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FIVE SOCIALISTS ON TRIAL IN CHICAGO Will Stand By Their Principles Stedman Tells Jury

Another "Harry Orchard" is Unearthed

By DAVID KARSNER Editor, Sunday Magazine, N. Y. Call.

"The Price We Pay," by Irwin St. John Tucker, one of the defendants.

As the latter was read there was an

unpleasant silence in the court room. It seemed as though the ghost of

Mars was stalking about, grinning

Then the St. Louis platform was read by Stedman. Principally because

Adolph Germer, National Secretary of the Socialist Party, had this platform printed and circulated, he finds him-

As regards the Tucker leaflet, Stedman said, it was written before

tained in it was not seditious, while

ing the years of the international fra-

Piece of Dime Novel Fiction.

or distort their principles in this try-

ing hour. The position which they took has been the position of the So-

cialist movement for fifty years. We will produce evidence to show you that

national because they are internation-

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alists.

"underground railroad from

of war at their own hearthstone.

self a defendant.

Chicago.-With perhaps about one- the skillful attorney for the Socialhalf of the white people of the world ists. half of the white people of the world now seeking to adjust their lives in accord with the science and ethics of Socialism, which they are welcoming as an open door to a promised land, it was necessary for two lawyers to enlighten an American jury of twelve men on that question, Thursday, before Judge Landis.

In addresses that were supplicated with the profit system was the scheme by which the majority of wage earners in this and all other countries (excepting those which have put aside their fetters) are kept in a chronic condition of economic slavery and political impotence. He went into the Socialist theory that contributing is the root of all modern

In addresses that were surcharged capitalism is the root of all modern with facts and eloquence, Seymour Stedman and Henry F. Cochems, two of the attorneys for the five indicted In this connection he read to the Socialists, consumed almost the entire day in outlining the defense of the Socialist Party officials who are on trial overt acts, and also a leaflet entitled here. Both Stedman and Cochems, the lat-

ter representing Congressman-elect Victor L. Berger, of the Fifth Wisconsin district, Milwaukee, emphasized the point that what the Socialists actually did during the days of storm and stress, will not be denied. men and women in that room, many "We shall not distort or twist the of whom have felt the grim realities

facts as they appear against us," said Stedman. An arraignment of the postoffice department for its attitude toward the American Socialist, the New York Call, The Milwaukee Leader and many other radical publica-

tions, was made by Stedman. Tells About Suppressing Papers. He told how in the summer of 1917 Morris Hillquit, Amos Pinchot, Frank P. Walsh, J. Louis Engdahl and others went to Washington to find out told by one judge that the matter conwhat they would be allowed to print in their papers. Every attempt was another judge disagreed. After the made on the part of these Socialist second advise Tucker did not circulate

to be had from either Postmaster General Burleson or his jocund assistants.

But in a very little while the postmaster general barred the papers from the mails, and this was done, according to Stedman and Cochems, as a fall to the control of the sentiment in the sentiment of the control of a deliberate move to crush the papers that were bent upon telling some rare truths to the American people.

Stedman explained in a comprehensive manner the seturation theory of the seturation of the seturation

Socialism, how it is actually being act, but no more so in proportion than practiced in Russia, Germany, and pemocrats and Republicans had sought to keep their bodies intact dur-District Attorney Clyne again put in "that the Socialist Party was not on trial." Stedman sharply replied that technically that was a fact, but morally the government was replied that technically that was a fact, but morally the government was a fact, but morally the czar lashed lovers of freedom with a these five men who sit before you acknout in old Russia, the kaiser im- cused of serious crimes will not twist prisoned those who might have saved Germany from the ignominy in which she now flinds herself. "It is the same

old sad story," said Stedman. He said that in America, instead of applying the lash and the dungeon, except to those who are most obstreperous, the courts are employed to deal with radicalism. Such were the inferences, if not the words of Start 1919 With 1919 Paid | low abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of people peaceably to assemble."

We know it's no use getting angry about it. But there comes a time when kind words and earnest entreaties seem to have about as much effect as a most important and the state of these rights. The state of the state quito on a turnip. And there comes a time in the life and reparation made to those who of a state secretary when he gets rip-rozing angry and is prone to say things about things the would make things lively were the party of the second part in close proximity.

Week after week we've sung the same song—that popular refrain: "Pay Dues-Pay them NOW-Pay them AHEAD and you'll never be behind." And, altho many comrades have joined in the chorus, too many have simply shrugged their shoulders, cotton battened their ears and dozed on

That makes us "mad." Fightin' mad.

It makes us wish for the days of the magic wand. Magic wand, did we say? Rather magic club-so that we could reach out into the state from our office chair and gently, yes VERY gently, paddle the careless insickening grin into the faces of the to bright-eyed attention.

Then again, we wish for an arm many leagues long, so that we could reach down into Portage County, Seneca County, Niles, Mansfield and many, many other localities and shake the hands of the comrades who are doing dues duty.

But after all—Oh for that magic club!

Now then, what's your answer. Have we at least made you yawn? And if we have there's hope of your waking up.

Loafing time is past! We point our finger at every one of you when we say it. We are not talking over made on the part of these Socialist and Radical papers to keep within the letter of the espionage law. No definite instructions or suggestions were to be had from either Postmaster General Burleson or his jocund assistants. Second advise Tucker did not circulate the leaflet, said Stedman. "The evidence will show that Socialists in all countries were opposed to be had from either Postmaster General Burleson or his jocund assistants. Second advise Tucker did not circulate the leaflet, said Stedman. "The evidence will show that Socialists in all countries were opposed to be had from either Postmaster General Burleson or his jocund assistants. Second advise Tucker did not circulate the leaflet, said Stedman. "The evidence will show that Socialists in all countries were opposed to be had from either Postmaster General Burleson or his jocund assistants. Second advise Tucker did not circulate the leaflet, said Stedman. "The evidence will show that Socialists in all countries were opposed to be had from either Postmaster General Burleson or his jocund assistants. Second advise Tucker did not circulate the leaflet, said Stedman. "The evidence will show that Socialists in all countries were opposed to war," declared Stedman. "The Socialists of Serbia opposed the war," declared Stedman. "The Socialists of Serbia opposed the war," declared Stedman. "The Socialists of Serbia opposed the war," declared Stedman. "The Socialists of Serbia opposed the war," declared Stedman. "The Socialists of Serbia opposed the war," declared Stedman. "The Socialists of Serbia opposed the war," declared Stedman. "The Socialists of Serbia opposed the war," declared Stedman. "The Socialists of Serbia opposed the war," declared Stedman. "The Socialists of Serbia opposed the war," declared Stedman opposed the war, which we say it. every live member in the nation com lands you-yes, our victorious comrades in Europe command you TO PAY UP RIGHT NOW.

Not only this, but also MAPE IN NESS to have others pay up

Not only this, but also MAVE TO OUR BUSINESS to have others pay up sines; and
Socialist is in good standing.
With stearn mien, with blood in our eye-again we shout: PAY UP YOUR DUES—AND START 1919
WITH 1919 PAID

Your Rights at Stake

is fundamentally a struggle at the bar of justice to maintain basic American liberties; your right to think, to speak, Socialists are not less patriotic or less to read, freely.

Henry F. Cochems of Milwaukee,

A court trial that will become fa- of progress in all civilized lands. As mous in the annals of American his- such it bears the brunt of every attory has started in Chicago. ory has started in Chicago.

Stripped bare of all side issues, it movement.

When the great war came in the great war came in the great war came in the stripped officials.

United States, the national officials of the Socialist Party remained firm It is not extraordinary that this rial should be that of the American Socialist Party and its national officials. Socialism is the trail blazer in the belief that the American con-

Were these Socialist spokesmen mistaken? Are your rights of discushave suffered or are suffering for having espoused those rights.

Struggling for the instant and un-conditional return of our liberties, in Federal Judge Landis' court room,

Chicago, are:
Victor L. Berger, Socialist congressman-elect from Wisconsin, editor of the Milwaukee Leader, the Socialist daily, and a member of the Socialist Party National Executive Committee. Adolph Germer, National Executive

Secretary of the Socialist Party.
J. Louis Engdahl, who edited the suppressed "American Socialist," the official weekly publication of the National Socialist Party.

William F. Kruse, director of the National Young People's Socialist League, and editor of the Young Socialist, Magnitude

cialists' Magazine, a monthly.

Irwin St. John Tucker, former head of the National Socialist Party liter-

Every activity of the national Socialist movement of this country was therefore attacked in the indictment of these officials now on trial, ten months after the charges were pre-ferred against them. The alleged

crimes charged against them are based on what might have been in their minds, what they wrote and what they Every power is being used in the effort to put them in prison for exercising long established American lib-erties. If they are confined to a felon's cell, free speech, free assemblage and a free press will accompany them as fellow prisoners. If you treasure your

your power to see that these treasured liberties of yours are given a fair and just hearing in court. Raise your voice and make congress hear your demand that all way times censorship of free expression be abolished; that all political prisoners be immediately freed; that all prosecuion of American radicals because of

rights, therefore, you will do all in

these rights can a working class move ment make peaceful progress. Many have been the lower court trials and the appeals to higher tribunals, the expenses of which have been borne by the workers politically organized into the Socialist Party.

An almost depleted defense fund

treasury, as your rights go to trial in Chicago, demands instant action on your part. Money, as well as an aroused people, constitute the sinews of war in the struggle for justice. In addition, therefore, to giving your moral assistance to achieve freedom's restoration, you can aid mightily by sending a liberal financial contribu-tion to The Socialist Party of Ohio, R. D. 2, Brecksville, Ohio

Cleveland Socialists Pack Hall to Welcome Returned Prisoners

men and women who assembled to extend greetings to Alfred Wagen-knecht, Charles Baker and C. E. enknecht brought out the remarkable but his name was coupled with those to be sent to others. of Wagenknecht and Ruthenberg in C. E. Ruthenberg the enthusiastic greeting extended at the meeting.

The afternoon's program opened which greeted Wagenknecht. with the rendering of several selections by the Liedertafel Club orchestra, which were followed by a speech opening his address, "I wonder why was a part in prison?" Does the welcome to the returned comrades by Tom Clifford, who presided. ruling class hope to break their Clifford's speech was punctuated by spirit? Does it hope to reconcile repeated waves of applause as he men who have fought for better

Alfred Wagenknecht was the first of the ex-prisoners to speak. When presented to the audience he was greeted by cheers which lasted for several minutes.

as an early pioneer in the Socialist behind me, I hurl into the faces of movement, and continued:

rejoice with me that Socialism has been killed so effectively. This killing has been going on for many years now. Our friends who claim to possess all the intelligence because they possess all the wealth have left nothing undone to bring about our end. And see how well they have done the job. They have killed us so effectively in this country that each renewed attempt has developed our courage and increased developed our courage and increased our good humor. We have been killed so thoroughly in Europe that we had to take charge of Russia,

ing that can happen can discourage but because it has made me suffer. me. A dark cloud may arise here I have felt its iron heel and when I and there in the affairs of our move- strike back-and I will strike back ment, but even a few small dark clouds are necessary to break the monotony of our constant successes. Let us all smile for we have won the right to do so. In this battle of brains we are showing ourselves superior. For many, many years now we have carried on our campaign of education and it has been world wide. We have won in this battle of brains because we saw the need of educating the working men and women, we saw the necessity of developing ourselves intellectually so that we might some day conduct affairs humanely and righteously, whereas those who lay claim to all the brains have only given attention til the death knell of capitalism is to their dollar chasing. The people sounded." are with us and it only remains for

Acme hall was packed to overflow- us to face forward and continue to

Ruthenberg, who were released from fact that all but three of the per-the Stark County Workhouse at Can-sons in the audience were subscrib-ton on Dec. 2. Baker could not be ers for the "Socialist News," but present on account of his having in spite of this \$55.00 worth of sub-been inducted into the army imme-diately after his release from prison, rade paying \$10.00 for subscriptions

C. E. Ruthenberg was next introduced and was received with ap-plause and cheers similar to that

men are put in prison? Does the hurled defiance at those who were things to the existing order by lock-endcavoring to disrupt the Socialist Party through persecutions.

things to the existing order by locking them behind stone walls and iron bars? Have they made men change their opinions by treating them like beasts? Have they made those who fight for righteousness and justice the friends of unrighteousness and injustice through persecution? "As I stand here facing you, with

He told some of his experiences the open portals of a prison not far the rulers of society the defiance "Looking this afternoon into this that all the prisons on the face of sea of faces I know that you will the earth cannot break the spirit rejoice with me that Socialism has of men and women who have in their

we had to take charge of Russia, justices had not stricken me down, Germany and other countries. And but I saw the suffering of others we are going to be killed so dead and I struggled against the cause from now on that I assure you, we of that suffering. Now I have felt will soon have to run the whole world. justices had not stricken me down, talism no longe only because inte

every day of the life that i me-there will be in the strokes the bitterness and hardness which personal suffering has engendered.

