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U. S. Senators Hide Behind Secret Ballot As They Elect Wall Street Agent to Power

Debs Column

Chamber of Commerce Morality

The economic determination of morality is well illustrated in an incident that occurred in connection with the murder of a family from shame...

Even an American town, San Juan, across the border from here (La Juana) through its Chamber of Commerce, sent a resolution...

As a matter of fact it is the trusts and combines that are regulating the Department of Justice and not the Department of Justice that is regulating the trusts and combines.

Two Dollars a Seat
A Negro was hanged in Kentucky recently after being convicted of an infamous crime.

Humor in Headlines

It is a sad, sad commentary indeed, and a most humiliating and disheartening one to think of people calling themselves civilized who will deliberately gather and pay for the privilege of having a reserved seat...

Passport Denied Debs As He Leaves U. S. to Save Mrs. Debs' Health—May Not Be Allowed to Re-enter Country

Eugene V. Debs, foremost fighter for the rights of the workers and for humanity in America for an entire generation, left the shores of his native land from New York for Bermuda on March 24.

BEHIND THIS EFFORT TO HUMILIATE DEBS AND PUT HIM IN THE WRONG IS THE DESIRE OF THESE ADMINISTRATORS AT ALL COSTS TO CLEAR THEIR OWN SKIRTS BY PUTTING DEBS IN THE WRONG.

Beg Pardon, Gene

They'd have Gene Debs, whose spirit still lives. The tools of plunder on a lower plane, the portion of rogues, graft and lies...

While magnates and agents of Wall Street bulldozed trembling senators in the senate lobbies, the United States senate went into executive session, Saturday, and confirmed President Coolidge's appointment of Thomas M. Woodlock, Wall Street's candidate, to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

A Shameful Story

Thomas M. Woodlock was Wall Street's candidate for the vacant place on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Too Raw for Committee

SO CLOSELY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RAILROAD INTERESTS WAS MR. WOODLOCK THAT THIS COMMITTEE, AFTER EXTENDED HEARINGS, REPORTED THAT HE BE TURNED DOWN ON THE GROUND THAT HE WAS TOO CLOSE TO THE RAILROADS TO BE ENTRESTED WITH THEIR REGULATION.

Berger Opens Congress Fight for Citizenship for All War Victims

Congressman Victor L. Berger, Socialist Wisconsin, opened on the floor of congress this week the fight for the restoration of citizenship for all victims of war madness and the parallel drive of the Civil Liberties Union.

Magazine Gives Inside Story of Bribery Charge Against Coolidge

NEW YORK.—That "the president deliberately tried to threaten and bribe an officeholder of the United States to withhold a semi-judicial opinion simply and solely because of the effect it might have upon his political fortunes," as revealed by Senator Norris' undefended charges against Mr. Coolidge in the speech of the former in the senate on Jan. 23, is explained at some length in an article in The Nation.

National Peace Society Joins Big Debs Drive

Henry W. Pinkham, national secretary of the Association to Abolish War, saunters behind the drive to restore citizens' rights to Debs and his fellow victims of the war with his large, nationwide organization.

After carefully reading this copy, give it to a friend.—Thank you.

Says U. S. Ambassador Helped Set Up Fascist Dictatorship

More light is thrown on the friendliness of the present administration toward Mussolini and the fascist dictatorship and the amazing debt cancellation in their favor by the American Debt Commission...

Tacoma Successful with Power System

Tacoma, Wash.—Municipal ownership of the light and power system has proven successful in Tacoma. During 1932 the operating income was \$1,619,599.83.

European Socialism Spreads News About the Fight for Debs

The fight for the citizenship rights of Eugene V. Debs and other American war victims is stirring the Socialist and labor circles of far-off Europe...

Liquor Referendum

The biggest newspaper referendum vote in history, in which 376 newspapers participated throughout the United States has resulted in a vote of more than five to one against prohibition...

Weekly News Digest

plies—Greece, Roesia, Jugoslavia, Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Roumania and Turkey. Mussolini has just decided to increase his army from 150,000 to 250,000.

