

"TO INSURE TO EVERY WORKER THE FULL PRODUCT OF HIS LABOR, AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE, IS A WORTHY OBJECT OF ANY GOOD GOVERNMENT."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

TO INSURE TO EVERY WORKER A JOB IS OUR IMMEDIATE OBJECT. HELP EMANCIPATE THE TOILERS FROM THE DREAD OF UNEMPLOYMENT! UNEMPLOYMENT DAY, FEBRUARY 12

OUR reply to the shots fired against the jobless in parade in Chicago should be a thousand mass meetings in as many cities throughout the nation.

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FORCE OPEN THE DOORS OF PLENTY!

REPLY TO HUNGER CRY IN NEW YORK IS GOLD, FRANK, BRUTAL

By CHESTER M. WRIGHT
Editor Of The New York Call

IF YOU are an unemployed man or woman in New York today you could stand outside of the impressive white municipal building and look up at the massive windows behind which city officials conduct ponderous affairs of state—you could look up at them just that way. And then you could walk away again. And as you walked away you would know that up there in the case of roomy chairs and in the pure air of a well ventilated building the men elected to represent the city regard you as merely so much rubbish in the way of the Business Machine.

HALF MILLION ARE IDLE.

There are in New York City today a half million idle men. We say idle men, because that's all we can say. We don't know how many idle women there are. We don't know what portion of the half million is composed of men and what of women. We do know, as nearly as the figure can be known, that there are a half million workers who cannot get work.

The oldest inhabitant does not know of a time when there were more unemployed. And the most cynical cannot deliver a more brutal dol to those who come seeking work than has gone out from the city administration that the people elected on a program of reform and uplift.

"New York City is not responsible for unemployment," said Controller William A. Frederick, the "brains" of the administration, speaking to a committee that had come to plead for the unemployed, "and we cannot adopt such a view of the city's responsibility. It is not a question of funds. The money market today is such that the city can get all the funds it wants for all the work it has to do. But we do not believe in doing the things which you are urging us to undertake."

There it is—gold, frank, brutal. New York's city officials (O'DOL adopt measures that would end the unemployment problem. THEY KNOW IT AND ADMIT IT. And the only reason they give for not doing it is that THEY ARE CAPITALISTS AND NOT SOCIALISTS.

New York's unemployment situation is tragic and terrible. But the officials are unmoved. They are not in office to represent the workers. They know who they are in office to represent.

MASS FORCES FEB. 12.

But New York's workers are looking ahead to Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12. New York's workers are talking about massing their forces in a great demonstration on that day. And just now there is much talk of making this a great demonstration of dignified, silent protest. Just a slow, voiceless march, with no sound and with no banners. Just humanity, as it is, speechless, but possessed of a mighty, unused power—a power that nobody can estimate and that may spring into action, none knows when.

And the police, those guardians of property! They are working in those days of great stress. With the hunger desperation in thousands of faces the police are alert and under orders from Mayor Mitchell to "use your clubs" whenever they are "needed." Stupid police officials will tell you if you go and ask them, that there is no increase in crime. But almost every day the newspapers chronicle suicides "because of unemployment" and robberies committed by hungry men.

And through the center of this great concentration camp of misery runs a constant stream of food—the wealth of the nation, the product of its toilers. Ship after ship calls away out of the harbor, past the great green Statue of Liberty, on to Europe. And these great ships carry the grain of our prairies, the flour of our mills, the weavings of our factories—factories in which the workers of the land have toiled, but the product of which has been taken away. Great storehouses watch these great ships ride out over the waves and back of the hungering eyes of them there seems to swell up the rising tide of discontent and revolt.

HAVE RIGHT TO WORK.

Comrades! Brother workers! THIS MUST STOP! We have a right to work. We have a right to food for ourselves, for our wives and little ones. WE HAVE THIS RIGHT. AND WE MUST COMMAND RESPECT FOR IT!

Nothing is in our power to do can bring us the respect for that right more than a great NATIONAL demonstration on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth—February 12. Let us mass our strength in every city of the land. Let us not ask if we have the right to speak. WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE SILENT!

"It is a splendid move," declares the "Unemployment Day" movement. "In spite of newspaper recitalist legislator, president of the ports of a noticeable change for the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, better, the unemployment problem and national executive committee—like, if anything, worse now than it was of the Socialist Party, in speak—was two months ago."

THE FIRST MEMBER

HERE is the first member of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST BOOSTER CLUB and a copy of the certificate (reduced in size) that will be sent to him. Several others have joined since then.

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STARVE WAR! FEED AMERICA!

