

RAISE THE VOICE OF LABOR IN CONGRESS

By VICTOR L. BERGER, The First Socialist Congressman

THERE are great and important national issues which we have to discuss this fall. One is the high cost of living. In a few weeks it will be two years since the Democrats got control of the country. Woodrow Wilson was elected on a platform which promised the lowering of the cost of living. Since then every workingman, every small business man, has been "watchfully waiting" to see the cost of living go down.

Has it gone down? Not at all. It is higher than it was two years ago, and it is higher now than ever before.

The Democrats and Woodrow Wilson used to claim that the high tariff was responsible for the high cost of living. The high tariff was cut in two. Has the cost of living gone down? Not a iota. On the contrary, it has gone up.

Wilson has not only promised to lower the cost of living, but also to curb the power of the big trusts, of the big banks, and of big business in general. Has he done so? On the contrary, he has carried the favor of the big trusts, of the big bankers, and of big business in general. Wilson has taken special care to let them know that he is their friend, not their enemy. He has stopped all attacks on big business and has seen to it that Congress passed a banking bill which had the endorsement of all the big bankers fully as much as the Aldrich bill ever had.

When there was a panic in banking circles on account of the world war, the government printed an special issue of currency of about \$1,000,000,000, and then turned it over to Wilson's friends, the bankers.

What has he done for the working class, which is in an infinitely worse plight? Not a single thing.

DEMOCRATS BLAME TARIFF.

Moreover, the revenues of the gov-

ernment have been diminished by cutting down the tariff and by the world war.

In what way is the Wilson government trying to raise money to make up the deficiency? Is the Wilson government proposing to tax the rich by levying a higher income tax? Or an inheritance tax? Oh, no. The Democrats are going to put a higher tax on tobacco, on cigars, on beer, on nickel theaters and other amusements or necessities of the common people.

In Germany, when the war broke out and the middlemen were getting ready to raise the cost of necessities, the government stepped in and stopped them.

Nothing of the kind was done in our country. That would be interfering with private business. And an interference with private business is justifiable only when the trusts and monopolies interfere with the private business of the small man or with the private buying power of the consumer. And this brings me to the other question before the country today, the question of unemployment. This is a nation-wide and not a local or state calamity.

HARD TIMES HERE BEFORE WAR.

And contrary to the lies of the capitalist press, the hard times and unemployment are not the result of the war. We had the panic and the "hard times" in our country for some months before the present war broke out.

As every workingman knows, from his own experience, the era of unemployment set in about the middle of last winter. And the world war could not aggravate it in any way, for the simple reason that it could not have been made much worse without bring-

ing all the activities of the nation to a standstill.

While the war may have hurt certain industries, particularly the cotton growers of the South, on the other hand, the war will also compel the reopening of some factories that would otherwise remain closed, because there are many articles which we were importing from Europe. We will now have to manufacture these at home.

DO NOT BETTER CONDITIONS.

The fact remains, however, that the number of unemployed in our country is variously estimated at from 2,000,-

But the Wilson government is showing no inclination to do this. None at all.

We have had a hard summer, and the winter will be harder. Hundreds of thousands are facing hunger and starvation. Unless we take measures of precaution, we may have bread riots next winter. Nothing, however, is being done by our ruling class to prepare for the emergency.

NEED SOCIALISTS IN CONGRESS.

There is only one way left for the working class and for the common people in general. That is to send Social-

because the employer must make a profit on him.

But it is unnecessary for me to tell you that even one or two men, if they are of the right kind, can have considerable influence in Congress for the purpose of calling the attention of the nation to the oppressiveness of the present economic system.

At any rate, it would be of immense value to the country just at the present time to have men in Congress who would discuss the "hard times" and the "high cost" of living from the point of view of the working class.

Now the last question before us, which is in the mind of everybody, is the world war—the greatest and bloodiest of modern history.

We all agree on one thing, and that is that we want peace now—peace on earth and good will among men.

STAND ALWAYS FOR PEACE.

Now the only party on earth that stands for international and universal peace is the Socialist party. In this case the war came like a thief over night. The various governments took possession at once of all the railroads, telegraphs, postal departments and means of transportation and communication and made it impossible even for an international congress to convene.

This undoubtedly is one of the reasons why international Socialism failed to enforce peace.

The international Socialist movement is nevertheless even today the only power on earth that can force the powers of Europe to make peace.

In short, we may rightfully expect that this war more than anything else that has ever happened before will help along Socialism and international brotherhood.

