

ENLIST FOR THE WAR AGAINST THE JINGOES

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We Can Win Congress From The Jingo!

By J. L. ENGDAHL

THE FIGHTING LEGIONS of the American Socialist movement can win Congress from the jingoes. We can do it. All that is necessary is to rouse the people of the nation to successful battle against the Hessian cohorts of the armament ring now mobilizing at Washington.

President Wilson is on record as favoring a two-billion-dollar military program, fat graft for the armament ring. The United

States Senate stands 72 members for the Wilson program, only 2 against, with 22 members noncommittal. No hope there.

Our great hope is in the House of Representatives, of which our own comrade, Meyer London, is a member. In a poll of the members of the House of Representatives, the stand taken on the Wilson military program was as follows:

FOR, 213; AGAINST, 17, AND NONCOMMITTAL, 205.

It will be seen that those who are against and noncommittal more than outnumber those who favor Wilson's program. That vote has sent the shivers down the backs of the armament ring, the Schwab Bethlehem Steel

Co., the Carnegie Steel Co. and the Midvale Steel Co. It has given the jingoes the blind staggers. It has given the lovers of peace and humanity a new hope.

"I am strongly opposed to any increase in the expenditures for the army and navy at this time," declared one member of the House of Representatives, in voicing his opposition to Wilson's program. "I feel that our present strength is amply sufficient for purposes of defense, and an increased appropriation will mean an unnecessary burden to be borne by the wealth-producers of the nation."

The members of the House of Representatives are nearest the people. If those who are

now opposed to Wilson's program can be kept firm in their opposition, and those who are now noncommittal can be won for the cause of peace, the armament ring will be defeated, the nation will be saved from the blight of militarism, the danger of war will be removed forever.

Strenuous work on the part of Socialists in every congressional district in the country can easily accomplish this end. Congressman London will do his part valiantly. He must have the unanimous support of the one million voting Socialists.

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of the MEYER LONDON EDITION of The American Socialist, out NEXT WEEK.

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You must at least win those 205 noncommittal members of the House of Representatives on the side of those who are opposed to militarism and war. ACT NOW! Use the order blank in the lower right-hand corner of this page.

Make U. S. Citizens Healthy and Happy; Then There'll Be No Danger of Invasion

Let Government Demand that Exploitation of Labor Stop; Destroy Every Disease-Breeding Shack and Tenement; That Will be Best Kind of Preparedness.

By JAMES H. MAURER

Socialist Member of Pennsylvania Legislature and President Pennsylvania Federation of Labor.

LESS THAN A YEAR AGO the Jingo Press was howling for Mexican intervention, and after the administration reversed itself three times on the subject, the Lusitania was sunk, with over a hundred Americans aboard. The press then demanded revenge for our wounded honor and lives lost, and for a time it was a question with the war promoters which of the two countries, Mexico or Germany, would be thrashed first, or whether or not we would tackle both.

Ex-President Roosevelt and a horde of other demons of war, backed by the capitalist press, did their best to develop a war spirit. But the blood-lust spirit would not develop. The people did not want war; the horrors of the insane European conflict appeared before them as a nightmare, and for once they could not be led or stampeded.

Defeated in their efforts to inveigle us into a bloody conflict, the war promoters changed tactics and, magic-like, the scene shifted from immediate action to that of preparedness. And the same people who not only advocated, but actually demanded, that the people of the United States engage in war, now step forward and tell us that we are not prepared for war. If this is true now, it certainly was just as true six months ago, at the time when they tried to convince us that we could thrash any nation we wished

to. They now go to the other extreme and say that our army and navy equipment is so miserably inefficient that, under no circumstances, could we ever protect ourselves against invasion; that our army is pitifully small, and that it lacks every essential that makes for proper equipment, and that the ships of our navy are antiquated tubs; also, that we have no ammunition and only a few vessels, and that both branches of defense are woefully inadequate; that the weakest nation on earth could make trouble for us if they cared to do so. I repeat, this story comes from the very people who, but six months ago, tried so hard to inveigle us into a war. Therefore, if what they say now is true, then these rascals actually meant to lead the nation to defeat and the disruption of the industrial organization of the workers.