HERE is the set of resolutions that is being sent to the 31 Socialist state legislatures in 13 states to be introduced into and fought for in these lawmaking bodies. If the governments of Europe did right in seizing the stores of food and money, sources of credit, railroads and telegraph to help the war, certainly this government is justified in taking similar measures to stop the war and save lives at home. This must be done:

WHEREAS, the prices of wheat, flour and bread, not to mention other necessities of life, are rapidly rising, owing to the huge and unchecked shipments of food products from our shores to the war stricken countries of Europe;

WHEREAS, even the United States, with the largest wheat crop of any nation in history, standing dominant as "the granary of the world," cannot much longer stand the strain of gigantic wheat exports to Europe without itself feeling impoverished, according to a statement made by R. W. New, international wheat statistician; and

WHEREAS, the money and food lords of America are using every opportunity possible to profit by the near-hunger at home and the slaughter in Europe by increasing the cost of food; and

WHEREAS, to curb the war in Europe and to curb the monopolists in this country, also to keep this nation from being drawn into the conflict, two things must be done:

1. We must starve the war by cutting off supplies.
2. We must feed the war people by making the most of our supplies and

WHEREAS, in order to bring this about, we must stop the shipping of all supplies into the war zone, not a penny for loans, not an ounce of food should leave these shores to prolong this terrible shedding of blood; and

WHEREAS, this is the only honest and complete remedy, in no other way can we be sure of stopping the importation of that fatal, fatal, fatal; and

WHEREAS, bread and meat and money are as necessary as men and guns and bullets for the killing of men in war. Keeping food and cash here will save lives on both sides of the Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, to carry on the war and to continue the wholesale slaughter, the governments of Europe have seized the stores of food and money, sources of credit, railroads and telegraphs; certainly this government is justified in taking similar measures to stop the war and to save lives at home; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the legislatures of Wisconsin, Illinois, Oklahoma, California, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Montana, Kansas, Utah, Idaho, Nevada and Massachusetts, that the President, the Senate and the House of Representatives, be and they are hereby respectfully petitioned by this body, in behalf of the peoples of these states and of the nation as a whole, that the government shall at once seize the stores of food supplies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge the national government to at once seize the stores of food supplies, the sources of credit, the railroads, and all means of transportation and communication and use them to break the grip of trusts and speculators; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the national government seize the packing plants, the cold storage houses, the grain elevators and flour mills, and all else necessary to supply the food of the nation and operate them for the good of all, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Congress prohibit the shipping to the war zone of any article that will help to keep the warring armies at their murderous work, and furthermore forbid the lending of money to any government that has plunged its subjects into war.

SILENT! Gather on this day, men and women EVERYWHERE! We will be down and will rise NOW THE RISE OF MILLIONS BIDS US RISE IN THE COMMON CAUSE!
We are the workers. Without us is no good thing made. LET US RISE IN OUR COLLECTIVE MIGHT, DEMANDING FOR ALL THE RIGHTS OF ALL!

Ohio Socialists have petitioned the governor, state senate and house of representatives to intervene in the protracted coal strike in the eastern part of the state.
Oklahoma Socialists in state convention adopted uncompromising resolutions opposing war, not only as it concerns other countries, but as it concerns America.
Socialist City Councilman Fred C. Wheeler in Los Angeles is fighting against the proposed increase of the city's police force by the action of the patronage.
Resolutions were adopted by the recent Oklahoma state convention extending sympathy and cooperation to the Socialists waging a free speech fight at Tulsa in that state.
Indianapolis Socialists have organized a Labor Lyceum League as a start toward erecting a home of their own.

TALE OF TWO CITIES

IT HAPPENED just beneath the windows of The American Socialist and the national office of the Socialist Party in Halsted Street, Chicago.
On the quiet of a Sabbath afternoon, the legalized thugs of Chicago's police department turned loose their guns on a helpless, unarmed parade of the unemployed, who were protesting in their near-nakedness against the system that is crushing them.
For such as these the city government had nothing but cold steel and the sharp shod hoofs of well fed horses mounted by merciless brutes armed with guns and bludgeons.
How this jobless parade was broken and crushed, practically at the door step of the national headquarters of the American Socialist movement is told on this page by Irwin Tucker, who was among those arrested and thrown into a vile cell, in the "black hole" of Chicago's west side.

Then there is Chester M. Wright's story telling of another way capitalism in New York City is fighting the unemployed—not the unemployment problem.

Here you can read how capitalism on the throne in the two largest cities of the nation continues its bold career of crushing humanity in its pursuit of profits.

Here is a "Tale of Two Cities" that ought to boil the blood of every liberty loving man in the land.

In the meantime the national government still permits the shipment of food products to the warring countries of Europe. Food prices continue to mount higher than ever. The only remedy that the national democratic administration, headed by President Wilson, has to offer, is another "investigation."

IN OKLAHOMA'S LEGISLATURE
What will the six Oklahoma state legislators do? That is the question one hears in legislative lobbies, on the street, everywhere, in Oklahoma City, the state capital.

And it must be admitted that in part, at least, it is not to be answered. As a matter of fact, what the Socialist legislative group intends doing, apart from the general plans of procedure laid down at the recent convention, is pretty much of a secret among the members of that body.

At present the old party representatives are guessing—and wild guesses they are making. It is the intention of the Socialists to keep them in just that predicament until the opportune time arrives—when the fuse will be touched off.

This much is known, however, that in connection with the proposed poll tax measure, the Socialists will base their fight on constitutional points—both state and national.

Senator Wilson in making a minority report proposed the following amendment to an act providing for the taxation of property whether real or personal.

Among other exceptions, chief among them being farm products while remaining in the raw state, such as cotton, corn, etc. Senator Wilson proposed to amend this section by inserting after the words "in the raw state" the words "and in the hands of the actual producer," which might be called a Socialist joker.

