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# Our New Editor: Patrick L. Quinlan

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Beginning with next week *The New Age* will be edited by P.L. Quinlan.

Quinlan was a member of the British Independent Labour Party and the General Workers Union, worked in the campaign to elect Keir Hardie member of Parliament for Merthyr Boroughs. Returned to the United States in 1900 and enrolled in the SLP. When the IWW was organized in 1905 he was a charter member of the Metal Workers local and for a time acted as voluntary organizer, assisted in the work of organizing the Hotel Workers' Union and other independent unions. Led two strikes of the Hotel Workers. The Longshoremen's Union, when it was fighting for decent conditions, had his active support.

In 1913, he cooperated with [Elizabeth Gurley Flynn], [Big Bill] Haywood, and [Carlo] Tresca in directing the famous Paterson silk strike. For his work in the silk strike, Quinlan was rewarded with two years in Trenton State Prison and \$500 fine. He was charged with making a speech that Joe Mancini, an Italian shop delegate, had delivered in connection with his report to the mass meeting of strikers [February 25, 1913].

After Quinlan's release from prison he agitated against the abuses that obtained in the prison and succeeded in having a commission appointed by Governor [Walter Evans] Edge to investigate the abuses. Quinlan was sustained and many reforms were instituted.

He was later organizer for the AF of L. He has been delegate to several party conventions and addressed meetings all over the country.

Last year he visited Russian and European countries and had some interesting experiences.

*Edited by Tim Davenport*

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