"No, capitalism does not break the spirit of those it throws in jail. It makes them hard; it makes them bitter, some of the iron of the iron heel with which they are struck down enters into their souls and because of this their blows at capitalism are more deadly. Let them continue to put Socialists in jail and they will build for us an army of workers that will unflinchingly march forward, no matter what the cost in suffering and sacrifice, un-

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By ALBERT RHYS WILLIAMS

John Reed says of Albert Rhys Williams, the author of this ar-"He knows even more than I do, in some ways, about the Russian situation." Every reader of radical periodicals knows that John Reed has given a wealth of information about revolutionary Russia. This soulstirring, sympathetic, graphic description of the funeral of the longshoremen, who were killed when British and Japanese forces captured the Soviet Administration building will constitute one of the outstanding documents of the history of the world war and places Albert Rhys Williams abreast of John Reed as a correspondent of the revolution.

It was the Fourth of July. I was standing on the Kitaiskaya looking down upon the holiday flags on the American battleship in Vladivostok bay. Suddenly I heard a far away Listening, I caught the strains of the Revolutionary Hymn: "With hearts heavy and sad we

bring our dead

Who shed their blood in the fight for freedom." Looking up, I saw on the crest of the hill the first lines of the funeral procession of the gruzshchiki. Four days before when the Czecho-Slovaks, aided by Japanese and English troops, suddenly seized the Soviet impossible not to feel it. It was so and its officials, throwing confusion and terror into the ranks of the workers, the gruzshchiki (longshoremen) rushed into the Red Staff Building, ers, the gruzshchiki (longshoremen) rushed into the Red Staff Building, and, though outnumbered forty to one, refused to surrender until the building was fired by an incendiary bomb.

Today, their people were burying the defenders of the fallen Soviet. Out of the workmen's quarters they streamed, jamming the street not from curb to curb, but from wall to wall. They came billowing over the fill-top by thousands until the whole long slope was choked with the dense slow-moving throng, keeping time to slow-moving throng, keeping time to a common mass will the mass conthe funeral march of the revolution-

mass of men and women ran two lines | lutionary proletariat.
of white-bloused sailors of the Bol- | The Czecho-Slovak. shevik fleet. Above their heads tossed a cloud of crimson standards with silvered cords and tassels. In the vanguard, four men carried a huge red banner with the words: "Long the Soviet of Workman's and the soviet and we are proud of them we have the soviet and we are proud of them we then the soviet and we are proud of them we then the soviet and we are proud of them we then the soviet and we are proud of them we then the soviet and we are proud of them we then the soviet and we are proud of them we then the soviet and we are proud of them we then the soviet and we are proud of them to soviet and we are proud of the soviet and we are proud of them to soviet and we are proud of the soviet and we are prou red banner with the words: "Long Live the Soviet of Workmen's and Peasants' Deputies! Hail to the International Brotherhood of the Toil-

A hundred girls in white, carrying the green wreaths from forty-four unions of the city, formed a guard of honor for the coffins of the gruzshchki, which with the red paint still wet upon them, were borne upon the houlders of their comrades. The Band was lost in the volume of song wreaths came from them). that rose from the seventeen thou-

Here was color and sound and motion—but there was a something else, a something which compelled fear and awe. I have seen a score of the great processions of Petrograd and Moscow, wreaths upon their coffins." peace and victory and protest and memorial parades, military and civilian. They were all vast and impressive be-

simple, so spontaneous and so elemental. It came straight out of the heart of the people. It was the people. It was the people on time. Again there was the bow-

them. We thank you, but we cannot let the guns which shot them down guard them in their death!" "But there may be danger for you in this city," said the authorities.
"Never mind," they answered, "We

too, are not afraid of death. And what better way to die than beside the bodies of our comrades!' Some bourgeois societies came prehoulders of their comrades. The senting memorial wreaths. (The music crashed out by the Red Fleet Cadets officially denied that these

"Ne noozhna," (it is not necessary) the people answered. "Our comrades died in a struggle against the bour-

The procession poured down the Aleutskaiya Hill, filled the large, open They were all vast and impressive because the Russians have a genius for this kind of thing.

But this was different.
From these defenseless poor, stripped of their arms, and with sorrowing songs bearing off their dead, there came a threat more menacing than that which frowned from the two ve-inch guns of the Allied Fleet, riding in the harbor below. It was space at the bottom, and faced up

The band played a solemn dirge. the words of their young leader. As The men bared their heads. The wom-

seventeen, the secretary of a league of young Socialists.

"We were students and artists and such kind of people. We held our-selves aloof from the Soviet," he said. "It seemed to us foolish for workmen to govern without the wisdom of the wise. But now we know that you were right and we were wrong. From now on we shall stand with you. What you do, we will do. We pledge our tongues and pens to make known the wrongs that you have suffered the length and breadth of Russia and throughout the world." Suddenly the word went through the throng that "Here, before the Red Staff Build-Constantin Soochanov had been paling where our comrades gruzshchiki roled until five o'clock and that he were slain, we swear by these red was coming with counsels of peace coffins that hold them, by their wives and moderation. Soochanov was the and children that weep for them, by president of the Soviet. a student, the red banners which float over them, twenty-four years of age, son of a high official of the Tsar, and a hero in a revolution that it not given to hero-worship.

While some were affirming his com-

ow-moving throng, keeping time to the function of the revolutions, they formulated their destricts.

Up through the gray and black the determined standpoint of the revolution of the revolution of the revolution of the revolution of the revolution, with the dense therefore a voice.

At last out of the crowd one came breath come and go and the tears which had built the cars and paved the raining down his cheeks. The Rustands of the determined standpoint of the revolution, "They died for that day there were seventeen thou hands they were—the big, rough the raining a voice.

At last out of the crowd one came breath come and go and the tears raining down his cheeks. The Rustands are little given to tears. But the determined standpoint of the revolution, "They died for that day there were seventeen thou hands they were—the big, rough sobbed like a child. We could see his shot into the air. They were the hands

But Soochanov knew that many tears were an indulgence and that he had a big and serious task to perform. Fifty feet behind him was the English Consu'ate and fifty rods before him were the waters of the Golden Horn with the frowning guns of the Allied Fleet. He wrenched himself away from his grief and gathering himself together began his message. With an ever mounting passion of

that the Soviet for which they died shall be the thing for which we live— or if need be—like them, die. Hence-forth the return of the Soviet shall be the goal of all our sacrifice and devotion. To that end we shall fight with every means. The bayonets have been wrested from our hands, but when the day comes and we have no guns we shall fight with sticks and clubs, and when these are gone then with our bare fists and bodies. Now it is for us to fight only with our minds and spirits. Let us make them hard and strong and unyielding. The Soviet is dead. Long live the Soviet!" The crowd caught up the closing vords in a tremendous demonstration,

"Arise ye prisoners of starvation, Arise ye wretched of the earth, For Justice thunders condemnation A better world's in birth-"

mingled with the strains of the "In-

The resolution proclaiming the restoration of the Soviet the objective of all the future struggles of the revolutionary proletariat and peasants of the Far East was read. At the call for the vote seventeen thousand hands

world except in this regard: For a rity." time they had held the power. The "H government had been within their grasp. Four days ago it had been wrested from their grasp, but the feel of it was still within their handsthese hands raised now in solemn pledge to take that power again.

A sailor, striding down from the hilltop, pushed through the crowd and climbed upon the platform. "Comrades! Comrades!" he cried joyously. "We are not alone. We are not alone. I ask you to look away to the flags flying over there on the American bat-tleship. But you cannot see them down there where you stand. But they are there. And with the flags of all the other nations there is the red flag of our Russian Republic. comrades, we are not alone today in our grief. The Americans understand and they are with us!" It was a mistake of course. Those

flags had been hung out in celebration of our Declaration of Independence. But the crowd did not know that. touch of a friend's hand upon a lonely traveler in a foreign land. With enthusiasm they caught up the cry of the sailor: "The Americans are with the nations of the earth can under-And the vast conclave, lifting up their coffins, wreaths and banners, offer than thus to come bringing their were once more in motion. They were going to the cemetery but not directstanding in the sun, they made a wide detour to reach the street that runs up the steep hill to the American Consulate. Then straight up the sharp slope they toiled in a cloud of dust, still singing as they marched, until they came before the Stars and Stripes floating from the flagstaff. And there they stopped and laid the coffins of their dead beneath the flag of the great western democracy.

ing, "Speak to us a word!" They sent out our hands like beggars!"

us," "They died for us," touched others to utterance.

Most elequent of all was a lad of Vladivostok.

| Sand Russians who sobbed with their hands of the old gruzshchiki, the ardelegates within to implore that word. On the day the great republic of the hands of the peasants, thick with call-based and sinewy; the knotted hands of the peasants, thick with call-based and sinewy. louses, and thousands of the frailer, poor and disinherited of Russia came whiter hands of the working women, asking sympathy and understanding in By these hands the riches of the Far the struggle for their independence. East had been wrought. They were Afterward, I heard a Bolshevik leader no different from the scarred, stained bitterly resentful at this "compromise hands of labor anywhere in all the with revolutionary honor and integ-

> "How stupid of them," he said. "How insane of them! Have we not told them that all countries are alike -all imperialists? Was this not repeated to them over and over again by their leaders?"

Truly it had been. But with this demonstration of the Fourth of July the leaders had little to do. They were in prison. The affair was in the hands of the people themselves. And, however cynical many leaders were about the professions of America, the people were not so. In the hour of their affliction, these simple trusting folk, makers of the new democracy of the east, came stretching forth their hands to the great strong democracy of the west.

They knew that President Wilson had given his assurance of help and loyalty to the "people of Russia." They reasoned: "We, the workers and peasants, the vast majority here in Vladivostok, are we not the people? Today in our trouble we came to claim To them it was like the sudden of a friend's hand upon a lonely ler in a foreign land. With en-No finer tribute could they dead with the faith that out of America would come compassion and un-Tired as they were from long derstanding. America, their only friend and refuge.

But America did not understand. The American people did not even hear about it. But these Russian folk did not know that the American people never heard about it. All they know is that a few weeks after that appeal came the landing of the Amer-

ican troops.

And now they say to one another: "How stupid we were to stand there They stretched out their hands, cry- in the heat and the dust stretching

Five Socialists on Trial in Chicago

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one of the leaders of the Bull Moose party in 1912, and Berger's opponent in the congressional fight in 1910, when Berger was first elected to con-

and an internationalist from the Socialist viewpoint.

