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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Here is all the week's news worth while boiled down for workers so they need not waste time reading the daily capitalist press.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Deputies and Thompson, reactionaries, announced for majority of Congress as Democrats and Republicans.

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FIGHTING JUDICIAL MURDER

By JOSEPH M. MASON, SOCIALIST MEMBER ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

THE three Socialists in the last Illinois legislature worked and voted for an anti-capital punishment bill that would abolish legal murder of human beings.

A similar bill is now before the present legislature. It was introduced by Joseph Mason, the Socialist member of the Illinois legislature.

"Whoever is convicted of murder shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for his natural life or for a term of not less than 15 years." The Socialists will work and vote for this bill.

A typical case of legal hanging is as follows: "On Feb. 13, in the county jail in Chicago, a man named Smith was hanged by the neck under his law, took a white cap, put it over his head, and tied the string.

"The poor victim when led to the scaffold, with his hands handcuffed behind his back, was so weak that he stumbled and would have fallen, had not the guards helped him.

"Broken in spirit, weak, pale and shivering, he was still the master of his will and with head erect, with an audible voice he recited the one hundred and twenty-first psalm: 'I will look unto the hills from whence cometh my help, my help cometh from the Lord, etc.'

"They strapped his ankles, his knees, and around his stomach and elbows and then put on a cheese cloth robe. The jailer took down the noose, put it over Smith's head, drew the knot under his jaw, took a white cap, put it over his head, and tied the string.

"THEN STEPPING BACK quickly, throw up his hands as a signal. Another man threw a lever. The trap fell, the miserable human wreck dropped with a thud, spun around, twisted, strained, and through the thin audible voice he recited the one hundred and twenty-first psalm: 'I will look unto the hills from whence cometh my help, my help cometh from the Lord, etc.'

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THE GINGER JAI NATION MAY SOON OWN AND OPERATE FORESTS

By WM. FRANCIS BARRIARD, Our Washington Letter

GOVERNMENT ownership and operation of the national forests is becoming dangerously important. You may expect some day to hear of Sen. Smoot or Sen. Gallinger rising in his seat in the upper house and denouncing the whole forest service as a waste of public funds.

Chief forester Graves, who succeeded Fitch, is a sort of modified standpat. For instance, he does not appear to have the government cut the timber that is ripening in vast amount in most of the forest areas. Nevertheless he seems to take pride in the latest facts of his annual report for 1914, just issued.

Seven and a half million sheep and one and a half million cattle were grazed in the national forests last year. The grazing fee amounted to a million dollars. There was sold off a total stumpage of one and a half billion board-feet of timber, bringing in more than \$1,200,000.

There were built 600 miles of roads, 2,000 miles of trail, 3,000 miles of telephone lines and 700 miles of fire lines.

A very aggressive group of young men in the Forest Service is convinced that government manufacture and sale of the lumber from the timber of the national forests must be undertaken. They want it made an issue in the policy of the progressives throughout the country — this idea of developing larger activities in the work of the government. Water power and oil and coal development would naturally follow. The chances of a clash of opinion which must be settled in favor of advancement are good.

WANTED: A justification for intervention in Mexico. Apply anywhere in Wall st. Arms and ammunition furnished, also, specialists in murder.

Now Father Ryan is after Bouck White. He doesn't like White's Christianity. There is too much democracy in it for him.

If only a zone could be thrown around William Howard Taft, that he might be powerless to communicate with the outside world!

How sweetly the robber barons speak as they explain the rise in the price of sugar. Now don't sour the world with your bad temper!

The Exposition is open. But tourists afoot will wait till the snow has melted, and then console themselves with the saving thought, "Oh, it isn't worth while, anyway."

"THE STARVING, GLAD TO WORK FOR FIFTY CENTS A DAY," discovers a New York newspaper. Of course they would work for twenty-five cents a day. There's a solution of the labor problem for you!

FIVE MILLIONS DEAD. "We, war willups a nation's heart," says a certain "progressive" leader. Then he says, "Five millions dead!"

It seems to the writer that the minimum wage should be fixed at all that labor has created. What? I am a disturber? Well, truth always disturbs, doesn't it?