The election in Sweden last week, where the Socialists have made such gains that they are now the first party in Sweden, plainly shows in which direction the wind blows.

And the Socialist party of North America has issued an invitation to an international Socialist congress, for the purpose of discussing ways and means of bringing about international peace as speedily as possible.

SOCIALISM ONLY HOPE.

And the voters of the country can do nothing better towards bringing about peace than to vote the Socialist ticket.

A big Socialist vote, the election of Socialist legislative and congressional tickets, will be of national significance because it will add to the prestige and the weight of the opinions of those who are doing their best to secure peace.

If the working class of America really desires to bring about national welfare and international peace, then workingmen can do nothing better than vote the Socialist ticket from top to bottom.

And the last reason you have for voting the Socialist ticket is the personal reason.

Do you want this oppressive capitalist system to continue forever? Do you want to leave an inheritance of slavery to your children? Or do you want to do your best to help along your vote national welfare and international peace?

What can you gain by voting the old party tickets? You can gain absolutely nothing. What can you lose by voting the Socialist ticket? You can lose nothing. In fact, by voting and working for the Socialist ticket you have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain.

Socialist Forces Wage Winning War in Politics

More enthusiastic and more hopeful than ever before, the Socialist party is waging a winning campaign against capitalism this fall.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to the Gulf, the forces of Socialism, with all the resources at their command, are putting up the biggest fight possible.

NO LACK OF ENTHUSIASM.

That there is not a lack of enthusiasm is shown by communications from the Socialist state secretaries received by The American Socialist. These communications are being published in this campaign issue because every Socialist in every state ought to know what every Socialist in every other state is doing.

This is a review of the Socialist battle line over the country, and the strong front presented to the enemy should give encouragement to Socialists in this campaign.

May Be Too Optimistic.

Some of the state secretaries may be too optimistic. They may feel that there is an opportunity of electing Socialists to Congress or to their respective state legislatures where such success will come only after a few more years of hard agitation, organization and education work.

But the fighting spirit is there and will continue after the votes in this fall's election have been counted. Here are the replies in The American Socialist's "Roll Call of the States":

SOCIALIST SENTIMENT IS GROWING IN CALIFORNIA

By State Secretary T. W. Williams.

The vicious, non-partisan, Progressive direct primary law, made specifically to put the Socialist party out of business, has materially crippled our campaign this year. It depleted the treasury of state and local organizations to place our candidates' names on the ballot. Fifty dollars each for state and local candidates' names.

These were sandwiched in with many others with no party designation. Result: thousands of Socialist voters who could not be reached were uninformed and knew not how to vote.

Under a straight party campaign we would have been able to place two congressmen in Washington. We win 2,000,000 good votes, but there will be no congressmen elected this year.

We will send a number of Socialists to the state Legislature. Three of our Alameda comrades stand excellent chances of election. We expect to elect from three to five from Los Angeles. We will carry no counties or cities.

Socialist sentiment is growing rapidly and crystallizing into action. The eight-hour day agitation will cause us to lose heavily in the farming districts, due to the misrepresentation of big business, and the feeling on the part of the farmers that they will be worsted.

It will, however, tend to solidify the working class as nothing else can do. We have compelled big business to spend an enormous amount of money. They have taken one of our campaign slogans, and have published it in every newspaper in California, in order, so

ONLY SOCIALISTS CAN CHANGE NATION'S UNHEALTHY CONDITION

By LUCIEN SAINT

American Socialist Press Representative at Washington

Any man who works for his living and who votes for the continuance in office of a Democrat or for the substitution of a Republican in office by a Democrat, or vice versa, is voting against his own interest. I predict that thousands of workingmen will vote against their own interests this November, and thus contribute to the success of the political forces which is being played in Washington and which pretends to be a highbrow drama of the uplift type.

The last four years should have demonstrated to every man or woman who can think that working men and women cannot possibly gain anything for themselves or for their class by electing either Republicans or Democrats.

Mr. Taft did a great service to the country by showing frankly that the party which he led was more interested in highway robbery than in government for and by the people. Mr. Roosevelt tried to pick up the remnants of Mr. Taft's party, taught them to sing hymns and endeavored to get away with it on the social and industrial justice line. Probably Mr. Roosevelt has failed. Mr. Wilson walked in and got elected by a minority of the voters of the country who refused to fall for either Mr. Taft or Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Wilson and his party are campaigning on Mr. Wilson's record and on the record of the Democratic Congress. They are also campaigning on the obvious fact that we are not at war with Mexico while Europe is drenched

in blood. This is all very interesting but it does not signify. What signifies is:

That more men and women than ever in the history of the United States are out of a job.