The Oklahoma Socialist legislators are going after the state constitution. The provision giving the governor the veto power would be repealed under provisions of a house joint resolution introduced by Socialist Representatives Hill and Ingham.

A second proposed constitutional amendment was introduced by Representatives Pritchett and McLemore, extending the right of suffrage to women.

Meanwhile Socialists are planning to celebrate Unemployment Day Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12.

OUR UNEMPLOYMENT SPECIAL

THE BIG Unemployment Day movement is under way. It is gaining in volume every day. The workers of the nation, employed and jobless, are responding to the plea to mass their forces in every city of the land on Lincoln's Birthday, Friday, Feb. 12.

This day would not be complete without an "Unemployment Special" of The American Socialist. We want to make this the biggest edition yet run off by The American Socialist. We want to make it equal to the big crisis that now confronts the nation.

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BULLETS GREET PLEA—"GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"

By IRWIN TUCKER
Editor Of The Christian Socialist

FOR publicly displaying the central petition of the Lord's Prayer "Give us this day our daily bread" on the streets of Chicago, a peaceable and orderly parade of jobless, homeless, unemployed men and women was clubbed, slugged, and shot at by plain clothes thugs of the police force, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17.

A rally of the unemployed had been held at Hull House, in the heart of the West Side, and it was decided to make a peaceable public demonstration.

Police-anarchists in disguise were in the meeting, seeking occasion to foment trouble. When the parade began, they forbade the hungry, homeless, unemployed men and girls to walk the streets; and when these would not comply, they assaulted them with blackjacks and revolvers. I can only give my own story.

I was on my way to Hull House when the trouble occurred. Having seen the call for the meeting, but not knowing who was back of it or what the plan of procedure would be, I desired to attend and find out.

As I approached Harrison and Halsted, I saw a crowd blocking the streets, with plain clothes bullies blackjacking men and assailing the women. A little girl, who was tightly onto their banners and refusing to surrender them even when mauled and maltreated.

Twice I asked the assailants, none of whom wore uniforms or displayed badges, who they were and if they were officers I demanded that they display their authority; the only response being a rough cuff and a refusal to show their faces. The girls were attacked and trampled in the dust the banner containing the Lord's Prayer.

I took hold of one of the sticks holding up this banner, one of the little Jewish girls held the other, and we marched on some two or two and a half blocks.

Then a wagon load of officers in uniform drove up, and surrounded us. We made no resistance, but were hustled into a police wagon. The rest of the parade marched on.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD!
The police who imprisoned the men and girls who carried this sentence from the lips of Jesus Christ in public were headed by Captain James O'Dea Brown, of the Maxwell Street Police station, who was indicted for collusion with the "million dollar burglar trust."

A series of revelations regarding the partnership between crooks and holdup men on the one side, and detectives and police men on the other, has just been made to the citizens of Chicago.

It has been shown that many of the police are simply in uniform, preying on the underworld of vice and crime like vultures on a carcass. It was a man indicted for leadership in this betrayal of official trust, treason to his uniform, and equality to society at large, who headed the force of police that threw men and women into prison for crying for bread.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD!
By order of these partners in all the crimes committed under the noon heavens that roof Chicago, to repeat this petition commanded by Jesus Christ is a crime and an offense against the state.

Every winter about this time the "wave of crime" assumes enormous proportions. Chief of Police Gleason only a short time ago recently petitioned the city council to increase the force of patrolmen, to aid in the suppression of crime.

Crime and unemployment go together. When men are denied a chance to work for a living and when cold charity offers only an insufficient dole, and men confront the alternative of starvation or violence, of course large numbers of them choose crime. Men who are compelled to sleep packed like sardines on the bare floors of the municipal lodging house, and who are turned away in the bitter chill of a raw winter morning with no prospect of anything better the next night, will sooner or later lose all respect for and allegiance to the society which compels them to such conditions.

And when this condition is augmented and multiplied a thousandfold by the criminal folly which ships America's food across the world to feed the embattled murderers of Europe; when this nation threatens to go to war with a foreign land which stops our shipment of beef—prevents us robbing our starving people of their own substance to keep murderers in strength;—then who can wonder that on whom the burden of this monstrous idiocy rests, will cry "Life first—law second!"

But there was no shadow of violence or of threatened anarchy in Sunday's parade. They merely wanted the right to say that they were hungry; they only asked permission to inform the world at large that, as a group, they desired—NOT CHARITY, BUT WORK!

They did this in words which the world has always regarded as sacred, as the center of its holiest utterance, the middle petition of the Lord's Prayer. And for the horrible crime of displaying the Lord's Prayer in public they were treated like wild beasts by men who had become wild beasts.

SCENES IN THE PRISON.
Inside the police wagon was a jolly crowd. Ten of us were hustled in, and five policemen forced themselves in upon us. The girls and men in the wagon struck up "The Marseillaise."

At the station, one of the young officers began shoving and striking the girls, and a policeman abused them insolently. I advised both of them that this would not look pretty in print, and if they kept it up I would see that it got there; whereupon they ceased open abuse.

The Desplains street police station was built in 1885, thirty years ago, and has never been changed or altered. The only sanitary arrangement in the cells is a gutter running clear along the row from cell to cell filled with running water.