WHAT BECAME OF BILLIONS?

IF THE ARMY and navy is so utterly useless, as we are told it is, then my advice to Congress is, that they proceed, at once, to investigate and find out what became of the BILLIONS that were spent during the past few years on the army and navy, and which now, according to army and navy officials, is nowhere in evidence. What became of these billions? Who got them if the army and navy did not? I believe most every public official, from the President down, knows what the real trouble is with the army and navy, and who got the bulk of the billions spent, because I even know. But since all of us who know may differ as to details, an investigation would be in order, and all of us, who know anything about this subject, know that the very interests that tried to plunge us into war some time ago, and who are now advocating preparedness, are the ones responsible for the con-

ditions they complain about, and who got the lion's share of the billions appropriated in the past for preparedness.

Therefore, instead of turning over to these blood-lusting pirates several extra billions as they request, the real patriotic thing for Congress to do is to corral the outfit and incarcerate every mother's son of them in the bastilles erected in the past for less worthy purposes. And their fortunes, which represent the billions they stole from us—take every dollar of it still in sight and return it to its rightful owners, the treasury of the United States, and then, if the people still want the kind of preparedness advocated by the War Trust, they can use the billions recovered with which to do it. But they would not want that kind of preparedness then, because there would be no private interests to profit by it. It is just possible, therefore, that the people would be content and feel perfectly secure against invasion with an efficient coast defense, which could be had by planting mines along our coasts with a few submarines thrown in for good measure. If the government spent for coast defense mines as much as it proposes spending this coming year on the navy alone, \$246,000,000, it could encircle our coasts for 2,000 miles with three rows of mines eight feet apart, and any one of which would be powerful enough to blow up the largest battleship ever made. But defense of this kind is not wanted by the interests which influence our public officials. Preparedness, for them, means not only security and increased profits, but dictatorship as well.

Those at present engaged in selling war munitions to the Europeans want preparedness for a future market. The Europeans are at their mercy and, as a result, are paying tremendous profits for their supplies, and the stock of these concerns has risen in proportion. When the war in Europe ends, the demand for supplies ends, and unless a new market is found, the value of stocks will drop to normal or below, and this will mean the loss of millions to some and bankruptcy to others who are today rolling in wealth.

Quite naturally all these people are boosters for preparedness. These are some of the same people who, in the past, sold Uncle Sam shrapnel for \$25 each and a smaller size for \$17.50, which Uncle Sam could make in his own arsenal for \$15 and \$7.90. These are the people who are, at present, selling

the Europeans shrapnel at over 600 per cent profit. They also charged Uncle Sam \$616 a ton for armor plate, while, at the same time, they were selling armor to Russia for \$249 a ton. Uncle Sam also paid these patriots 80 cents a pound for powder that the government can and does make itself, now, for 36 cents, including all overhead charges. In eight years we handed over to the Powder Trust a gift of ten millions of dollars, and this has been going on ever since 1860; and so I might continue and show where the billions went, that the boosters for preparedness say is not in evidence. Hence, more preparedness, so that when the Europeans stop buying, we, altho' not at war, will furnish a market for their product and thereby save the hides of those who hold Bethlehem stock quoted at \$550 and worth \$30, or any other stock inflated far above its normal value, with the idea that by the time they have us loaded down with all the junk and bonds we're able to carry, the War Trust will be able to entangle us or some other nations in another war. This, in turn, will furnish another market for their murder machinery, and their reign of prosperity will continue for a while longer.

PROBLEM OF WORLD MARKETS.

THIS IS BUT ONE of the several phases of this wonderful subject of preparedness. Another very important one is the World's Markets.

It is estimated that the war in Europe is costing all the nations involved about a hundred millions a day. England is heavily in debt to American capitalists for money and credit received. So are some of the other nations, and this debt is increasing every day by leaps and bounds, as most of the supplies are bought on credit. When the war ends all the nations now at war will not only be hopelessly in debt, but their markets gone, their resources crippled and their citizenship reduced to cripples, widows and orphans, all torn to pieces; not one of them will be in a position to war again for years to come, and this very lamentable condition of our European neighbors is another reason why American capitalists are demanding that we prepare.

