 100,000 members, two delegates from any union having a membership of over 100,000, two delegates from the E. C. of the Labor Unions.
5. Side by side with the Workmen's Supreme Council of the Labor Unions, committees of inspection comprising technical specialists, accountants, etc. These committees, both on their own initiative or at the request of local workmen's organs of control, proceed to a given locality to study the financial and technical side of any enterprise.
6. The Workmen's Organs of Control have the right to supervise production, to fix a minimum wage in any undertaking, and to take steps to fix the prices at which manufactured articles are to be sold.
7. The Workmen's Organs of Control have the right to control all correspondence passing in connection with the business of an undertaking being held responsible before a court of justice for diverting their correspondence. Commercial secrets are abolished. The owners are called upon to produce to the Workmen's Organs of Control all books and moneys in hand, both relating to the current year and to any previous transactions.
8. The decisions of the Workmen's Organs of Control are binding upon the owners of undertakings, and can not be nullified save by the decision of a Workmen's Superior Organ of Control.
9. Three days are given to the owners, or the administrators of a business, to appeal to a Workmen's Superior Court of Control against the decisions filed by any of the lower organs of Workmen's Control.
10. In all undertakings, the owners and the representatives of workmen and of employees delegated to exercise control on behalf of the workmen, are responsible to the government for the maintenance of strict order and discipline, and for the conservation of property (goods). Those guilty of misappropriating materials and products, of not keeping books properly, and of similar offenses, are liable to prosecution.
11. Workmen's District Councils of Control settle all disputes and conflicts between the lower Organs of Control, as well as all complaints made by the owners of undertakings, taking into consideration any peculiar conditions under which production is carried on, and local conditions. They will issue instructions within the limits prescribed by the All-Russian Workmen's Council of Control and supervise the activities of the lower Organs of Control.
12. The All-Russian Workmen's Council of Control shall work out a general plan for control to be exercised by the workmen, and to issue instructions and regulations, and to systematize the reports of the various Workmen's Councils of Control; and constitute the supreme authority for dealing with all matters connected with the control exercised by workmen.
13. The All-Russian Workmen's Council of Control co-ordinates the activities of the Workmen's Organs of Control and of those institutions which direct the organization of the economic life of the country.

A regulation concerning the relations between the All-Russian Workmen's Council of Control and the other institutions which organize and put in order the economic life of the country will be issued later.

14. All laws and circulars which impede the proper working of the factory, works, and other committees, and that of workmen's and employees' councils, are abrogated.

Decree of the Council of People's Commissaires Establishing a Supreme Council of National Economy, for the Regulation of Economic Activity.

1. The Council of People's Commissaires establishes a Supreme Council of National Economy.

2. The functions of the Supreme Council of National Economy are—the organization of the public ownership of utilities and of the state finances. With this as its aim, the Supreme Council of National Economy will make general rules and plans regulating the economic life of the country; will co-ordinate and unify the central and local activities of the governing bodies, including the All-Russian Council of Workmen's Control and also the activities of the professional and manufacturing organizations of the working class.

3. The Supreme Council of National Economy is granted the right to confiscate, requisition, sequestrate and syndicate different branches of industry and commerce, and the right to introduce other measures in the field of production, distribution and state finance.

4. All existing institutions for the regulation of economy are subject to the Supreme Council of National Economy, which is granted the right to reform them.

5. The Supreme Council of National Economy shall consist of (a) the All-Russian Council of Workmen's Control, the character of which was defined in the decree of November 27, 1917; (b) representatives of all the People's Commissaires; (c) accredited specialists and well-informed persons, invited by conference.

6. The Supreme Council of National Economy will be divided into sections and departments (for fuel, mines, demobilization, finances, etc.), the number and sphere of activity of these departments to be decided by a general meeting of the Supreme Council of National Economy.

7. The departments of the Supreme Council of National Economy will regulate the separate sections of public economy; and prepare measures agreeable to the People's Commissaires.

8. The Supreme Council of National Economy will apportion from its midst fifteen persons to form a bureau for the co-ordination of the current work of the sections and departments, and the consideration of problems demanding immediate solution.

9. All bills and important measures concerning the regulation of public economy are to be brought in full before the Council of People's Commissaires, over and above the Supreme Council of National Economy.

10. The Supreme Council of National Economy unifies and directs the work of the local economic departments of the Soviet of Workmen's, Soldiers' and Peasants' Delegates, including local organs of workmen's control, as well as local commissaires of labor, commerce, industries and supplies.

In the absence of suitable economic departments, the Supreme Council of National Economy will form its own local organs.

All economic departments of local Soviets representing local organs of the Supreme Council of National Economy are responsible for the decrees of the Supreme Council of National Economy.

Decree of the Council of People's Commissaires, Nationalizing Foreign Trade.