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The whole six hours that I was there—from 4 to 10 p. m.—the jail rang with the strains of "The Marseillaise" and an occasional snatch of the International, in Russian, French and English.

All of the 21 prisoners demanded a jury trial. We were held on three charges, rioting, unlawful assembly, and unlawful parading. The first is a state charge, the others a city charge.

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FIGHTING FOR THE JOBLESS

IN BOTH state and nation the Socialist party is now preparing to meet the problem of unemployment.

The one Socialist congressman and the 31 Socialist state legislators are at work. National legislation on this subject is now being studied by Congressman-elect Meyer London who goes into office March 4. Among the proposed national measures may be mentioned the following:

1. A comprehensive system of national, state and municipal free employment bureaus. This, of course, is only a temporary measure, but in the best that can be proposed under the existing capitalist system.
2. In spite of the urgent need for measures of this kind, nothing has been done by congress so far. Meyer London will take this matter up in an active way, and in that he should be supported by our Socialists in the various state legislatures, through memorials addressed to congress.

3. Government works. Another measure that will doubtless be proposed in congress will look toward the development of public works by the federal government. Every extension of the government activities along these lines will help to give work to the unemployed.

4. Government loans to states and municipalities. The third line of measures which will aid in the solution of the problem of unemployment from the national government would be loans to states and municipalities at a very low rate of interest, or perhaps no interest at all, to enable them to embark in public works.

5. Unemployment insurance. Provision for unemployment insurance on a national scale should certainly be included. Just as the community is arranging to protect the worker against loss by industrial accident, it should also protect him against loss by involuntary idleness. Measures for the establishment of state and municipal employment bureaus.

6. Resolutions supporting the national program. As suggested above, the various proposals involving action on the part of the national government should be supported by resolutions introduced in the state legislatures. Also, state congresses should be petitioned to pass resolutions for the establishment of state and municipal employment bureaus.

7. Public works in the state. Measures should be introduced in each state legislature providing for the undertaking of public works of various kinds, such as road building, reforestation, profitable enterprises, building of grain elevators, cold storage plants, etc.

8. Immediate measures for the relief of the unemployed. Measures should be introduced in all state legislatures authorizing cities to proceed at once with public works. To this end the states should loan money to the municipalities.

Here is a line of attack that Socialists in office will vigorously pursue in their efforts to meet and solve the problem of unemployment. This campaign will finally lead to the overthrow of the capitalist system and the elimination of all profits from industry, when there will be enough for all, even jobs.

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Attorneys for all the prisoners are William A. Cuneo and William E. Rodriguez, both Socialists.

SEES FRENCH REVOLUTION AGAIN.
It was but a week ago that in a sermon at the consecration of Bishop Sumner at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, in the heart of the slum district of Chicago, that the Bishop of Southern Ohio, Theodore I. Reese, said:

"Conditions today are almost exactly similar to those immediately preceding the French revolution. There is the same thoughtless gaudy among the upper classes, the same widespread misery among the lower; and today as then, there is a great deal of superficial interest taken in the investigation of conditions by the upper classes.

"Marie Antoinette and her court at Versailles dressed themselves as shepherdesses, and thought that they were solving the problem of life. And today 'mammals' and dabbles in social economics is fashionable among the rich.

I am not saying that another French Revolution is sure to follow; I am saying that the conditions are similar."

This was the bishop who backed up the Socialist rector of Middletown, Ohio, when his vestry tried to throw him out because he was a Socialist.

The assault by the police occurred just four blocks from the Cathedral where this was uttered. It was the assault by the Swiss Guards on the ragged masses of Paris that opened the French Revolution.

If those arrested by these police-anarchists are punished, Chicago will stand before the world self-confessed as an anti-Christian city of barbarians.

Five Socialist members of the Russian Duma are to be court-martialed. They were arrested recently for trying to hold a meeting.

James W. Woodruff, Minnesota Socialist legislator from Two Harbors, is a locomotive engineer by practice and a farmer by diversion.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Here is all the week's news worth while boiled down for workers so busy fighting for Socialism they do not have time to read the daily capitalist press.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12.

Shots, Belmont, Vanderbilt and 10 others blamed for coroner's inquest for the first time in New York City history.

Italy accedes to the demand of Italy that it make reparations for violating contracts and also salute the Italian flag.

Count Leopold von Berchtold, the Austrian Foreign Minister of foreign affairs, who was shot in Sarajevo precipitated the world war.

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Shots At The Enemy

By DURCAN M. SMITH

THE BUSINESS revival that bank shooters told the small business man to come with the first of the year has not showed up yet. The mental treatment that was so faithfully applied has not taken effect.

WE HAD built up the machinery of production until it was able to supply all of our wants and to furnish a large surplus for the foreign market. But even with the tremendous growth of foreign trade in the last decade the machinery of production could supply every demand on it without being operated at full time.

THIS MEANS that no new factories are being built, no new railroads constructed to carry the goods to market, and no new machinery of production being built.

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NOT A VAIN REPETITION

By JOSHUA WANNHOPE

YOU Socialists make altogether too much of what you call the 'capitalist press'. Your eternal grating about it gets on my nerves. I said a most superior person the other day to us. Then he went away before we could get started to explain. He knew all about it, of course, so that is the reason we are compelled to explain this way for other superior persons—also those who are not as superior.