He declared that the Milwaueke Leader has tried to keep within the leader has tried on the list orders for various literature, all of which was admitted by the defense.

Miss Anna Campbell, a clerk in the leader has a leave of Rerger. Hillouit, Germer and leave of Rerger. law during the war, and pointed out that Berger had contributed liberally to the war saving stamp fund, to the Red Cross and other auxiliary movements launched by the government.

Cochems stated that over 5,000 young Socialists in Milwaukee, ready out the state of the state of

young Socialists in Milwaukee, read- ord, and told the jury to forget it ers of Berger's paper, had joined the Several reporters at the press table national service. He pointed out how conferred among themselves as to the Leader had accepted government whether they could take a chance and advertising to boost Liberty Bond sales and other activities.

He declared that no matter whether Victor Berger be permitted to take his seat in congress, to which he has just been elected, his service in that body eight years ago will mark him as a man true to his ideals and the working class of America in whose the ex-Socialist office boy. interest he has devoted the many years of his active life.

Court Room Crowded. the I. W. W. litigation. Spectators be used on the Sub-Resa conscienmay also carry packages into the court room. Last summer you could He told of buying Tucker's "The a hundle of toothpicks.

against the five National Socialist Germer. Party officials Thursday afternoon by are guilty of conspiring against the eral.

Underground Railway Hoax. The proposition of building an un-derground railroad between the United States and Mexico to transport conscientious objectors into Carranza land again came up through

print the German agent story, any-

He told of a convention of the Yipsels in 1917 and stated that Kruse had outlined a plan to the delegates of All day long throngs of persons claiming exemption from the draft. gathered in the corridors to the court Then he said he typewrote a secret room, eagerly waiting until some per- code which, he averred was patterned son gave up his seat. There is no after the latest German model, and attempt to keep the public from this which Kruse, a man named Herman trial, as was the case last summer in Bosler, and himself, proposed should

The government started off its case and similar party leaflets from Adolph

Being an office boy, he saw J. Louis putting on the witness stand a former office boy and later circulation hustler for the Chicago edition of the American Socialist, in an effort to the postmaster's action in barring to prove that the Socialists, particu-larly William F. Kruse, National Sccretary of the Yipsels, and J. Louis Engdahl, editor of American Socialist, Liberty Bonds and the war in gen-

Frame-up Against Socialists Revealed in Chicago Trial

(Special Correspondence)

Chicago.—For more than a year the then he was given a copy of it and government lawyers in Chicago, with a told to read it on numerous occasions a staff of secret service men that cov- so he would not forget it. ered the nation at their call, have been framing their case against the five indicted Socialists, Victor L. Berness at one point. ger, Adolph Germer, J. Louis Eng-dahl, William F. Kruse and Irwin St. John Tucker.

"Not very well," replied Schiller, taken by surprise, and then Cunnea went on to show that Schiller and

and which was declared to have emanated originally from the secret arbelonged, "Battery F," went to many others who desire to hear Mr. trial. chives of the German imperial government, was set forth as a scheme that

It was shown that the allegedly notorious anti-draft stickers had been put out by a member of the Young People's Socialist League, but that the leagues in Chicago would accept no to pay for them.

with anti-draft activities, had in fact attacked Kruse and sought to defeat him for re-election because he. Schiller, thought Kruse was "yellow" and not a "red revolutionist."

Another "Harry Orchard." The big labor cases that have been involving the political organization of reaching home at midnight. the workers, has produced a similar

tion put by Cunnea he said that he not remember. All he could think of had attended school up to 14 years of age. Since then he says he worked "Hancock Street." for eight or nine different employers but had a hard time remembering you would like to see Kruse dead?" them, although on the previous day he asked Cunnea, but the witness denied had glibly cited dates, told of conversations and placed incidents without

"I like Kruse as I sit here now," Young People's Socialist League Sec- all together.'

Attorney Cunnea then brought out can Smith was the editor of "The that Schiller remembered very distinctly the date of President Wilson's 1917, where he had tried to leave the "Flag Day Address," utterance. This impression the day before J. Louis "Flag Day Address" was delivered on Engdahl, one of the defendants, editor June 15, 1917, the same day the es- of the American Socialist. was also pionage act, under which the indict- editor of the Chicago Socialist. ment is drawn, was signed by the president, and the same day as the government claims that Irwin St. John men on trial, his claim that Bosler Tucker, one of the defendants, wrote his answer to the flag day address, alleged fact didn't make any differ-which appeared in the June 23d issue ence to him, Bosler and he were pals "American Socialist."

the room, in Kruse's office, when Tucker wrote his reply, and that he heard it discussed. This is the kind of testimony the government is using as the foundation for its conspiracy

Witness Coached by Prosecution. After establishing that Schiller was | careful coaching by First Assistant
Prosecuting Attorney Fleming, and
his numerous office assistants. This
coaching had taken place during
merous visits to the Department of
Justice offices in Chicago, Schiller, as
a soldier at Camp Grant, Rockford,
Ill, being provided with a special pass
to make the trips. The first interview
was supposed to have taken place in

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The defense then used its second for seastion of hostilities.

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Without a blush, Mr. Cunnea, by skillful questioning, was supposed to have taken place in Schiller denied, however, that "Cap-

Finally Schiller's story was put many fictions.

down in typewriting, and he signed it

"Do you know Thomas Levish?"

The famous "code," which was to and then his visits to the government your president evaded this very perti-The famous "code," which was to and then his visits to the government aid draft evaders in their wanderings, lawyers began, while he remained in nent question.

On behalf of the Socialists and had no prejudice against those on

> Schiller denied that he had urged uncle had six months' provisions.

France.

The jury seemed to be much imwhen the witness admitted having had an argument with his father, a Socialist, about the draft. responsibility for them, and refused his father insisting that he should pay for them. register, and young Schiller claiming That Schiller, who charged Kruse he wouldn't. As a result of their disagreement young Schiller left home and went to live with Herman Bosler. the 22-year-old waiter, whom Schiller pictures as the German agent in his

delightfully interesting tale.
Then Attorney Cunnea made the witness admit that one Wednesday tried in this country have all had their "Harry Orchards" and their "Ortic again going over his story with the MacManigals." The biggest case of government lawyers, he had called on persecution growing out of the war a girl friend, Hattie Gussie, before

character.
Schiller is 24 years old. In ques- ness with the brilliant memory could was that the young lady lived on

"Didn't you tell Hattie Gussie that that he did, also that he wished Kruse were dead rather than alive.

Schiller also changed his testimony of the previous day and stated that he Schiller contended, with considerable had never seen Kruse, Tucker, Engbravado, as he denied having any bit-ter animosity toward the National He said, "At no time did I see them

He suddenly remembered that Dun-

was a German agent, and that this just the same.

Schiller claims he was present in Impossible for Y. P. S. L. to Furnish Aid.

The defense brought out that there were no Yipsel organization south of cipal speaker for the meeting. It is St. Louis, Mo., so that it would have understood that strong resolutions will been impossible for them, as Schiller be sent to the president and congress declared, to furnish "shelter" for the and that an organization will be startstart on the exodus across the Rio Grande. The famous map introduced into the case by the government, and which was to guide the resisters on the which was to guide the resisters on the resisters on the which was to guide the resisters on the resisters on the matter with anyone. He declared shown that they had not be prejudiced against the defendants if it woodstock, but does the would not be prejudiced against the defendants if it woodstock, but does said he would not be prejudiced against the defendants if it woodstock, but does the women to business for 31 years.

This was the information brought shown that they had not bought Liedertafel, violen selection by Combined the could give the Socialists a fair program consisted of songs by the his examination of the first 12 men or the could give the socialists a fair program consisted of songs by the his examination of the first 12 men or the could give the socialists a fair program consisted of songs by the his examination of the first 12 men or the could give the socialists a fair program consisted of songs by the his examination of the first 12 men or the could give the socialists a fair program consisted of songs by the his examination of the first 12 men or the could give the socialists a fair program consisted of songs by the his examination of the first 12 men or the could give the socialists a fair program consisted of songs by the his examination of the first 12 men or the could give the socialists a fair program consisted of songs by the his examination of the first 12 men or the could give the socialists and the would not be program could give the socialists a fair program consisted of songs by the his examination of the first 12 men or the could give the socialists and the would not be program could give the socialists and the would not be program could give the socialists and the would not be program could give the socialists and the would not be program could give the socialists and the would not be program could give the social structure. hordes of draft resisters who were to ed to carry this protest throughout ignorant of other dates, Attorney Grande. The famous map introduced

After knocking the testimony of the former office boy and now a soldier at Camp Grant, into a cocked hat and showing up glaring discrepancies in his relations with Kruse and others, the defense considered it had scored

a victory. William Mandelbaum, bookkeeper for the Chicago Arbeiter-Zeitung Publishing Co., owned by German branches of the Socialist Party, and which he fought to reach his present position as a national political figure, and an internationalist from the Socialist viewpoint.

He declared that the Milways a started to drag into the case the whole German agents, and German agents, and German gold. This caused laughter in the court room, many of the spectators having recently read the list print shop to "make-up" the Ameni orders for various literature, all of on trial here.

> Tucker and others connected with the National Office.

> Stedman objected to the admission of letters against the party officers written prior to May 18, 1917, the day of the passage of the draft act, but udge Landis over-ruled him. Letters Written Before U. S. Entry

Into War Admitted. Consequently, one letter written by Kruse was read to the jury under date of February 14, 1917. In that letter appeared this statement.
"No self-respecting Yipsel will enlist in the army and navy under any consideration." It went on to advise

that Yipsels hold mass meetings and lood the country with literature. The etter concluded with this remark: "We must fight the war to a finish even though the finish may mean facing a firing squad."

In a letter identified by Miss Camp-

bell as having been written May 24, 1917, Walter B. Dillon, state secretary rourt room. Last summer you could not get into the court if you carried a bundle of toothpicks.

He told of buying Tucker's "The 1917, Walter B. Dillon, state secretary of the party for New Mexico, appeared the sentence, "Better jail than peared the sentence, "Better jail than peared the sentence," ecome a licensed murderer."

Chief Prosecutor Clyne read to the

1917, after we had entered the war, as to whether he thought the federal ruggesting a secret organization in connection with the Y. P. S. L. to maintain the life of the Young People's Socialist movement if it was driven underground by oppressive legislation. The organization was to know there was a free speech provision, the prospective jurors had many and varied answers to make. Some of them didn't know there was a free speech provision, the prospective jurors had many and varied answers to make.

The fourth witness, a sailor, James held the right of free speech, in war A. Freiberg, formerly a Yipsel, iden-filed a letter he received from Kruse. The trial of the five Socialists in tified a letter he received from Kruse in August, 1917, in which the Yipsel

Aggressive

Salem, O., Dec. 4.
To the Board of Education,
Salem, Ohio.

On Nov. 29, 1918, I asked Mr. L. B. French, president of your body, if the High School auditorium could be se-The frame-up was shattered in a few short hours by the triumphant cross examination by Attorney William A. Cunnea. for the Socialists, and that Levish belonged to the same Yipse decided and the same type of the

ment, was set forth as a scheme that might have been clipped from any "Wide Awake Column," far young folks in any daily paper.

