

# WIN NATION'S YOUTH FOR SOCIALISM AND THEY WILL END ALL WAR

If the slave market of old the laborer had first to be captured by external force and brought to the market for sale. In the labor-market today the workers present themselves as "commodities" and are treated as such.

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THE school system does not properly develop the brain, but merely and wastes the child's mental faculties, how to rob without being caught, and how to go into bankruptcy and make a fortune out of it.

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## WAR AND THE CHILDREN

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL

UP to November 1, the present war had rendered about 3,000,000 persons homeless in Western Europe alone. Of these about 1,000,000 were in such dire need that they were practically starving.

Of the 8,000,000 more than 1,000,000 were children. In August and September when I was in Holland, a daily spectacle was a long stream of penniless refugees pouring across the border, mostly women and children. A majority of the children seemed to have lost their parents and a majority of the parents to have lost their children.

The reason for this was that in most instances the inhabitants had been driven without warning from their homes and hurried into the roads at the point of the bayonet, so that in the wild flight thousands became hysterical and did not know where they were nor whether they were going.

It is a remarkable fact that most of the victims of hysteria had not recovered from it in ten days or two weeks. This was because of the terrible nature of their experiences.

One refugee, relating to me the horrors he had seen said: "What on earth had Belgium to do with all this? What had Belgium to do with Serbia?"

Good question. But war takes no heed of such sane and pertinent queries. War has neither sense, reason, vision, nor intelligence. War is simply insanity let loose.

The point for us, then, to consider, and the most important point, is that so long as we have war at all, there is no corner of the world that is for a moment safe from the danger of such disaster as has overtaken the people of Belgium.

Here in this country we are in the habit of thinking that while Europe may be plunged many times into these conflicts, we are in no danger of war.

That is the greatest blunder we can possibly make.

The fact is that so long as war is tolerated in the world, we are liable to have it burst upon us at any time. So that it is not at all impossible, nor even improbable, that such heartrending scenes as have been witnessed in Belgium and along the border of Holland, may be witnessed also right here in America.

The war in Europe, like all other wars, was caused by the competitive system of doing business. The same cause will continue to produce wars so long as that cause exists. There is no way to prevent war except to remove the cause of war. If, therefore, we do not like war and do not enjoy the spectacle of 3,000,000 people homeless and in want in the dead of winter, and do not wish to have such things repeated, the only thing for us to do is to agitate in every way to have the cause of war removed.

When that is done, the world will know peace, never in any other way.

## SOCIALISM HOLDS OUT INVITING HAND TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF AMERICA

By J. A. ROGERS, Jr.

DIRECTOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

To build for the future, the youth of the nation must be secured. Realizing this, during the past few years, a number of Young People's Socialist Leagues have come into existence in our larger cities. In 1914, the National Committee of the Socialist Party established a department in the National Office to assist the Leagues in their work.

It was badly needed. In at least one instance the League has raised thousands of dollars to keep the local Socialist press alive.

In order to strengthen Leagues in weaker places, carry the message of Socialism to the young folk in unorganized territory and to further co-ordinate the work of the Young People's movement, the League has been recently organized into a National Young People's Socialist League.

Though the young people's movement is still in its swaddling clothes, its prospects are indeed promising. Those who live in towns where a P. S. L. does not exist should immediately start an organization. Information on how to proceed will be given by the national office upon request.

Let us rear a great and thriving young people's Socialist movement for the future belongs to the young and they should be prepared for it.

Some editorial views found in CAPITALIST PRESS. After carefully arguing that the Socialist Party will never get anywhere, The Atlanta, Ga. Constitution expresses the fear that "if Meyer London makes a good congressman, people are apt to think more of Socialism".

The Tacoma, Wash. Ledger tries to explain that "London, the Socialist candidate in New York City, presumably because of the election of the electorate in support of the republican, democratic and progressive candidates. There were only three candidates, the Socialist and the hired men of Tammany and William Randolph Hearst."