That the amount of "prosperity" which falls to the average man and woman is steadily getting less and less.

That poverty is increasing and the trusts, heartily co-operating with the president in his "anti-trust" program, are laughing in their sleeves.

Not one thing has been done or is proposed by the Democrats, as is proposed by any of their political opponents (except the Socialists) to remedy these fundamental conditions, to change these unhealthy and alarming conditions into conditions such as should characterize a civilized democracy in the twentieth century.

These are undoubted facts and every honest man must admit them. These facts are the only important facts which concern the working people of this country, and every attempt to make them think that with the election of officials for the year will be set down as nothing but an attempt to draw a red herring across the true trail.

A man asked President Taft once what a man could do who was out of a job. He said, "Nothing, but he could get none. Mr. Taft said that he did not know but that God did. I doubt whether the Democrats could make an equally wise answer to this question.

State's attorney he received over 115,000 votes, and it is believed by many that in a four-cornered race he has an excellent chance to be elected this time.

While special efforts are being made to elect Cunnah, the general Socialist ticket of meetings are being held in all parts of the city and tons of literature are being distributed from house to house, especially in the Sixth and Seventh Congressional Districts, where a hard fight is being made to elect Carl D. Thompson and Frank Woods to Congress. We have good prospects of winning in the Seventh.

The movement throughout the state of Illinois is entering into the campaign vigorously and in at least half a dozen districts hard fights are being made outside of Cook County to elect Socialists to the Legislature. Three of the most promising districts downstate are in Springfield, the state capital, where Duncan McDonald, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Mine Workers, is the candidate; in the industrial district across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Mo., including Granite City, which now has a Socialist mayor, and where Dan Slinger, a coal miner, is the candidate, and in Rockford, where Oscar Ogren, former Socialist councilman, is the candidate.

Madison County, Fulton County, Peoria and several other local areas are also waging splendid campaigns. We look for a large vote in November. (Continued on Page Two)

WAR BULLETINS!

By Oscar Amelinger

The Allied Army of Unemployed is besieging the shop gates of the nation.

Nearly all of the wounded in the present industrial war in this country have been hit in the stomach.

The attack on the free lunch counter continues with unabated fury.

The report from Petrograd, Ky., that the breadline is slowly crumbling away is officially denied in Berlin, Wis.

The army of General Hunger is making satisfactory progress.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has made a vicious attack on our line of communication by raising freight rates.

Zeppelin XIII which ascended from Fort Poverty last week to locate meat prices is now almost out of sight and still going up.

Since the outbreak of the war the crews of the nation's freight trains are reporting a tremendous increase in passenger traffic. It seems that the fed of seeing America first has affected even the lower classes.

The reserve army of labor which went West to harvest the bumper crop is returning East on the bumpers without the crops.

AMALGAMATED COPPER WINS

—MAYOR DUNCAN IS OUSTED.

Lewis J. Dunca, Socialist mayor of Butte, Mont., has been removed from office by Judge Ayers, and an election has been made to the Supreme Court. Concerning his removal Dunca says:

"The expected has happened. The capitalist conspirators against the rights and liberties of the working people of this country and upon me, I again demonstrated their ability to put over what they plan. I have been ousted, not because I neglected to do my duty, but because I had courage to act by a higher and more humane principle than is approved by the capitalists.

Human Life First

"I have regarded human life as of greater moment and value than property, and because I did not issue orders, which would have cost hundreds of human lives, and would have settled nothing, I am pronounced unworthy of an office to which I have given my best thought and ability to fill honorably and faithfully.

"I can better afford to receive this treatment, at the behest of the tyrannical masters who inflict it, than they can to have brought this upon me. I can better afford to suffer this injustice, than I could have afforded to have upon my hands and conscience the blood of those who would have been killed, had I suffered myself to be driven into the snare that the masters had spread for my feet.

Fight Just Started

"Today my political scalp decorates the window of the Amalgamated, but my record is clean and my spirit unquenched.

"The fight has just commenced. The people of this county and state will repudiate what has been done in their name as soon as they know the facts, and they shall know.

"This is all a part of the fight for working class emancipation. Followed in this case I shall fight on till either the capitalist system, which enslaves the workers and classes, is dead, or I am dead."

SEE MANY SOCIALISTS IN STATE LEGISLATURES AND IN CONGRESS

FOR STATE LEGISLATURES.

Socialist state secretaries hope for the election of Socialists to state legislatures as follows:

WISCONSIN—We will send not less than 12 Socialists to the state Legislature.