It was shown that the allegedly no
Schiller denied that he had urged point a common reply to this letter in writing, and give your specific reasons for this (as was married and had two sons. We claim) unfair discrimination. This, with the understanding that my letter with the understanding that my letter in Wheaton for 17 years, that with the understanding that my letter and your answer, and also a reply to your answer, if the occasion requires such reply, be given the local papers for publication, to the end that the for publication, to the end that the that you would be willing to have it had no opinion concerning it. printed in leaflet form and distributed. H. A. Ballou is a retired farmer, It was our purpose to make Mr. who has bean living at Sandwich, Ill., tigating work, I did it," he said, but war profiteering. Debs' meeting a bi-county occasion, in for five years, previous to that have claimed he didn't know whether those The defense law which the Socialists of Columbiana ing worked on a farm all his life. He investigated were Socialists or not.

tee at a meeting in East Liverpool,

Debs' meeting. Very truly yours, CHARLES BONSALL,

Railroad Men Start **Nation Wide**

(Special to Ohio Socialist) crated railroad unions have booked a monster mass meeting for Sunday night, Dec. 15, at Macauley's Theater, for the purpose of launching a nation wide movement to oppose railroad emovement to oppose railroad emovement to oppose railroad she turned back to private maniform the magnates who are asking that railroads be turned back to private maniform the magnates who are asking that railroads between the magnates and is a little bit interested in politics.

The had been a superintendent for M. D. Wells & Co. during the great team and before that a farmer. His father was been in New York state.

"I might have read something about this case in the newspapers," he admitted, but denied ever having read was born in New York state.

"I might have read something about this case in the newspapers," he admitted against other unions. He said he was a Republican, that will applied the movement to oppose railroad country from England when he was prejudiced against other unions. He said he was a Republican, that will applied the movement to oppose railroad the reconstruction plans of the capture of 1905, when he had been a superintendent for M.

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"I was been in 1905, well a farmer. His father was and the reconstruction plans of the capture of 1905, when he agement, now that the war is over. This organization represents 5,000

understood that strong resolutions will be sent to the president and congress Angus Peter Robertson is a paint-

Free Speech on Trial With Five Socialists in Chicago

ng the great world war just ended?

The results of this historic trial American people find themselves con-

United States Prosecuting Attorney Charles F. Clyne showed that the government realizes free speech is on trial when he asked one of the first jurors examined a question as fol-

"Do you believe that anyone, under the guise of free speech, should be permitted to violate the laws of the Inited States?"

this case the espionag ct.
Attorney Seymour Stedman, for the Socialists objected to this question by the government; the objection was over-ruled by Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis and Stedman took an exception. The court ordered the same ruling to be made every time the same question was asked a juror.

On the other hand, the lawyers for ury a letter written by Kruse in the Socialists questioned each juror driven underground by oppressive leg-islation. The organization was to take the character of teaching non-Socialists why they should not go to

Chicago finally got under way on tioned Attorney Stedman.

Monday morning, Dec. 9, just nine
months after Berger, Germer, Eng. Illinois Steel Co.'s draftsman, not

were made upon it during the war, never discussed Socialism with anyone, the Socialists in Chicago are repre-

The first day's examination of pros-

He had not read about the case; knew

none of those on trial, and claimed he ligent answer.

erally may know the situation and pass judgment fairly and righteously. If the papers do not wish to publish the correspondence then was at 501 Plymouth Ct. The American Protective League, have some place of business at 501 Plymouth Ct. The American Protective League, have some place of business at 501 Plymouth Ct. The American Protective League, have some place of business at 501 Plymouth Ct. The American Protective League, have some place of business at 501 Plymouth Ct. The American Protective League, have some place of business at 501 Plymouth Ct. The American Protective League, have some place of business at 501 Plymouth Ct. The American Protective League, have been a member of the papers the correspondence, then we assume He had never read about the case and ing joined it soon after it started its ents also haled from Great Britain.

and Mahoning counties would all take has three boys and one girl.

a lively interest, by reason of him Edward W. Barlow, who lives at

your turndown is necessarily quite extensive in its scope, and will be brought before our County Committed to the federal brought before our County Committed to vote. He has one daughter.

When the admitted to the federal order department of a wholesale shoe great coal mine disaster of several banners, inscribed in English are also house in Chicago, said he had been in veerar ago. He was not prejudiced estrumg along the Bolshevik bank of house in Chicago, said he had been in vears ago. He was not prejudiced strung along the Bolshevik bank of the shoe business for 30 years, that he against organized labor. 8th inst., at which time it is expected Sheridan Rd., has been in the real es- is 54 years of age, that he was born

to make final arrangements for the tate business for the last 20 years. He in Nokomis, Ill., of American parents, had a right to enter the war, and no had read about the case and talked about its some, but this had not prejudiced him any. He has two daughters. that he has three boys in the service, one had a right to think anything two of whom are lieutenants and one diced him any. He has two daughters.

> read nothing about the case.
>
> Robert M. Sheldon of Naperville, Ill., is in the real estate business, deal- he

been a retired farmer for three years, believed in it. after having been a farmer all his Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14.—Eight fed-crated railroad unions have booked a daughters and is a little bit interested he had been a superintendent for M. a salonkeeper, for 12 or 13 years, yelonments in industry during the

one daughter.

Jason W. Franklin has been a farmhe had not joined the Bull Moose se-

Attorney M. L. Clawsen of Indian-left no impression on him. He said apolis, Ind., has been secured as prin-he would not allow any sentiment or

Chicago.—Freedom! How much of tective League; said he had been twas there in the United States duryears and county clerk for 20 years; said he had no prejudice against or-ganized labor; that he was not inter-That is the question that will be settled in the trial of the five Socialist spokesmen, Victor L. Gerger, Adolph Germer, J. Louis Engdahl, William F. Kruse and Irwin St. John Tucker, now who denounced the war profiteers; declared he could give fair trial to perclared he could give fair trial to persons opposed to war, and that he would return a verdict irrespective of

American people and themselves confronted with in the opening of the Chicago trial.

This task States Proceedings Attorney

This task States Proceedings Attorney priest in the Episcopalian church.

Mr. Bartholomew said he read the a verdict. He had heard a lecture on Socialism in Downer's Grove, but couldn't remember the name of the ermitted to violate the laws of the lecturer. Although he didn't approve of Socialist theories, he contended he was not hostile to those having that will seek to bolster up its suppression | theory. He claimed he could give a of free speech, by trying to show that | Socialist just as fair a trial as a Rethe Socialists have violated laws; in | publican.

> papers had been suppressed and knew nothing about the opening of private Socialist mail by the postal authorities. He was prejudiced against conscientious objectors. Nixon, the inventor, was born in

Cincinnati, O., and had given absolutely no attention to the subject of Socialism. "I live in the 27th ward, I believe," he said, and then without a smile continued, "No, I don't know that John C.

Kennedy is the Socialist alderman from the 27th ward." He reads the Daily News and Trib-His only son is his only assist

Socialism, anarchism and I. W. W.ism. "The Illinois Steel Co. is turning out great war profits, isn't is?" ques

in August, 1917, in which the Yipsel secretary expressed the hope that Frieberg would escape the draft.

Start 1919 with 1919 paid

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Salem Socialists

Aggressive but remembered having seen a copy sented by William A. Cunnea, Henry of the Milwaukce Leader, the Socialist daily edited by the Defendant, and Swan M. Johnson, Clyne, for the government, is being supported by his first assistant, Joseph B. Fleming.

He declared he would not be defendent if the Milwaukce Leader, the Socialist daily edited by the Defendant, is daily edited by the Defendant, in Milwaukce. His father is an Englishman. He declared he would not be prejudiced against the defendants if

asked Cunnea, but could get no intel-Before going into the real estate

business, Strickland said he had been Debs on the subject of "Peaceful, Economic Reconstruction," I ask you to reply to this letter in writing, and reply the reply to this letter in writing, and reply the reply to this letter in writing, and reply the reply to this letter in writing the reply the reply that the reply th

activities.

"Whenever I was asked to do inves-defendants for writing articles against He felt that he could be impartial. and Mahoning counties would all take has three boys and one girl.

a lively interest, by reason of his brilliant and earnest qualities as an orator and his world-wide reputation.

You will, therefore, understand that which has employed him for the last your turndown is necessarily quite expectation.

He felt that he could be had snoken taken by Frank Skeffington, another taken by Frank S

superior to the constitution.

Mr. Sheldon, the real estate man, he would not allow any sentiment or said his father and mother were sympathy for the defendants to sway American born, that he had one son fined in the jail there for contempt ganization Campaign launched by in the service in San Antonio, Tex. He declared he was not much interested in politics, and that he does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the san at the first in the declared he was not much interested in politics, and that he does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the san at the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the san at the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the san at the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the san at the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the san at the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the san at the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the san at the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the san at the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the san at the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the first in the does not asso- incdyremembered Debs having spent a relative to the does not asso- incdyremember ing and decorating contractor at Hebron, Ill., where he has had his own

that the federal constitution guarant that the federal guarant that the federal constitution guarant that the federal constitution guarant that the federal constitution guarant that th Schiller denied, however, that "Cap- boy, do you have to guess? Some tain Kidd" had inspired him in his doings and all coming our way. Get many fictions.

Some to guess? Some to guess? Some tain Kidd" had inspired him in his doings and all coming our way. Get laws that had been passed; denied he many fictions.

Way of putting it. He believed in from the property of people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the property of people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the property of people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the property of people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the property of people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the people to repeal diced against organized labor. He believed in from the people to repeal diced against organized labor.

We Want to Talk to You a Minute

AND HERE'S WHAT WE'VE GOT TO SAY. The year 1919 is just around the corner. Suppose we all agree to greet it with a clear conscience. What do you say? Are you with us?

HERE'S THE IDEA. It's a GREAT idea! We think so much of it that we intend acting upon it ourselves. And we feel assured, positively assured, that every readr of the OHIO SOCIALIST will join us. LET'S START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

There's but one way to start the New Year right, and that is by starting some one you know on the road to becoming a Socialist. There is just one best way to do that and that is to put your hand into your pocket, take out a dollar or a half and with it pay for Chicago Daily News, and declared that the place of a man's birth would not sway him either way in rendering ative, friend, shopmate or neighbor. a subscription to the OHIO SOCIALIST for some rel-

TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY—PLEASE

You know of some one who ought to become a Socialist. Some one to whom you have talked and who has expressed himself favorably upon the subject. Or you know of some one whose opposition to Scialism you have been unable to overcome by argument. In He had never heard that Socialist either case, the presentation of an OHIO SOCIALIST subscription will work wonders and will place to your credit the merited praise of having begun the New

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THE OHIO SOCIALIST R. D. 2, Brecksville, Ohio. I have decided to start the New Year right by presenting an OHIO SOCIALIST subscription to Enclosed find the sum of 3..... for this subscription. Scnt by Address

to anyone who was. Asked if the less you have sickness in your fam-thought free speech ought to be sup. "Alas," replied the poor mut, as

The defense lawyers used their first peremptory challenge on Mr. Franklin, whose place in the jury box was cut their oratorical artinery on the

He declared that, the United States Chairman.

John C. Evans of Riverside is in the wholesale shoe business. He was born in Illinois and has three sons and one laughter when he said that he didn't Chicago, who is not very much in symbol.

Start 1919 with 1919 paid daughter. He had heard nothing and know that congress could pass a law pathy with Socialists. Judge Landis being threatened into silence. joined in the effort to find out where "I didn't know it until I came here," he stood, in order to keep him on the said. "It appears that congress jury, but his prejudice against Socialing in farm lands. He has one son, did pass a law over-ruling the constilism was too apparent, and he also was Movement

In farm lands. He has one son, the has one son, and his place dismissed for cause, and his place taken by A. D. Kennedy, 67 years old, to agitate for peace if they sincerely of Woodstock, Ill., who had retired from business for two years. Previous forms business for two years. When questioned regarding his ously he had run a general store for

"I don't know anything about So-

He said he was a bartender in

"Alas," replied the poor mut, as pressed during war time, he answered: he gloomily left the office of the black

"I think it ought to be in a way diamond merchant, "every one of my I don't think the minority ought to have any right during the war trace."