The Hartford, Conn. Post-Courier declares that "As the program of the party goes down the Socialist party goes up. Everywhere the party has been met and the Socialists have gained."

In an editorial on "War and Socialism," the Minneapolis, Minn. Journal declares that "War is a release from civilization, but the spring of democratic spirit which it breeds back gathers new power for human progress from the re-pression."

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## MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG

By EUGENE V. DEBS

WRITTEN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S ISSUE.

If the young people to whom this brief message may come, and who are not yet socialists, are influenced in the least by what is here said, I hope it may be in a way to induce them to study socialism, and learn about the socialist movement.

Frances Willard in her advanced years yearned that she might be young again; that she might give the whole of her life to this great movement.

The young of today will tomorrow replace the old and rule the world, and nothing is more essential than that they should be imbued with the spirit of the future and have ideas and ideals in advance of the sordid ones which have so long prevailed—ideas and ideals which will develop their latent energies and aspirations and inspire them to nobler endeavors and loftier attainments than were known to past generations.

This is truly a wonderful age—an age of magic, of marvels and miracles, and the young of today will witness the greatest social transformation in history. Indeed, the young will themselves be the chief actors in this transformation and determine by their capacity to meet its demands and take advantage of its opportunities the extent to which it shall elevate and emancipate the race and bless and ennoble mankind.

The socialist movement is the essential historic instrument in this social transformation. It is a young movement and a movement of the future; the movement in which the young of today who are alert enough to catch its spirit will write their names in immortal letters in the history of the race.

Many of the old, the middle-aged, and not a few of even the young have a tendency to drift into ruts and grooves and remain there. They cease to grow except as they grow narrower. They live in the past and become fossilized.

They are mentally dead long before they are physically buried. They vote the same old ticket, belong to the same old party, have the same old ideas, observe the same old customs, and revere the same old superstitions their dead ancestors did, and if the world depended upon them it would soon be one vast cemetery.

But the greater part of the young have the spirit of the living present and their minds are receptive to the new truths and new ideas which precede the new and better future, and it is therefore to the young that the socialist movement makes its especial appeal.

To the young the ideas and ideals of the socialist movement, once understood, are not only irresistible but command unwavering devotion and unflinching consecration.

Here social service is not only taught as a duty but practiced as a joy. Indeed, duty and joy are one in socialism, and to serve greatly is to expand in grace and live nobly for all time.

To you who are young the world today presents the greatest opportunity ever presented to a rising generation since the world began. Can you but realize it, the future is rich beyond words with the fulfillment of your dreams!

I am not given to advice, nor to preaching, but I entreat the youth of the land to learn the meaning of this wonderful movement to them and to mankind, and to embrace its glorious opportunities for service and consecration in the cause of humanity.

The young should fairly flock to the splendid standard of the socialist movement that symbolizes the coming era of world-wide democracy and of brotherhood and peace.

It is for the young to make mighty the Young People's Socialist League—organized to teach them their first lessons in the cause of international fraternity—that its beneficent power may be felt in the great moral struggle to put an end to war and inaugurate peace throughout the world.

The socialist movement is the greatest peace

movement ever instituted among men. It binds the workers of all nations together in bonds of brotherhood and love and teaches them that war is murder and a crime against humanity, and that it is their highest duty to dwell together in unity and peace, serve one another with all their hearts, and rejoice in the manifold blessings of a commonwealth of comrades.

The young are naturally sensitive to the cruelties and horrors of war and all their sensibilities should be aroused against militarism in all its ghastly forms and against the social system which breeds war among nations and thrives in the bloodshed of the innocents.

In the Young People's Socialist League the bright and promising youth of today will find full play for all their faculties and full expression for all their hopes and aspirations.

To encourage the young in this great work is to go into partnership with the future and insure victory to the cause, and every one of their elders, especially the old and seasoned comrades, should help by all available means to interest the young in the movement that means so much to them, and to build up and make strong the Young People's Socialist League that means so much to the movement.