American capitalists are planning that we shall become a power from a military point of view, because, if the United States possesses that power, she can and will dictate who shall have the world's markets. The nations greatest in debt to the American capitalists will need protection; certain markets must be reserved for them. Unless this is done, these debtor nations cannot meet their obligations due the American capitalists. Besides, the American capitalists want to be in a position to prevent

WE ARE FIGHTING FOR:

1. The abolition of the manufacture of arms and munitions for private profit.
 2. The prohibition of exportation of arms, war equipment and supplies from one country to another.
 3. Against an increase in existing armaments under any circumstances; against all appropriations for military and naval purposes.
 4. Disarmament—universal disarmament as speedily as possible.
- NOT ONE DOLLAR FOR MILITARISM AND MURDER!

any or all of the warring nations from repudiating their war debts.

These are some of the reasons for the cry of "Preparedness."

Needless for me to say, that I am opposed to war and capitalist preparedness, but, if the people will prepare, then demand from your Congressmen that the government make all its own munitions and war supplies of all kinds; that not a cent profit be paid to anyone.

PLAN FOR REAL PREPAREDNESS.

TO THOSE WHO ARE SHOUTING so loud for preparedness and are sincere and really have the love of the United States at heart, I will give my plan for real preparedness: Let the government, instead of spending billions in the next few years for the preparation of war, murder and destruction, spend the money for peace and construction. Let the government exert its energy in conserving life and not destroying it. Let the government withdraw its support from capitalism and there will be no war. At least, not from the inside. Let the government demand that the exploitation of labor stop, stop child labor, give the children a chance to develop physically and mentally; destroy every disease-breeding shack and tenement. In short, see to it that Uncle Sam's children are all properly fed and housed; that no man need beg for a job, and that no parasite can exploit the man with a job. Make the citizens of the United States healthy and happy, and I will guarantee that no nation or dozen nations on earth will ever be able to invade this country against our will. This and mine-coast defense is the only kind of preparedness necessary for real defense.

Unique Copper Strike

By ALICE S. EDDY

A NUMBER of circumstances have contributed to make the Clifton-Morenci district of Arizona one unique in the history of strikes. When, on Sept. 11, the miners and smeltersmen of the three copper companies of that district walked out, effecting a complete tie-up in the three camps involved, the craftsmen—mechanists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, electricians, etc., supported them to a man, in spite of the usual attempts to stir up race antagonisms. The greater part of the strikers are Latins—Mexicans, Spaniards and Italians.

From the first, the Sheriff of Greenlee county (not an ex-miner, as some have supposed) showed a disposition to be fair, offering no interference to orderly meetings and parades, tending strictly to his business of maintaining order. The few companies of militia sent into the district found nothing to do and recently all have been withdrawn with the exception of 60 men.

Governor Hunt, uniformly fair to workmen, has played the part of a man throughout the strike, refusing to take orders from the copper companies in the face of bitter opposition and threatened recall on the part of his own party. His proclamation calling upon the people of the State to contribute to the needs of the suffering families of the strike district is a unique document, undoubtedly the first ever issued by a Governor under similar circumstances.

Strike Now Deadlock. The strike has resolved itself into a deadlock. The companies, thru their managers, who lacked the courage to stay on the field of action, have refused to treat with the men in any way or to submit to arbitration. After nauseating delays and subtleties, one conference between strikers' committee and the managers was held, but it was absolutely without result

except to further disgust the strikers and the public with the position of the companies.

The Federal investigation, ordered by the Department of Labor, is under way. In the meantime, the strikers have prepared for a long siege. Thru assessments of the Arizona State Federation of Labor, the Western Federation of Miners and other labor organizations, about \$75,000 a month has been raised, which will be sufficient for actual necessities. The greatest immediate need is for warm clothing, especially for women and children—and for the babies who do not delay their births on account of strikes.

It has been repeatedly charged that the men were happy and satisfied until the Western Federation of Miners sent organizers into the district. This, of course, is absolutely false. The grievances of the miners are of long standing, chief of which is the extremely low wages paid in the face of the unusually high price of copper, while living expenses are exorbitant, even compared with the generally prevailing high cost of living.

