

REFRESH MEMORY OF THE WORKERS By Adolph Germer

THIS IS written on April 20th, the anniversary of the Ludlow, Colo., massacre. One year ago today, brutal capitalism, through paid hyenas in human form, perpetrated the most hideous crime in the annals of labor's history, on a community of unsuspecting men, defenseless women and innocent little children.

Capitalism is utterly free from sentiment. There is no human impulse in capitalism's struggle to retain supremacy. Its elements are as chilly as ice and its movements treat human life as a burlesque.

To those who have followed the course of events, the roasting of women and children at Ludlow, by the hired murderers in military uniform, is still fresh in memory. The moans of agony from the despairing victims can still be heard. In

fancy we can still see them vainly struggling to escape the inferno of the incendiaries who revel and rejoice in the barbarity of their beastly outrage.

BUT CAPITALISM works the same wherever right and justice is pitted against corporate greed.

A few months prior to Ludlow, the nation was horrified over the unpardonable catastrophe at Calumet. There, as at Ludlow, capitalism had no human feelings in its mad attack upon the unsuspecting and defenseless, but jovial Christmas gathering in Italian Hall.

And when we turn the pages of labor's history back a little farther, we come upon the name of Holly Grove, West Va. It was at Holly Grove where an armored train equipped with machine guns and a

band of hired desperados at mid-night turned loose a deadly gun fire upon a sleeping village, killing one and wounding others. It was at Holly Grove where Quinn Morton, the leader of the coal miners said "lets go back and give them another round."

The list of instances where soldiers of labor's industrial army have fallen as victims of capitalism is endless. Day in and day out; year in and year out, the struggle between man and dollar continues and the pathway of the labor movement is decked with little mounds of earth beneath which lie the mortal remains of martyrs to the cause.

WHETHER IT be the Transport Workers of Great Britain, the Miners of Germany, or the workers of any calling in

any country who revolt against the tyranny and exploitation of private owners of the industries, the same agencies of the political state are pressed into action with the same results. Whether under the folds of "Old Glory" or whether under the Union Jack or any other flag, the political state has ever been at the disposal of the capitalist class to force the workers into submission.

To get as much as possible, at any cost, out of the mills, mines, factories, railroads, etc., is the incentive for the owners of the industries to exploit and murder and burn human beings. Human life is plentiful. The labor market is overstocked, especially in these Democratic days.

But the most pathetic fact of all is that persons from the ranks of the workers enlist in the service of the capitalist class

to do the shooting and burning. Rockefeller never fired a shot in Colorado. Neither did Welborn or Oggood. It was the common herd, Bell, Belcher, Hammock, the Linderfelds, DeWitt Hunt, Brown, etc., etc., who did what Rockefeller and his understrappers wanted done.

SOME OF these murderers from whose fingers drips the blood of little babes who never lifted a word, perpetrated the heinous crimes for the paltry sum ranging from \$3 to \$5 per day.

And those inhuman creatures dare to engage in such service, only because the political state is in the hands of the capitalist class ever ready to do its bidding.

So has it been in the past and so will it be in the future until the men and women

of labor join hands in the political and economic movements of the working class.

These two powerful weapons are at our disposal. We can make use of them the very moment we determine to do so. With them we can make THIS WORLD the Eden that is promised us in the great beyond.

WELL MIGHT WE CHOOSE LUDLOW, CALUMET AND HOLLY GROVE AS OUR THEME FOR INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY, MAY 1st, AND REFRESH THE MEMORY OF THE WORKERS OF THE CRIMES THAT CAPITALISM COMMITS AGAINST THEM.

THESE INCIDENTS, ADD TO THE LIFE AND GRANDEUR OF LABOR AND TO THE DEATH AND DISGRACE OF CAPITALISM.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 26.
Bismarck still open some of the Old German national societies to be kept from being in Germany, N. Y.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.
President Wilson declares it to be duty of American nation to maintain highest place of neutrality.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.
Chicago press reports that the Chicago Police Department will not be allowed to search for and seize on Durand street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29.
All traffic between England and England suspended. Believed naval battle in North Sea is brewing.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30.
Parliament reported in progress at Paris which the Germans regard as the key to their success.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30.
Shows 100,000 workers in 1,000 labor unions in the State are laboring under conditions.

STATEMENT OF THE QUINLAN CASE

To the Members of the Socialist Party:

IN VIEW of the many inquiries with regard to the case of Comrade Patrick Quinlan, we wish to say that the New Jersey state committee of the Socialist party has done, and is now doing, all it possibly can to secure his liberation.