Patric American Millionaire who has recently robbed Argentina of \$500,000. Argentina is asking for an easy means of distinguishing the fake American business men from the genuine.

Impeach Judge Dyer? Shame! The people are to blame. A Judge's soul is strong; He stands above all wrong; No Judge ever sells himself; He scores your golden pal; What that you say, my friend? I'm going to tell you!

WAR STRENGTHENS SOCIALISM. By VICTOR L. BERGER. This world war can have only one effect upon the Socialist movement of the world, and that is to strengthen it immensely.

Social Democracy within a few years will have the majority of the German people behind it. Then will follow the overthrow of the Hohenzollern dynasty, the abolition of the feudal aristocracy, and the establishment of a democratic republic in Germany — not necessarily a Socialist republic, but anyway a commonwealth much more democratic than ours.

All the European republics will naturally gravitate together and form a United States of Europe, containing central and western Europe at first, but later also the southern European nations. All this may happen through the agency and aid of the Socialist party, which will emerge as the greatest political factor in Europe.

SITUATION WANTED. SOCIALIST, seven years will party, four years experience on Socialist and labor press, wants position with Socialist paper. Have worked for "Appal," Coming N. H., Milwaukee, leader and others Age 27, married, best references. Address: Qualified, Office American Socialist.

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MR. CARNEGIE A SOCIALIST

By JOHN M. WORK

IN HIS book, "The Gospel of Wealth," Andrew Carnegie gives vent to the following:

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THIS IS A STORY of "Patriotism" and "Rubes." It is a true story, and the characters in it will do most of the talking. The time is December 12, 1913. The place is the House, in Washington. The principal character is one Callaway, from Texas.

LETTER FROM A PEACE
Good for May Wood Simons who has had the sand to resign. Her letter was a peach.
Not all the party members who are willing that women shall help contribute the money and 'kick' at the 'patriotic' bunk that is being laded out for home consumption.

It has cropped out at headquarters in speaking of needs of rural or agricultural districts. As he says: "There is nothing in 'constitutions' either giving or denying the right to build Headquarters."

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
CARL D. THOMPSON, Director.
Purpose—To collect, classify and make available for the membership of the Socialist Party and other workers and informants as they may need in the discharge of their duties.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, The relations hitherto existing between the Socialist parties of the nations of the world have proved inadequate and altogether useless in an emergency, such as the present one, in which Socialists are fighting for the rights of the working class against the government, in order to secure a declaration that only two nations exist on earth, namely the working class of the world and the exploiters of the workers.

One Towser, from Iowa, in talking on a private pension bill, was so slushingly "patriotic" that the man from Texas, seemingly forgetful for the moment that he was talking for publication, voiced his disgust in what the writer considers the most remarkable speech ever made on the floor of Congress.

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THE TEXAS ORGANIZATION.
The American Socialist on January 23, published a letter from a fellow in Limestone county, Texas, who stated that the party is "dead in Texas."

UNEMPLOYMENT AND CRIME.
The criminal statistics show how crime increases. In 1911, in the year before the crisis, 97,333 persons were punished in Germany for theft; in the year 1892, which was a year of crisis, the number rose to 109,193.

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING
Published Feb. 20, 1915.
BY PHILADELPHIA: (first published Jan. 2, 1915).
BY BOSTON: (first published Jan. 2, 1915).

SOME WHO READ this will probably doubt the correctness of this report of Callaway's speech. Will not believe that any member of Congress would dare to speak in this manner. This is not a report of what Callaway said, but of what he is taken from an official stenographic report of the United States Government.

DR. PAULINE MYERS-HANSON
Marshalltown, Iowa.
DEMOCRACY AND SOCIALISM.
Democracy is practically impossible in the present state of the world. It is only voted and passed the democratic provisions, but did some sneak put these provisions so cunningly into the constitution, that the one hog-tying the National Committee was only discovered when the emergency came.

CRITICISMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
Criticism: I have plenty, and recommendations more than we could swallow.
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AMONG BOOKS
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Revenue from Tariff.
Q. Please give me figures on the revenue of the United States from tariff, before and after the new tariff law went into effect.

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