THERE ARE SCORES of proverbs that tell us that "truth will prevail" and that "a lie has no legs," and similar epigrams all declaring that the truth will eventually conquer. All this may be true, but it is what happened in the meantime that is intolerable.

HENCE, OUR SOCIALIST press, papers like THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST, the New York Call, The Milwaukee Leader, the Appeal to Reason, and others, constantly hold this matter up to the attention of their readers, and thus get on the nerves of superior persons, who are not Socialists, because they think they are too intelligent.

EXPANSION is the life of capitalism. When that ceases according to our great authorities, the fire-works begin.

A GENTLEMAN by the name of Marx, who flourished some years ago, and who was not highly regarded by the great philosophers of his time, declared that a period of depression which followed active years of construction had the effect of bringing down from the capitalist class the working class man.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 15.

Germany begins new drive on Paris. Russia sends new army to invade Germany.

Italy: Foreign owned oil wells at Tripoli.

Gold, fire, hunger and disease follow in Italy.

Three-armed fight in house at Washington, D. C.

DAY, JANUARY 16.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17.

Russian attack on southern Carpathian pass and south into Austrian province of Galicia.

Reque Gonzalez Garza named provisional president of Mexico by Congress at Mexico City.

U. S. MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

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Stories Of An Agitator

By RALPH KORNOLD

HILL TRAGEDY.

THE girl came into the kitchen; remained standing near the threshold, ill at ease. Her mother looked at her from the doorway.

"What is it?" impatiently. "Got something to tell you. Something important." "What about?" "About myself."

"The woman looked up, anxiety in her eyes. 'What 've you done?' 'I—I'm going to have a baby.'"

"Lord God Almighty!" "The girl sobbed. 'He's left. They don't know where he's gone.'"

"What do you think you'll do, but you won't. And it would do no good, the disgrace would be there just the same. And your paw, you know him, if he only don't kill somebody. Oh Lord God! Lord God! She, too, began to cry."

"I dunno," said the mother anxiously. "The backwoodsman would hit where stood the hut of 'Frénchy.'"

"Frénchy, I want to talk to you." "Eh, bien, come in." "They went into the one room together where everything was in the greatest disorder. Grease and dirt were everywhere. Strong, stalwart odors prevailed the place."

"Frénchy, you know my girl Beasle?" "Certainly. She used to be my girl, Marnie Beasle." "Do you want to marry her?" "The little man was taken aback. 'You mean that for joke?'"

"The other was suspicious. 'Marnie Beasle used to be my girl. I old man. Why you want to marry her?'"

"She's going to have a child." "The backwoodsman said evenly. 'The man went away. I want a husband for her.'"

"That same evening when Beasle had ready to follow the younger children to bed, her father said: 'What a minute, I've something to tell you.'"

"The girl recoiled against the wall clasping her hands to her breast. 'I'm married, Frénchy.'"

"The girl dashed herself upon the floor. 'For God's sake, don't tell anybody. For God's sake, don't tell anybody.'"

"The man took his pipe and sat down by the table, smoking thoughtfully. 'Frénchy, that is a fine job, to save the little boy's mother from the doctor and a long stay in the hospital and her own features.'"

"Well mother, let's go to bed."

FINAL BLOW AGAINST LABOR

By ADOLPH GERMER

THE final blow against organized labor has been struck in the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the Deasbury Hatter's case.

According to the decree of the U. S. Supreme Court, it was illegal to withhold the public of the fact that Lowe & Company are unable to organize labor. For this act the members of the Hatter's Union are to be robbed of their homes to appropriate the English dimes of the Lowe Hat Company.

THE legislators make the laws, the Judges construe, twist them and issue the decrees and the executive branch of government carries them out in accordance with judicial decree.

HERE is a political lesson that is well for the workers to remember. The workers, who are in an overwhelming majority, elect the legislators who make the laws. The workers elect the judges or, in the federal courts, elect the men who appoint the judges who garble and twist the laws to suit the occasion.

THE VICTORIES OF LABOR CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY WORKING CLASS SOLIDARITY AND WORKING-CLASS LOYALTY.

with Russia when it adds, as Comrade Kennedy suggests that it should, a provision that those opposed to war on principle be excluded from military duty. Even Russia relinquished, or at least relaxed her persecution of the Doukhobors when she found they would not fight.

Opposition to armaments does not make a "nonresistant." It only indicates opposition to social suicide or fratricide at the behest of our masters. The only way to fight a "defensive" war is to invade the enemy's territory.

I want to see the class war waged peaceably. Therefore I oppose those who would fight a class war. It is always quick to appeal to violence.

Labor's numbers insure victory in a peaceable struggle. Armaments, which can only be controlled by the enemies of Labor, insure a violent struggle inevitable, and make victory for Labor impossible.

George W. Hinman, erstwhile editor of the defunct Chicago Inter-Ocean is still knocking at Marlett University and recently told the Cincinnati, O. City Club that the Socialist are simply following in the footsteps of the French revolution.

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GOUGED!

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL

Recently a comrade wrote us: "How is it possible that you have allowed a pamphlet like 'GOUGED' to get out of print? There is nothing like it."