After his sentence on July 2, 1913, it was impossible to get satisfactory bail, pending an appeal to the New Jersey supreme court, until the Appeal to Reason furnished \$5,000 in hard cash.

The New Jersey state committee then raised the funds to pay counsel to conduct the appeal, which unfortunately ended unfavorably for Quinlan.

It then carried his case to the New Jersey court of errors and appeals, but with no better success.

Lawyers of national reputation were consulted after this, only to learn from them that their opinions were the same as those of the lawyers already in the case, which were to the effect that there was no United States question involved and that it would be futile to attempt to carry the case to the United States supreme court.

A final effort was then made to have the trial judge grant a new trial on the ground of newly discovered evidence, but this also ended in failure, and Comrade Quinlan was again ordered to serve the sentence originally imposed upon him on July 2, 1913.

The New Jersey state committee is now doing all it possibly can to aid in securing a pardon.

The board of pardons will meet in June of this year; but if his application is acted upon then, and denied or dismissed, it cannot be renewed for one year, unless he is dangerously ill or some member of the board of pardons on his own initiative reopens the case.

Quinlan understands the delicate situation that now confronts him; but nevertheless he wants the application for pardon made as soon as possible.

He has repeatedly recognized our efforts in his behalf and has often declared that the Socialists of New Jersey, and elsewhere, as well as the Appeal to Reason, have stood manfully behind him in the fight for his liberation.

He is sure that he will be able to do nothing else until the New Jersey state committee issues the call to do so.

We believe in all sincerity that Quinlan is innocent, and hope that in due time we will be able to prove this to the world.

Fraternally submitted,

MILO C. JONES, MORRIS KORSHET,
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Quinlan Release Committee of New Jersey State Committee of the Socialist Party

ROCKEFELLER ORDERED LABOR CRUSHED

By FRANK P. WALSH
Chairman, U. S. Commission on Industrial Relations.

THE commission has made a part of its record a mass of correspondence not only showing that the Rockefellers were personally in constant touch with every phase of the Colorado coal strike situation but that they knew the strike was coming and prepared for it.

We have letters of Mr. Rockefeller Jr.; of J. F. Welborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company; of L. M. Bowers, chairman of its executive committee; of Starr J. Murphy, personal representative of John D. Rockefeller Sr., and of Ivy Lee, his publicity agent, which make it plain that every step taken by the Rockefeller agents in Colorado in the great strike, in which men, women, and children lost their lives, was taken with the full knowledge and assent of 26 Broadway, New York.

More than that, these letters show that even before the strike began in September, 1913, the department of labor was being organized by the Rockefeller agents to crush the strike.

Decieved Government Agents.

Mr. Murphy, acting under instructions from Mr. Rockefeller, told the government agent that they could not interfere; that they knew nothing of the situation in Colorado, and that the entire matter was in the hands of the mine executives at the scene.

The same day Mr. Murphy wrote a full account of it to Mr. Bowers at Denver, and Mr. Bowers wrote back highly praising Mr. Murphy for his discretion in not giving the government agents any information.

Praise for Mr. Bower.

We shall show that the very day after the strike began John D. Rockefeller Jr. sent an effusive telegram of praise to Mr. Bowers thanking him for the satisfying showing the company had made for the fiscal year and containing not one word to indicate any concern that 8,000 men, with their families, had the day before been deprived of their livelihood.

Nor does Mr. Bowers show any concern.

Sept. 29, 1913, a week after the strike began, Bowers sent a long report to Mr. Rockefeller, in which he assured his chief that he and his fellow officials would never recede an inch from the stand they had taken.

This is his language: "The writer, with every official of this company, will stand by this declaration until our bones are bleached as

THE PLACE TO STRIKE

By A. M. SIMONS

WHEN this war comes to an end there will be one great opportunity for the Socialists of the world. The climax of that opportunity will come to American Socialists.

Some of us feel that the Socialists of Europe failed to rise to the duty and the opportunity that was thrust upon them. Some will say that so far American Socialists have been rather weak in this tremendous crisis.

When this war shall have led itself out the nations involved will be financially exhausted. The accumulated riches of one generation will have been destroyed and the resources of another generation mortgaged to feed the man of the war monster.

The great mass of the profits of this slaughter will have been poured into the pockets of armament makers. These, as the dominating center of the international steel trusts, with their close interlocking of ownership, were the most powerful capitalists of the world before this war began. When it ends they will be so gorged with blood profits that they will dominate a capitalist world with almost unrestricted power.

THE ONLY portion of the earth they will not have sucked dry will be the western hemisphere, and above all, the United States.

At such a time a proposal for universal disarmament coming from the United States, backed by the other nations of the two Americas, would be impossible of refusal by the other great nations.