In a sense all socialists are young and the spirit of socialism keeps them so. They continue to grow and while they grow they cannot decay.

Man is no older than his heart, and since socialism keeps the heart young the decrepitude and infirmity that fall to the lot of those who live in the past instead of the future, are not for socialists.

It is in this spirit of youth, therefore, that I appeal to the young and not in the spirit of solemn and stupid moralizing that is one of the afflictions of old age.

To the young of the land and of all the world we extend our hands with our hearts in them and bid them welcome, a thousand times welcome to the socialist movement, whose glorious mission it is to bring peace and joy to all mankind and make this our world a world of loving comrades.

## THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY ARE TURNING THEIR BACKS ON WHAT CAPITALISM OFFERS AND ARE LOOKING AHEAD TO THE DAWN OF SOCIALISM

CARTOON DRAWN ESPECIALLY FOR THIS ISSUE BY RYAN WALKER



YOUNG people never approached the stage of human activity confronted with such inspiring opportunities as the youth of today.

Mighty forces are at work in the world. Vast movements are forming. Human society is entering upon a period of unfoldment and progress that promises to be the greatest the world has ever seen.

Old things are passing away. A new world is in the making.

And you can help. With all the might that you have, with all the talents you may possess you will be needed.

Capitalism is passing away—Socialism is coming. You face a future of wonderful possibilities.

Capitalism has run its course. In the thought of the world; in the experience of the world; in the hearts and judgment of the world it has been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

A new order is at hand, a new civilization better, higher and nobler than ever before conceived is building now throughout the world.

Kings, Kaisers and Czars have had their day. Thrones are tottering; empires are crumbling. Capitalism is in collapse in the most tragic catastrophe the world has ever seen.

To build the world again; to erect upon the ruins of these latest follies of human greed the sure foundations of democracy; to fill the earth with economic justice; to plant on all the continents comrade cities, glorified with the common good; to breathe into nations the life of human love and wholesome joy; to reach out to the great and crowning of all good, life's final aim—brotherhood.

This is the task of the years that lie out before the youth of today. This is the future that is yours. Prepare for it!

you to pocket as much of other men's earnings as the law allows. As you wish this, the world with poverty, starvation, disease, and death.—Eugene V. Debs.

Red Flag Edition. The New England Socialist is planning to get out a red flag edition in the fight of the Massachusetts Socialists against the pernicious red flag law.

Your Men that it is proper for

## WAR COST IN HUMAN LIFE

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK

THE hot, flood gushing from the torn veins of the working class, seduced or forced to attend "Death's Feast", to slaughter and be slaughtered, in little more than one brief hundred recent years may be measured thus:

In the French Wars of the Revolution, 1789-1795—	1,900,000
Frenchmen	1,900,000
Other Europeans	2,500,000
Wars of the Empire, 1795-1815—	2,600,000
Frenchmen	2,600,000
Other Europeans	3,500,000
In European American Wars since 1815—	9,400,000
According to Lapouge's estimate	18,800,000
Grand (Extremely Grand) Total	25,000,000

This total does not show the spilt blood of perhaps one hundred million men, wounded in battle but not killed. It is especially important to consider also that the enormous total of twenty million—in round numbers—does not include many millions of non-combatants who in one way and another were destroyed during the wars and in consequence of the wars, nor the immense number of non-combatants wounded but not destroyed, nor the vast amount of blood befoiled and weakened with disease.

## MILITARISM MUST NOT BE CRUSHING LEGACY BEQUEATHED TO THE CHILDREN

The growing menace of militarism must not be handed down by the present generation as a crushing legacy to the children of America.

While Europe is engaged in war the United States government, instead of exerting itself to render impossible all future wars, is preparing for the day when it, too, may find sufficient pretext to join in the war to come, if not in this ghastly conflict.