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SOCIALISTS AND THE WAR

By W. J. GHENT

IS THERE anything in history quite comparable with this general howl against the Socialists because they did not prevent the war? Has hypocrisy ever shown itself on so universal a scale?

THIS howl of complaint and detraction is raised by those who have always fought the Socialist party—who have striven to keep it small in numbers and impotent to obstruct a war.

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This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press

NEWS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

(From The New York Call)

There is double significance in the news published in The Call—and not by most other newspapers—to the effect that the Constitutionalists of Mexico have decreed that the titles held by American exploiters to Mexican landed and mineral wealth are no longer valid.

This is reason indeed for the continued opposition of a large part of the American press to the Constitutionalists and their leader, Carranza. It is reason for the continued and glaring distortion of much of the news that is published regarding the Constitutionalists.

As an example of the perversion of news, it will be remembered that widespread reports were published not many days ago declaring that the Constitutionalists had been defeated in Puebla, whereas later reports that could not be overlooked or suppressed showed that the victory for the Constitutionalists had been a sweeping one.

Still another strain in the wind of events that may account somewhat for the trend of many newspaper reports against the Constitutionalists is the fact—reported by The Call yesterday—that Wall Street has advanced \$3,100,000,000.

SOCIALIST PACE CONFERENCE

HELD AT COPPENHAGEN.

Cable dispatches from Copenhagen, Denmark, report that the peace conference of Socialists of neutral countries, which opened Sunday, Jan. 17, was very slightly attended.

Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Holland were represented by four delegates each and Italy by one.

Switzerland sent no delegate. This was the conference at which Morris Hillquit was to have represented the United States. It being decided, however, that he should not attend the Socialist peace program was discussed, but no action was taken.

French Socialists have extended their congratulations to Karl Liebknecht. They say the war is not directed against the German people.

According to the German Socialist daily, Vorwaerts, three Socialist newspapers in Bohemia and one in the Tyrol have been suppressed by the Austrian police.

The Socialists in the French parliament are demanding a less rigid censorship. They call on the government to furnish news as fully as possible, to respect public opinion and preserve the liberty of the press.

All Socialists interested in the big chautauque and encampment to be held at Connetquot Lake, by the Socialist organization in the four counties in the northwest corner of Pennsylvania next June, should write to J. H. Brownink, 1047 Liberty St., Meadville, Pa.

The Fenian state supreme court has decided to hear the case of the two Socialists, John Murray and Mariani, convicted of contempt of the district court in Las Animas county for the circulation of a recall petition against Judge A. W. McManette.

In reviewing the state policy of increasing wages for the day workers, the Hamilton, Ohio, Socialists have extended their policy of \$2.50 minimum wage of eight hours per day to the city library. This practically brings all the employees of the city under the increased wage.

Vorwaerts, the German Socialist daily, publishes extracts from letters received from Russia by the foreign departments of the Socialist organization, in which it is stated that laborers of the Duffell and Aita factories struck in protest against the arrest of the two members of the Duma for high treason. Pamphlets were distributed at the university and a student delivered a speech in protest.

OUR 1914 VOTE.

The Socialist vote at the congressional elections last November totalled a little more than 600,000.

The Socialist total falls just a little short of the 600,000 mark.

As a result of this election the Socialist Party is again represented in Congress and increased the number of its members in the state legislatures 40 per cent.

While the returns from only 25 states are official, and the party is in a better financial condition than it has been for a long time.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY STATES

HERewith is presented the report of the membership for each state for 1914, giving the figures for 1913 for comparison, as well as the number of National Committeemen allotted each state according to the constitution. Twenty states show an increase in membership for the year, thirty states show a decrease. The total for 1914 shows a decrease in membership of 2778, all of which is the result of the unemployment of the last few months. Several of the states show a very small membership, indicating that some assistance should be given them by the National organization.

REPORT OF DUES AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND AFFILIATIONS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Table with columns for State, Dues, Members, and Total. Lists states from Alabama to Wisconsin with corresponding financial and membership data.

The above table shows a very fair condition, considering the unexampled situation brought upon us by the war, both in financial matters and in the mental jarring of some of our cherished ideas.

The functions of the Federation are purely language propaganda and that is the only business it should have.

Dear Comrade: A report is given this week of the appeal of Comrade Bell against the ruling of the Executive Secretary.

Comrade Bell's appeal is a most interesting one. It is a plea for a more democratic and open organization.

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TWO BOOSTS!

Our quarter page advertisement in the American Socialist has brought very good results so far and we are much pleased. — ARTHUR LESLIE, vice-president of the People's College, Fort Scott, Kansas.

The American Socialist is a mighty voice for the American Socialist movement. It is doing just what it should do — leading the American Socialist press in the fight for Socialism. — CHESTER M. WRIGHT, editor, The New York Call.

Socialists of the nation, as may be possible when the war closes, would be glad to see you.

Emma Connolly and Marion Israel of the Women's National Committee have endorsed the request for a Woman's Day celebration at the National Committee meeting.

To the Members of the Executive Committee: I am in receipt of a request from Comrade Bell for the return of the report of your last meeting on the following matters:

1. A copy of all proceedings taken in Executive Committee on the matter of the proposed congress of general nations that was to be held, and to which Comrade Hillquit declined to go.