Mr. Robertson, the painter and decord before the coal merchant, a look of "My." He confessed he had always had an impression that there was some connection between Socialism and anarchism.

He was born in Canada, his mother He was born in Canada, his mother admitted being prejudiced against any one trying to get the United States day, and she developed a high fever out of the war Robertson was therefore.

Work and pray, live on hay, you'll get

pie in the sky when you die.-Read-

ing Labor Advocate.

The Siberian Bolsheviki are trying Americans not to fight. Great red

William Blackstone-The liberty of the press is essential to a free gov-

Turgot-There is no injury which men will resent so deeply as that of

CLEVELAND SOCIALISTS PACK HALL TO WELCOME RETURN-ED PRISONERS

Continued From Page One.

in, education and recreation and the er for 34 years at Wilmington. He cession, but that he believed in some had talked about the case but it had of the principles of the Progressives. I was too busy to read!" workers," closing with an appeal for ing was adjourned until 7 o'clock,

He believed in free speech, if it was were present, to extend the best exercised lawfully. He had some feel- wishes of their locals.

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WITH OUR EDITORS

"Repression is invariably the first ingredient in the recipe for revolu-

And now we are told that lack of union among the anti-Bolshevik elements in Russia has developed to a very dangerous degree! All of which proves of course that the Bolsheviks won't last much longer!

An advertisement in a window on Third Ave., Seattle, Washington, reads: "Vaults that are fire, burglar and mob-proof." Vaults that are mob-proof! Now what can they mean by that?

As proof that it was a war for demogracy we read in a daily that "after the Civil War the United States threw away its opportunity to become a real world power. After the Great War-what? Are we going to drop back to the position of a second-rate power or-are we willing to learn?" If anyone should ask us we'd say we have learned. We have learned from the very pages of these misinformers that Germany started the war because it hankered to graduate from class two to class one as a world power. The cost of the lesson has been mighty dear? Shall we have to learn the lesson over again? Does this sanguinary daily intimate that the United States ought follow in the footsteps of imperialistic and autócratic Germany of yesterday?

"THE RED FLAG ROAD"

We stole the caption because it sounded good. And now listen to

You've heard of the Red Flag. You may never have seen one but we are sure you have heard about it. A Red Flag is a piece of cotton, wool or silk that's been dyed red and in appropriate size is then hoisted to enjoy the

There is a certain class of people in this land that go mad at sight of the Red Flag just as a bull does at sight of a red rag, and they chase it

around with mouthings and ordinances. The sport began in New York some weeks ago and seems to be traveling westward. The city fathers of Youngstown, Cleveland, Detroit and other cities have seen red and with heroic mien are chasing the Red Flag around

We feel sorry for the Red Flag, folks. Poor, inanimate thing! Can neither talk back nor defend itself while it's being banished and disgustingly discussed by those whom people have deemed wise enough to run cities.

Passing ordinances that the Red Flag shall fly no more is acting much like the fellow who cut off his little finger to make his hand quit stealing. The Red Flag is only an appendage. The real stuff is a matter of brains. And when brains accept the Red Flag as the insignia for Industrial Democracy then, whether the Red Flag flies or not, the trick is forever keep them put. And to that forever keep them put. And to that end our slogan must be ORGANIZAtion.

Common Citizen—Ves he was anti-German, anti-kaiser, anti-autocratic, TION. Intelligent, educated organizity with and to that the world is yet hardly safe for democracy, estimated the control of the co

A German Citizen—Yes, he was anti-German, anti-kaiser, anti-autocratic, anti-imperialistic, anti-capitalistic—told us some years ago that in the country he gave up in order to enjoy the unlimited democracy of these United States, the government put the ban on red as part of the color scheme in the attire of all workingmen. Red neckties, red handkerchiefs, and, we believe, red hair also, were taboo and every workingman caught with anything red upon his person was forthwith jailed. One of the results of the baning of red in Germany was an increase in the Socialist vote from about 400,000 to about nine times that.

Today Germany flies the Red Flag as THE flag.

We know what is meant by this passing of ordinances making it an A German Citizen-Yes, he was anti-German, anti-kaiser, anti-autocratic,

Flag in the year 1918.

We know what is meant by this passing of ordinances making it an on our comrade, Gene Debs, for the offense to fly the Red Flag. The city fathers see beyond the Red Flag and crime of standing true to the cause of the rallies and listen to the pay-triots fear the day of Industrial Democracy. Hauling down the Red Flag will not labor will be sustained by the Supreme or go to a revival and listen to the delay its advent. Attacking the Red Flag will not defeat it. Only one thing will defeat Socialism and that is to prove to the majority of workers that its principles are wrong. This our heroic councilmen are too cowardly to do and so they satisfy themselves by chasing the Red Flag around the

Keep it up boys! If we had the price we'd pay you for it! In the meantime the march down the Red Flag Road will continue, Red Flags or no Red Flags. And when we arrive at the destination, it's dollars to doughnuts that we won't find a soul that favored banishing the Red

There follows an editorial which appeared in the Youngstown "Vindicator." This editorial is really too fair so fair that it almost robs the Socialist of his sting.

THE RED FLAG

Did not council act hastily and without due consideration, in passing under suspension of the rules, Monday night, an ordinance forbidding the use of the Red Flag in Youngstown? The Red Flag has for years been the distinctive emblem of Socialists the world over. It is the emblem of the Socialists in France and England, without whose support the war could not have been won and who are now among the most ardent backers of President Wilson. Against the selfish forces of reaction which are now scheming to rob us of the fruits of victory the Socialists in Europe are setting themselves like a powerful bulwark. Let us take care lest we offend these men. Among them are some of the most thoughtful and farsighted statesmen of our A Wordfrom Ex-State time, and we want their help in securing the new and better world order which we in America, especially, have been encouraged to expect from the

Council evidently passed the ordinance under a misunderstanding. It shares the common belief that the Red Flag stands for riot and anarchy and the overthrow of organized government. As used by the established Socialist parties in Europe it stands for no such thing; they are as respectable and property of the Socialist membership of West Virginia. Feeling that my efforts were order-loving as Republicans and Democrats and no one in Europe would feeble and less efficient than the secdream of suppressing them. Of course, the revolutions in Germany and retaryship of others might have been. Russia have brought excesses which no one condones, but these same revolutions have contributed more than battles to the central powers' defeat and have saved millions of American lives. The riots in New York and other states, caused by the carrying of the Red Flag, have generally been started Huntington, when I went to jail, and not by those who carried it but by onlookers whose misconception of liberty and patriotism led them astray. In matters like this, repression never has accomplished its purpose and never will; men's convictions grow and draw strength from opposition and attempts to suppress them can only do harm. Council's action is part of the campaign which is just beginning in this country, to curtail men's rights, and is only another proof of the saying common in Europe, that Americans enjoy less freedom than British and

There is one thing that council cannot do. The red necktie has, like the Red Flag, been an accepted sign of Socialism, and the Socialists of Youngstown at their meetings and when they appear before council are justified in wearing it as a sign of protest.

If your little Red Dues Card looks sick, you're lingering on the Red Flag Road.

Also, there are no loafing corners on the Red Flag Road.

You either march along abreast the rest or you drop out and are left behind.

Smile and pay up. The best is yet to come!

OUR PARTY PAGE

Live News of Interest to all Party Members

GET NEXT TO A DUES STAMP—PAY UP

WEST VIRGINIA

Official Organization News

H. L. Franklin, Acting State Secretary, 1353 Adams Ave., Huntington, West Virginia.

comrades of West Virginia to those of Ohio, and Kentucky, we greet you with the true spirit of International Socialism. While for the past eighteen months we have been as a state secretary. I may locate permanently at Wheeling, W. Va. een months we have been as a man traveling in the wilderness inhabited with wild and vicious animals when overtaken by darkness would build a fire and make up camp for the night, while retaining in his memory his course set, he would await the rising of the sun to take up his journey And so it has been with the comrades of West Virginia, being small in number and surrounded with ignorance as to the ideals and principles of International Socialism to avoid distruction and annihilation as a fighting force the organized movement took up camp at the outbreak of the war and have only kept the fires of the organization burning, awaiting the return of favorable conditions to re-enter the field of education and I hope with this issue of the Ohio Socialist the entire organized movement will catch the spirit-world revolution in governments and take their place in the great procession that is marching on to victory, for Industrial Democracy. Socialists have nothing to be discouraged about, not even the vote cast for our cause on Nov. 5th, for if you will take into consideration the fact hat only 62 per cent. of the state's vete was cast, and that the per cent. not voting was our greatest strength tegether with the prejudice engendered by the slanderous lies of the apitalist pay-triotic papers and policians against our cause, which we had no way of combating, you will readily see that we have in West Virginia a sufficient number of true blue Socialists if organized in local groups working collectively and co-operatively for the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth the brotherhood of man, to shake the rotten capitalist blook-sucking parisites of this state off the back of the oppressed and down trodden working class and

tined to do time for that crime in a to bed in the dark and visualize your-prison of West Virginia, let's organ-self hanging to a lamppost or in h-l. ize our forces to capture the powers of state government at the next electence would make that possible I feel

prison bars from state to state.
In closing I will say that I believe in a short time we will have our be- Debs, at Moundsville. loved comrade, Firth, back at the helm as State Secretary, I have that hope and partial promise from him, otherwise I shall have to resign as acting secretary at an early date. I have done my best while holding it but the iob as it should be done in the future is too big for me as I see it. There is work to do and the movement must rally to the task. You have always done your part and you must not fail at this time, and you will not. WARD WITH THE PROCESSION

that he would be willing to spend the

TO VICTORY. Fraternally yours H. L. FRANKLIN, Acting State Secretary.

Sec'y Firth

It was with a great deal of regret ginia. Feeling that my efforts were still I looked forward to a renewal of the comradeship I formerly enjoyed with the loyal Socialists of West Virginia. But the loss of my position in the consequent hunt for a job when I got out, took me to Nitro, W. Va., a government reservation. The temporary outlook for work here and the nature of the general life in such a place made my continuation as State Secretary impracticable and impos-

To the Socialists of West Virginia I feel an undying gratitude. In my hour of need you helped me in a hundred ways, when almost every mail brought an appeal for aid from other sections of the country.

We have passed through the fire and, in the main, stood the test, and my greeting to my fellow workers

Greetings from W.Va. when my prison door opened to freedom for me was, "Long Live International Socialism!"

You have an earnest, sincere company of the com

you in any capacity you may name. Fraternally, EP VIN FIRTH.

A Slogan for the Mountaineer Socialists

Along with many other comrades, list lately received from Oliver C Financial Director, a certifiate of unique emblematic design, signifying that during the world crisis of 1918. I had kept faith with International Socialism and the cause of the workers, the authority for issuing a certificate to me and the evidence of keeping such faith being money con-tributed to the National Fund of the

Socialist Party.

I was very much pleased to receive this certificate, and said to myself, "I shall keep this as a memento some day it will be a great satisfaction to me to be the possessor of such a certificate," but, as I thought more about it, I began to wonder whether I was worthy and asked myself how well I had "kept the faith." In this frame of mind, I am taking stock of my courage and my devotion to the cause of Socialism, and the lines of the old hymn come to me as a fitting

orayer, "O, for a faith that will not shrink, Though pressed by every foe."
Well, I can truthfully say that I did
not exactly take to the woods, but since Comrades, Firth, Howes, Greene

and Bias were indicted and sent to prison I must confess that I have been camping on the edge of the timber that I might dart under cover at the first sign of danger.