Appeal Army Column

How is this for a record? Comrade Louis Rabinowitz of Chicago has turned \$172 over to the Appeal for subscriptions since the paper started.

United Workers Win Tremendous Paris Victory

The united socialist and communist forces won Sunday in a sensational and significant by-election in Paris, electing two candidates, Fournier and Du Clos to the French chamber of deputies.

Unions Start War on Pennsylvania Anti-Sedition Law

Pittsburgh, Pa.—A vigorous campaign for the repeal of the notorious strike-breaking, union smashing Flynn Anti-Sedition Act was initiated by a number of labor organizations of Pittsburgh and vicinity.

After September What?

The League of Nations, which has never been more than a convenient arrangement between robber governments to internationalize their system of robbery, encountered its most gigantic failure at Geneva last week.

Murders of Matteotti

The monstrous international farce, the pretended trial of the murderers of Matteotti, former Italian Socialist deputy, ended during the week in the acquittal of two of the accused.

Swan Johnson's Death Grieves N. Y. Comrades

The New York State Committee of the Socialist Party passed unanimously the following resolution: To the Family of Comrade Swan Johnson:

The Bundle Brigade

Charging forward, over the top, comes the Bundle Brigade. Right at the head is California with an order for 250 copies to be sent ten a week to Joseph Anderson, Merced.

An Open Letter

Dear Comrade: The time has arrived to proceed to proceed. This news space this week is used to explain how unorganized comrades can produce truly big news.

Tragedy in China

The grievous and tragical thing that happened in China, at a critical point in the struggle between democracy and militaristic reaction international capitalism managed to tip the scales against the people.

Mother of Comrade James Oneal Dead

Comrade James Oneal's comrades in the national office and his many C. comrades of comrades throughout the country, would have him and his brothers, Edward and John, know of their deep sympathy for them in the loss of their mother, Mrs. Ethel Oneal, who died in Terre Haute, Ind., on the age of 75, last Wednesday, March 25.

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Tom W. Reed, a faithful reporter from El Centro, Cal., sends in four new ones. "I have received four more," he says, "and I find that not all have bowed the knee to the image of Baal in our town. If the time comes when the average man will not tell a few rich and influential ones tell him not to handle our literature, we will move ahead O. K."

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Wallace W. Gamble, Ferguson Falls, Minn., sends a new sub with his order for a bundle of fifty. "I am one of the veterans of the old Appeal Army," he says. "My own Appeal has been read and reread by a dozen people. Comrade sends a picture of himself and his new car. We wish you could all see it. He looks like he was ready to start right out on the journey to a million circulation."

Co-operators Here Number 3 Million

America, in spite of its individualism, is becoming more collective every year and is marching toward Socialism. At least 3,000,000 American producers are enrolled actively in the co-operative movement, according to estimates prepared by the All-American Co-operative Movement.

Just a Word

The National Office address is 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago. We are always glad to hear from anybody, anywhere, anytime on anything pertaining to our movement.

On the Firing Line

You can't have success in a great big game with small shots, the same holds true in gaining ground for your cause. A local organization of Socialists can use big shot and get results.

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Red Bluff, Cal., keeps right at work.

Red Bluff, Cal., keeps right at work. H. C. Eager orders fifty a week for ten weeks. That's what keeps the steady cannonading on the western shore. You can't stop the West-Coast Batteries.

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The Workmen's Circle, Hoboken, N. J., sends for fifty more. H. J. Hufnagel, Irwin, Pa., is going to distribute 25 and W. E. Davis, Whitesville, Conn. sends a dozen to a good old Appeal Army hustler. We hope he will do as much for the new Appeal as he did for the old.

The Big News Item

The Illinois State Secretary, Comrade William R. Snow, is most unusually studious of books worth while and of our movement; he is not excitable, never indulges in the rose-tinted, oratorically perfumed phrases of optimistic delirium, and always cold-bloodedly insists on the facts.

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James Lund, a member of the old Appeal Army out in Auburn, Wash.