Article 1. All foreign trade is to be nationalized. Commercial transactions relative to purchase and sale of products (raw materials, manufactures, agriculture, etc.) with foreign countries and private foreign commercial organizations are controlled directly by the Russian republic through specially organized organs. All foreign transactions not known to these organs are prohibited. (Note—Regulations governing exports and imports by parcel post and of personal baggage will be issued separately.)

Article 2. The people's Commissariat of Trade and Industry is being instituted. Representatives of the following organizations will be members of this council: (1) Military, marine, agricultural, food supply, communication, foreign affairs and finance departments; (2) central organizations managing branches of industry, such as tea, sugar, textiles, etc., including representatives of all branches of the Supreme Council of National Economy; (3) central organizations of co-operative societies; (4) central organizations of professional unions, tradesmen and commercial enterprises; (5) central organs of commercial enterprises dealing in exports and imports of important goods. (Note—The People's Commissariat of Trade and Industry has the right to choose members of this organization from other organizations not herein mentioned.)

Article 3. The Council of Foreign Trade is arranging a plan of exchange of goods with foreign countries, which is being worked out by the Commissariat of Trade and Industry. The duties of the Council of Foreign Trade are the following: Keeping a register of the demand and supply of exported and improved goods; organizing foreign purchase through the government (against requisitions by) co-operative societies and firms; regulating the prices of imported and exported goods.

Article 4. The Council of Foreign Trade is divided according to the different branches of manufacture and the important groups of exports and imports. The chairmen of these branches are representatives of the People's Commissariat of Trade and Industry. The chairman of the whole is also a representative of this commissariat. (Note—Regulations, duties, etc., of the Council of Foreign Trade will be given further special attention. All decisions of the council are submitted to the Commissariat of Trade and Industry for approval.)

Article 5. This decree is in force from the day of publication.
Decree of the Council of People's Commissaires Creating a Department Against the Counter Revolutionary Propaganda.

In the difficult and decisive hour of change and in the days immediately following, the Temporary Revolutionary Committee was compelled to undertake a whole series of measures against all sorts of counter-revolutionary publications.

Immediately from all sides issues cries that the new Socialist authority violated the fundamental principle of its program with threats against the freedom of the press.

The Workers' and Peasants' Government wishes to call the attention of the people to the fact that behind the screen of liberty lurks, in fact, freedom for the propertied classes to usurp unto themselves the power, without hindrance, poison and bring confusion into the minds of the masses.

Everyone knows that the press of the bourgeoisie is one of the most powerful weapons of the bourgeoisie. Especially in a critical moment, when

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OUR WEEKLY POEM

The Red Flag

By JAMES CONNELL.
(Air—"My Maryland")

The people's flag is deepest red;
It sheltered oft our martyred dead,
And ere their limbs grew stiff and cold
Their hearts' blood dyed its every fold.

CHORUS.

Then raise the scarlet standard high;
Within its shade we'll live and die.
Tho' cowardly finch and traitors sneer,
We'll keep the red flag flying here.

Look 'round, the Frenchman loves its blaze;
The sturdy German chants its praise;
In Moscow's vaults its hymns are sung;
Chicago swells the surging throng.

It waved above our infant might,
When all ahead seemed dark as night;
It witnessed many a deed and vow,
We must not change its color now.

It well recalls the triumphs past,
It gives the hope of peace at last—
The banner bright, the symbol plain
Of human right and human gain.

It suits today the weak and base,
Whose minds are fixed on self and place,
To cringe before the rich man's frown
And haul the sacred emblem down.

With heads uncovered swear we all,
To bear it onward 'till we fall;
Come dungeon dark, or gallows grim,
This song shall be our parting hymn.

Think It Over

At the Inter-Allied Socialist and Labor Conference held in England in September, Gompers expressed his disapproval of the too frequent reference by delegates to Socialists and Socialism. Said he: "How can it be that at a conference called in the interests of labor, Socialism was mentioned more often than labor?"

Lloyd George agrees to a League of Nations. But how about self-determination? Rev. and Mrs. D. O. Cunningham, just returned to Ada, Ohio, from India, report much unrest in that unhappy land. Just before the left riots occurred in which 1,500 natives were killed.

"At present . . . it is becoming urgent for the proletarian state authority to make use of the bourgeois specialists for the purpose of re-plowing the soil so that the bourgeoisie can grow on it." Lenin.—Just like a farmer killing weeds.

The reefs ahead.—American business interests are prepared to resent and oppose with all their power, any proposals looking toward the neutralization of foreign trade and its control in the interests of international justice. They are clamoring for the handing over of the new merchant marine to private ownership and we may be sure that one of the major issues in the next presidential campaign will be control of the State Department in the interests of American bankers and traders.—Public.

There will be no representative of labor on the peace commission. A Washington dispatch says that officials held that to recognize labor in his way would be to establish class distinctions. Elihu Root is mentioned as one of the lucky ones. The Democratic Plain Dealer of Cleveland suggests Lodge or Taft.

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce has called a conference of commercial heads for the first week in December at Atlantic City. An exhaustive country-wide survey of the business situation is the object. A vital part of the program will be the consideration of the wage problem.

