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ORGANIZE FOR 1916!

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Here is all the week's news worth while boiled down for workers and their friends. It is not a daily capitalist press.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Major Thompson of Chicago orders all soldiers to comply with the new law. The Chicago banks decide not to take part in Anglo-French loan.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Wags start war in Chicago showing Republican Mayor Thompson pledged himself against Sunday closing and the "blue laws" for 1916.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Announces engagement of President Wilson to wed rich Washington widow, Mrs. Edith Galt.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15.

King George of England and Queen Alexandra declare war rather than agree to inconclusive peace.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Germany reports capture of Belgrade. British report capture of Baghdad.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17.

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Ballot In Women's Hands To Remove Many Social Wrongs

NOTE.—Interest in the campaign for woman suffrage in the East centers this week in New Jersey, where voters will go to the polls, Oct. 20, and give their decision. The election in the three other states, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts, will be held Nov. 2.

By GERTRUDE BRESLAU FULLER

WOULD working men lose anything if they lost the ballot? That seems a strange question to any loyal patriot in a democratic country. When we remember Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Lincoln, and the heroic men and women who stood back of their efforts to advance the cause of human liberty, we can but wonder that anyone should ask such a question in the twentieth century.

GREAT SOCIAL WRONGS.

THERE ARE great wrongs in our social body that have been voted into the laws, and all our prayers and tears will not sweep them away. They came in only when they were voted in, and they will go out only when they are voted out.

POWER OF THE VOTE.

AS TO A concrete example of the difference of the treatment which legislators accord those having votes and those who are voiceless, permit me to cite two recent cases in New York.

HUMANITY VS. MONEY.

LAST WEEK OREGON raised the minimum wage of women for the second time. Who can doubt that women can and do demand higher wages and get them when they have the vote?

STATE SOCIALISM IN WISCONSIN.

When the Socialists were beaten in Milwaukee there was rejoicing wherever the faithful followers of the True Profit worship at the shrine of the Almighty Dollar.

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Proud and Imperial New York Falls Into Holes as Tammany and Standard Oil Grab Profits

Private Initiative Murders Workers in Building \$300,000,000 Subway--This Story Tells How Nation's Largest City is Being Looted By Business Pirates.

By WILLIAM MORRIS FEIGENBAUM

NEW YORK CITY has been tumbling into holes in the ground with great gusto, and incidentally has been finding out things about itself. Furthermore, the experience has been costing the proud and imperial Metropolis several lives, and thousands of dollars.

SOCIALISM IN OKLAHOMA.

It is now almost twenty years since I first came to Oklahoma to speak for the Socialist movement, and the change of sentiment in regard to Socialism since that time is almost a revolution.

DON'T LIKE SOCIALISM.

The plans for the new system were magnificent. The engineering problems were greater than those of the Panama Canal.

YE MERRIE MEN.

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Table with 5 columns: Year, Number of Members, Amount of Benefits Paid Since Organization, Amount Saved in Cash Reserves. Rows for years 1885 to 1913.

WORKMEN'S SICK & DEATH BENEFIT FUND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. TABLE SHOWING STATUS OF THE SOCIETY AT THE END OF YEARS STATED, IN 15 YEAR PERIODS.

MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

Last Week 42,491 Off 1,897 New Subs 40,594 867 This Week 41,461 Loss 1,030

SOMETHING BIG.

We believe that the biggest announcement ever made by an American Socialist is to be found on the front page of this issue. Every sub-hunter should turn to page one and read the MESSAGE OF THOSE WHO WANT TO WIN!

ROLL OF HONOR

C. F. ANDERSON, Acme, Pa., sends in \$1 for The American Socialist for two months. He says he will continue to send in regular price for your paper is four years for \$1. Much obliged to Comrade Anderson for his inspiration to put every sub-hunter to work with more enthusiasm than ever before.

G. M. SCHMIDT, secretary of the Green Bay, Wis., Socialist local sends in \$1.00 for your paper. He says he will continue to send in regular price for your paper is four years for \$1. Much obliged to Comrade Schmidt for his inspiration to put every sub-hunter to work with more enthusiasm than ever before.

E. OWING, sends in four names from Lignite, and Bowbells, N. D. He also orders some literature. Watch for an increased vote in North Dakota next year.

Please find enclosed \$1 with four addresses waiting for your paper. The American Socialist, write C. M. DE GROOT, Minnesota, and signs himself, "Yours for the Revolution." He says he is going to help bring it about.

THOMAS J. ERWIN, Tennessee, sends in a list of five names. He says he will continue to send in regular price for your paper is four years for \$1. Much obliged to Comrade Erwin for his inspiration to put every sub-hunter to work with more enthusiasm than ever before.

With I could do more for the cause," says CHARLES W. BRIDGES, Indiana. He is sending in a list of four. Let the wish be the father of the deed. Indiana is one of the coming Socialist cities of Illinois.

M. L. PARKER, Indianapolis, Ind., sends in \$1 for your paper. He says he will continue to send in regular price for your paper is four years for \$1. Much obliged to Comrade Parker for his inspiration to put every sub-hunter to work with more enthusiasm than ever before.

ROY HOLLAND, Cincinnati, Ohio, also gets a pennant. He sent in a list of eight. JAMES E. BRIDGES, Avon, S. D., sends in one of the best lists of the week and gets one of our premium pocket-knives.