ILLINOIS—We expect to re-elect the four Socialists elected two years ago in Chicago, and two in addition. We have good prospects in three districts downstate.

MINNESOTA—We had one representative in the last Legislature, and are quite sure of five members of the lower house and one senator, and have a good show for two more senators and two more representatives.

INDIANA—We have chances of electing a number of state legislators.

CALIFORNIA—We will send a number of Socialists to the state Legislature. Three of our Alameda comrades stand excellent chances of election. We expect to elect from three to five from Los Angeles.

MONTANA—We should elect Socialists to the state Legislature from at least six counties, and have a delegation there of at least 19.

KANSAS—We are almost sure of electing from three to five representatives to the state Legislature, with the possibility of electing eight or ten.

NEBRASKA—We are going to try to send some Socialists to the state Legislature.

NEVADA—We have an excellent chance to get a large representation in the state Legislature.

NORTH CAROLINA—We have a chance to send one representative to the state Legislature.

NORTH DAKOTA—There will be elected no less than half a dozen Socialists to the state Legislature.

OHIO—We expect to elect representatives to the state Legislature from 30 to 40 members in the next Legislature.

PENNSYLVANIA—Reports from a half dozen districts indicate some chances for the state Legislature.

RHODE ISLAND—There is a fighting chance to elect James P. Reid to the state Legislature.

WEST VIRGINIA—We have the best prospects of the five principal parties in Kanawha County of putting five members into the state Legislature.

In next week's issue of The American Socialist we are going to tell how James E. Maurer, Socialist, now president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, started fighting "The American Council" the day after he was elected to the Pennsylvania state Legislature in 1910. You will need a bundle of this issue of The American Socialist to make Socialism and Socialist votes in your neighborhood.

Order your bundle now. Fifty cents a hundred or \$5 a thousand.

Coal Barons Get Guns For 4,000 Colorado Scabs

While President Wilson is settling the time away in Washington, planning how to hold the country for the Democratic party and Wall Street, the coal barons of Colorado are reported to be shipping carloads of guns into the state and arming their scabs.

The report comes from Secretary Grace B. Mariani, of the Socialist party local at Trinidad, in the heart of the coal fields, and as follows:

"The coal barons have just shipped three carloads of guns to this state labeled machinery, and are planning to arm 4,000 scabs now in the coal mines."

KILL ONE—IT IS MURDER!

KILL 100,000—PATRIOTISM!

By Eugene V. Debs. If you, for a private grudge, kill a man, it is murder. If 10,000 of you, at the command of your masters, go out to slay 10,000 other men of another nation, they call it patriotism. An easy way to end war is this: Let the capitalists do the fighting. If you do, there will never be another war. You workingmen are told it is your duty to die for your country. When did the working class ever have a country?

The capitalistic classes own the country. Are they prepared to die for it? Oh, no, that's what you are for. In peace you produce wealth for them; in war you fight for their profit and glory. You do not fight upon your own account. Why fight on theirs? They do not even thank you for it; why they won't associate with you and by the way, what has become of the Hague peace tribunal?

The war in Europe was declared by the ruling classes. Never in the history of mankind has war been declared by the working classes.

With the end of industrial competition will come the end of war.

AN AUDIENCE OF 50,000!

The American Socialist is now talking to an audience of 50,000. To be exact, the figures this week show 44,412 actual subscribers, but the bundle orders force us to publish 50,000 or more copies weekly.

We have set our hopes on having 100,000 subscribers by January 1, 1915. That is just two and one-half months away, only a little more than 10 weeks.

Now, what does that mean? It simply means that the subscription list of The American Socialist must climb at the rate of 3,000 a week. We are going up now only at the rate of 1,000 a week.

But the energetic hustlers of The American Socialist are equal to the task. They are going to make The American Socialist audience number 100,000.

We have gathered this increasing audience together to organize and educate it in the peaceful war to achieve the aims and ambitions of Socialism.

During September alone among those who addressed this vast gathering through The American Socialist were: Charles Edward Russell, Morris Hillquit, A. M. Simons, Eugene V. Debs, Robert Hunter, John M. Work, Joseph E. Cohen, J. Stitt Wilson, Carl D. Thompson, Seymour Stedman, Adolph Germer, and George Kirkpatrick.

Every member of our American Socialist audience now wants others to join him. Remember, we want an audience of 100,000 by January 1, 1915. Do your part now by getting the enclosed subscription blank filled with new additions to our present audience of 50,000. Do it now!