A Berlin message reports that the Workmen and Soldiers Council has adopted a resolution expressing admiration for the Russian workers and soldiers, and demanding a resumption of relations with the Russian Government, while announcing its approval of provisional government.

Great increase in the employment of children between 7 and 16 years of age in vegetable canneries since the federal child labor law was declared unconstitutional by the Russian Government, while announcing its approval of provisional government.

Inspection of 270 canneries in Maryland and Virginia showed 1,094 children under 14 at work, and their employment was found to be general in several other canning states.

The conditions under which the children worked were found to be generally bad; their hours of employment irregular, and the camps in which they lived unsanitary and crowded.

About 17,000 people in this nation commit suicide every year. About 22,000 are killed in industry. About 17,000 lost their lives in the war. Flu victims number 82,000.

Editor Villard of the "Nation" in an address to the City Club of Cleveland, said:

"Socialism has gained more by the war than anything else. We in the United States do not understand the strength of the Socialists in Europe. I am not a Socialist. I am simply telling you facts."

You're on your way, but do you know where you're going?
Think it over!

I. W. W. Case Renewed

The Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday at San Francisco reversed the case of the United States against William M. Collins and that of the United States against Leonard Foster and others, convicted at Tacoma in February, 1918, and directed that the United States District Court, at Tacoma, enter an order sustaining the demurrer to the indictment in each case.

The indictments in each case were presented by former Assistant United States Attorney George Fishburne, the cases having been tried before Judge E. E. Cushman. In each case the defendants are members of the I. W. W. and the evidence shows that they made false and untrue statements of and concerning war conditions.

In the lower court, in each case, the defendants filed a demurrer. Judge Cushman overruled the demurrer, and held the defendants for trial. The indictments simply charged that the defendants had made false statements with the intent to aid the enemy, failing to allege the nature of the false statements or the persons to whom they were made. When objection was filed to these indictments by demurrer, the government, in each case, furnished a bill of particulars in which the information was furnished, but in its decision yesterday the Circuit Court of Appeals decided that this could not cure a defective indictment.

Assistant Attorney General C. L. Reames received a telegram today announcing the decision of the court. He said that as soon as the mandate is received from the Circuit Court of Appeals, the order of the Circuit Court of Appeals will be promptly complied with, the case resubmitted to the grand jury at Tacoma and in the event that indictments are returned, the cases will be promptly retried.

The Butte Daily Bulletin publishes two "Rolls of Honor." One is a military roll of honor, containing the names of 18 Butte boys killed in the European war since January, 1917. The other roll contains 108 names of miners killed in the Butte mines during the same period. The lists are headed: "Safety a First—Join the Army." It would appear from this that in Butte the heroes of industry outnumber the heroes of war by about 6 to 1.—Yakima Valley Farmer.

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WITH OUR EDITORS

Now let's see—who was it that finally tied the can to the kaiser?
And now let's see again—who is it that's now wishing that the war cry of "Kill the Kaiser" had been less literally followed out?

VINDICATION!

Time will tell more than we can here tell. Traveling along the highway of our national existence we are, however, coming across signs, tacked up by leaders of the two per cent. who own ninety per cent., signs which show which way the wind of the grabbers is blowing.

Roosevelt has spoken. He said the "League of Nations" idea to prevent future wars was foolish; that wars would continue until the most fit (imperialistically fit) nation would be enthroned.

But in all such events, the main prize must fall to some one person or organization. Some one is given the task of speaking loudest, plainest, most honest in conviction.

For speaking right out in school; for saying what Socialists have been jailed for saying; for proving that there is a factor in this nation that don't care a rap for President Wilson's idealism, and that don't fear jail no matter how it violates the espionage law, we hand the bouquet to the staff of "The American Economist," organ of the American Protective Tariff League.

In the great issue of 1918, far more is involved than the release of nations from the tyranny of Germany. True, that is the rallying ground—the reason why the allies and the boys from America are fighting so desperately.

Being a paper that is financed by an organization that protects American business it is probably above the law. But that is not the question here. Tell us rather, will this gang win out against the administration? And will the recent Republican victory at the polls mean the eventual complete success of the imperialists and the consequent complete vindication of the Socialists? Think about it a minute!

The New Republic editorially puts in this lick: "The very people (Republican leaders and imperialists) who were most ferociously intolerant of those Socialists who protested that the war was not really being fought for purposes as democratic and disinterested as the President proclaimed are now using all their influence to prove the Socialists were right and are condemning as pro-German those who are working to prove the Socialists wrong."

They were perfectly willing to have Socialists jailed who declared, in spite of the President's pledges, that the war was not being fought for the benefit of world democracy, yet when the time comes to redeem those pledges they are equally willing to deprive the poor innocents, who believed the nation to be morally united on the President's policy of a healing-peace, of the promised fruits of victory!