It is therefore with great hope that another big blow may be struck in the war against war that The American Socialist is issuing a Special Young People's Anti-War Issue. Once the young people have been won to the banner of Socialism all war will cease.

The Chicago Tribune has adopted as its war slogan the declaration of George Washington: "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

The American Socialist League to this challenge with the slogan: "WIN THE NATION'S YOUTH FOR SOCIALISM AND THEY WILL END ALL WARS!"

The nations of Europe were too well prepared for war. They were armed for the slaughter. All of Europe, because it was armed, was turned into a continent populated with murderers. To the youth of America, those of you who have not read previous issues of The American Socialist, we want to outline what the International Socialist movement is doing in its war against war.

Plans have now been perfected for the holding of a conference of delegates representing the Socialists of neutral countries. This conference will soon be held at Copenhagen. At this conference the Socialists of the warring countries will also state their position. In this way plans can be made to better carry on the fight for peace.

This conference will not doubt be followed by an Extraordinary International Socialist Peace Congress.

Prison Yaws in Russia. While the date of this congress nears news comes from Russia that scores of prominent Socialists have been arrested at Petrograd, charged with attempting to inaugurate a revolutionary movement. Among those charged with being responsible for this movement are several Socialists members of the duma.

It is also declared that large placards calling for peace are being mysteriously put up in the suburbs of Berlin. All the indications are that the masses have had enough of war.

The recent sitting of the Prussian Landtag is declared to have ended with cheers for the Kaiser. Most of the Socialist deputies left the chamber, declaring Justice, the organ of the British Socialists. Those who remained pro-Prussian, Karl Liebknecht. It is said, has been expelled from the Landtag.

The condition of the miners in Eastern Ohio is deplorable. With the coming of cold weather conditions will only grow worse. Donations of clothing will be received at either the Socialist Party Headquarters, Rooms 302-6, Meredith Building, or Central Labor Union Hall, 314 Cherry Street.

TOLEDO SOCIALISTS IN FIGHT FOR STRIKING OHIO MINERS. By Judge Cornell. Toledo, O., Socialist Secretary.

Two committees, one from the Socialist Party of Toledo, Ohio, and the other from the Central Labor Union, are planning a mass meeting for Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, and a Tag Day for Saturday, Dec. 5.

Members of these committees will visit all union meetings, union auxiliary meetings and homes of unionists and Socialists to secure clothing and homes for the children for the winter. They will also round up workers for Tag Day.

There are 13,000 men, 2,000 women and 20,000 children to be cared for; 7,000 children being of school age who are unable to go to school because of the lack of shoes and clothing and school books.

MILWAUKEE LEADER VICTOR IN \$20,000 LABEL SUIT. On direction of the court, a Milwaukee jury has rendered a verdict in favor of The Milwaukee Leader in the second trial of the \$20,000 label suit instituted against it by the newspaper city clerk, Peter F. Leuch.

In an editorial the Leader declares: "The attempt to wreck the Leader has failed miserably. The Leader's history has characterized the spirit of the newspaper press at the former trial has been as futile as the holy inquisition's conspiracy against the human intellect."

"The first trial of the Leader was for a lawsuit. It was a conspiracy of a journal which can not be muzzle by ecclesiastical authority or capitalist greed."

HERE IS ANOTHER. Clark A. New, -W. C. Thory, Socialist, was elected to the state legislature from this district, representing Curry County.

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COST OF ONE BATTLESHIP

By DAVID STARR JORDAN
BY all means let us popularize the navy. It is our navy; we have paid for it, and it is for our people to do what they please with it.

Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

HEADQUARTERS IDEAL
I notice in the last issue of your valuable paper, a considerable discussion, as to the Socialist party having its own building as a National headquarters.

Young People's Dept.