LOOK FOR THE "SUB" BLANK!

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USE GROWING. The strength of Socialism is growing. The power of Socialism is increasing day by day. The war in Europe will give Socialism as some anti-Socialists hope, but it will help it, because it will make all thinking people so sick of war that they will turn to Socialism as the only hope of putting an end to all wars.

The Socialist party is growing in strength and influence in the United States. Read the stories of the Socialist party state secretaries in this campaign issue and become acquainted with the growing Socialist enthusiasm that is sweeping the nation.

The growth of Socialism in America will be a fact that will be the chief subject of the November 3rd election. And the membership of the Socialist party is increasing and will continue to mount higher and higher every month during the approaching winter.

That is why we are enclosing a subscription blank in your paper this week to give you an opportunity to help in this way to build up the world movement of Socialism.

This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press

WAR AND DEMOCRACY. (From the Milwaukee Leader)

The war must end in democracy. Pages could be filled with quotations from non-Socialist publications repeating this sentiment. This war must see the end of domination by classes, monarchs, armament cliques and every form of domination from above.

In the beginning the world looked to the Socialist movement for peace. That they did not stop the war was due to the fact that many of the millions who followed the flag of Socialism were too recent converts and too superficial converts from the very parties that are now reproaching the Socialist movement for increasing its membership.

The only way the war can be really stopped is by democracy, and by Social-Democracy. This does not mean that the present series of battles may not be stopped. This may be done at almost any time. The Socialists of the United States are increasing their energy to secure such a stoppage.

But any peace that would leave the forces that made war still in the saddle would be only a truce, a pause for breath and preparation for another and bigger struggle. Socialists will work even for such a truce, but they will always change the makers of war may be overthrown and the renewal of hostilities prevented.

But one thing might as well be understood clearly. Only Socialism will really end this war. The people of Europe are recognizing this fact in the increased vote for Socialism in Sweden. The same increase in the states now at war would go far toward making war forever impossible.

The elections have shown a similar increase, and indicate that the world over the people are turning to Socialism as the only hope of bringing a genuine end to the slaughter.

The eyes of the world will be upon the elections in America in all touch the United States, the largest nation outside the war, has an opportunity to show whether its people really wish an end not only of this conflict, but of all wars.

A doubling of the Socialist vote in this country is not only a step toward bringing permanent peace to all peace societies, treaties, mass meetings, petitions and parades that have ever been held.

SOCIALIST PEACE CONGRESS. The deep significance of the calling of an international Socialist congress to meet in Washington with a view to suggesting ways of ending the war in Europe may be veiled from many American eyes by the relative insignificance of the Socialist party in the United States. It should not be forgotten that the Socialist movement, and is in a position to insure a representative gathering at this congress.

ONE MORE CHANCE TO ENTER THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST MEMBERSHIP-SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

There is still time to enter The American Socialist membership-subscription contest. We have given in to the demand that locals be given until November 1 to qualify.

Comrades have been writing that they will take up this matter at the next meeting of their local if the time is extended. And so we said, "Go ahead."

That gives two extra weeks to enter the line-up. In the meantime the contest is on. It started October 15. The Socialist party local sending in the largest number of new subscribers from that time until December 15, who are at the time new party members, will be given a set of THE LIBRARY OF CLASSICS, a set of 30 cloth-bound books.

The full details of this contest have been explained in the last three issues of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST. They are also explained in the last three issues of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST. They are also explained in the last three issues of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST.

ABOUT THE NEW BOOKS. THE National Council has issued new booklets and asking to be admitted to our contest are those at Nashua, N. H.; Holyoke, Mass., and Campbell, Mass.

Socialist Forces Waging Winning War (Continued from Page One)

ber, and the election of several of our candidates, as well as a considerable increase in our party membership.

INDIANA SHOWS EVERYONE COMING TO SOCIALISM NOW. By State Sec'y W. H. Heary.

Indiana is alive with Socialism from one end to the other. It seems that at last the Socialists are looking for victory in the not far distant future.

We have more locals than a year ago in every county. Prospects are good for victory in the Seventh Congressional District, which is the same as the county boundary.

The First District will make a great showing with Comrade Roney of the United Mine Workers as the candidate for Congress.

There are chances of electing two congressmen and a number of state legislators. Indiana has been one of the many states where the unemployment is foremost—no work, discontent at its highest pitch and Socialists placing the literate and spoken word in every corner of the state. Everybody is coming to Socialism now.