THE LESSON OF THE ELECTION

We dare say it surprised even most Socialists. And now that we have received the final returns and learn that both houses of congress have been captured by the Republicans, despite President Wilson's plea for support, despite all his administration has done for labor, despite his state socialism and despite his pronouncements of his kind of democracy—what's the lesson?

The lesson seems to be that the lid was on too tight. The people were suffocating because of a lack of mental breathing area. Too many restrictions. Too many tasks. Too high prices and levies. Too great a call upon their patience. The average person felt cramped, much like a sardine in a box.

Not that the restraint the citizens were under was necessary for war purposes. War is war and the citizen at home is subject to discipline as direct and ultimate as the soldier. But election day affords an opportunity to "talk back." This the voters did last November 5th, even though in doing so they jumped into the fire.

There were many things which helped turn the scales against the Democrats; many things that occurred which a good Democratic politician would term bad politics.

The slacker raids cost the Democrats thousands of votes. The unfair methods used to sell Liberty Bonds, methods which even daily papers were compelled to expose. The assassination of the principle of free press by Burleson. The overbearing tactics of the American Protective League. The denial of free speech by the espionage act. The general centralization of administrative power.

The exigencies of war defeated the Democratic party. Had the Republicans been in administrative control, they would have been similarly defeated.

This adds another lesson taught by the war. That is that the people turn against the government in power responsible for its promulgation. And the wisdom of the turn depends upon the wisdom of the masses.

STILL WAITING

We are still waiting for news of the "big massacre" which the daily news mongers announced the Bolsheviks would perpetrate on the night of Nov. 10. The entire capitalist and "intellectual" classes were to be murdered in cold blood.

We are still waiting for the massacre to occur. And we shall have a long time to wait.

A Comrade Passes

Dear Comrade: We are very sorry to report the death of Comrade H. S. Kinkade, which occurred on Nov. 8, of Spanish Flu. He was one of Belmont County's candidates for commissioner at the late election and at the time of his death was county organizer.

Comrade Kinkade was always jolly and in good spirits. He was an uncompromising Socialist and one that helped carry the party safely through the "acid test." We can say nothing too good of Comrade Kinkade.

Yours in the cause, KRANK STIDD, Secretary Branch Bellaire.

GOOD NEWS—RECEIPTS ARE CLIMBING

Receipts from subscriptions are steadily climbing up. At the present rate of press stamp sales and receipts of subscriptions from our Red Hundred we shall soon reach that enviable point marked as "no deficit."

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TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

Someone is always taking the joy out of life. Just when everything seems to be coming your way along comes one of those joy killers and throws a cloud of gloom upon you.

That's the way it goes. This last week when we thought everything was lovely, when the subscriptions were coming in in bunches and the comrades were writing in for dates for Comrades Debs and Lewis and in every letter were talking up their plans for greater activity than ever; just when the future looked as bright as a red wagon (or red flag) along comes a postcard and here is what it said: "We have asked you to never send us another copy of your paper."

The only satisfaction we can get, the only gleam of comfort we can catch out of this is that TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY other people did want our paper and paid good money this week to get us! We will try to survive. Yes, we will do our best.

If your local has not yet done anything to show it is in the work for victory, we hope you will see that it does so soon. There's no time to lose in getting the comrades together upon some plan for emergency action. Call your members together. Talk things over. Show them the necessity for real earnest effort and agree to get busy immediately. Get together, in your own homes if necessary. Have a social banquet, get a local speaker to address you. But do something. Get busy. The machine is moving, don't stand in its way. Boost.

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SHALL WE RAISE THE PARTY DUES?

National Secretary Germer has called our attention to the fact that the amendment to the National Constitution proposed by Ninth Ward Branch of Cook County, Ill., to raise the dues to ten cents per member, has but one-third enough votes to put the matter to a vote of the membership.

The time for seconding the proposal has been extended to Dec. 15. Below we reprint the proposed amendment and urge Ohio locals to give it the consideration it deserves.

AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Proposed by the Ninth Ward Branch of Local County, Illinois. Amend Sec. 6, Article 10 of the National Constitution of the Socialist Party to read as follows:

Section 6.—The State Committee shall pay to the National Office every month a sum equal to ten cents for each member in good standing in their respective states and territories, and the dues to the State Committee shall be increased accordingly.

Section 6A.—Every person making application for membership in the Socialist Party shall accompany his application with an initiation fee of One Dollar; provided, however, that this shall not apply to women who make application for membership. The initiation fee shall be divided as follows: Twenty-five cents shall go to the branch which receives the member's application, Twenty-five cents to the City Central Committee, where such committee exists, Twenty-five cents to the County Central Committee, where such committee exists, and Twenty-five cents to the State organization.

Section 6B.—The dues ten cents to each member. It will not affect the dual dues of husband and wife. It will double the regular income of the National organization and of every State organization. It will make possible a tremendous campaign of organization all over the country. It will make it possible for the National organization to discontinue the practice of calling for a campaign fund and leave this field to the local and State organizations. It is essentially a war measure. It will provide the means of carrying on the work of the party under all conditions and result in the development of a real Socialist movement of America. Ten cents means little to each member. It was talked over at the National Conference of State Secretaries and endorsed.