J. A. ROGERS, Jr., Director
To reach the young people with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the ranks of the Socialist Party is the aim of the Young People's Dept.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

BY LOCAL M. DIXON (MONTANA, IND.)
I notice in the Socialist Party of America that the following names have been submitted for the membership for the year 1914.

THE COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE

There is the good ship North Dakota, for example. Her cost is almost exactly the year's net savings of the prosperous state for which she is named. There are the fine dreadnaughts, which fear nothing while the nation is in its senses and in war nothing but a torpedo boat or an aircraft carrier.

Woman's Department

WINNIE E. BRAMSTETER, Director
This Department has charge of propaganda and organization among women. It is to be a center for the Socialist Party, and it is to be a center for the Socialist Party.

BY LOCAL WARD, COOK COUNTY, ILL.

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BY LOCAL COLUMBIAN, KANSAS

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THE PARTY REFERENDUM

I have weighed with me the question of the party referendum. I have weighed with me the question of the party referendum. I have weighed with me the question of the party referendum.

START SOMETHING

We believe we have already apprehended Comrade Doyle's advice "to start something." After eight years of preparation we have an incorporated cooperative farm.

EVERY KICK IS A BOOST!

Well, not quite but still they help. If they are constructive; if they contain no remedy, then criticism is mere fault finding.

WANTED: SECONDS TO MOTION

The Democratic principles of the initiative, referendum and recall are the heart blood of our party, and should be zealously guarded by the National Committee and the National Executive Committee.

PERSONAL WORD

It has come to my notice that locals are being circulated with requests to take on a debate between an Ohio comrade and one Corcoran of New York.

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NEW LEAGUE THIRTING

The Fast Side Thirthing of Cleveland, Ohio, though not recently organized, has been a success in its work.

HERE IS WHAT NEW YORK CALLS BATH OF RYAN WALKER

Here is what the New York Call, the Socialist daily in the nation's metropolis, has to say about the chalk talk lectures of Ryan Walker.

BOCKSTEIN Y. P. S. L. DEBATE

We have some splendid debaters in our Young People's League. In the last week we held a debate between eight of the best debaters in the League.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Old age pensions are a necessary part of a social program. They are a necessary part of a social program.

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. Write him for particulars.

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APPEAL OF SOCIALISM TO THE YOUNG

By CARL D. THOMPSON

YOUTH is the school time of life. We of middle age and beyond have no time to prepare; we must act with such equipment and attainments as we have.

FOR WHAT WILL YOU LIVE?

Facing such a future, every young person will have to decide the sooner the better—what is to be the chief, the dominant purpose and guiding principle of his life.

GREATEST THING TO WORK FOR.

Having settled once for all the guiding principle for your life, the next question is: What is the greatest cause for which one should work?

The world is full of all sorts of organized efforts intended for the betterment of mankind. To which one of them will you devote your energies?

There is the church. Christianity and, for that matter, all religions, are efforts purposely organized for the service and betterment of humanity. They will appeal to you.

Some Brief Comment

By MAX S. HAYES LABOR IN CANADA IS TURNING TO SOCIALISM. A. R. Rigg, the fraternal delegate of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress to the American Federation of Labor Convention in Philadelphia, declares that the organization represents a rapidly subsiding tide of socialistic sentiment.

ROLL OF HONOR

- Alta goes to the Top of the List... Mrs. H. H. Brown, Chicago, sends in a list of 10 names... Mrs. J. J. Smith, New York, sends in a list of 5 names...

NO WAGE REDUCTIONS WILL BE LABOR'S DEMAND.

"No wage reductions!" That will be the unanimous demand of the American Federation of Labor when it meets in its annual convention at Atlantic City, N. J., on December 1st.

DO NOT OPEN MORE POLLS FOR VOTERS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The vote in North Carolina, as published by the state board of can-

ment, a splendid collective effort of the working class for the bettering of industrial conditions. It will make its demands upon you. It will ask for your attention, your service and your loyalty.