EDWARD H. MAC DONALD, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., never gets discouraged. I want to make it the eighth time this dollar has returned to The American Socialist. I want to make it the eighth time this dollar has returned to The American Socialist. I want to make it the eighth time this dollar has returned to The American Socialist.

QUEER CO-OPERATORS. The Menace, anti-Catholic organ, and The New World, official organ of the Chicago Arch-Diocese, uphold the reactionary policy of the Chicago Board of Education.

BETRAYING THE SECRETS By JUDAS

Every effort to secure facts from the victims of persecution in the state universities is balked by the fact that these victims are afraid to speak out in their own behalf.

EDITOR of The American Socialist: Sir:— You have asked me as a university professor to share in betraying the secrets of my prison-house. You wish to find out whether there is such a thing as freedom of speech in our American educational system.

Yes, the last must be the true reason, for come to think of it, I don't believe there is real freedom of speech in any American college. Everywhere there is some whole-some religious or political check upon the vagaries of the individual.

AM I ACQUAINTED with instances where this wholesome coercion has been practiced upon individual educators? Yes, any number of them. But I will merely mention several, taken from various sections of the country, just to show you how hopeless is your position.

I have learned of these cases from men directly concerned; if you will write to Bohn, Boyesen, and Bates, I feel sure that they themselves will corroborate the facts, though not of course my interpretation of them.

THE LITERATURE CAMPAIGN. Still going up. We are beginning to flit with our goal now, so get busy and push it across. Remember, no order is even given to the printer until the line is anything like the invite there, and we'll soon get there, so have it, a long pull, and a strong pull, all together, and we'll soon get there.

After the New York Socialists had put up a fight, they secured a decision from the police declaring they had a perfect right to distribute political leaflets and pamphlets at street meetings.

Another, THIS time from the Par West. In 1912 a man named Bates was professor of English in the University of Arizona. Misled by blind impulse he sought to establish a branch of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society in that college but was checked by the open hostility to the project of the president and the professor of Economics. Mark that!

The Way Out By JOHN M. WORK

ALLOWING for all the advantages that have already been attained, any candid observer must admit that the condition of the working class at the present time is deplorable.

We are dependent upon the capitalist masters for jobs. They can give us jobs, or decline to give us jobs, as they like. When we have jobs, our wages are barely sufficient to buy the commonest necessities of life.

ALL THE EVILS of society seem to concentrate their baneful effects upon us. And with good reason. For, the private ownership of the industries places the whole working class in a condition of servitude.

IF THE WORKERS will vote together, they can elect their own candidates to office. They can elect the local, state and national administrations. They can then take the industries over and make them collective property owned by all the people and run for the benefit of all the people.

It was a mere literary man who wished to have Socialism studied, and it was the professor of economics who refused even to have it considered. It is not that enough in itself to expose the economic fallacies of your party?

Peace Day Reports still keep coming in, and they indicate that practically every league in the country did their part in the celebration. Colorado Springs, (Colo.) is reported a big success.

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THE STORY CORNER

NOTE:—In this column, there is traced, from week to week, the development of a typical Young People's Socialist League. The successes and failures are mirrored here and the chances are that you will find some of your own here set forth.

THE HIKE. "Can Socialists be on time?" Jim thought not, and governed himself accordingly when it came to preparing for the big hike.

Imagine his surprise, therefore, when the transfer corner. He found practically the whole crowd already assembled. The laugh was on him for he had been the one to raise the warning against tardiness.

Now came the walk — they all filed off, by twos, and threes, and fours — at least two score or more. A few of the boys had brought along mousetrap organs, a cornet and a drum.

Jim began to think of what a fine thing it would be for the League to have a Drum Corps of its own. Of course Hans was getting together his material for a regular orchestra, but this would be different.

Reading, (Pa.), comes across with something that smacks strongly of little Germany. Their "Literary Night" is a good program, with the topic was "Socialism and the Younger Generation."

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SOME FACTS ABOUT MY LADY'S DOGGIE By BERTHA HALL BROWN

THE generously over-paid shop girls employed by Marshall Field and Company find many compensations in addition to the sordid consideration of mere wages.

There is one article in the current issue that is particularly interesting and novel. It can fancy that any one of these girls will read it with fine enthusiasm as she eats her delicatessen-purchased supper in the luxury of her hall bedroom.

FIRST OF ALL, it tells you the sort of basket you must have for Doggie's bed. It is lined with silk — and you must be sure and adopt a color scheme for this, and other things.

Very alluring are the fall fashions in street clothes. Among the essentials are leather coats with booties to match, cravenette rain coats and pishair wasters for morning wear.

BUT THE one item that will thrill the shop girl's heart is the one describing the perfect doghouse which is designed for Doggie's use during the coming winter season.

Her heart may thrill with pleasure over these interesting items of information — and it may not. She stands behind the counter, her apron hanging from her shoulders, and she looks at the money might do!

After lunch was over and everybody had had their fill, games were played, and songs were sung. This continued for a couple of hours until the setting sun gave warning that it was time to wend their way homeward.

Finally, tired out by their long day of fine healthy exercise in the great out-of-doors, and with all the events of this great happy day fresh in their minds, they separated again at the transfer corner, each vowing that the next month should be but that it was marked by at least one or two such affairs as this.

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