SOCIALIST HEADQUARTERS IN EVERY VILLAGE.

In a letter to the State Office Comrade H. L. Overhulse suggests that a fund be raised to establish a Socialist reading room in every village and town in Ohio. This is a part of organization work that many locals could very profitably put into effect.

Many workers' homes cannot afford any variety or amount of reading matter. Co-operation would seem the best solution for such a condition. Comrade Overhulse says, "there is a principle involved in Socialism that is worthy of our putting up with the sneers and jeers of the multitude." He is correct.

Work or fight has been superseded by work or starve. Only an ignorant mind can conceive of a God so cruel that he would punish a human being with eternal hell fire just because he was ignorant.

Whenever a new idea is mentioned, up pops some pulpit pounder and labels it the work of the Devil. Evidently their imaginary Devil is wiser than their imaginary God.

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What's the Matter With Cincinnati?

REPORT NOVEMBER, 1918.

Table with columns: Branch, Good, Not Good, Total, Army, Dropped. Rows for various branches including Belmont, Bellaire, etc.

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Section 6A.—Providing for an initiation fee of One Dollar for new members is just as important. The dues have been raised for the education of the non-members long enough. Let each new member pay back to the party a dollar in return for the party's efforts in converting him. The funds from this initiation will vitally every division of the movement.

Gleanings

FROM THE LOG OF AN AGITATOR By W. E. REYNOLDS.

Peace for whom? Peace with the Hun but not with hunger. Peace on the battle field but not in industry.

For the wage slave, "there can be no peace as long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people, and the few, who make up the employing class have all the good things of life."

These are the days when history is being made much faster than it can be written. Work or fight has been superseded by work or starve.

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Why Democrats Lost

Insofar as the Congressional elections can be construed as a defeat for the President, Mr. Wilson is himself partly to blame. The successful carrying out of his great plan of using American power and American imperialism to dominate the world.

Violence against the workers is always upheld by the politicians. It is only when the workers begin to return tit for tat that the plutes begin to howl.

The collapse of Capitalism makes the masters tremble. The rise of Proletarian Dictatorship gives the masters something else to tremble about.

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YOUR DUES ARE DUE

BRAIN TEASERS

By State Organizer Tom J. Lewis.

The old adage, "A fool and his money soon part," is a tame proposition compared with the fools who part with their energy for a pitiful daily wage. Somebody has got to do the work you say: True, but why not all do their share, then no one would have to be a fool for just a living, that would help some.

High life, then we are to understand there must be a low life. Who lives the low life? Ask the idle rich, they know, consequently, avoid it. But the poor, who live it, ordinarily seem to enjoy the low life.

The workers operate the tools and machinery in producing wealth. And the capitalists operate the workers and take the wealth.

A commodity, something useful, created by labor; therefore has an exchange value. A workman, something useful, created by mother, can be exchanged for a job, cabbage is sold by some one else, but a workman sells himself. That proves them both commodities. Isn't it a shame in this advanced civilization that human beings must be classed on the same category as a ham, ton of coal or a head of cabbage.

"What's good for the goose, is saucer for the gander. Alright! Let's make everybody go to work. None of that Bolshevism here."

If a working man loafs, he's lazy. But if the master loafs, he's a gentleman.

Poor Belgium and poor France, we fought for you and now you are free. Poor Mooney, we may fight that you will be free yet, maybe.

It is reported in the day-lie papers, that thousands of our boys are marching to the Rhine, that's a wet place. And should they hear that our country is fast going dry they may want to stay there.

A very salient point in the class-struggle—underfed and overworked—that's the workers. Underworked and overfed. That's the masters.

When a dentist crowns a tooth, it becomes useful. When a minister or priest crowns a man, he is no use. That's one reason why the divine right of kings is tumbling from their thrones in Europe. The people are wising up some, and like Othello, their "occupation is gone."

The Prayers of Finance

Finance is a sentient thing—something that thinks that has emotions and feelings that are almost human. In some cases capital is said to be "timid," in others, "bold." It is subject to the former when the percentage of gain is uncertain; to the latter when gains are large and sure. It knows the value of the scriptural injunction, "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth." It has its hates and fears, and senses a hostile thing from afar.

Just now, finance is swayed between conflicting emotions over Germany. Financial correspondence in the Evening Post from Boston told of these alternate reactions. Finance would welcome a new government, but fears a "new FOR" of government, which is quite a different thing. A new form of government means revolution, and finance does not want a revolution—unless it should occur after surrender to the allies. For this surrender probably will be followed by the partitioning of the German empire with soldiers. So "at this financial center we hope for a revolution in Germany—indeed, consider it inevitable—BUT PRAY THAT IT MAY BE POST-BELLUM!"