There are the peace societies, housing commissions, probation leagues, and a hundred and one other societies formed to advance some one or other idea for the betterment of human conditions.

There is the single tax movement, and the cooperative movement, each in its way attacking certain wrongs in the present social order and with splendid enthusiasm and heroic devotion advancing constructive measures for better conditions.

Now the true and thoughtful socialist will cheerfully admit the value of all of these great movements, will give them all the credit and honor due them, and recognize to the full the services they are rendering. But when that is done he will insist that there is a cause, a movement, a work greater than all of them.

GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD.

Socialism is the greatest movement in the world—not merely because of its numerical strength, which has already put in beyond every other political movement the world has seen, but chiefly because of the fact that socialism embraces in its program practically all that is important in the others.

For example, the improvement of labor conditions, as sought by the organized trade move-

ment, can best be achieved through the political program of the socialist movement. In fact, this is the only way, ultimately, that the ideals of true socialism can be realized. Or, again, women suffrage is and always has been a part of the socialist program. The same is true of the League of Nations, the League of Nations, the League of Nations, the League of Nations.

The socialist organization is the greatest peace organization on earth, if not the only really effective one, and socialism is infinitely more vital than all the charities, since socialism fights for justice which will make charity unnecessary.

And as for Christianity and the religions, the very best of their teachers and leaders frankly admit that after all the centuries of their teaching and propaganda, and all the heroic and exalted service, they have not yet redeemed humanity, and the task they set out to perform insofar as it applies to this world here and now is for the most part as yet not accomplished.

We therefore conclude that in the whole field of organized philanthropies and social programs there is none so great, so vital and so promising as socialism. To that, therefore, every young person should devote himself and herself, as the supreme summons of this generation and the mightiest opportunity of modern times.

Lecture Bureau Notes

AMERICAN SOCIALIST LECTURE DEPARTMENT NEWS NOTES. We are now receiving communications regarding dates for Ryan Walker. One local writes enthusiastically in the following manner:

"This local has voted to ask for a Walker date. Comrade Walker was with us Nov. 2, with his lecture 'THE ADVENTURES OF HENRY DUBB' and IT WAS GREAT. The largest and most appreciative audience we have had, and that is saying a good deal, was here in all our quarters without any facilities for decent life. It is the duty of the State to use its schools and other agencies to the full and give to the people a knowledge of these matters of an appreciation of the value and meaning of cleanliness and temperance, and of other things which are of so grave importance in their daily life."

There is no limit to the usefulness of a proper and enlightening education, and the medical profession and the State, and its influence would be felt in every department of national life.

Questions and Answers

Total and Socialist Vote in Germany. Q. What is the voting strength of the Social Democratic Party, and the total voting strength of all parties in Germany?

A. In 1912 the vote of the Social Democratic Party was 4,250,333. The Catholic party polled 1,946,848 votes, and the total vote cast was 12,207,432.

A socialist dentist, we are told, is wanted in a Kansas town of 550 or 600 population. For particulars address the Information Department.

NEIDEL DATER

ELKHART, Ind.—Dated Oct. 20. Neidel Dater, 1000 W. Main St., Elkhart, Ind., writes to the Information Department regarding a date for Ryan Walker.

WATCHE THIN LIST GROW. A. F. OF L. AND MILITARISM. The American Federation of Labor has done well to strike at the tendency toward militarism.

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THE HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION IS THE HISTORY OF FREEDOM.—Mep.

Orphans Under Capitalism

While the capitalist press, notably The Tribune and The Herald of Chicago, is gushing over with feeling for the helpless of Europe, poverty and starvation continue to demand their victims in America.

Forgetting the thousands of orphans in America, The Chicago Tribune is planning to import the war orphans of Belgium and place them in American homes.

"In The Tribune I read of that paper's intention of sending homes for the orphans and widows of Belgium's slaughtered warriors. Thinking of the matter, I was led to the conclusion that it would be a nice thing for us to take a little orphan girl into our home or even a girl with her mother.