But now, comrades, though some of

gone to sleep. Why, if you'd go to Court of capitalism, and as he is des- evangelists, you could go home and of state government at the next election and make his stay among us as hailed to the United States Marshal's pleasant as possible, and if his sen- office to answer to a charge of being pro-German; and, if it had not been for a business friend (who belonged remainder of his noble life behind to the Chamber of Commerce crowd) vouching for my past record as a citi-

> They sure threw a scare into the Socialists, which was the purpose of the "Big Noise;" and, it was not all scare, as four of our Huntington comrades can testify. So let not our strong, bold spirits who, unafraid, stayed on the job, point the finger of scorn at those who were not so steady on their pins and couldn't stand the gaff.

I am not going to call any comrade a coward or reproach him because he refrained from speaking out boldly his honest convictions at all times and places; but now that the war is over, 'come out of the woods," or we'll think, if we don't say so, that you are a mighty poor Socialist.

What about your local, is it going good and strong, or has it missed having a legal meeting because it lacked one of having a quorum? O, my comrades, if you are true-red from your If your local has kept up its meetings and your nose is not needed in the counting for a quorum, it ought, to be there, nevertheless, where it will scent the battle, till every man in your town is captured for Social-You and I need the local and

our local needs us. H. F. OBERHOLTZER, Member S. E. C., 5th Dist., W. Va.

Hungarian Comrades Organize. Our Hungarian compades seem to have caught the spirit of the compades of their native country. Three local branches were chartered in November. Wheeling, Bloomfield and Farmington Mine No. 9. Wake up you native comrades and catch the spirit | Contributions to Expense of Trial of

A HINT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT

Remember—A good way toward building up your local and putting Get busy with that sub list. The world is moving fast, and if you will A. L. Bauer, \$5.80; Elizabeth, Huntget readers for the Ohio Socialist we ington, \$10; Weston, \$6; J. W. Lyons,

will all go along together, don't let the organized movement run off and reading and getting others to read the paper that puts pep in the move-ment. It's the Ohio Socialist.

Start 1919 with 1919 paid GIVE THEM A

Comrades, wouldn't it be a good idea to give to each prospective member a state constitution and platform before you get his application? You know they pledge themselves to be governed by both while a member of the party. Take this up at your next local meeting and have your secretary order a bundle, the State Office has a supply for the benefit of the members, 20 for \$1.00. Platforms will be sent free while the supply lasts. Which local will be the first to start right for intelligent membership?

WEST VIRGINIA STATE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Executive Committmen Marked Ex. State Committeeman-at-Large, W. Kirkendall, Sistersville.

First District. (Ex) Howard Boston, 1114 10th St., J. M. Snyder, 1405 8th St., Fair-

J. B. West, Mannington. Second District. R. S. Dayton, Belington.
(Ex) E. L. Smith, Martinsburg.
Third District. P. R. Garrett, Harrisville. (Ex) J. W. Wright, Weston, (chair-

J. W. Flint, Weston. Fourth District.
(Ex) H. F. Oberholtzer, Huntington. H. L. Franklin, Huntington. Sixth District. George E. Glass, Heizer. G. W. Harper, Charleston. (Ex) M. F. Link, Roncevert.

October Financial Statement. Elizabeth (Huntington)\$ 3.00 Buckhannon Eccles
Martinsburg
A. L. Bauer, Two Books.
Dr. M. S. Holt, Literature South Slavic Federation..... 1.00 EXPENDITURES. \$24.70 1,000 July, August and September Bulletins _____.\$35.00 Dr. E. L. Smith, expense in at-

tendance S. C. meeting, Fairmount, Aug. 6..... 13.30

Deficit Nov. 1......\$1 H. L. FRANKLIN, Acting State Secretary Financial Statement, November, 1918.
RECEIPTS. Elkins\$ 6.00

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P. C. Courtney, M. A. L.
N. T. Ballard, M. A. L.
Luther McIntyre, M. A. L. zen, I might have got a berth along o' Wender, So. Slavic No. 207....

6.00

is routed.

2.00Lithuanian Federation 4.05 Fairmont, 300 State Bulletins . 10.00 4.05EXPENDITURES. Dues stamps\$15.00 Postage \$35.95 GENERAL TREASURY. Receipts over expenses, Nov...\$23.85

Cash Bal. in Treasury, Dec. 1..\$12.60 Three sets local sec'ys books__. 50 "Think or Surrender," by 1,000 application for membership 2.00 500 "How to Organize a Local" 2.00 50 "How to Conduct a Local" .. Miscellaneous books and leaflets

Cash and resources, total...\$6 H. L. FRANKLIN, . \$64.80 Acting State Secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EX-PENSE OF TRIAL OF

Howes, Greene and Bias, to date:
Moundsville, \$2; Charleston, \$4.50;
Belington, \$5; Moundsville, \$5; National Office, \$150; Buckhannon, \$5; pep in the movement is to get every member and prospective member to subscribe for the Ohio Socialist. Try it Get busy with that bush 154. Morgantown, \$10;; D. B. Harper, \$5; A. L. Bauer, \$5.80; Elizabeth, Hunt-

Xmas and Our Political Prisoners

Don't let us forget our political prisoners this Christmas, comrades. To be in jail at any time is unpleas-To be in prison at Christmas EM A time of all the year is much worse.
We can make Christmas more pleasant for them by sending them some little thing which will convey to them our comradeship and esteem and will prove a bright ray that will lighten up the gray walls which confine their bodies but not their spirits.

Special rules apply to the receiving by prisoners of Christmas packages. We should take advantage of these rules and send our comrades some-

thing for the holidays.

At the Atlanta (Ga.) Federal prison we have three Ohio comrades. Comrades C. A. Townsley, A. A. Hennacy of Columbus and A. L. Hitchcock of Cleveland, former member of the school board. Remember them these holidays and write to them and if possible send them a package of something good to eat. They can only write one letter a week so don't ex-pect them to answer your letters right away. However, it is not you who need to hear from them, it is they who very much desire to hear from you. Here are the rules governing the sending of Christmas packages to prisoners at Atlanta. Read them care-fully and send your comrades a package of Christmas cheer. Address Box 1733, Atlanta, Ga.: Rules.

The rules governing the receiving of articles by inmates of this institution will be modified from December 20. 1918, to December 31, 1918, both days

inclusive, as follows:
That during the period above stated Christmas packages of candies, fruits, did not feel quite sane all week bechewing gum, cigars, tobacco in reasonable quantities, received for in-mates from relatives and friends, will be delivered in addition to those articles regularly allowed. Cigars and tobacco must, however, come with revenue stamps unbroken, otherwise they will not be delivered. Those who do not expect packages

from home or friends may order them through the usual channels here—
packages of fruits, nuts and candies
for delivery during this time.
Paper shell pecans may be ordered

at a special price of 40 cents per pound for medium and 60 cents per pound for large ones. Packages intended for Christmas delivery should be sent early, as the mails during that period are more or less congested and deliveries cor-

respondingly slow.
FRED G. ZERBST,

Walter Pierce. We will also deliver and most enterprising locals packages to them which are sent us state. at the State Office. Remember our political prisoners this Christmas!

THANK YOU—BELMONT Frank Stidd, for Belmont County local, returns \$37.44 to the State Office-that county's share of campaigr 1.00 fund collections. Generous surely The state office will make good use 1.00 of this refund. Comrade Stidd also 1.00 writes that they are ready for a Baker date as soon as our state organizer

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THAT TEN AT A TIME EPIDEMIC It's Albert C. Holloway this time. The letter is short but effective.

'Here's \$10-send sub cards" is all he says. We must admit that our Socialist lawyers in this state are not above lending Jimmy Higgins a hand. Edwin Blank, Allen Cook and Albert C. Holloway, of Lima, Canton and Akron respectively know that subs make Socialism grow.

for 1918.

Dover heard from! H. L. Ricker writes: "You know, when a fellow reads the capitalist press for a week and then gets the Ohio Socialist, it is like going a week without eating and then sitting down to a table containing an abundance of the food you like. You'll get more subs from me. Shall revive the local, too."

\$1; G. H. Buthie, \$5; Elkins, \$5; J. R. and J. W. Foley, \$2; M. F. Link, \$13; STATE SEC'Y. FIRTH & OTHERS

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OTHERS Cost Fund. To the U. S. Court Clerk.....\$239.50

HERE'S AN IDEA

Local Ashtabula raised the monthly dues to 30c and gives 5c from each month's dues to the financial secretary as collection fee. By doing this they hope the financial secretary will in-terest himself in keeping all members in good standing.

An order for 120 dues stamps from Columbus spells encouragement. With Comrade Van Schoyck as financial secretary, after the "bads" and Comrade Eubanks after "nuts," Columbus is bound to see "red."

FOUR TEN SPOTS

Our eyes opened wide when we picked a money order for \$40 out of an envelope that hailed from the town in which we were boarded free for ten months. S. W. Katz is the guilty party and the whole four tens constituted an investment in Ohio So-cialist sub cards. Ten dollars of it came out of the local treasury and the balance was subscribed for by members of Local Canton.

STEUBENVILLE TO SPRUCE UP

E. P. McDevitt, the secretary, writes the State Office that Local Steubenville is about to brush the dust from its good intentions and eniov a transposition into action. Tom Lewis is asked for.

Let us tell you how we can prove that the Ohio Socialist stands ace high. We prove it by the kicks we receive when an issue misses a sub-scriber. The kicks we have received within the last week would have knocked us dead were it not for the fact that that kind of a kick is a boost. One subscriber writes that he cause his last paper failed to reach

M. A. Toohey. Application cards, 200. What's up? Watch Toledo's initiation stamp sales and you'll find

Barsky put Conneaut in the front rank this week by a \$5.50 dues stamp

Subscription Getter's College, John Rehm, principal. If we could that's what we'd do. And John Rehm could teach thousands how to get subs for Socialist papers. The Springfield list is one of our largest. Rehm lives in Springfield.

NILES ON THE

SOCIALIST MAP

Edw. Dulli of Hamilton forwards \$20.35 for the Debs' Defense Fund, and writes that he "hopes the contrades in the state are prepared to go further if need be to defend our fel-

DUES STAMP SALES INCREASING

We report for the week only and we are praying that every week from now on will show a gain in dues stamp sales. Many of our members at large are following our suggestion of pay ing dues ahead for the year 1919 and we have also had letters from several local members stating that they have paid a year's dues in advance.

But it is not only advance dues that we are concerned about. Something very akin to nausea overtakes us when we think of the hundreds of members in our locals who are in arrears with their dues. Our heart sinks and our temper rises and who knows but what we will yet be led to say bad words upon this subject-unlesswell, you know your duty.

"Enclosed find another blow at cap-Don't start 1919 owing italism," writes C. E. Landon of Piqua. He fired six subs.

> A total receipt of \$205.60 and an expense of about \$75. That's the way Local Niles does business. It was a Debs' meeting. "The best meeting of its kind ever held in Niles," says Edw. Peterson.

A newsy letter from Herbert Knecht of Cambridge assures us that Guern-sey County will be among the most active as soon as the epidemic abates. Start 1919 with 1919 paid Referring to gags in general, Comfade Knecht writes: "There is one feature that some gents fail to recognize and that is that the heart of a revolutionary Socialist never beats a retreat.

CINCINNATI \$36.60

Most of it for dues stamps, too. Local Cincinnati held its city convention on Dec. 1. Watch next issue for an account of it. That's taking time by the forelock, isn't it? To hold a note for trial cost. 22.00 city convention now. Good idea though. Municipal elections coming on. And while Cincinnati has al-5.50 | ready acted, it's at least high time for other locals to think about it.