Neither Germany's army nor England's navy have brought what was expected of them. To all who are not afflicted with the war madness these things must now be plainly seen as incentives to attack and curses to the nations supporting them.

To baffle of possible attacks upon the United States across thousands of miles of ocean by any of the nations now used as bagaboos to scare voting rabbits into the armament trust net is to assume complete ignorance of facts.

Here then will be the focus of the class fight as well as of the whole fight for or against the forces that make for war. It will center on the attitude of the United States toward disarmament.

Are the Socialists asleep, blind or hypnotized by the war-song of the armament spokesmen?

If they are not the National Committee will seize this tremendous opportunity and inaugurate as widespread a movement as the Socialist Party is capable of setting in motion to the end that when the final peace congress shall meet this nation shall present a proposal for universal disarmament.

THIS WILL NOT end war. Only Socialism and a world federation will do that. But it will remove the most powerful organized force including all wars within capitalism. It will remove the horror of preparing for war, which is but little less than the horror of war itself, and it will break the back of the most powerful and most vicious and most dangerous to labor of all the forces of capitalism.

In such a move we would have the support of organized labor and of more than half the population of this country. Today only a small section of capitalism is interested in this making of murder machines. But this section controls the press, most of the politicians and other instruments of social control.

It is in one neck through which the many heads of capitalism gulp down the blood of the workers. We have an opportunity to cut that neck. Will we do it, or will we lose this opportunity, such as we can never expect to come to us again?

THE PLACE TO STRIKE

standard and this took the question out of the domain of doubt. The saving grace for Bennett was the attitude of the Protestant clergy."

When the ballots had been counted it was shown that Ogren had received for mayor, 5,497 votes, while Bennett, the present mayor received, 5,346. Ogren almost carried the men's votes getting 4,015 as compared to 4,703. The women voted against the Socialist ticket, Ogren getting 1,453 while his opponent received 2,645. Ogren carried his own ward by vote of 2,923 to 935. Thus it will be seen that the Socialist received nearly 40 per cent of the vote in spite of the bitter campaign waged against it. The Socialists reelected Charles F. Johnson in the second ward and elected a new alderman, August Swenson, in the first ward.

THE SPORT OF KINGS.

In very early times some kings, having made war, went forth in person to fight the battles, ignorantly supposing there was no other way. But they had not proceeded far until they were swept aside by a great multitude rushing to the front.

"Who are you?" asked the kings in no small curiosity.

"We? Why, we're the precious fools who are always ready to make somebody else's quarrel our own—patriots, in short!" replied the multitude.

"Precious, indeed!" chuckled the kings and raked their skins no more.

AMERICAN SOCIALIST 4 YEARS \$1.00.

OUR VOLUNTEER FUND

We report the results during Red Week. That is the week set aside by the national committee of the Socialist Party to secure subscribers for the Socialist press and to enlist new members in the Socialist Party.

With the effort put forth during this week we hope to bring to a successful conclusion our campaign to get 20,000 subscribers for The American Socialist. During the past week \$75 was added to the fund which already totalled \$1,352. This makes a grand total of \$1,427. This means 4,708 subscribers or more than one-fourth of the number we seek.

For the benefit of those who have not already sent in their \$1 for four sub cards to be sold during Red Week, we are this week publishing a subscription blank on the first page. Cut this out and get busy among your neighbors and friends during Red Week, which starts Saturday, May 1.

All of the subscribers sent in on this sub blank will be counted among the 20,000 and the money received will be added to the Volunteer Fund. Every Socialist and every Socialist sympathizer should not rest until he has sent in his list of Red Week subs.

15,000 HUNGRY

Just when the Democratic administration's great prosperity was being successfully launched once more the Chicago United Charities issued the announcement that it "must have \$100,000 and have it quickly, if it is successfully to carry out its work between now and Oct. 1." It declares that it could not get the money, "some \$2,000 Chicago dependents will be left with their backs to the wall and face to face with starvation."

But instead of seeking the remedy for the situation, instead of putting the workers to work so that they would not need charity, the Chicago uplifters are planning to relieve the situation sufficiently to keep the discontent of the masses from becoming public.

James A. Patton, the Chicago wheat king, who gambles in the price of bread and profits several millions occasionally thereby, has volunteered to come to the front with a gift of \$5,000. Other altruistic places promise to make a like sacrifice.

That will help keep the lid on a little while longer. But the crumbs

THE ROOSEVELT-BARNES SCRAP

(From The New York Call.)