In Arizona the company store holds full sway with its monopoly of prices, while water rates, hospital fees, etc., are out of all proportion to wages. After several sporadic and futile attempts at organizing themselves, the miners called in the Western Federation.

Organizers All Socialists.

Guy Miller has had general charge of the strike with the assistance of Guy De Lara of Los Angeles, and George Powell of Miami, Ariz. Moyer was also in the district for a short time. The fact that these organizers are all Socialists has no significance except that the dependable workers of all unions, and especially of the Western Federation, are generally Socialists. No attempt has been made to divide the strikers on politics, the considerable quiet propaganda, distribution of papers, etc., has been going on, with plenty of time to talk, read and think; and if the strike is won, the Socialist Party will see a big increase in the district. Not only will the existing local at Clifton be strengthened, but very

likely a Spanish-speaking local will be organized.

The press of the State, which at first was as unfair as could have been expected, has, with the exception of papers actually owned or controlled by the copper companies, swung around to a position of quite truthfully reporting events as they have occurred. Even when two of the concentrators burned, there was no hysterical attempt to involve the strikers, but the theory of those on the ground that the fire was caused by crossed wires was generally accepted.

Dividends Are Big.

That the copper companies should continue to let their mines lie idle in the face of the great demand for copper seems incredible. The immense dividends drawn from the mines make simply ridiculous their claim that they cannot afford to pay higher wages. The Federal investigation will doubtless bring out the facts in this regard.

Some Socialists are demanding that the State take over and operate the mines. While the laws of Arizona would permit this, on the other hand the constitutional provision limiting the amount of indebtedness which can be incurred by the States makes the "Industrial Pursuits" Act inoperative. Were we ourselves in power the only way we could take over the mines would be to declare a state of war existing and exercise the almost unlimited power which that would put in the hands of the State authorities, including the right to borrow money without limitation. A proper law would allow the State or the nation to take over any industry which the owners refused to operate.

"The famous Socialist, Dr. Lovgren, a member of the Swedish Parliament, describes the removal from Florence, Italy, which he witnessed, of 200 Italian Socialists," says the Overseas News Agency, in a Berlin dispatch. "These Socialists, who wore uniforms of the army or navy, had refused to join the army and were transported to Arezzo in order to be shot." This report has not been confirmed from any other source.

EUGENE V. DEBS DECLINES

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

Eugene V. Debs, four-time candidate of the Socialist Party for the presidency, has declined the nomination for 1916. His declination has just been received at the National Office of the Socialist Party, on the regular form blank sent out to all nominees as soon as they receive sufficient nominations. The nomination was necessary to qualify for the presidential nomination. Debs had already received 105 nominations when his declination arrived. Press reports from Terre Haute, Ind., quote Debs as making the following statement: "It is the first time that I have ever had the opportunity to decline the nomination. Heretofore I have always been nominated at conventions when I was not in attendance. This time the nomination was made by referendum, and I recently received notice that I had been nominated. I have mailed a letter today to the national officers of the Socialist Party, announcing that I will decline the nomination."

According to the press dispatches, Debs said he would make no statement regarding his reasons for not accepting the nomination. Debs was the presidential candidate of the Socialist Party in the campaigns of 1900, 1904, 1908 and 1912.

In response to a telegram from the editor, Debs sent a statement to The American Socialist as follows: "Your telegram in regard to my declination of the nomination for the presidency is at hand. I do not think I ought to make a public statement, for I really have nothing to say that would be of any interest to anyone, and it would likely seem presumptuous in me to offer an explanation not asked for and not expected."

"I have no special reason for declining other than that there are thousands of comrades who are at least as well qualified as I am for the nomination. It goes without saying that I shall give my hearty support to the nominees that are chosen as the standard bearers of our Party. "You are at liberty to use this, or any part of it, if you think it worth while to do so."

SOCIALISM GAINS IN NORWAY

The official returns from the national elections recently held in Norway show that the Socialists lost three districts, electing 20 representatives as against 23 in the former Parliament.

On the surface these figures would indicate a defeat for the Socialist Party, but this is far from being so. It must be remembered that the big issue over which this election was fought was militarism versus anti-militarism.