Almost human; as human as bank-erdom is anywhere in the world. Finance becomes so emotional over the outcome that it "prays" for the revolution after surrender, so that troops can be quartered and take care of the revolution. In the view of finance, it makes all the difference in the world—four financiers. Should a revolution unseat, not only the Hohenzollerns and landed Junkers, but capital and finance also, that would be calamity. It would mean that the German working people would come into control of all German institutions. So finance here "prays" for finance in Germany. It is a profound "religious" feeling which is, no doubt, shared by German finance also.—New York Call.

Jail—Jolts

Written for THE OHIO SOCIALIST

Capitalist "political economy" and clergymen's brand of "religion" are one and the same thing—putrid with dollars.

Socialism does not mean an increase of wages and an 8-hour work day, and a pension for all workers it means the abolition of the wages system, the dollar and exploitation of the wealth producers, at which time the workers will receive the full social product of their physical and mental labor. Then no pensions will be needed. Pensions are but a reform sop thrown out to workers, as a means of retaining the capitalist system.

The next immediate step by the capitalists of the nation is to re-establish so-called public ownership of a few of the great utilities to the profits running to the "state," composed of the same Morgans and Rockefellers who now own them. That is what the Simple Simons, Carl Thompsons, Bensons, the Russells and Spargos call "revolutionary" Socialism, but it's a lie; it's straight capitalism, backed by the capitalist state. And that's what's coming next.

Profits running to the state are just as capitalistic as those running to private owners. All profit must go when the industrial state is ushered in, no class but the working class can die that.

The day of "victory" of political socialism, pure and simple, is the day of defeat of socialism, without the workers being industrially organized on the job. On to industrial unionism.

E. B. Ford, serving one year in jail at Fairbault, Minn. Guilty of being pro-working class.

Teachers of the Wobbles

By Anise in Seattle Union Record.

We know NOW WHERE
The I. W. W. learned
Their WICKEDNESS,
It was thirty years ago
Down in Chicago,
That city of SMOKE
And WIND.
Of windy words,
And Smoky deeds.
That the PACKERS started
The ONE BIG UNION
To corner the FOOD
Of America,
And after a while
They decided to make it
INTERNATIONAL.
And they reached out
To New Zealand
And the Argentine
And began to ORGANIZE
The ONE BIG UNION
Of PACKERS
Of the WORLD,
And order.
To gain their end
And increase the POWER
Of their CLASS
They practiced SABOTAGE,
Which meant to you
That they LIMITED
The supply of meat
To US
And OUR ALLIES,
And interfered with the war

For PRIVATE gain,
And so the government
Says
They are CONSPIRATORS
And it has been
PROSECUTING them
For a LONG TIME.
Just the way it is
Prosecuting
The I. W. W.
For conspiring to practice
SABOTAGE
And for starting
ONE BIG UNION
In RESTRAINT OF TRADE.
And I wonder
If the Wobblies got
TWENTY years,
How many years are due
Their TEACHERS,
Only it sort of seems
That when the Wobblies
Took LESSONS
From the "BIG FIVE"
They forgot to learn
The LAST lesson
And the MOST IMPORTANT,
And that is
HOW
TO KEEP OUT
OF AIL.
But perhaps they couldn't
COMPLETE their studies
Because
They didn't have
MONEY ENOUGH.

Quotations From Charlott E. Perkins Gilman

"The essential condition of democracy is an advanced state of social consciousness. It has nothing to do with the superiority of individuals."

"Few men can overlook the limitations of their sex and see the truth—that this business of taking care of our common affairs is not only a matter of men and women, but that women are distinctly needed in it."

"An economic democracy must rest on a free womanhood and a free manhood inevitably leads to an economic democracy."

"If we are to make real democrats, we must begin with the child; and if we begin with the child, we must begin with the mother." This discovery is announced by one who opposes the enfranchisement of women! She who is competent to rear democrats is not competent to be one, it appears.

"Politics is not a sex function; it is a social function."

"There is no personal joy so great as the joy of the world, which is ours to feel, to make, to steadily enlarge."

"Be patient with Society. It is not very wise; It opened only yesterday its dimly thinking eyes. It can't see very clearly, and it can't look very long. But it is beginning to believe there's something wrong!"

"Slow to arouse, the People; Blind to the starting Fact. But the time is coming of opening eyes. When a wakened people shall rise and act."

"There are many persons living in and on our humanity who are not human. One cannot be human without working. To be content to live an idler in and on the social life, without being part of it, is to have the conscience and character of a tapeworm."

The Broken Thread of 1848

By CHARLES SAMOLAR.

At the end of 1847 the Communist Manifesto said: "The communists turn their attention chiefly to Germany, because that country is on the eve of a bourgeois revolution that is bound to be carried out under more advanced conditions of European civilization, and in view of the tremendous repressiveness exercised by the German and Austrian governments and recently by the Japanese autocracy. It was this cowardly compromise that enabled the Prussian and Austrian governments to continue to rule in the streets of Vienna and Berlin. Thus did the thread of revolt in Central Europe break."

