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SOCIALISM TO END WAR BY RELEASING MANKIND FROM INSANE PROFIT SYSTEM

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL (Written Especially for the American Socialist)

THE HORRORS of this war are so far beyond all previous conceptions of warfare that all of Europe that knows the facts is sickened at their recital...

RUSSELL'S SECOND ARTICLE FROM SCENE OF SLAUGHTER. This is the second article sent The American Socialist by Charles Edward Russell...

the creation of new means of destruction, more deadly artillery, more murderous bombs, greater armies, and more weapons for war purposes until the opportune moment for another deluge of blood...

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Peace Effort Told Europe In 3 Tongues

Socialists of Europe are being told in three languages of the efforts being made by the American Socialist party to call an international congress of world Socialists to restore world peace.

COLORADO COAL BARONS AGAIN SHOW ANARCHISTS

It is daily becoming more evident that the Wilson administration is too subservient to big business to take any decisive action in the Colorado coal strike.

CAPITALIST INTERNATIONAL NOW IN ITS DEATH THROES

One hundred years ago this month the Congress of Vienna met to settle the problems left by the French revolution and the Napoleonic wars.

FOOD PIRATES FEED THE WAR IN EUROPE

While the national Democratic administration continues inactive, the big food pirates continue coining profits by feeding the war in Europe.

NEXT WEEK

We believe we have something good for next week. If you have had too much of the war, here is something else.

Miners Run Picture Show.

The miners at Staunton, Ill., have the most beautiful and finely equipped hall in that part of the country.

Wright Opposes Lewis.

Wright Wright, secretary of Local 1234, has been nominated for Congress in the Sixth Maryland District in opposition to Congressman David J. Lewis.

Will Those Who Pray For Peace Stop the Industrial War Which Hatches Out in Universal Hell?

MY DEVIL—not the devil, but my Devil—is ascendant, triumphant, and drunk with its victory.

CHICAGO JOBLESS NOW ESTIMATED AT 100,000

That hunger and unemployment is to be the lot of American workers this winter is the only conclusion that can be drawn from conditions already existing in Chicago.

MAN-HUNTING POLITICIAN TRIES TO POISON PRESS

One hundred and twenty-five witnesses were called at Clinton, Ill., to save Carl Person, the Socialist editor of the Strike Bulletin.

WILL THOSE WHO PRAY FOR PEACE STOP THE INDUSTRIAL WAR WHICH HATCHES OUT IN UNIVERSAL HELL?

THE SUPREME ANTI-CHRIST, which has flooded the harvest fields of Europe with blood of the poor, marked as soldiers.

Million Names By Xmas, Plan In Food Fight

BY WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER. "One million signatures by Christmas" is the petition slogan in the big fight against the food pirates.

Victor L. Berger

Former Socialist congressman, will write the leading article for the CONGRESSIONAL ISSUE, which will appear on OCTOBER 17.

SEE BIRTH AGONIES OF NEW INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM

from the mouths of the great siege gun, and schooled by the shrieks of the dying.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1914

MOST USELESS BOOK. America's most useless book for the current year is the annual report for 1913-1914 of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace...

THE HORROR OF IT. (From the Milwaukee Leader.) Now that war is here, whoever speaks of it feels more than ever...

CAPITALISM IS REAL CAUSE OF THE WAR. (From the London Daily Herald.) The Daily Socialist party has issued a stirring manifesto to the workers...

URGENT ANTI-MILITARISTS TO UNITE IN WAR ON WAR. (Editor, The Labor Leader, organ of the British Independent Labor Party.) This is the great and imperative duty...

SEEK NO ENTHUSIASM FOR WAR IN GREAT BRITAIN. (Editor, The Labor Leader, organ of the British Independent Labor Party.) There is no real enthusiasm for the war in England, Scotland, or Wales...

THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS PEACE WILL PROVE MOST LASTING. (Editor of Neue Zeit, German Socialist Weekly.) The most advantageous peace is that which will prove the most lasting...

HERE IS STORY OF HIGH COST OF KILLING. These statistics, showing the cost of war since the year 1793, show the average cost of killing one man to be as follows:

Open the Way to Lasting Peace

(Editorial in The Milwaukee Leader)

THE SOCIALISTS of the United States have opened the way to a real and lasting peace. In the call issued for a special peace session of the International Socialist and Labor Congress...

It is impossible to tell whether the time is now here for writing such a call. The time is certainly here, and will be here every moment until that fearful thing that is desolating Europe has been stopped...

It is possible that some of the Socialist parties in Europe are not yet ready to join in such a congress. That is for them to determine.