The Socialists entered the campaign with a clear-cut program that spouted militarism of every form and kind. That outraged the capitalistic parties to such an extent that in many districts they united their forces in order to beat the Socialists. By these machinations they succeeded in wresting three districts from the Socialist Party, but in spite of that the Socialist vote increased tremendously all over the country. From 125,000 votes in 1912 the Socialist vote climbed to 198,000 in this year's election. And that in a country where the whole population is not much larger than in the City of Chicago.

The new Parliament (Storting) will be composed of 20 Socialists, 21 Conservatives, 78 Democrats and four independent.

ARE THE RICH ARRESTED?

Long after the garment strike is forgotten, the policeman who arrested Miss Ellen Gates Starr of Hull House will doubtless remember her ironic words: "What an extraordinarily docile and peaceful riot this is." But even more awakening than Miss Starr's artistic comment was Mrs. Frank I. Lillie's challenge to the police.

To the policeman who ordered her to move on Mrs. Lillie said: "You do not dare arrest me because I am rich. You do not arrest the rich."

Mrs. Lillie was not boasting. She was merely stating what she believed to be a social fact, a condition which, as it happens, is substantially supported by a City Hall document. The Council crime commission, the author of the document, was not concerned

about strikes of any sort. Arrests, imprisonments, fines and other penalties were its business. Yet the impartial figures which the committee gathered afford a basis for Mrs. Lillie's taunt to Chicago.—The Chicago Herald.

The military authorities in Essen, Germany, and district have forbidden

many of the Socialists who signed the protest of the famous 700 against the pro-war policy of the party from speaking or distributing leaflets during the war. They were told that this was not done because they were members of the Leibknecht group. If they would withdraw their signatures and express regret they were promised that the prohibition would be withdrawn.

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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 papers.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

President Wilson's cabinet... George Burkitt, deputy assistant postmaster at Winnetka, Ill., who lost his job because he is reported to have said that President Wilson was engaged to Mrs. Galt...

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Chicago Herald takes poll of Congress and claims Senators and Representatives are ready to back Wilson's military program.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Defective child permitted to die in Chicago hospital. Doctor admitted it could be saved by operation, but claimed life would be full of suffering.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Charles Trevelyan, member of British House of Commons, says time is ripe for peace proposals.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Coming session of German Reichstag, which opens Nov. 30, will take up food question.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Football team falls with 3,000 persons at Minnesota-Wisconsin game at Madison, Wis. No one killed; 14 injured.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Declare Italians in great drive are smashing key to Trieste. Athens report says Greece is to stay on allision by the British.

ABOLISH LEGAL MURDER.

The legal murder of Joseph Hillstrom, member of the I. W. O., at Salt Lake City, should give life and purpose to the growing movement to abolish capital punishment.

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Moving Picture of What Henry Dubb Has Done With the Ballot

By RYAN WALKER



An Underproduction of Brains

By JOHN M. WORK

WE TALK ABOUT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE being unemployed because there is an overproduction of products. Economically, this is true. Last winter it was true. And this winter it will be true. Millions of the people will suffer the pangs of hell because we have "produced too much."

PRESIDENT WILSON, TRAITOR (?)

By LINCOLN PHIFER

THERE is really no need for Socialists to oppose "preparedness" and bond issues. We cannot prevent them; the most we can do is to interpret their meaning.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes.

THE unemployment problem on the Pacific Coast is constantly becoming more acute. California, Washington, Oregon and contiguous States are overrun with hordes of involuntary idle men, and the question of providing for them has become a very serious one.

ANOTHER "PLOT" EXPOSED.

We are not in favor of the making of munitions of war. But if the workers are to be forced to produce the weapons of slaughter, we are with them in their efforts to increase their pay, shorten the work-day and secure the best working conditions possible.

THE HOUSE OF MORGAN.

The house of the watered stock fraud, through which the property of all the American people had been claimed as belonging to a few of the people, took control of the bonding proposition.

YET THERE is another reason for "preparedness."

The looters of labor never lose sight of possibilities of plunder. The bond issues for "preparedness" will mean permanent (?) investment, backed by the government.

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Four Ways to Battle Beast of Militarism

By LUCIEN SAINT

SOCIALISTS and others who oppose militarism and war can take one or more of several ways to influence the government and the country in the present campaign for national defense or "preparedness."