Socialism was so utterly disreputable in the mind of Mr. Roosevelt a few years ago that he claimed he found it difficult to even mention the word in conversation, where there was then running, but now we find him busily engaged in defending a favorite assertion made by Socialist propagandists, namely, that the Republican and Democratic parties were essentially one in rottenness, and that the general subservience to capitalist interests.

Mr. Roosevelt is now out to prove that Mr. Murphy and Mr. Barnes, though the respective bosses of two supposedly antagonistic political parties, were, after all, copartners; that the alleged political antagonism of ideas between them was a sham and a fraud; that neither believed the people capable of ruling; that both were equally steeped in corruption and duplicity, and both were of one mind in the matter of graft, and that under the present conditions that was the only kind of "government" that could possibly exist.

Mr. Roosevelt may lose \$50,000 if he doesn't prove it. But already he has brought considerable evidence to bear on the point.

Barnes has not told his side of the story yet, and evidence has not altogether been wanting that T. R. himself has been in deals almost as shady as those he attributes to Barnes and Murphy.

The entire squallid scrap has no particular interest for Socialists, however. In other ways and from other observations, we have long seen the two parties that Roosevelt now seeks to prove.

Ben F. Wilson has just completed a series of 20 lecture days in Arizona. The Socialists everywhere are enthusiastic over his work.

Are you a volunteer? Have you sent in your dollar for four sub cards?

This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press

falling from the tables of the nation's plutocrats will soon go unnoticed. The workers are daily becoming better able to handle this situation intelligently. They will soon announce that they want all the wealth of the world, and quickly, too, in order to establish a better world, and then, when there will be no charity, no \$5,000 gifts from the wheat kings, but plenty for all.

Henry Dubb Now Known The World Over

46 HENRY is beginning to wake," writes E. J. Howard, from Christchurch, New Zealand, in telling of the international fame of The American Socialist's Henry Dubb, while reviewing conditions in New Zealand. "It was a glorious inspiration when Ryan Walker created him. He is a world-wide character now. I have received a letter from London from Prof. A. Bickerton, A. R. N. W., chairman of the London Astronomical Society, and in describing the effect of the sun upon the people of England he speaks of Henry Dubb. On this bit of dirt Henry is an accepted type. He is used in lantern slides by the Socialists, but, of course, Ryan Walker is always acknowledged by them with pride. Henry is used as a non-partisan. I also received a letter from a comrade in Switzerland who had seen Henry in the Glasgow, Scotland, Forward. So Ryan Walker is doing a glorious work by creating a world character that will make the workers class conscious as time goes on. A little chap in the north of this country wrote and asked me if I considered him a Henry Dubb. His name, called him Henry, I replied and told him, 'No,' and he showed his mother the letter with pride. His mother wrote and thanked me. So the good work goes on. I like to see the weapon of a laugh. Too many use the tear. Give me the laugh every time."

BRILLIANT CAMPAIGN WAGED AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

Rockford is one of Socialist's battlegrounds in Illinois. The story of the spring election there is a real one for interest and effort in our common cause. And the ideals of all our May Days will thus the sooner be realized.

It came the Ludlow horror, and Mr. Bowers, conscious of the effect it would have on the country, was quick to telegraph Mr. Rockefeller to get the first say-so in the press. Here is his telegram:

"Following withdrawal of troops by order of governor an unprovoked attack on small force of militia by 200 strikers. Forced fighting, resulting in probable loss of ten or fifteen strikers. Only one militiaman killed. Ludlow tent colony totally destroyed by explosions, showing ammunition and dynamite stored by them. Suggest your giving this information to friendly papers."

Influenced Gov. Ammons's Letter.

But perhaps the most amazing revelation in this whole extraordinary correspondence is that contained in letters exchanged by Mr. Rockefeller and Ivy Lee at the time Gov. Ammons was acting in the strike adjustment.

The attitude of the Rockefellers toward the government at the time the department of labor attempted to take the initiative toward a settlement has been shown, but later, when the operators desired to get their side before President Wilson, it appears Mr. Rockefeller had sufficient influence in the statehouse at Denver to dictate a letter to the president over the signature of the governor of Colorado.

That is a rather startling statement, but we have the authority for it in Mr. Rockefeller's own letter of instruction to Mr. Lee, who, it was brought out at the New York hearing, is the Rockefeller press agent.

Under date of June 10, 1914, Mr. Rockefeller Jr. writes this to Mr. Lee:

"Several points in my memorandum, however, could well, even more appropriately be used in the letter from Gov. Ammons to President Wilson, which you are proposing to prepare as soon as the major's memorandum reaches you, which I hope will be very shortly."