> Glad to again hear from our com-rade, Burl S. Brown. He has just returned to Upper Sandusky from Camp Sherman. He promises the Ohio Socialist some special articles which are now in the course of preparation. Comrade Brown was before ration. Comrade Brown was, being drafted, principle of schools at

Don't start 1919 owing for 1918.

HEAR EUGENE V. DEBS

Canton, Auditorium Dec. 22 at 2:30 P. M.,

Massillon, evening Dec. 23

"Free Them"

Sunday January 5th- The Day

Sunday, January 5th, is the day upon which every Socialist Party local should hold a meeting in protest against the continued incarceration of political prisoners. The war is over. Peace treaties will soon be signed. It becomes our solemn duty to raise our voices in behalf of those who, while this boosting the Ohio Socialist. country was at war, advocated opinions contrary to the opinions of those in

administrative control.

Amnesty for political prisoners is in common usage in European countries, even in those which were most autocratic before they walked down the sends in two year-Red Flag Road. It is high time that these United States differentiated between prisoners who commit a felony and those who, as Anatole France says, "Honor their country by suffering prison, exile and outrage."

The National Office of the Socialist Party has issued a call to all organizations to arrange public mass meetings upon this day. This is the day before the Debs' case comes before the Supreme Court for hearing, and it may not be far from the day when Debs joins the hundreds of his comrades who still occupy prison cells.

We demand amnesty for all political prisoners. Not the Socialists alone. We speak for the anarchists, the Industrial Workers of the World, the Mennonites, the Russellites, the conscientious objectors or any other pacifist group that has suffered prosecution. Only then will we be free to speak when everyone is free to speak. Only then will we have free speech.

Begin preparations at once. Let there arise from every corner of the nation the unified demand-FREE THEM!

LETTERS

From the Land of Devil-May-Care

Written for the Ohio Socialist by W. E. Reynolds.

Awgwan Province, Devil-May-Care-Land, Dec. 15, 1918.

Editor Ohio Socialist. Awgwans. I spent part of last week visiting at an agrarian peasant's once, and then they were from the

The fine fat hogs were split in halves and taken to the market place and there exchanged for tokens of for three-quarters of a buck a dozen

that "Hogs were great plaster lifters."

I knew hogs rooted up pasture lands

Mr. Editor? But these Devil-May hadn't been using it long enough to Care folks are such phunny phools! get her imagination well enough All the pork we had to eat was what trained so she couldn't notice the dif-All the pork we had to eat was what trained so she couldn't notice the difterence.

and kidneys. The Awgwans hardly ever kill a beef but prefer to raise them and send them to the big killing houses in the far off cities of Allfolsland. They raise the beef, but do not eat it. They milk cows and send the cream, she had learned to make a pound of corn last a week by having the first they milk cows and send the cream as a peace offering to the Magogs and only use the skim milk. At the market places they buy a couldn't learn to make cake without to the Ohio Socialist. He's been busy ever since making that pledge good. Two half yearlies from him this week.

Another State Secretary boosts us a bit. Comrade Jennie McGehe of Colorado sends three dollars for three yearlies: We surely appreciate the help from other states and the comradeship which accompanies this assistance.

At the market places they buy a couldn't learn to make cake without kind of butter substitute called mar-ginoleo. This is a white sickly look-ing substance that looks like an over ma, you make Johnny cake." I noticed the stuff because then the market imitation sweet made out of gluecose. tender might trade a bar to a Magog There was an orchard on the place

by mistake for butter. The Magogs have to have the butter and the folks who raise the butter-cream get the oleo as they affective culls and half rotten ones, which tionately call it. These Gogs are so were left. Most of these were made used to being fooled that they like to into cider, but the cider went to the

fool themselves. When the Scissorines (this is the name of all the lady Gogs—while the men Gogs are known as Scissor Bills All Devil-May-Care-Land Well as I was telling you, when the Scissorines go to the foods. market place to trade their metal The tokens for oleo the gate keeper of the market place, who looks after the small change gives them a little pellet of yellow color. This the scissorines mix with their olee and make it look just like the butter the Magogs use. It looks like butter but it tastes like axlegrease that had been boiled in spoiled buttermilk and slippery elm bark. All the Gogs, which, as I told you before, were the lower class people of Devil-May-Care-Land, like olee or at least they pretend to like it and if any Gog should try to tell the peo-ple that the people who raise the cows which give the milk, which raises the cream out of which butter is made, should eat the butter, he is set upon glass. by the people as an agitator and an undesirable citizen and branded as a seditionist and labeled disloyal. All the Awgwans and all the Allfools pride themselves on their loy-alty but they do not tell you WHAT

money as he can and as each piece is is real. stamped "In THIS God we trust," one Hopir can easily see that their loyalty is to Follow suit, please. For instance, there's J. S. Case, member-at-large. He sends \$5 to square up dues and press stamps. He starts 1919 with 1919 paid.

they are loyal to, but as each one

Don't start 1919 owing for 1918.

Follow suit again. Walter Dearolf secures a new member-at-large for us. There are Socialists everywhere you turn. All you need is application cards and enough lung power to show them the need of organization.

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F. W. Goll has been re-elected secretary for Local Lorain. We wonder if the Lorain comrades really appreciate the services of this tireless worker for our cause. We know of no local secretary in Ohio who is more thorough and painstaking in his duties.

the Great God Dinero, sometimes called "Jack" and at other times "Kale." ditor Ohio Socialist.

Dear Sir: Things are whoopin here
Warwhoop Valley among the Warwhoop Valley Among the deal like the great American hen, but

home.
The family was a typical family of Gogs who had nothing but ambition hogs and hope. It was slaughter week and many fine fat porkers were ripe specimens of foulfruit from killed. ripe specimens of foulfruit from Fast's storehouse, and she said, "O,

and there exchanged for tokens of rattlemonies. These Gogs seemed especially anxious to trade these tokens for a receipt of some kind. I think they called it delinquintax receipts.

It seemed a strange proceeding to me as I expected to see the Awgwan family have a fine dinner of roast pork, after having gone to all the trouble of raising the pork, but they seemed to prefer the pieces of paper instead of the dinner.

One of the Gogs remarked to me of istead of the dinner.

Case the Gogs had the allowance and the Magogs had the "afford" and the fresh eggs.

The scissorine then started to scold I knew hogs rooted up pasture lands but didn't know they rooted up plaster. The Awgwan Gog then informed me that he meant that hogs were good to trade for a kind of gage that was popular there. The full name was morgage.

The full name was morgage.

The full name was morgage. T wouldn't trade a hog for a morgage, I'd eat the hog, wouldn't you, Mr. Editor? But these Devil-May-

ripe bar of Ivory Soap just getting several bees in the yard and asked over the inflewendways. The Magogs them if they had honey to eat. No, will not allow the factories to color they sold all the honey and used an

There was an orchard on the place but they sold all the good apples to market place and not into vinegar. The vinegar they used was labled

All Devil-May-Care-Land is a land imitation, substitute and near

Their flour is adulterated. Their vinegar is imitation. Their sweets are imitation.

Their butter is imitation. Their lard is imitation. Their spices are adulterated Their coffee is cereal and chickory. Their jellies are glucose. Their clothing is imitation.

The Gogs imitate the Magogs. The Magogs have wool, the Gogs otton. Shoddy cloth is common. The Magogs wear jewelry made of gold and precious stones.

The Gogs wear imitation jewelry

made of brass and bright colored The homes of the Magogs are of brick and stone. The homes of the Gogs are shacks of tar paper and flimsy wood. Even the leather is im-

itation, being made of paper. Imitation breeds imitation. These people have an imitation country and tries to get as many pieces of rattle-

lead imitation lives. But their misery

Hoping you are the same, I am, ICHABID JONES.

strangers come to your home to subscribe for our state paper. Charles Litz of Sandusky sets the example.

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You can crow just as soon as you

"I notice your paper embraces the states of Ohio and Kentucky. Why not take in the two Virginias? They are on the direct route to Washington, D. C." J. A. Rule, Clifton Forge, Va. To which we answer that we are will-

Don't start 1919 owing Luyendyk of Zeeland, Mich.

"Home, Sweet Home," the land-'ords cwn, the workers must pay rent. Buy furniture on the installment plan. It's sweet to be content. Nothing in the world to lose, don't even own the rial in job. Thankful to be working, while out of. the masters each day rob. The high Member-at-large George Allen will begin 1919 with 1919 paid. Try it on in that cold and chilly place called all we workers possess outside of our "Home, Sweet Home."

Among the Live Ones The Impending Crisis

Canton is coming to, in other words is waking up. Comrade Carl Guillod is on the job and not soldiering either. Ten subs from him this week.

"First blood," cries Comrade W. B. Dillon, State Secretary of New Mexico, as he captures two wandering in No Man's Land. Somehow or other, our state secretaries just can't resist

Comrade Victor Carlson of Youngslies for a start. You can do that too if you try. Why not do so?

Back again with two is Comrade Edwin Peterson of Niles. We knew he wouldn't stay away long.

Comrade Mrs. Hitchcock, wife of A. L. Hitchcock, the Socialist school board member of Cleveland, who is a guest of Uncle Sam at Atlanta, sends us four subs. She reports Comrade Hitchcock as feeling fine and gaining in weight, and now that he has his violin will be able to enjoy life still

Don't start 1919 owing for 1918.

"Hoping I can do better next time. We sure have a dandy paper and must keep it going at all cost," is what Comrade C. R., Swope of Warren writes. He sends four new subs and

Comrade C. R., Swope of Warren writes. He sends four new subs and two renewals. Thanks comrade, come again soon.

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Now comes Comrade Zeelo of Cleveland with three dollars for three yearlies. Comrade Zeelo sends us one two or three most every week. He's a member of the Red Hundred and holds the color in fine shape.

Another Red Hundred member

Another Red Hundred member keeps the pledge. Comrade Emma Strippel hands us a new yearly.

"I will do what I can in the future to send you more donations and subscriptions," writes Comrade J. W. Ellison, agent of the Ashtabula branch of the Marine Firemen, Watertenders and Coal Passers' Union. He sends a half yearly sub and \$1.50 for the

Still on the job is Comrade Catlin of Youngstown. Two half yearlies he

Our Piqua list still grows and grows. Comrade C. E. Landon adds six more to the list there this week. Every little bit added to what we've makes our chances better.

to go hand in hand with revolutionary unionism. The mission of the Socialist Party is to carry on a systematic educational propaganda for the purpose of instilling in the minds of the proletariat a knowledge of and

Cincinnati will keep in line if Com-Red Hundred members sure have the shall be brought about on the floors recipe for getting subs. Three more Comrade Gartleman sends in. rade Gartleman has his way. These Red Hundred members sure have the

Start 1919 with 1919 paid

Three renewals and a new one are the contribution of Comrade E. C. Wolfe of Mt. Vernon. One new one a week means a big list in a year, comrade.

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"We are entering upon a new period of activity," says Comrade Walter Conradi of New Bremen, who sends us "We are entering upon a new period one more.

One dollar for the defense fund and fifty cents for a subscription is the contribution of Comrade W. J. Gil-

more of Dola. Don't start 1919 owing for 1918.

it will. His efforts are getting results as witness three subs from him today.

This is what Comrade H. L. Franklin, State Secretary of West Virginia, says on his list of ten, "Accept this bunch. I'll be back soon with some more. Used to be a worker for the Appeal but since it lost its reason it's the Ohio Socialist for me. Stick to your colors, comrades, and victory will be ours." We advise the West Virginia comrades to get the spirit of their state secretary and to begin to put in double time for Socialism. The sooner the better.