James Lund, a member of the old Appeal Army out in Auburn, Wash., has found another friend. "It is hard to get subs out here among these stump-ranchers," he says. "I get a small bundle from Local Seattle each week which I distribute among the thinly settled population here. I have been out here among the big timber for nearly forty-five years. I am now seventy-three but expect to be here another twenty years." May the dear comrade be with us for a long long time. It is such steadfast old timers who show us how to work.

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Harold Nelson, Hiteama, Iowa, now has a club of six. He writes, "I received the six copies from you which I had not read before. The American Appeal sure does tell the truth. I am thankful to you for sending them as I now can read from the start. I wish The Appeal success."

John Mouri, Neffs, Ohio, adds three more to his club.

John Mouri, Neffs, Ohio, adds three more to his club. Chas. B. Brown, Branscomb, Cal., sends "two yearlings." He is busy with the Debs petition and will find more company as he works.

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The Capitalist Class is not a bit scared of the workers.

The Capitalist Class is not a bit scared of the workers, when there is no working class representation in the law making bodies. A Socialist unorganized is helpless. Did you ever see a Lion run away from a flock of sheep?



New York Housing Plan Marks Basic Capitalist Breakdown

American capitalism is breaking down in the provision of one of the three elemental necessities—shelter. As a result, the first step is being taken in America toward the socialization of housing, despite the ingrained individualism of this country.

REACHED ONE OF THOSE FATAL DEADLOCKS IN ITS PLUNGE TO DESTRUCTION—IT HAS REACHED A POINT WHERE SOCIALISM HAS TO BEGIN IN SOME MODIFIED FORM TO SUPPLANT IT.

opened will the state go farther, and undertake housing projects by direct action. This looks like a cautious, conservative scheme, if the state is to take notice of housing matters at all. But it is met with cries of "socialism!" and "bolshevism!" Big real estate interests of the metropolis seem to have shifted their offices to Albany, and are moving heaven and earth to defeat the bill.

Significant Development

Behind Governor Smith's plan is one of the most significant economic and social developments in the history of this country. Gradually within the crowded sections of the large American cities the real wages of the workers have declined in comparison with the real cost of housing and the dizzy climb in the price of real estate to the point where private capital can no longer build and rent decent and livable homes for the workers at a profit.

Plan Not New

State and semi-state housing plans are not new except in America. European capitalism is so far on its way to the ash heap that housing the workers has become the serious business of many governments and co-operative societies. The present Tory administration of Great Britain has planned a state building and renting program that would paralyze "progressive" Governor Smith with fear.

Plan Has Strong Support

Organized labor is strong for it. John M. O'Hanlon, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, appeared at a committee hearing to give the bill endorsement. John Gill, executive secretary of the Bricklayers' union, pledged the "maximum efficiency" of his associates, including an arrangement by which industrial conflicts would be unknown on the state's housing project and other building trades talk in much the same way. Philanthropists, settlement house workers, health officials all appeared to urge prompt and favorable action on the bill.

Dividends to Be Limited

The tenants will be under private management. The rents must not be over \$12.50 per room, and dividends to private management are limited, though just where the limit shall be drawn is still a matter of debate.

A Fateful Deadlock

Nothing can be done to remedy this condition under the conditions of capitalism. CAPITALISM HAS

The Rulers—A Parable

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Capitalist Paper Sees No Remedy for Monopoly But Public Ownership

The Appeal recommends for perusal by its readers this editorial from the Terre Haute Post, presenting unusually advanced views for a capitalist publication. Terre Haute is Debs' home town and the working class is progressive. Maybe that's the reason.

ism will be possible and it will work. Maybe the Socialists are right and that is what we are headed for. Nobody can say for the thing never yet has happened in human history.

Every public power project thus far attempted in America has been successful. They have all made money. Seattle, Tacoma, Cleveland, Los Angeles have proved that cities can do this job successfully, can produce light and power, sell it cheaply and make money. The Canadian province of Ontario has proved it on an even bigger scale.