We do not know yet what the letter was that Mr. Lee was proposing to prepare for Gov. Ammons, nor what the memorandum was that Mr. Rockefeller thought might be appropriately used, but we hope to find out. There were other letters, too,

YOU WILL WANT SOME!

Real historic documents of the struggle of the Socialist movement! You will want some of the postal cards showing the struggle of the Socialists in the Michigan Copper Country. These picture postal cards show the gatherings of "Henry Dubbs" assembled by the copper barons in their war to drive out the Socialists. One of these pictures appeared in The American Socialist last week. Several other pictures have been ordered to leave the copper country but he has decided to remain. And since he cannot get a job he is trying to sell these picture postals to maintain himself and his family. These postals are five cents apiece of \$4 per 100; sets of three different cards, 15 cents each. Order them by mail from H. W. Mikko, 445 Iroquois St., Laurium, Michigan.

PARABLE OF THE WATER TANK

WE HAVE just ordered another 50,000 copies of "THE PARABLE OF THE WATER TANK." This leaflet has had an unprecedented sale. The comrades of Local Reading, Pa., who are good judges of Socialist propaganda, have ordered 24,000 copies. Rochester, N. Y., ordered 50,000 copies.

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THE "COLLAPSE" OF THE INTERNATIONAL By Morris Hillquit

THE peculiar brand of Socialists who rejoice in Socialist mistakes, fatten on Socialist defeats and are enthusiastic only when they can point out some alleged faults of the Socialist movement, have lately been regaling themselves, their auditors and readers with the cheering assertion that the Socialist International has utterly collapsed in the face of the world-war.

Incidentally there has been so much loose thinking and talking about "internationalism" and "nationalism," that it may not be out of place to attempt a sober definition of the terms, and an analytical forecast of the fate of international Socialism after the war.

What is generally termed the SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL stands for a complexity of ideas and institutions, whose main elements may be summarized under the following heads:

1. The identity of aims and methods of the Socialist parties of all countries.
2. The practical cooperation of the Socialists and organized workers of all nations in their every-day political and economic struggles.
3. Their common faith in the eventual obliteration of national boundaries, their common ideal of a free federation of nations.
4. The concrete international organization of the Socialist movement represent-

ed by the International Socialist Bureau with headquarters in Brussels (now temporarily transferred to The Hague) and by periodical International Socialist conventions.

NONE OF these features is likely to be seriously impaired as a result of the war. The Socialist program must remain international in character, because it will continue to voice the same general demands all over the world, after the war as before the war — the abolition of private ownership in the social instruments of wealth production and the reorganization of the industries on the basis of collective ownership and democratic administration. The Socialist policies and methods of action must likewise remain international, for they always will be rooted in the economic and political struggles of the working-classes.

The practical international cooperation of the organized workers of Europe has always found a stronger application in their economic struggles than in their political. This may be readily accounted for. Political activity is by its nature circumscribed by the boundaries of the autonomous political unit, the country. The restricted spheres of international politics, diplomacy and wars, are as a rule wholly withdrawn from the control of the people. The situation is radically different in the

field of modern economics. The principal industries of our time have assumed international proportions, not merely in their general character, but in actual organization and practical operation. The great banking and industrial interests of the modern countries are closely allied in ownership. The modern market is a world market. Capitalism has long broken down all national barriers and the moneyed interests have consolidated their beloved fatherlands into one great international business pool. International capital has in turn created an international labor market. In modern production the workers of all countries are pitted against one another almost in the same manner as the workers of different sections of the same country, and the competition between the workers of all nations is largely intensified by the constant streams of migratory labor. The organized worker engaged in an advanced industry begins to find it difficult to maintain labor standards on a national scale. Ordinary wisdom and economic foresight impel him to organize internationally as well as nationally. It is thus by no means a mere accident that the last twenty years have witnessed the birth and growth of numerous international labor unions.

THE WAR will not check the growing internationalism of either capital or labor.

Rather will it stimulate and accelerate the developments of both. The very substance of the war is the revolt of international capitalism against national boundaries and restrictions. Whatever the general economic effects of the war may be, it will almost certainly result in greater international liberty of motion for industrial capital.

The International of capital will force a union of the shattered International of labor, and as the former grows the bonds between the latter will develop even greater cohesion and integrity.

The international growth of economic interests will usher in the federation of nations and the brotherhood of man more speedily and effectively than a million eloquent but abstract sermons on that subject. The great modern nations were not pieced together from the scores of insignificant sovereignties through a suddenly awakened national patriotism but because of the centralization of the growing industries and their demands for larger elbow room and markets. The national territories and governments of Europe are in turn becoming too narrow for the new international phase of industrial development, and just as sure as the numerous European principalities, dukedoms and kingdoms of the middle of the last century gave way to the modern unified nations, so will the latter make room

within a short period of time to some working form of a federation of European nations. The international ideal of Socialism with thus gain an ever stronger material foundation, and for this reason, an ever growing concrete expression.