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The Zimmerwald Conference and its Endorsement by the Party N. E. C.

By ARTHUR LE SUEUR

THE ENDORSEMENT by the National Executive Committee of the manifesto issued by the International Conference at Zimmerwald may give rise to misunderstandings as to the intent and purpose of endorsement...

THE ZIMMERWALD CONFERENCE was in no sense a national conference. It was a conference of the German workers of France, Belgium, England and Russia...

THIS APPEARED to the writer to be all the more necessary because of the fact that many of the members high in the Party had expressed themselves in sympathy with the attitude of the officials of the Party in Germany, France, Belgium, etc., in their abandonment of the theory of the class struggle...

PERHAPS THE PRIME reason why the workers were led to the slaughter so readily by the master-murderers of Europe was because in all the years we have been in the "economic" and "nationalist" phase of the "ideal"...

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS. Published for Local Marion County, Indiana. That the National Organization of the Socialist Party endorse the motion picture manifesto issued by the International Socialist Conference held in Zimmerwald, Switzerland, October, 1915.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM C. AND D. The proposals of Local Tacoma No. 4, Washington, and Local Chicago No. 4, Chicago, representing the required percentage of the membership, and have been sent to vote.

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While spending some time in Milwaukee I had an opportunity to witness a pageant of the Sunday school. It was indeed an inspiring sight, and every one of the thousands in the audience, many of whom had grown gray in the Socialist movement, went away with renewed energy and a determination to do a greater work for the emancipation of humanity.

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THE AUTOMOBILE CAMPAIGN.—The two best things going in Socialist circles are the Automobile Campaign plans, as told in Comrade Lanfersiek's article in this week's issue, and the agitation toward a change in Party name.

The effectiveness of a campaign by automobile is sure, I think, to be better than by any other method. Its economic feasibility seems good, too. Much will, of course, depend upon the men who do the traveling.

During the Pennsylvania State campaign of 1914 Martin G. Brumbaugh (now Governor) and United States Senator Penrose did the greater part of their campaigning by automobile, as did many of the other old parties.

The old saying or question, "What's in a name?" is significant in the contention that there is something in the word "Socialism" that is keeping many from considering the Party for all that we have to offer.

Our present name has, seemingly, fallen into such a state of disrepute that many of our Comrades who conduct any business depending upon public patronage are afraid to let it be generally known that they so much as sympathize with the Party.

CATERPILLAR'S SHORT SIGHT. It is said that a caterpillar cannot see anything at a distance beyond two-fifths of an inch.—The South Bend, Ind., Tribune. The man who works for wages or salary, therefore, and does not vote for Socialism, is a caterpillar.

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DIGGING BLACK DIAMOND

By JOSEPH E. COHEN

WHEN THE TRUSTEES of the University of Pennsylvania dismissed Scott Nearing, they thought they were closing a chapter of that institution's history. Instead, they opened one.

Thus there has appeared a work by Professor Witmer, called "The Nearing Case," and, still more recently, an article by Professor Russell Smith, giving the viewpoint of the faculty of the now well-advised university.

But the closing word has not been said. Instead, some of the many ramifications of the subject are presented in a little work being issued by the John C. Winston Company, called "Anthracite," written by the deposed instructor.

The author describes his effort as bearing on "An Instance of Natural Resource Monopoly." As a fact, tho, he inquires into the whole matter of natural resource monopoly, using the coal industry as the concrete example.

AFTER SPENDING SOME TIME in considering the consequences of permitting small combinations of capitalists to seize the nation's sources of wealth production, Professor Nearing investigates every part of the coal monopoly.

Professor Nearing finds, from a study of corporation and government figures, that of \$7 spent for a ton of coal, \$2.15 is the cost of mining, including all labor and upkeep of the mines; \$1.75 goes for freight.

TAKING UP THE MATTER of payment to labor, the author finds that one-third of the miners receive between \$500 and \$600 a year, one-fifth between \$600 and \$700 a year, and another fifth between \$400 and \$500 a year.

THE POSITION OF THE COAL DIGGERS, he tells us, is this: "The least the miners can hope for is a level of living decent, and make them reflect the risks of the trade and the increasing cost of living."