SUFFRAGE SOUGHT BY THE SOCIALISTS AT WASHINGTON. By District Sec'y J. W. Richman.

We do not have the vote in the District of Columbia, as is generally known. We are, however, hard at work trying to secure the right of suffrage and enlisting members in the Socialist party.

SOCIALIST SENTIMENT IS GROWING RAPIDLY IN IOWA. By State Sec'y I. S. McCullis.

There never has been a time in the history of the movement when the sentiment for Socialism was growing so rapidly as now, and Iowa is no exception to this rule.

However, it would seem that the organization is not keeping pace with the growth of sentiment, and in this regard Iowa is no exception. Since the outbreak of the war there seems to have been a lull in interest, but I cannot but think that the comrades will, after the first shock has subsided, recognize that now is the greatest opportunity the party has ever had, and they will show a greatly increased activity in the near future.

PAVING WAY FOR FUTURE VICTORY IN LOUISIANA. By State Sec'y W. F. Diets.

We have splendid prospects for a big vote, and comrades assure me that we will carry 70 per cent of the vote in the Seventh Congressional District. Conditions are so favorable for propaganda work that I believe we could have carried the district had we the time and means to make a thorough campaign, but as it is, will pave the way for a better result in the future.

SOCIALIST LAWMAKERS BIG AID TO WORKERS

Here is the record of the Socialists in the state Legislatures, which will have a new and inspiring chapter added to it as a result of this fall's election. The Socialist state legislative measures introduced and passed from 1907 to 1913 were as follows:

Table listing legislative measures introduced and passed from 1907 to 1913, including items like 'Public Safety', 'Labor Laws', 'Social Insurance', etc.

The 35 successful labor bills may be subdivided as follows:

Table listing 35 successful labor bills, including 'Child Labor', 'Workmen's Compensation', 'Unemployment Insurance', etc.

Special attention may be called to the fact that, of the municipal measures, three provide directly for municipal ownership, and other grant the privilege of municipal initiative, referendum and recall; also to the joint resolution passed in Wisconsin petitioning Congress to allow 30 per cent of deposits in the postal savings banks to be used for loans to farmers.

It will be seen that up to and including the legislative sessions of 1913 the Socialists had introduced 895 different bills, covering every phase of the program of Socialism. Of these measures, 141 were successful measures, and have been actually written into the statutes of the various states.

of President Wilson's ability spells Socialism progress? Thus it will be seen that up to and including the legislative sessions of 1913 the Socialists had introduced 895 different bills, covering every phase of the program of Socialism.

SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN IN KANSAS IS STRENUOUS. By State Sec'y G. W. Klehga.

The Socialists of Kansas are engaged in one of the most strenuous campaigns in the history of the party to elect E. Fuller from the Third Congressional District, and they feel that they have a splendid show of electing him.

We are putting up a more active campaign in that district than any of the other parties. Ed. W. Reason, former managing editor of the Appeal to Reason, is paying his own expenses and assisting in a whirlwind campaign over a good share of the district, and some ten or twelve other able speakers are giving their services free of charge to the work.

We are almost sure of electing from three to five representatives to the state Legislature, with a possibility of electing eight or ten. The old party papers are practically ignoring us. The Progressive candidate for governor is preaching that he has an antidote for Socialism, but they all feel that the issue is really between Socialism and capitalism in Kansas.

Montana MAY SEND TWO SOCIALISTS TO CONGRESS. By State Sec'y A. F. Messner.

Three months ago I would have considered our chances very poor, but since the military dictatorship in Butte with its attendant drain on the state treasury, a great change is rapidly taking place, and while I do not think that we will have thousands of votes to spare, there is at least a possibility that we may elect two Socialists to both Congress and Montana to the national House will be Socialists.

MISSISSIPPI FEELS MASSES SOLD TO MONEY CHANGERS. By State Sec'y Ida M. Raymond.

Watch a diamond drill as it gnaws its way into the hardest granite, and you may estimate the fight that Socialism has had to make in Mississippi; but take heart, there is a new line of demarcation in sight, when "clay" will be the material.

There never was a time in the history of this state when the field of opportunity of Socialism was so great, the call for the "truth" so insistent, the financial condition so distressing, and the dissatisfaction of the masses with the political situation so overwhelming. They feel that the masses have been sold to the "money changers."

MISSOURI WORKERS ARE TURNING TO SOCIALISM. By State Sec'y Otto Vierling.

The Socialist party in the only party that seems to be making headway in the campaign. Most people are talking war! Besides making our appeal for support upon a splendid constructive platform, I believe the present hard times and the large increase in the number of the unemployed should attract many to vote our ticket.

Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

FURNISH OWNERSHIP. The Socialist party demands the public ownership of all social utilities. This is made to include not only the public means of transportation, but all the essential services which sustain the life of the community.

So they voted with their king, not to support the war, but to support the capitalist class. This either willingly or unwillingly helping capitalism's benefactors to keep the masses in the grip of their exploitation, our comrades will have a constructive program of our mission against the iron hand of Wilhelms' brutal imperialism, the only way to end Russia's barbarian tyranny will press the people to represent as it does on the western front.

What can we do now in behalf of our movement? Humanity and peace is the issue before us. It is a matter of life and death. We must answer by its call for a speedy Socialist peace congress; to support the peace movement; to support the peace movement; to support the peace movement.

IN RE NATIONAL COMMITTEE. Comrade Hilgert in his comments on the above motion, evidently either ignores the true purport of the motion or else he is so stupid that he does not understand it. The motion does not compel or even advise the National Committee to call the congress, but requires that they appear with the matter in what to them appears the most feasible way.

REQUEST FOR DOW. In accordance with a request on the part of Local Des Moines, I am sending you a copy of the book "The American Socialist".

NOTICE TO READERS. The National Committee of the Socialist Party of the United States and Canada, in its resolution of October 1st, 1914, requested that all comrades who were members of the party at that time should send in their names and addresses to the National Committee.

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NOTICE TO LOCAL SECRETARIES

It is absolutely necessary that you give the number of members in good standing of your local when sending in motions or reports.

MEMBERS TO MEMBERSHIP

By Local Action, Indiana (first published in The American Socialist October 1), the action of the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party units, forming the Socialist Party of the United States, has been recorded by Local Morgantown, W. Va.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

That the National Secretary be directed to secure at once the following information as to the membership of the National Committee and membership of the American Socialist Party in the following states:

HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

By Carl D. Thompson. As a suggestion how to double the membership of the Socialist Party of America, and of each local in particular, we submit the following:

SOCIALIST VOLUNTEER WORKER. Name: Address: Will you distribute literature? Will you man your polling place? How much will you contribute? When and how? Cash Monthly. Will you join the party?

Socialist Forces Waging Winning War

(Continued from Page Two) The vote will show a tremendous increase over two years ago. The Socialist Party is endeavoring to send some Socialists to the state Legislature.

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SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP SHOWS PARTY PROGRESS

We present herewith the table of membership by states for the past three months, with the average for the period. The star (*) indicates that the state has made an increase in the average membership, as compared with the average shown for August several weeks ago.

Table showing membership statistics by state for September, including columns for state name, membership count, and average.

MUCH LARGER VOTE ON SOUTHERN ALASKA COAST

By Lena Morrow Lewis (Former Alaska Socialist Secretary). It is significant that this year Representative Wickham fails it necessary to come back before election and make some speeches in the territory.

SITUATION IN ARIZONA AIDS SOCIALIST FIGHT

By State Sec'y Alice S. Eddy. After nearly three years of steady, Arizona approaches her second state election—an election in which women as well as men will participate, an election of measures as well as of men and women.

DEMOCRATS IN N. C. ARE TURNING TO SOCIALISM

By State Secretary B. T. Toller. The Socialists of North Carolina do not expect to elect a congressman this fall. However, we have full tickets in the field and from the correspondence with local secretaries of the state, I learn that we will poll...

Funion Candidates at Sea

Nye County, the mining center of Nevada, will have a Socialist sheriff and assessor. This is conceded even by our opponents in this county.

SOCIALISM SWEEPING ON TO VICTORY IN NEVADA

By State Sec'y Thos. M. Fagan. Nevada is going to elect the first Socialist in its history. The Socialist Party of Nevada has secured one state senator and one assemblyman.

Filing Fee Outrage

Outside of these two counties membership in the Socialist Party is increasing. The population mentioned above where we will more than double our vote.

Capitalism Versus Socialism

Toponah, Manhattan and Round Mountain, the three principal towns in Nye County, will have Socialist officials after this election.

Our Premium List

For a club of 12 subscribers at 25 cents each you can get one of the following: The 1914 Campaign Book, The Human Slaughter-House (Wilhelm Lammas), etc.

an increased vote from one end to the other. We have a chance to send one representative to the state Legislature, but we do not like to count chickens before they are hatched.

All North Carolina towns will have an election next spring, and we are sure to capture some of them. The political situation here is very much mixed.

CONVERT THE UNION MEN!