Some Views of the War

SOCIALISTS AS FIGHTERS IN EUROPEAN SLAUGHTER.

By J. Bruce Glasier. (Prominent British Socialist.) There is, it seems to me, only one valid justification for Belgium, French, and British Socialists taking up arms in this appalling conflict...

SOCIALISM TO EMERGE FROM WAR STRONGER THAN EVER.

By Morris Hillquit. International Secretary of the American Socialist Party. The Socialists so far have proved powerless to stem the irresistible tide of the European war epidemic...

BELFORT BAX SEES NEW GERMAN RISE OUT OF WAR.

By B. Belfort Bax. (In Justice, organ of the British Socialists.) We would fain hope that the outcome of the present war will see the final downfall of the Prussian state...

Table with columns: Country, Year, Men killed, Cost, and Average cost per man killed. Includes data for France-English, United States, Russia-Turkey, and Balkan war.

NOT ONLY PRAISE, BUT ALSO WORK FOR PEACE.

(Editorial in The New York Call)

President Wilson set aside Sunday, October 4, as Peace Sunday, when prayers for peace will be offered up in the churches of the nation.

The Wilson Democratic administration has been conclusively during the past two months that it is not interested in peace, either in Colorado or Europe.

BISHOP SPALDING, ARDENT SOCIALIST, MEETS DEATH.

By Irwin Tucker. Rt. Rev. Franklin Spencer Spalding, missionary bishop of the Episcopal church in Utah...

At the general convention of the Episcopal church, held in New York last October, he was chosen to deliver the principal address at the social service mass meeting.

HUYSMANS MEETS KARL LIEBKNECHT IN BELGIUM.

The first meeting of prominent German and Belgian Socialists took place when Karl Liebknecht, the German Socialist deputy...

DRY IN VIRGINIA—VIRGINIA HAS VOTED TO GO DRY.

Virginia has voted to go dry. The prohibition law will go into effect November 1, 1916.

FREE SPEECH FIGHT IN OKLAHOMA.

City authorities of both Muskogee and Tulsa, Okla., are making an attempt to suppress free speech.

1,000 INITIATION STAMPS.

Comrade E. E. Boardman, state secretary of Connecticut, reports that we need 1,000 initiation stamps.

American Socialism Takes Lead

(Editorial in The New York Call)

MANIFESTING a fine spirit, the American Socialist party has opened into lines, inviting the Socialists of the world to gather in an international congress...

The prospects for immediate peace, through any known activity, Socialist or otherwise, do not at this moment look particularly bright.

LETTERS FROM "AMERICAN SOCIALIST" READERS.

PARTY ORGANIZATION. As I read Comrade Hunt's article on organization in the American Socialist, I am sure that the party is doing great work...

WAGNER'S GREATEST MISTAKE. The greatest error of the European war was the 100 French who absolutely refused to attend arms against their fellow-workers of another country.

GOOD OPENING FOR A SOCIALIST AT TORNE.

In a western state, \$1,000 necessary to handle. Address Attorney, care American Socialist.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST REVIEW

OCTOBER, 1914 THE GREAT EUROPEAN WAR AND SOCIALISM By ANTON PANNEKOEK (Bremen)

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The only way to obtain world peace is by declaring war—against war.

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We know that you are anxious for THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST not primarily to get a premium. You are getting people to subscribe for this paper because you are a Socialist...

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For a list of 25 subscribers at 25 cents each we will send you either THE 1914 CAMPAIGN BOOK or THE HUMAN SLAUGHTER HOUSE...

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Executive Department
WALTER RAYBURN, Secretary
National Executive Committee
200 W. Madison St., Chicago

BIG CAMPAIGN TO SECURE "ONE MILLION VOICES FOR SOCIALISM" IS NOW ON

The slogan of "ONE MILLION VOICES FOR SOCIALISM" was inspired by Charles Edward Russell, writing from the field...

Official Business

PROPOSED NATIONAL REFERENDUM
By English League of Du-luth, Minn., with 17 members...

Great Membership-Subscription Contest

Our big membership subscription contest is now under way. It made a hit from the start...

The local that sends in the most subscribers, who are at the same time new party members, will receive a set of "The Library of Classics" (30 volumes)...

Membership of the Socialist Party

Do you know what the membership of the Socialist party is at the present time? We are publishing herewith a table...

MEMBERSHIP

Table with 5 columns: State, June, July, Aug., Total. Lists membership figures for various states and territories.

What the Socialist party needs most right now is a big upward movement in its dues-paying membership...