From Wise, Va., comes three year-lies. Comrade D. B. Dale is responsible. Each and every week there are a few new boosters who raise their hands and say, "I'm with you, count me." We are always glad to see them. Thanks Comrade Dale.

Our Kentucky comrades are not to be left behind when it comes to getting subscribers. Read this Comrade E. L. Davenport of Central City. "Received the sample copies, handed them out and here is the result." He sends five dollars for as many yearlies. We are sure there are other comrades down in old "Kainare so well known as a Socialist that tuck" who can do just as well. Try.

Press stamp sales are looking up in Bellaire. Comrade Stidd sends in the names of seven subscribers. Keep them going, Comrade Stidd. We are counting on you.

"Received a copy of your paper and you will notice I am not wasting any time in sending my sub. Enclosed find dollar for same. Giving you full credit for the noble stand you have taken during the crisis. I went bond for Comrade Germer at Grand Rap-Thus writes Comrade Adrian

A bunch of six half yearlies from Comrade Blank of Lima shows he is still running strong as ever.

Another booster from Lima is Comrade Russell H. Calkins. Four from him proves there is plenty of material in Lima to make good Socialists

Hope, don't lose it. That's about poverty.

The Impending Crisis	Locals Monthly
By EDWIN FIRTH.	
Most prophecies find their proper resting place in the waste baskets of	Report
oblivion and derision. The prophecies	
of Socialists in the past, concerning	New Good On
the coming of the co-operative com-	Local. Memb's. Stand. Rol
monwealth, were based on scientific principles of evolution and economic	1
development, but in their enthu-	Alliance
siasm in the absolute sureness of the	Alpha
realization of their ideals, these pro-	Amherst
phets were prone to permit their de- sire for working class emancipation to	Ashtabula
outrun the slow but sure march of	Berberton 2
historical events.	Bellevue
But the war has opened a new book	Belmont Co
of theory and action to the proletariat	Blufton
of the world. The heel of the master class of Russia and Central Europe	
has driven the workers of those re-	Bunalo
gions to successful physical revolt.	Byesville
The impression this has made on the	Cambridge 340 65
thought processes of the workers of the world will never be effaced. In	
spite of all efforts of those opposed	Clark Co
to real and genuine democracy—indus-	Columbus 1 42 15
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Russia and Central Europe hold firm and czar, kaisers, kings and emperors	
are fleeing in all directions and tens	Crestline
of thousands of parasites, who never	Creston
had first hand acquaintance with work	Crookesvine
are now earning a living at useful labor. Those of us living may never	
see the full triumph of the Social	Dayton
Revolution in Europe, but the most	Derwent 12
powerful shackels of capitalism have	
been broken there, never again to be	Dover
forged. But what of America? Are the	Dunkinsville
American people capable of trans-	LE ELICIPOUL CONTRACT STATE
forming society from a capitalistic	Elyria Edgerton
form to a Socialistic form without	Elmwood Pl
the pressure of the desperate oppres- sion that engulfed the peoples of Eu-	
rope and forced them to rebel? There	
are some who contend that the Amer-	Fremont
ican people will rise to the occasion	Germantown
and exhibit the intelligence and pa- tience necessary to intelligently and	Girard
peacefully accomplish the great work	Greenfield 10
before us; there are more who con-	Greenwich
tend that with our greater political	Hamilton 143 27
liberty in this country we will, with	Harrison Twp
a great amount of antagonistic work- ing class backing and pulling on the	
political and industrial fields, stumble	Ironton Jenera
forward through the last days of capi-	Kenmore
talism without any great social up-	Kent
heavals; the great majority contend that we will follow the way of all	Lancaster
flesh and go forward on our stomachs.	Lima
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Comrade Henry Henkle of Hamilton was among the first to pledge support to the Ohio locialist. He's been busy ever since making that pledge good. Two half yearlies from him this week.

Another State Secretary boosts us a bit. Comrade Jennie McGehe of Colorado sends three dollars for three yearlies. We surely appreciate the help from other states and the comwatchword of the hour. short cuts to a realization of our cause. The paid-up Red Card, the paid-up union card and a personal

From all points come the same reports. People are inquiring about Socialism, what it means, what it will do for the workers. They want to understand it and to grasp the significance of this movement which is sweeping the world. Comrade Litz Van Buren-Bevershows us an example of this. He sends If Lorain doesn't keep up with the procession it will not be the fault of Comrade F. W. Goll. But we believe that he wished to know what Socialism was and that he knew he could not rely upon the capitalist press to find out the truth. What is true in this case is true in many others. We Socialists should make it our business to search out those with open and incommendation which and the state of the search out those with open and incommendation which and the search out the search out the search out the search of the search out the search of the search out the search of the quiring minds and get our literature in their hands. They are ready for it. Give it to them.

Start 1919 with 1919 paid

* * * Comrade Pinkus of Davenport, Ia., is a new name on our growing list of boosters. Six subs the first time is good, we say. We shall look for more from this comrade, for we know he has gotten so much momentum that he couldn't stop if he wished.

Our Akron Rods are rounding them up in great shape. Comrade A. C. Halloway sence on one and so does Comrade Kuttner.

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them pretty regularly nowadays.

Canton. those who show up every week good and strong.

Start 1919 with 1919 paid Comrade James Shafer of Hamilton,

an old time booster, forwards one sub

Mansfield local is waking up its members by sticking a press stamp on them. This method will prove effec-They will soon be more than tive. awake, they will soon be doing things.

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Comrade Wm. P. Williams of Englewood, Colo., runs across a copy of the Ohio Socialist in the State Office glewood, Colo., runs across a copy of the Ohio Socialist in the State Office there and as a result we receive his subscription. Comrade Williams writes us a very encouraging letter.

We may be mistaken, but at those that the occupation of the American army of occupation is some other occupation than keeping that to get Socialism requires couraging letter.

Let us hope that the occupation of the American army of occupation is some other occupation than keeping that to get Socialists. What do you think?

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sent the state office congratu'ations Mayor Hamilton of Piqua forwards me. Comrade Hamilton is sending hem pretty regularly nowadays.

Three from Comrade Allen Cook of Canton. Comrade Cook is among hose who show in every week good

The suppression of free speech is among hose who show in every week good

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The suppression of free speech is a suppression of free speech is a suppression of scoundrels in sup-

Eighteen new members admitted in pressing a free people.

for 1918.

A BUTTON STORY

A comrade wrote us the other day (we will not mention his name nor the name of his local so as to save the feelings of his fellow members) that about the matter or I would have told the was the only member of the local that wore a Socialist button. Wm. Richards, organizer of Local Youngstown, on the other hand, orders 200 hungry kids right around the corner button. of the "little red lapel buttons." here at home. Where do you stand?

We may be mistaken, but at those on sale at the state office and only 20c for ten of them.

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We must caution you. Don't do as so many have done in the past-order a bundle after the edition is off the press. If you desire to do your part in circulating our "VICTORY" edition then ORDER NOW. Orders placed after December 25th cannot be filled.

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Gleanings

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

The war between capital and labor is on. Now it's up to congress to keep the American army out of it. Keep your eye on your congressman.

The senate ought not to kick at oneman government. It helped to create as intellectual death.

They tell us we do not understand the situation in Europe and therefore

They tell us we are a Free People, but we know better. No people are really free in any land where capitalsm exists. We are a nation of capitalist masters and wage slaves.

Some names that will go down in history — Liebknecht, Scheidemann, Kerensky, Trotzky, Spargo, Lenine, Hohenzollern, Haywood, Gompers, Wilson, Debs, Walsh, Hyndman, Ramsye McDonald, Asquith. Amuse yourself by trying to put them in two groups. groups. One group will be honored and the other anathemized. Can you group them?

Over here—contented wage slaves hours of overwork.

a la Gompers. Over there—wage slaves in rebellion a la Lanine and Liebknecht.

* * * Be honest (in your the master class even

Over here—the espionage act. Over there—the RESULTS of former espionage acts.

Over here—disfranchised women. Over there—enfranchised women. Bourgeois—taker of wealth others

create. Proletaire—maker of wealth bourgeoisie take.

You can tell the character of a home by the kind of books in it. Some homes contain no books except the Bible and a mail order catalog, and a shadow of its former self, but hystopic still shounds. the catalog is read by far the most.

Have you ordered some new scientific books from the State Office lately?

"Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the erned." says the Declaration of Independence, but you will notice it says JUST powers. All just powers may come from the consent of the governed but nowadays a heap of power is exercised without the consent of the ... governed.

Governments derive their strength from the ignorance, cowardice and

misdirected activity of the governed. This is true of all class government. Pity the poor war profiteer—he is

obless now. * * *

After reading all about America's wonderful financial strength it is a market to hear the before Christmas plea of the Plute Press for aid for the poor kiddies, we can adolish poverty for year instead of ame liorating it at Christmas time but before we do that we will have to pay more attention to working class

billionaire.

When grandfather came here he found a forest of standing trees. When we got here we found a forest Comrades Baker, Ruthenberg and Wagenknecht desire to thank the many comrades and locals that have father could, yet grandfather OWNED as the state office congressivities. sent the state office congratuations his shoes when he got through making upon their release from prison and ing them, while I only get wages for his shoes when he got through mak-

Portage County Local to the front! | the first act of scoundrels in sup-

Political freedom must be followed Don't start 1919 owing by Economic Freedom before the world can have an Industrial Democracy and all the Government Buros of control and suppression are but milestones showing how far we have progressed in the wrong direction.

> America has promised 20,000,000 tons of food to Europe, so says the

Let us hope that the occupation of

The parliament of Tolouse, France,

A welcome change from pictures of burned 400 women as witches on the the war which has been fought a little public square in a single hour. This bit overlong in the movies."-From a is a sample of good Christianity as movie writeup.

But I didn't expect them to admit it not suffer a witch to live." People who believe the Bible never had a chance to study it.

> I'd much rather send my children to a pest house than to a Sunday school. At the pest house the worst that could happen would be death by contagious disease, while at the Sun-day school the least that can happen

How much happier and wiser the world would be if parents would only teach their children all that they KNOW about God in place of what we must not discuss it. It looks to me, just an ordinary citizen of the "Free Peoples," that if we don't know enough about it to be allowed to talk about it, we do not know about God? Nothing. This much and no more should be taught children concerning God. Do not lie to the

Blackstone said, "The husband and wife are one and that one is the husband." Well all the states denying suffrage to women in effect say the same thing.

All creeds of all churches which accept the Bible as authority are founded on a lie. The doctrine of original sin is a lie. The church has no monopoly on the

morals of the masses although it claims to have. A half a loaf is better than four

Be honest (in your dealings with the master class even if you have to

The continued suppression of a free press, speech and assembly, written in the American constitution's first amendment, is an insult to the heroic dead of 1774-76. Let congress immediately repeal the espionage act and place that barbaric document along with the infamous alien and sedition laws of 1812.

When the Yanks have learned to Parle Voo, they'll know their place in the class line too.

"The Christian church was swamped by hysteria from the third to the sixteenth century"—Rev. Charles Kingsley. The Christian church was not founded till the third century and its waxed strong, reached the zenith of its power during the dark ages and then began to wane. It is now only teria still abounds.

All church buildings are monuments. Monuments to the ignorance of past ages, when belief and hysteria was strong and science was unknown.

Be sure to give the baby a tin sword and a toy cannon this Christ-mas so he will grow up familiar with the killing tools. This is the season of the year we lie to the children about Santa Claus.

how very, very, wrong it is to tell a A child fed upon lies is not to be blamed if it grows up a liar.

All the rest of the year we teach them

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