THE SOUL of the Socialist International is thus bound to emerge from the ashes of the war strengthened and purified. Will the form survive?

This is neither very certain nor very material. Unquestionably the wholly abnormal position in which the Socialists of Europe find themselves in this fratricidal war is apt to cause some personal irritation and bitterness among them. So far the Socialists engaged in the war have shown a most remarkable spirit of mutual understanding and forbearance. It is impossible to predict what situation may be produced if the war should continue much longer. The sense of irritation may become acute, and on the other hand a new turn of the war may alienate the Socialists from their governments and bring them together in common opposition to the continuance of the war.

That the latter course is the more probable one seems to be indicated by an unbroken chain of recent events. Since the outbreak of the war joint conferences have been held between the Socialists of Italy and Switzerland, the Scandinavian

countries and Holland, the Socialists of the allied countries and recently also between the Socialists of Germany and Austria. What is more significant still is the fact that the Socialist women of Europe have succeeded in bringing together in joint conference, representatives of practically all important European countries, including those engaged on both sides of the war, and that the conference was thoroughly harmonious and unanimous in thought and acts.

At all of these conferences tentative peace programs were adopted, and it is a fact full of hope and promise that all such programs are similar in spirit and substance.

THE INTERNATIONAL Socialist Bureau is rapidly re-establishing relations with the Socialist parties of all affiliated countries, and it is quite likely that a meeting of the full bureau will prove feasible within a short time. In the peace negotiations to come the Socialists of Europe will again present a solid front.

Whether the Socialist International will maintain or change its form of organization after the war is at this time still uncertain. It is also quite immaterial. The Socialist movement as such has overcome many great trials. It will survive the war. It is bound to retain its inherent international character. International Socialism is imperishable.

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Local Columns' report (continued)

of referendum since January 1, 1915, shows \$1 from all sources, of which but one cent was the result of the referendum, clearly ruling the referendum out of the question.

There are too many referendums being held upon the referendum to permit of a serious attempt to trick the membership out of its right of initiative. Published for second, May 1, 1915.

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Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

RULES FOR THIS DEPARTMENT.

The national committee of the Socialist Party in providing for an Open Forum in The American Socialist

such as ours is, then these same women haven't got backbone enough to take any responsible part in party affairs.

I am as strong a believer in woman's rights as any one could be, but we will never get those rights by sitting down, folding our hands and waiting for the men of the party to put us in some high position.

We must first show them that we are capable of holding high positions, and above all, that we cannot be "bluffed." My impression since reading the "American Socialist" is that the women of the party are not doing their duty.

I am sure that the women of the party are not doing their duty. They are not showing the same spirit of initiative and independence that the men of the party are showing.

The language federations certainly should have such jurisdiction over their own membership, but that jurisdiction should be limited strictly to matters for which the language federations were organized.

If the writer is not entirely satisfied, the federations were organized to facilitate the transaction of business between the foreign speaking locals and the regular party organizations, that is, between the locals and the county, state and national organizations.

This is the only reasonable explanation of the provision in the national party constitution by which the local party jurisdiction should be limited strictly to matters for which the language federations were organized.

If there is one thing certain in this Finnish matter, it is that it is blocking traffic.

The Finnish Federation has done its whole duty with respect to the Finnish locals which it could not do without. It has expelled them from the Federation and recommended to the state organizations having jurisdiction that they be expelled from the party.

Now it is up to state organizations to deal with the independent Finnish locals which those state organizations see fit provided only that they act in accordance with the national party constitution which says that they shall exercise complete jurisdiction over "propaganda, organization and financial affairs with such state or territorial organizations."

In other words, the by-laws of the federations are binding within the federations only, for those by-laws are made by the federations and not by the state organizations. If the federations are to have jurisdiction for anything it has earned only for supporting the idea of "homorule" and self-government.

To have the language federations making by-laws and decisions which are to be made binding upon the English speaking state organizations is absurd and Comrade Alanne ought to know it without having to be told.

As to the independent Finnish locals who are able and willing to do business with their state organizations without the assistance of the federations one might say that it is a good sign that they are becoming assimilated.

At this point look up your American Socialist for April 17th, 1915, and read J. Raphaelson's letter on "GETTING SQUARES." JOSEPH L. RICHARDS, Brookline, Mass.

Dr. Pauline Myers says "In Iowa propaganda for women has received only scant attention and the per cent of women members is very small. Why is this the case?" Then she says, "That a part of the men do not want women in the party."