Advertisement for 'The New-Yorker Volkszeitung, the largest and most influential German Socialist Daily paper in America, says.' Includes image of Morris Hillquit.

Ability—Training—Power

Advertisement for 'THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE FORT SCOTT, KANSAS'. Promotes training and power through education.

Advertisement for 'SOCIALISTS' featuring 'Our Premium List' and subscription information.

Advertisement for 'THE CITIZEN' newspaper, edited by Dr. GEORGE LUNN. Includes subscription rates and contact information.

100,000 Subs By January 1, 1915

Table with 2 columns: Category (Last week, On, This week, Gain) and Value (43,554, 1,217, 44,112, 558)

Here is good news for the hustlers. No longer will you have to get alone. Re-enforcements are coming.

ROLL OF HONOR

- List of names and addresses: T. J. Widnager, 218 Grove, Cal.; W. J. ...; R. ...; M. ...

COLORADO REPEATS JURY FIXING STORY

Colorado repeats the nation wide story of how the employing class has secured control of the power of selecting jurors and is thus doubly secure in its domination of the courts.

The story of the struggle in the coal fields of this western state, where humanity is challenging the power of organized greed, is told by Adolph Germer, vice-president of the Illinois Mine Workers.

BY ADOLPH GERMER. The disclosures made by the Lawyers' Association of Illinois are more or less prevalent in other sections of the country.

SOCIALIST STRUGGLE FOR LABOR IN STATE LEGISLATURES GROWS

The representatives of the Socialist party have been waging a continuous war for labor in the state legislatures since the election of the first state lawmaker, James F. Carey, in Massachusetts, in 1902.

Such concessions are often sought through out by the capitalist and reform movements in politics in a vain effort to stop the march of Socialism. They are a constant reminder to the Socialist party, and evidence that its policies are obtaining recognition.

EVERY ONE SHOULD DO IT

In sending in a list of 12 subscribers to The American Socialist, J. F. ... writes: "Every Socialist should subscribe and should endeavor to make it at least a part of his routine to induce his fellow man to subscribe for The American Socialist."

SEE FIVE SOCIALISTS IN THE W. VA. LEGISLATURE

By State Sec. Edward H. Kistner. West Virginia is a large state—nearly as large as Pennsylvania—and has only a million and a quarter in population.

WISCONSIN SEES VICTORY FOR BERGER AND GAYLORD

By State Secretary F. W. Hubbard. According to present indications our chances of sending Vincent Berger and Winfield R. Gaylord to Congress from the Fourth and Fifth Districts, are exceedingly hopeful.

ENCOURAGING INCREASE IN THE PENNSYLVANIA VOTE

By State Sec. Robert B. Ringler. We have been informed that we have had an encouraging increase in the vote in November.

OSCAR AMERINGER

Author of "Socialism—What It Is and How to Get It," "Life and Death of Uncle Sam," etc. Oscar Ameringer, Socialist lecturer, will be available for dates in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri, beginning December 1, 1914.

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REIGN OF TERROR IN THE COPPER COUNTRY. That jurors in the Michigan copper country, some of the great copper barons, are terrorized by the copper barons is shown in a statement made for The American Socialist by a prominent attorney who does not wish to have his name known.

SOCIALIST FORCES WAGING WINNING WAR

(Continued from Page Three) The time has passed when plutocracy can hold complete sway at Bismarck, the state capital, against the weight of evidence.

WATCH FOR SURPRISE FROM OHIO DAY AFTER ELECTION

By State Sec. O. G. Van Schoyck. It is to be regretted that, in the overturning of capitalism, organization does not progress as rapidly as the molding of Socialist sentiment.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

WIMMER B. BRANDEGGER, Director. This department has charge of propaganda and organization among women. Its purpose is to make Socialism, and its principles, known to women and to secure their active membership in the Socialist Party.

DEATH CALLS RICKENBACH

George Rickenbach, state executive committee member of the Tennessee Socialist party, one of its first Socialists, died Sept. 27. He always worked for a strong, well-disciplined party, writes State Secretary Joseph E. Vosa.

OKLAHOMA TURNING RED. CAMPAIGN STORY SHOWS

The chances are very bright for carrying three and possibly more congressional districts in Oklahoma. There is no question but what we will break into the Legislature and break in strong. I think we will get from 30 to 40 members in the next Legislature.

DOUBLE AND TRIPLE THE VOTE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

By State Secretary E. F. Arwood. The vote will not only be double but triple in South Dakota. The Socialist party in that state has a very bright future.

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