STATE SECRETARIES
Al-Jama-Emma F. Connolly, Sterrett.
Arizona-Alice Eddy, Labor Temple, Phoenix.

PEACE PRAYERS
will be offered in every church Sunday, October 6. The War Veterans, reports that the party this year has placed 42 candidates in the field for the state Assembly...

WORKMEN'S SICK & DEATH BENEFIT FUND
TABLE SHOWING STATUS OF THE BENEFIT FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1914

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Co-Operators' Industrial Association of the World
An organization of working people under the above name is in process of formation...

CIGARS
Highest Quality—U.S. Made—
One Hundred—Other Brands—
THE COMMONWEALTH CO-OPERATIVE ASSN. (Established 1900)

Ability+Training=Power
YOU have ability. We give you training. RESULT to you—POWER.

THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE
FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

THE CITIZEN
of Schenectady, New York
Dr. GEORGE R. LUNN, Editor

Dr. Lunn's Anti-War Editorials
Will be among the chief features of The Citizen during the continuation of the monstrous tragedy now threatening the workers of the world.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
The CITIZEN, alone, \$1.00 per year in advance.

Subscriptions for The Citizen and The American Socialist, both for one year for \$1.20

Subscriptions for The Citizen and Pearson's Magazine, both for one year for \$1.50

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Hillquit - Gompers Debate
Morris Hillquit is regarded by many as the ablest man in the Socialist party. Samuel Gompers, whatever his shortcomings, is a man of unquestioned ability.

Reading Notices
The American Socialist will receive reading notices to be run in advertisements in this column at the rate of 10 cents an agent line or \$1.00 an inch.

Socialist Movies
You can make good wages and make Socialists at the same time by procuring a picture machine outfit with picture lectures on some of the many red hot subjects as put out by Dr. E. E. Sonnenschein of Girard, Kan.

Old Age Pensions
If interested write J. S. LENNAN, Moundville, Kansas

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WHY SHOULD CATHOLIC WORKINGMEN BE SOCIALISTS?

By CARL D. THOMPSON, Director of the Socialist Party Information Department

POPE LEO felt a deep concern for the working people. In his encyclical on "The Condition of the Working Classes" (Rerum Novarum, May 15, 1891) published by Benziger Brothers, and bearing "Wills Obsequia Lefort, S. T. L., Censor Librorum, and Impri-matur, John M. Farley, Archbishop of New York")...

ANOTHER CAMPAIGN LEAFLET. This article by Carl D. Thompson, head of the Socialist Party Information Department, on "Why Should Catholic Workingmen be Socialists?" has been published as one of the leaflets to be used during the present congressional campaign. The defense of Socialism by Pope Leo XIII is approved in its entirety by the American Socialist, who has been published as a leaflet.

WHAT ALL WORKERS MUST HAVE. Now in order to live and provide for his family the worker must have at the very least two things: 1. A steady job; 2. Sufficient wages. Are we, the workers, getting these two things today? We are not. In the first place, there are never less than 1,000,000 working people unemployed...

can the church solve these problems? Some say the Church will solve these problems for us. But can it? What we must have is land, and factories and mines, mills and railroads—plant to work. The Church does not own them, not control them, even indirectly.

THE RIGHTS OF LABOR. "It is just," says Pope Leo, "that the fruit of a man's sweat and labor should be enjoyed by him." Of course it is not. And that is precisely what every Socialist insists upon. Everywhere today the worker is being robbed of the fruit of his toil.

A LIVING WAGE. Pope Leo XIII declared in his encyclical that the workingman should have at least enough to buy bread, to support him in reasonable and frugal comfort. Do we get it? We do not. Rev. John A. Ryan, S. T. D., professor of ethics and economics in the St. Paul Seminary, priest of the Roman Catholic Church, in his most excellent book on "A Living Wage" (page 175), declares that at least sixty per cent of the adult portion of the wage earners of the United States get less than \$600.00 a year.

these are the fundamental and essential things in Socialism.

WE HAVE THE REMEDY. The pope says a remedy must be found and found quickly. We have the remedy. We propose to put an end to the robbery of paper. We propose that the great public utilities such as the railroads, mines and street car lines, light plants, gas plants, telephone plants, and power plants be owned and operated as today the post office is PUBLIC PROPERTY.

RELIGION A PRIVATE MATTER. Every Socialist party in the world has declared officially in its platform at one time or another that "religion is a private matter" which the Socialist party does not concern itself.