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Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

CALLS IT FINE SUBJECT. As I am a reader of The American Socialist and know it is one of the best in the field, I will just scribble a few words in regard to the Texas program you hear about. I notice a good many in other states writing on the subject of decentralization. We have got it in Texas, I notice Comrade Andrew Allen of Florida, who would be a state secretary in Texas is this: That the State Secretary rules the party, writes all the platforms, counts all the votes, announces one of his pals elected, writes the constitution, gets his pet constitutional convention and then proceeds to steal both seats, secretary and chairman of the convention, and run things to suit the Reds. Decentralization wants no state secretary, no state committee; if we don't need a district secretary and clear down to no local secretary.

The Party is dead in Texas and will be as long as the bunch runs it that stands for decentralization. All in to see the motion to call a constitutional convention and then quit trying to organize any local party. Why? Because they know it won't do any good for the Decentralization Bunch will run it out themselves. To call your memory back just a little, I have before me Party Bulletin No. 12, Referendum C. In regard to recalling Comrade Work. This came from your Decentralization Bunch. Get the Bulletin and read it. Oh, I heard some one say they didn't keep it. I did, and I am not the only one in Texas who has it. And that is not all the dope we have got, not by a long way. Come on with your discussion in regard to decentralization.

GEO. B. LEWELL, Thornton, Texas.

WITH PLEASED. I am much pleased over the letters I have received and the favorable comments I notice in the American Socialist, Nov. 14. These comments by Comrades from all over the country show a growing interest in the party and a desire for the socialist party in order that we may give an actual demonstration of our system.

With a million voters counted and perhaps an equal number of votes not counted, we are strong enough, and we have the authority to insist on what we please. If each socialist would give but 10 cents a month we would get \$100,000 a month, and many more if a month's dues were paid.

One comrade suggests that we start a sugar refinery, growing our own raw material. This is an excellent idea, and one that will give us a long way in giving unemployed socialists employment. No doubt some comrade knows of land suitable for this purpose, that would not cost more than \$10 or \$15 an acre on terms. There are many other things, manufacturers that could be started equally as well.

If we cannot manage such industries now as well as 10 to 15 years hence, we might as well quit all agitation, and acknowledge our defeat.

I would suggest that the national office appoint a committee of 3 or 5 to gather information, and that the comrade who gets the most local conditions, and let them submit some plan to us and call for funds and see what can be done. If we do not start we will never start, and no time is better than the present to do good.

In discussing party policies some of the comrades present schemes of "decentralization" which have always been mooted subjects, because of their theoretical nature. The idea that any one advocate is always based on that which he sees in his favor. If Comrade Allen of Allenton, Fla., or other advocates of "decentralization" would show us what they see in favor of it in an argument of logical conclusions from their own experience. Instead of destructive criticism of the present system of organization, then there would be something worth while considering.

Most of the "decentralizers" that I have come across seem to have gone to the extreme in advocating the doctrine of laissez-faire, and as a result they go to a ridiculous extreme in their criticism of present policies.

Can anything be more ridiculous than the statement of the "decentralizing" National Committeeman Bell of Texas, that our movement is ruled by a handful of bureaucrats? Can any sane person believe that possible in an organization like ours? And the result is an organization that hurts our movement and makes the justification of some of our most sacrificing and worthy comrades possible.

Enough the initiative, referendum, and recall the membership has full control of our organization, no matter what its form or policy may be. The trouble is with those who, while advocating changes in the party, are in fact, in their own declarations, practically adopting, making harmonious work among the comrades impossible, and simply making themselves a drag to the movement.

To my mind "centralization" is our movement means, as the term

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SOCIALIST VOTE FOR 1914

The table below gives the vote cast in the November, 1914, elections in 27 states as official, as noted. The vote given is for governor, unless otherwise noted.

Table with columns for State, Socialist Vote, and Total Vote. Lists states from Alabama to Wisconsin with corresponding vote counts.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. 1. What percentage of farms in the United States was operated by tenants in 1890, 1900, 1909, 1910?

A. 1. The following table of percentage of farms of specified tenure in the United States is taken from the decennial census of agriculture.

Table with columns for Year, Percentage of Farms, and Total Farms. Shows data for 1890, 1900, 1909, and 1910.

2. According to Duncan U. Fletcher, in a speech in the United States senate on August 9, 1912, "our farmers own some five billion dollars, nearly three billion of which is secured by mortgages on the land."

3. The same authority states that the average rate of interest on money paid by farmers is 7.75 per cent per annum.

EMPLOYMENT IN LOS ANGELES

The Chicago Tribune recently reported that there were 6,000 unemployed in the city of Los Angeles. A letter from Mr. Donohoe, superintendent of the Municipal Free Employment Bureau of that city, however, states the case as follows:

"As a conservative estimate, I would place the number of unemployed in Los Angeles present at 15,000. It is my belief that 80 per cent of this number are anxious to avail themselves of any opportunity to earn an honest living."

(1) Unofficial. (2) For representative in congress. (3) For United States senator. (4) Vote for 1910. (5) Vote for 1912. (6) Vote for 1913.

BOOK REVIEW

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Table with columns for Last week, This week, and Total. Shows subscription growth from 4,189 to 4,721.