Liberty in Hungary

American Socialists have no idea of the cruel and terrific fight Socialists have to make in Europe. In those countries that have established capitalist dictatorship Hungary is one of these countries. A Hungarian comrade writes The Appeal about some examples of Hungarian tyranny of the past two weeks as follows:

Labor's Land Program

On the other hand, the whole superstructure of the Labor Party's policy for the countryside is based upon the public ownership of agricultural land. Mr. Lloyd George is now of the same opinion. All schemes for the marketing, distribution and transport of farm products, agricultural credit, insurance, education, research and communal drainage, will only yield their highest economic possibilities to the rural worker when agricultural landlordism is abolished and the community takes over the functions of the landlord. The economic reorganization of this primary industry is therefore becoming one of the big issues of the British party politics.

Coal Industry in Chaos

About 1,000 separate and competing undertakings, operating about 3,000 mines, have reduced the coal-mining industry to a state of chaos and bankruptcy. The coalowners cannot promise a living wage to the coalminers, nor coal at a reasonable price to the consumer, and the relative attractiveness of the industry to British capitalists as regards supplying new capital has gone. In May, the nation will have to face the issue of an industrial upheaval or reorganization.

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The Wise Silk Worm—A Fable

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Indian Bureau Fosters Bills To Rob and Oppress Own Wards

Unallotted lands are those which have not been parcelled out to individual Indians, but are owned by the tribe collectively.

When an oil promoter secures a lease on such land he must pay the tribe a royalty, say, of 12 1/2 per cent on his gross production. Heretofore, the Indian tribes have been allowed to keep this money. Now Mr. Burke proposes to turn 37 1/2 per cent of it over to the state. It is gross injustice to take from the wards of the Federal government so large a portion of their income for state purposes—a tax white men would instantly declare confiscatory if applied to themselves, and it is a further injustice to tax Indians at a higher rate than white men for state purposes.

Jokers in Bill

But there is a larger thing. Skilled attorneys and those familiar with tax legislation and Indian matters declare there is a joker here which amounts to a new departure, and that this law is clearly open to the interpretation of exempting oil producers from taxation on their gross production upon such reservations by either the state or Uncle Sam.

Make Agent Dictator

The other bill Mr. King says, would empower an Indian reservation agent or any of his subordinates, as a matter of personal judgment, to throw an Indian in jail for six months without a warrant or stated cause. The Indian may then demand trial before a Federal judge.

Gross Discrimination

H. R. 9133 proposes to levy a tax of 3 1/4 per cent on oil and gas royalties received by Indians living on unallotted lands in Executive Order reservations. The money is to be turned over to the state where the reservations lie.

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Petition for Debs' Citizenship

WHEREAS, Eugene V. Debs was deprived of his citizenship when he was sentenced to a federal prison for opposition to the World War, and WHEREAS, Mr. Debs was sentenced under a special emergency law, and this law and this emergency no longer exist, and WHEREAS, Mr. Debs is a man of loftiest and purest motives, devoted whole-heartedly to a lifelong work of making this country, as he sees it, greater and better, and WHEREAS, amnesty and full citizenship has been restored in such cases by all the other governments of the former Allies; therefore WE, THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS, RESPECTFULLY PETITION THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO RESTORE TO EUGENE V. DEBS HIS FULL RIGHTS AS A CITIZEN.

Name. Address.

British Political Situation

By Arthur Henderson, M. P.

This article by Arthur Henderson, Secretary of the British Labor Party, is the first of a series of special articles on the Socialist and Labor situation in various countries throughout the world.

No League With Liberals

No official of the Parliamentary Labor Party and no one representing the National Executive has ever been directly or indirectly associated with any conversations regarding such an alliance. Labor will engage in a clean, straight fight for a majority at the next election. If Labor fails to secure a majority, the Party will not purchase Liberal support by the betrayal of its principles, the lowering of its ideals or the mutilation of its program as set out in its Constitution and the decisions of its Annual Conferences.

Labor Party Plan

Labor's scheme is framed with the object of transforming the mining industry from a coal extracting to a coal utilizing industry. The production of coal would be combined with a comprehensive national scheme for the scientific pre-treatment of coal for the production of electrical power. It contemplates the complete integration of coal production, power application, transport and the manufacture of products as a single national enterprise under the control of a public body composed of experts.

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