ISNT SOCIAL REFORM ENOUGH? But say some, Socialism would completely abolish the present system. It isn't necessary to do that. The system is bad, they admit, but it only needs reforming. Social reform, therefore, would be enough. Now the trouble with that program of "social reform" is that we have been trying it for nearly fifty years and it doesn't work.

become trust for years, and every one of the trusts are bigger and stronger today than ever before. The cost of living has not been reduced by an inch as a penny. On the whole, the working man's struggle for existence is as hard as ever and the treatment of labor is in every way as brutal and inhuman as ever—even worse.

THE CHURCH CONDEMNED SOCIALISM? We have no absolute authoritative statement of any pope or council on the question. So far as we can discover Pope Pius IX and Leo XIII were the only popes who referred to the matter at all, and we are not aware of any reputable theologian maintaining that their utterances here were intended to be infallible.

WHAT TO DO. What then should the Catholic workingman and woman do? First of all you should make a careful study of Socialism in order to determine for yourself whether what we have said in this article is not absolutely true. Do not take our word for it. Do not take the word of some party or clergyman. Read for yourself. Think and decide for yourself.

be said to be an atheist party because some of the prominent members are atheists. It is evident that someone must have an almost unbounded influence on human conduct both public and private. . . . In the whole course of ancient and modern history there is scarcely any important event that has not been caused either directly or indirectly by some economic fact.

100,000 Subs By January 1, 1915. Last week... 41,193. Of... 740. On... 40,453. This week... 42,445. Gain... 1,272.

WORKING CLASS IS BOUND TO BECOME REVOLUTIONARY. (This is an extract from an address made by the former Socialist Congressman to the International Bakers' Union Convention in Milwaukee.) The civilization of the future rests upon the shoulders of the working class. In order to fulfill its mission the working class must organize—organize on the industrial and political fields.

ROLL OF HONOR. Some of our comrades are hustlers right when it comes to selling sub. cards. M. P. Christenson, San Francisco, Cal. Harold Hurwitz, New York City, orders 12. J. L. Harburt, Ithaca, N. Y., orders 21. J. J. Prucha, Syracuse, N. Y., orders 21. Walter I. Brown, Springfield, Mass., orders 21.

Favor Municipal Phones.—Milwaukee non-partisans are now turning their eyes with favor on a man in a blue suit. The idea was first sponsored by the Socialist administration. Bakers Fight Bread Trust.—A proposition to take over a large bread factory in St. Paul to keep it out of the reach of the bread trust is one of the propositions before the convention of the Bakers' Union in Milwaukee.

"APPEAL" CANCELS PARTY DEBT. The story of how the Appeal to Reason cancelled the debt of the Socialist party is told in two letters as follows: APPEAL'S LETTER. Girard, Kan., Sept. 12, 1914. Walter Lanfersiek, National Executive Secretary Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill.

Young People's Dept. To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them to the ranks of the Socialist Party through Young People's Socialist League. Address all communications to Socialist Party, Young People's Dept., 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

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What Congress Ought To Do By CARL D. THOMPSON Director of the Information Department of the Socialist Party. The statement has often been made that Socialists are more theoreticians. This latest pamphlet Socialism with the Working Classes on it does not merely tell what should be done, but also how it can be done. It was written especially for the Congressional Campaign.

PARTY'S LETTER. Chicago, Ill., Sept. 15, 1914. W. H. Wayland, Girard, Kan. Dear Comrade Wayland: Your letter of September 12 causes me to experience a new enthusiasm. It is a mighty fine thing for you, in behalf of the Appeal, to cancel the indebtedness of this office incurred on account of the Lyceum.

Prominent Catholic Priest Defends Socialism. This is Rev. Vincent Hallinan's stirring defense of Socialism reprinted from THE GAZETTE OF ILLINOIS. A fearless voice of sympathy from the Catholic camp.

Why Catholic Workingmen Should be Socialists. Several Catholic laymen and a Catholic priest with Socialist sympathies helped to write this leaflet. Nothing better to convince a Catholic workingman.

War Leaflet No. 2 How the Socialists Would Meet the War Crisis. Even better than SEIZE THE WAR—SEIZURE AMERICA. 25 days of a practical program of action.

It Came Like a Mushroom; It Grew Like a Mushroom. By H. J. P. Esenmark. The "progressive" party has attained little satisfaction in the recent election in the state of Maine outside of being instrumental in whipping Haines and electing Currier. It failed to reach the number of votes in this election that it received at the time of its birth.

Campaign Buttons. The Socialist campaign slogan—"Starve the War and Feed America," can now be worn on the lapel of your coat. We have had a neat button made—a red lettering on a white background—which you can obtain at the following prices:

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