All of this may be true. I am sure the first two statements are. There is but little propaganda among women, and the per cent of women members is very small, but why? I am sure that if the women of the state of Iowa, or any other state haven't got more backbone than to let a few men keep them out of the movement,

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1890	37,743	36,000	37,743
1891	42,344	41,000	42,344
1892	50,000	49,000	50,000
1893	58,000	57,000	58,000
1894	66,000	65,000	66,000
1895	74,000	73,000	74,000
1896	82,000	81,000	82,000
1897	90,000	89,000	90,000
1898	98,000	97,000	98,000
1899	106,000	105,000	106,000
1900	114,000	113,000	114,000
1901	122,000	121,000	122,000
1902	130,000	129,000	130,000
1903	138,000	137,000	138,000
1904	146,000	145,000	146,000
1905	154,000	153,000	154,000
1906	162,000	161,000	162,000
1907	170,000	169,000	170,000
1908	178,000	177,000	178,000
1909	186,000	185,000	186,000
1910	194,000	193,000	194,000

THIS COLUMN RECORDS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR SUB HUSTLERS FROM WEEK TO WEEK

Table with columns: Last Week, Old, On, This Week, Gain. Lists names and amounts for various contributors.

ROLL OF HONOR

List of names and addresses of subscribers, including Florence Sporefield, Fannie Fyison, George Hamilton, Julius Delfs, Arthur Olson, Werner, John F. Niehaus, C. A. Johnson, George Stadler, Charles Grossbach, Paul W. Geddes, Rosa Anderson, W. H. Sif, Tod Dohrenbeck, William J. McDonald, Jarvis Baldwin, Aito Coffer, W. A. Noonhead, J. Bartleman, Phil Callery.

SOME ANSWERS

By THERESA H. RUSSELL. A WELL-MEANING woman said to me the other day: "The chief reason I am opposed to government ownership is that it is so wasteful and inefficient. Why the Government pays thousands of employees \$1,200 and \$1,500 salaries...

Another well-disposed person recently brought forth to me this "argument" against Socialism. "What I answered was this: "That is true. But what you do not realize is that you have just given one of the strongest possible reasons in favor of government ownership..."

I mention these two incidents as illustrations of the fact that it is not necessary for Socialists to attempt to deny every objection to Socialism. Often our opponents, under the guise of conscientious objections, will bring forth the best possible arguments in our favor...

The red color of the Socialist flag is not the sign of the American and the French and many other flags. Red, White and Blue symbolize Fraternity, Equality and Liberty. Red is the symbol of fraternity...

SCATTERED SHOT

By OSCAR H. ADKINSON. To the victims belong the tolls. You will feel at a loss until you stop voting for the boss. Socialism will give the people good roads that lead to their own markets. Every exploited toiler is a juror, a senator or a legislator, will pass on the sentence of death...

SUGGESTIONS AND WARNINGS FROM OTHER LANDS

By WALTER THOMAS MILLS. Author of "The Struggle for Existence", and just returned from a five year's lecture tour around the world.

THE complaint sometimes made against party dues and party expenditures in this country cannot be justified by comparison with such expenditures in other countries. The annual expenditures for each member of the party in America is a smaller sum than in any other English speaking country...

ONLY A LITTLE while ago it was supposed that "management" was a gift. The good manager was a born genius. The bad manager was a hopeless miff. Now it is known that the work of organization and management is not a gift but a science...

The organization work of Australia and New Zealand is not hampered by many of the things which exist in the mother country, but in the matter of an up to date national organization office neither country has anything to compare with McDonald's work in the British Labor Party...

A SCIENTIFIC organization always has a definite purpose and it directs all its activities toward the attainment of that purpose. The Socialist movement has such a purpose. It is the extension and perfection of democracy in the organization of the self-governing industry as the unit in the state and the co-ordination of these industries as a function of the state itself...

THE CAMPAIGN for membership never ceases. It is an all-year-around affair. The resources of the party are very large. Until recently, in addition to all other expenditures, the party was obliged to provide the regular salaries for its forty-three members of parliament. When the party for members of parliament pays both for their services in parliament and on the platform...

Then the very great fame which has come to these men because of their great services to the party would be brought to bear directly on the task of building up the party membership and adding to its power. What ever they would decide to do as an executive they would themselves carry out as organizers. When the Executive was in session the definite knowledge and personal experience of what would be most needed, not in one industry but in all, nor some where but everywhere, would be present as the personal knowledge and personal interest of every member of the Executive...