Here is good news for the hustlers. The party paper is no longer a burden on the party. What we have promised you in the first issue has come to pass.

The American Socialist Lecture Bureau is also prospering and every day we receive a flood of subscribers.

ROLL OF HONOR

- List of names and addresses of subscribers, including Walter Thomas Mills, Andrew A. Hill, and Raymond Lawler.

SEIDEL TELLS STORY OF HIS RECORD TOUR

By EMIL SEIDEL. Note: Here is Emil Seidel's own story of the first week's record tour for The American Socialist.

THE LABOR PRESS

ARTICLE IV By ROBERT HUNTER

BESIDES their unions and parties the people must have newspapers. Without newspapers their battle is lost. A newspaper is the first, the most fundamental and the most powerful of all their instruments.

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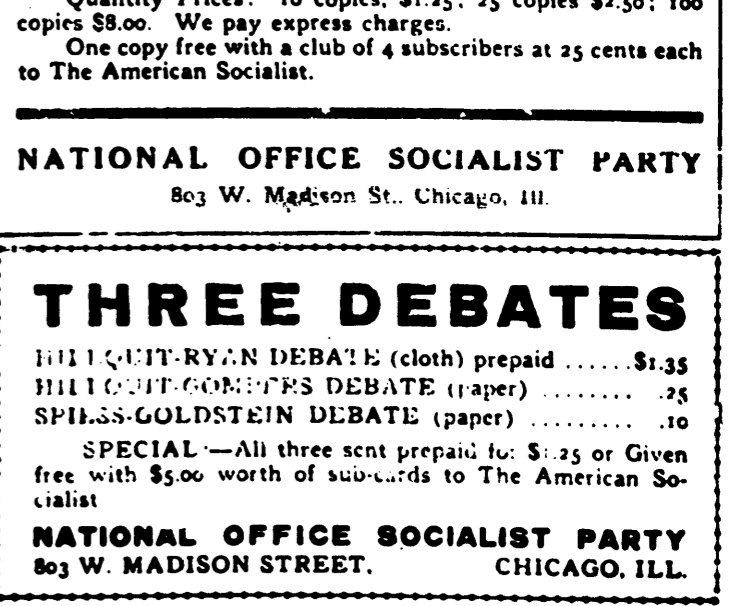
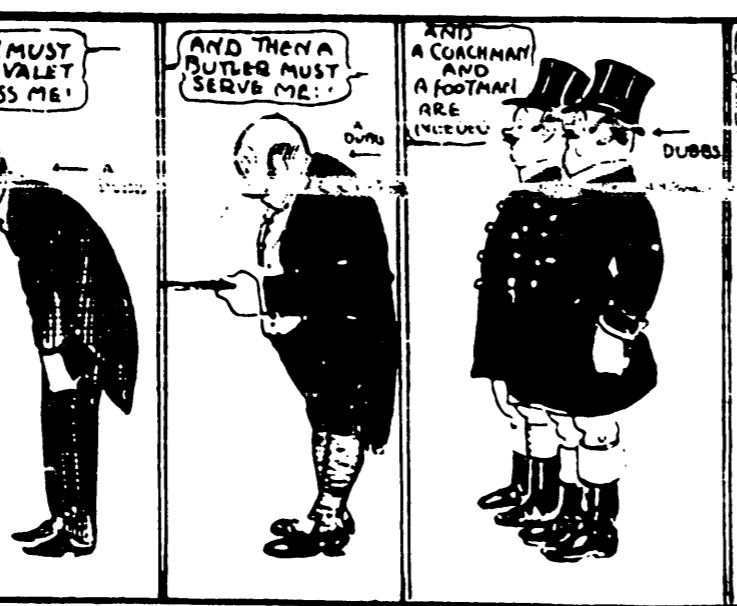
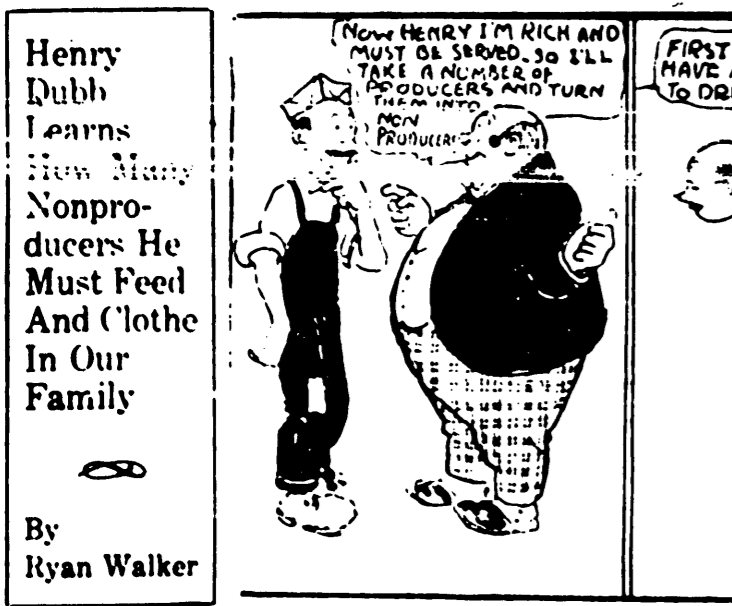
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