Because of this unexpected explanation ground out by the trustees, it is to be hoped the public will not misunderstand what the author tells in "Anthracite."

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William Francis Barnard, well known as the writer of "The Ginger Jar," in The American Socialist, and national Socialist lecturer, has moved to Cleveland, Ohio, from Buffalo, N. Y., and will give a course of Sunday lectures in Cleveland this winter.

THE STORY CORNER

NOTE.—In this column there is traced, from week to week, the development of a typical young People's Socialist League.

DRAMATIC DIRECTOR'S TROUBLES

RAY HEATH was a thoroughly competent chap when he came to dramatics. Yet, when he accepted the post of dramatic director, he did not expect to be sent out of the city three days later on work for his firm.

COMING BACK about three weeks later, he took up a position where he could see without being seen. It was "some" rehearsal. After considerable coaxing the leads were induced to go thru the "mush" scene.

HEATH doubled up with laughter. If this were burlesque it would be rich, but no, perhaps, for fear their proficiency at the game would be discovered, they thought that this travesty would pass.

THE FRATERNITY CLUB, Y. P. S. L. of New Jersey, will stage "The Second-story Man" on Dec. 10th.

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OVERLOOKED! Kenton, Ohio.—The biggest thing that happened in Ohio election day has been overlooked by The American Socialist.

IN THE PREPARATION of the scenery the boys had a good chance to display their ingenuity.

MY BET DOG, HE MUST HAVE A GOOD THANKSGIVING DINNER.

I'M A HENRY DUBB IF I DON'T WISH I'D BEEN BORN A RICH MAN'S DOG!

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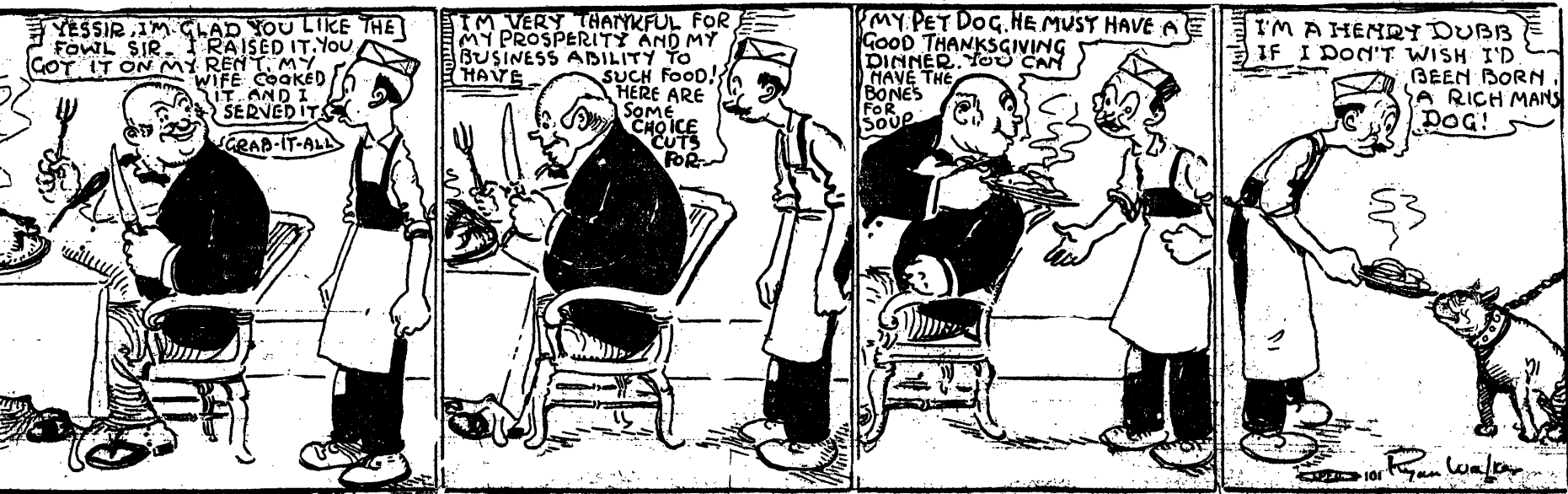
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