Then state and national literature, newspapers, books, campaign programs and administrative policies would be harmonized, brought to bear upon the definite work at hand and that once done will mean the mounting up of the party membership, and the speedy victory for Socialism. In conclusion these are the paths which lead to victory, unity — not fusion, immediate economic advantages in the party membership, the great industries as the unit in party organization and in party activity and finally scientific organization and management in the party work.

MAY-DAY 1915

By EMIL SEIDEL.

MAY-DAY, Workers' Holiday. It was conceived as an international holiday — a day on which the world's workers were to cease their grinding toil, give a breath and meditate on the international character of their position. And today, a quarter of a century later, one-half of the world is at war...

STRENGTHENING SOCIALISM. Dr. Karl Liebknecht's reward for protesting against the war is to be sent into its jaws. If he comes out alive, he probably will be even more strongly in favor of peace than he was before. A more effective way of stimulating socialism in Germany could scarcely be found than by making martyrs of its champions...

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Young People's Dept.

J. A. ROGERS, Jr., Director. To reach the author's work with the energy of youth and to bring forth the best work of the movement through Young People's League in America.

A \$5,000 campaign to raise the sum of \$5,000 for a building of their own, has been started by the Young People's League of the Young Keopert, Penn. Committees have been elected to work on different plans to get money. The League has 250 members and they expect to raise \$1,000 among their own members. It is not expected that there will be any trouble in raising the amount wanted. McKeeport has a way of doing things which is rather startling to most Leagues, yet they always make a big success of whatever they undertake...

HE COMES BACK

L. L. Thompson, of Missouri.

THE Local of the Socialist Party. The League will take a prominent part in the May Day Demonstration, May 15, the League will present "The Child of His Heart" by William F. Barnard. This office has just secured a large supply of arm bands for the Y. P. S. L. The bands are red with white letters and sell for 15 cents each in lots of ten or more; single bands 25 cents. Fifteen cents is as low as we can make the price, no matter how many are ordered. "Our Income" is the name of a play which has been put out in manuscript form by this office. It is written by a professional writer of amateur plays, Katherine Hand Stevens and sells for 15 cents a copy. It is just the thing Leagues are looking for. Seven copies, \$1.

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57 Watch This Figure Grow

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THIS week we are glad to record the biggest increase in the number of lecture contracts received, that has thus far been made. We have notified that local Grand Rapids, Mich., has accepted the lecture course. Although this contract has not yet arrived we are putting them on the list.

State Secretary Hoogerhyde of Michigan has written us a letter promising to co-operate in getting as many locals as possible in his state to accept the lecture course. W. A. Jacobs of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is doing good work lining up locals for the lecture course.

Ernest Moore is doing similar work in Michigan. We had expected to get 50 contracts by the first of May. It is now evident that we shall pass the sixty mark even before the arrival of that date.

WHAT ONE OLD TIME SOCIALIST THINKS OF WALKER LECTURE. Charles A. Maurer, Editor of The Reading Pa. Labor Advocate and member of the Executive Committee of the State of Pennsylvania, writes us as follows about Walker's lecture in Reading, Pa. "I think a few lines from Reading concerning Ryan Walker's lecture is in order. Walker made a very good job at Reading..."

He spoke one hour and forty minutes; yet his audience was sorry when he stopped. He spoke in the Hippodrome Theatre, the largest hall in the City, on Easter night — when all the churches were open. The theatre was filled. An admission was charged and a collection of over \$37 taken. "Consider Walker one of the best. Fraternally, C. A. MAURER."

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AN OPEN LETTER

FROM THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY to the WORKING-CLASS OF THE UNITED STATES. DO THE WORKING-PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WANT A LAW LIMITING THE WORKDAY TO EIGHT HOURS? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THEM. Mr. SAMUEL GOMPERS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, says THEY DO NOT WANT IT. The American Federation of Labor, largely through the influence of Mr. Gompers, says THEY DO NOT WANT IT. The Executive Committee of the SOCIALIST PARTY says THEY DO WANT IT. The One Socialist Congressman and the thirty-one Socialist legislators are ready to work and vote for an eight-hour law. Many state federations of labor also have declared for an eight-hour law. Mr. Gompers wants to keep you from getting an eight-hour law. His stand and the stand of the American Federation of Labor are cited as arguments against the eight-hour law by the capitalists who are fighting it? What have you to say about it? This Manifesto of the Executive Committee should be distributed BY THE MILLIONS. Locals should see to it that a copy is put into the hands of every union man. MAKE THIS MESSAGE HEARD 100 copies \$2.50 prepaid; 12 copies 35c prepaid; one copy 5c. SPECIAL: One copy free with a club of four subscribers to The American Socialist.

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By Ryan Walker

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