Came now periods of peaceful development, interrupted now and then by sharp, savage class struggles.

Seventy years have passed, and until recently the power of the aristocratic bourgeoisie grew stronger. But with it grew the proletariat—its grave digger. With the development of the industries grew the strength and consciousness of the proletariat. The broken thread of revolution, being picked up, even as the victory of the drama of 1848 is being continued.

Hunger, war, misery and death, and through it all the revolutionary propaganda of the Socialists, have convinced the working class of the Central powers that they have had enough of capitalism. Out from the trenches comes the RED FLAG. Out from the lines of battle comes the triumphant roar of the rampant working class, and it is a roar that is re-echoing throughout the world, even as the victory of the Russian working class.

The Austrian working class is in control of that country. Councils of soldiers and workmen (a la Russian) are the government, and Germany is on the eve of revolution. For months the German working class has been in a revolutionary mood. The downfall of the Prussian bourgeoisie is certain. Nothing can save them—not even their own "Gott."

Then we can expect a revolutionary combine of Russia, Austria and Germany, a prelude to a greater combine, the United States of Europe. The United States of Europe will combine—the United States of the World. Said Trotsky:

"Whatever the outcome of this war, the imperialistic basis for European capitalism will not be broadened, but narrowed. The war, therefore, does not solve the labor question on an imperialistic basis, but on the contrary, it intensifies it, putting this alternative to the capitalist world: Permanent War or Revolution. If the war got beyond the control of the Second International, its immediate consequences will be the revolutionary epoch will create new forms of organization out of the inexhaustible resources of proletarian Socialism—new forms that will be of a higher order than any that the world has ever known. To this work we will apply ourselves at once, amid the mad roaring of the machine guns, the crashing of cathedrals and the jingoistic howling of the capitalist jackals. We will keep our minds free amid this hellish death music, our vision undimmed. We feel ourselves to be the only creative force of the future. Already there are many of us—more than it may seem. Tomorrow there will be more of us than today, and the day after tomorrow millions will rise up under our banner—millions who even now, seventy years after the Communist Manifesto, have nothing to lose but their chains."

The Good Old Game

Let us gather up the sunbeams lying all around our path,
Let us keep the wheat and roses, give the poor the thorns
and chaff,
Let us find our chiefest pleasure, hoarding bounties of
today,
And the poor will get scant measure, and two prices have
to pay.
We might corner 'em the mind god, and confine him to
a cage.
And through some patent process, we the atmosphere
might gauge.
Then we'll squeeze our little brother when his lungs he
tries to fill,
Put a meter on his wind pipe and present our little bill.

Profits and Poverty

By IDA CROUCH HAZLETT.

In these troublesome times it is among all the laborers of a country. The province of the Socialist thinker to discuss matters that pertain to the working class and, through them, all humanity; to see what forces he has brought us along this path, whether we are tending, and what is the goal toward which the struggle leads. The world had gone on its way for a long time before this war, and will continue for a long time after.

On the scale of a hundred thousand years man was for ninety thousand years in the period of the first stone age, including the most primitive tools. So it is evident that the progress of civilization has not existed above six thousand years.

History is a record of the struggle of man for existence—how to wrench from the forces around him, first, enough to keep him alive, and then, as society becomes more complex, better food, better housing, better clothes, better education, and finally he reaches out after some of the culture and luxuries of life.

Human society developed first where nature was propitious in climate and soil, and we find the earliest civilizations in Asia and Egypt. But it is worth noting that the civilization fostered by the bounties of nature, with the minimum of exertion on the part of man, have never accomplished the amazing achievements of European culture, where a temperate climate calls forth the energy of man during the entire year.

First food, then, with more food, leisure for knowledge; then, with more knowledge, more food and more progress. A surplus of material needs was imperative for progress.

The fierce contests for food in the early ignorant years of the race—the ceaseless toil of fishing and hunting, and savage tribes fighting over their hunting grounds—through these horrors man struggled upwards. The strongest and shrewdest and the bourgeoisie came into existence. The bourgeoisie came into existence, and with it the tremendous repressiveness exercised by the German and Austrian governments and recently by the Japanese autocracy. It was this cowardly compromise that enabled the Prussian and Austrian governments to continue to rule in the streets of Vienna and Berlin. Thus did the thread of revolt in Central Europe break.

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It is easy enough to recognize what this thing is. It has its counterpart in other nations on the continent, and has added confusion and demoralization to the forces of labor. Born under the auspices of a sect, with definite conservative views and expressing positive solicitude for "sane" action, this clerical type of organization has served the purposes of reaction wherever it had been organized. Despite professions to the contrary, these "Christian" labor parties always have been under the influence of political exploiters who have used them for their own purposes. Instead of uniting the workers of all faiths, as they profess to do, they divide them in sentiment and feeling over questions that should have no place whatever in the labor movement.