"The mother could be a great help to my wife as we have had to work with three big boys to take care of and our only daughter in grown up and teaching school. I mentioned the matter to my wife and she agreed with me. I asked my daughter what she thought of us taking a little sister into the family and of The Tribune's plan to provide us with one.

"She also agreed. 'But,' she added, 'why should we go to Belgium for a fatherless child. Are there not children in this country?'" "And I agree with her. It is now just a question of finding them. I believe that the Socialist press can put us in touch with some of the many orphans and widows of capitalism's war in America and help us to get a representative of the Socialist press. I ask your advice.

"We are willing to adopt an orphan, particularly a girl, or if the mother is willing to take both mother and child and to claim no legal right to the child (for we do not believe in taking advantage of a mother's necessity by making her forfeit her right to her child for the benefit of having it brought up.)"

Not Charity Offer. "This is not a charity offer. We expect that in case of adopting a girl; that as long as she is too small to help she will brighten and cheer our home and so repay to the little trouble she might give us. And in case of taking the mother we expect that she will earn all that both she and her child gets by helping with the house work.

"My references as to our reliability and good intentions I refer you to Comrades Walter Huggins, Charles H. Kerr, Carl Strover, Winifred E. Brewster, George Koop and James P. Carson, of Chicago. I am, J. J. Smith, Oakdale Farm, Shermerville, Ill."

Lurels, Ill.—An increase of 40 per cent was seen in the Socialist vote in this county over two years ago, in 1912. Debe polled 24 votes. This time, German for Senator, secured 131, while some candidates polled as high as 170.

Rock Rapids, Iowa.—Socialists put one over on the old parties here in the election. There was a vacancy due to the death of county treasurer in 1914 and the old parties failed to nominate any one to fill the place, leaving the office open on the ballot for names to be written in. The Socialists, however, nominated and had their candidate printed on the ballot with the result that he was elected.

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Evansville, Ohio.—Socialists polled 1145 in this county, beating the Progressives who secured 1,523 votes. Clarkburg, Va.—Returns give Socialists of this county 1,646 votes for Kintner, congressman-at-large. Republicans secured 3,987 and Democrats 2,644. In Randolph County the Socialists were the only people to show a gain, polling 25 votes more in 1914 than in 1912, more than in 1910, despite the fact that this was a year of reaction.

Nominate for 1916.—Texas Socialists are considering the matter of meeting July 4 next, to nominate candidates for the 1916 campaign. This is starting in early with a vengeance.

Adding Ohio Miners.—Byron, Ohio. Socialists have already sent five big cases of clothing, shoes and other supplies to the striking coal miners of southeastern Ohio. Another shipment will be forwarded shortly.

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CAN BEHREND IS IRONED.—Cornelius Lehane, the Irish Socialist who is touring Connecticut, told his audience at New London that his British recruiting campaign in Ireland is absolutely dead and that only a fraction of the men could be obtained. The whole of that country to enlist instead of the 300,000 men expected by England.

Columbus, Kans.—Socialists elected Justice of the peace in Cherokee Township against a faction of old parties, by vote of 170 to 132. In Mineral Township, where Socialists elected township board two years ago, old parties combined and defeated Socialists 194 to 164. Socialists elected four justices of the peace and constables. At Rose Socialists won against a faction 754 to 600.

Beaumont, Miss.—Socialists elected county treasurer, register of deeds, county coroner and one commissioner out of two elected. This was a struggle between Socialists and non-partisans. The vote for congress was Soc. 812; dem. 778; rep. 1,423.

Granby, Mo.—Socialists got 53 votes here in 1912 they polled 23.

Reading, Penn.—It is possible James H. Maurer may not sit in the next legislature. Vote now shows him tied with republicans each having 3,869 votes. The official count is necessary to decide, though the election may be contested.

Jewett, Tex.—Socialists elected constable and weigher.

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