There is little likelihood that this abortion will have any influence on the labor movement in Great Britain. It starts too late to be of any service to its reactionary patrons, the economic and political exploiters who always are served by such movements. If organized some twenty years ago, such an organization would have some prospects of a fairly prosperous existence. But the war has accelerated the drift of British workers toward Socialism, and a backfire from this quarter comes too late. British Socialism already is gathering in the workers, despite greed and faiths. The exploiters long ago learned to rest in common regards of creeds, and it will be difficult at this time for an alleged "labor party" to divide the workers over these things.—New York Call.

RECONSTRUCTION IN RUSSIA

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It is impossible to leave these weapons entirely in the hands of the enemy, at a time when they are not less dangerous than bombs and bullets. This is the reason why temporary and extraordinary measures were taken to cut off the stream of mud and slander of the yellow press which threatened to submerge the young victory of the people.

Just as soon as the new order is strengthened, all administrative measures against the press will cease. Complete freedom will be established within limits answerable to courts of justice and in accord with a broad and progressive law for the purpose.

Taking into consideration, however, that the suppression of the press even in critical times is allowable only within absolutely indispensable limits, the Council of People's Commissaries decrees:

- The following organs of the press are subject to suppression:
 - Those calling for open opposition to and disobedience of the Workers' and Peasants' government.
 - Those creating confusion by means of an open and slanderous distortion of facts.
 - Those calling for acts clearly criminal.
- Suppression of organs of the press, temporary or permanent, is to be dealt with through regulations of the Council of People's Commissaries.
- The present situation has a temporary character, and these measures will be changed upon the introduction of normal conditions of life.
 - The printing of advertisements in periodicals and posters, as well as the issuing of advertisements to kiosks, officers, etc., is now a monopoly of the state.
 - Only publications of the present government in Petrograd, and of the local Soviets, have the right to publish advertisements. Other newspapers printing advertisements will be suppressed.
 - Directors of advertising offices, as well as all their employees, must continue working until the business is delivered up to the state. They are responsible for preserving the sequence of their work and for delivering to the Soviet newspapers all private advertisements, all sums paid for such and full accounts thereof.
 - All directors and employees of advertising offices must immediately organize Town Unions and All-Russian Unions to facilitate the reprinting of private advertisements in the Soviet publications.
 - The property of persons found guilty of concealing dossiers of funds, or of sabotage, as mentioned in Paragraphs 3 and 4, will be confiscated, and the owners will be imprisoned for a period not exceeding three years.
 - Insertion of advertisements in private publications and in bulletins is also punishable.
 - All advertising offices will be confiscated by the government, and their proprietors will receive a temporary remuneration. To shareholders and proprietors of small advertising offices funds paid in by them will be returned in full.
 - All firms publishing advertisements must send full particulars to the Soviet, under the risk of punishment, as stated in Paragraph 5.

Safe For Capitalism

If Senator Weeks of Massachusetts has never been noted for a powerful brain, he has at least tried to atone for it in avoidances, and large grith has often given to senators an air of ponderous wisdom. The Bay State senator has his own views as to the after-war program of this country, and is not a bit backward in telling us about it.

You see, it is this way: The "manufacturing" capacity of the country has been increased enormously during the war. "What are we going to do with all the great industrial plants, the millions of war workers, with our merchant marine and increasing surplus of products thrown on the market? Even before the war we had to find markets for something like a billion dollars' worth of surplus products. The surplus will increase when manufacturing plants return to peacetime production. What, oh, what shall we do?"

Well, it is all so simple for a United States senator. We will have the workers go right into those plants and produce a still larger surplus. For what? Now you are getting impertinent. That question is beneath the dignity of a Massachusetts senator. Then we will use this merchant marine, and, as fast as these workers pile up surplus goods, we will store it in the ships. Then we will see that the government encourages big business, aids the trusts and large combines of capital. Germany did it. Why shouldn't we? Then we will insist on the government helping to produce markets in which to dump the surplus abroad as fast as workers can produce it. Now your problem is solved.

It is a glorious future he placed before us, and it is difficult to restrain our enthusiasm. The millions of working men and women are to produce and produce from year to year, increasing their productive power with the passing of months and years through all time. As fast as we pile up this increasing wealth, a few thousand capitalist owners will have it shipped abroad to China, to South Africa, to Latin America, and thus make America safe for capitalism. This requires a loyalty and devotion to our industrial nobility such as the Germans are said to have observed toward their Junkers. Only a gentleman with a grith much larger than his head could be capable of blurring out a thing like this.

There are some not so large of grith, but of bigger brain, who have their eyes on that increasing surplus also. Considering that their brawn and brain and genius are mainly responsible for its production, they are debating whether it would not be more pleasant to arrange things so that they can enjoy it themselves. Besides, it seems so silly to pile it up in the laps of a few thousand profiteers for sale abroad. The latter cannot use it. That is evident, or they would not send it abroad. We can use it, we want it, we need it, and we are going to have it. What the matter with this as an answer to your problem, senator?—New York Call.

A New Labor Party

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