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Benson And Kirkpatrick 1916 Standard Bearers

Party Membership Shows Big Growth As Presidential Struggle Starts

National Executive Committee Meeting In Chicago Begins Raising Campaign Fund, Takes Up Literature Problem, Discusses Mexican Situation And Drafts Party Platform.

THREE MONTHS ahead of all the other political parties, the Socialist Party this year enters the great 1916 presidential contest immediately with the nomination of its candidates for president and vice president as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT: ALLAN L. BENSON, of Yonkers, New York.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT: GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK, of Newark, New Jersey.

These standard bearers were chosen on the first ballot by the rank and file of the party, thru national referendum. The detailed vote by states is given in another column.

With the nomination of candidates for president and vice president, the Socialist Party launches its 1916 presidential campaign as lowering war clouds threaten the nation on every hand; as the powers of plunder are organizing their forces with greater care than ever to further subdue the working class and keep it in continued servility to the looters of the land.

DARKEST HOUR IN WORLD'S HISTORY.

While the United States government is sending its troops into Mexico and President Wilson is assuming a more bellicose position than ever toward the warring countries of Europe, the Socialist Party enters the field first in this year's campaign.

"The campaign is opening in the darkest hour of the modern world's history," declared Allan L. Benson, of Yonkers, when told of his nomination as the Socialist Party presidential candidate. "If socialism can't save this nation from preparedness and the other evils that the capitalist system is bringing upon it, I don't know what can."

"In regard to the Mexican situation, I will say just this," he continued. "I do not believe in permitting Mexicans or any other persons to come into this country to murder our men and women. But at the same time I am not persuaded that the recent occurrence at Columbus was an unprovoked act of Mexican bandits.

WOULD FORCE ARMY ON NATION.

"I debated a few months ago with one of these 'preparedness' men. In a conversation I had with him after the formal meeting was over, he told me that he would not be at all sorry to see this country at war with Mexico; that he would welcome such an outbreak. His reason was that this would force us to raise a big army.

"It is not unusual to have acts in Mexico get their inspiration from New York, and for this reason I am inclined to be very suspicious of the whole affair. Certainly it would be very much to the interest of the 'preparedness' people to use the Mexican question as a club to compel the country to do something it is manifestly unwilling to do; that is, saddle itself with an enormous army.

"Of course, we should take care of our own people. But at the same time we should investigate to see if those murders by Mexicans were inspired by Wall Street. And, in case we discover that this was so, we should legally and with all due formality hang a number of gentlemen: who frequent that thoroughfare."

PREPARE FOR CAMPAIGN.

Before the complete returns in the national referendum had been received, the party national executive committee met at the national office in Chicago and began making preparations for the great struggle now before us.

The executive committee members were enthused by the report of National Secretary Walter Lanfersiek that the party membership for January and February had shown big gains. Secretary Lanfersiek reported that, "For the month of January the membership was 89,915; for February 97,730, or an average for the two months of 93,822."

Reporting on the financial condition of the party, Secretary Lanfersiek said, "The financial condition of the party is better today than it has been for months. The dues receipts for February were greater than for any month since January 1915. This in spite of the fact that the dues from the German Federation are not included, the secretary being out of the city on a lecture tour.

The growth of the party membership is not entirely reflected in the dues receipts, since there is a steady increase in the dual stamps sold, showing that women are coming into the party with their husbands.

As this issue of The American Socialist went to press the executive committee had under consideration the platform for this year's campaign. The Mexican situation will also be taken up. The question of raising funds and issuing literature for the campaign had already been discussed. The committee decided that its chief work at the present time must be to raise funds for the incoming executive committee, which will begin its work July 1, leaving the expenditure of these funds to the new committee.

CRUSADE FOR ONE MILLION DIMES STARTS.

As this was decided the first returns were received in the crusade to raise "One Million Dimes to Challenge Wall Street's Millions". This crusade is outlined in detail in an article by Max Sherover on Page Two.

The committee voted to suggest to the incoming executive committee that a special bi-weekly campaign publication be started six or eight weeks prior to the election in November, to provide suitable literature for house to house distribution during the closing months of the struggle.

James H. Maurer, who served on a committee with Morris Hillquit, of New York City, to call on President Wilson and urge the peace resolution introduced in congress by Rep. Meyer London, gave an enthusiastic report on the work of the lone Socialist in congress and told of the visit to the White House. He also reported on the hearing on London's peace resolution before the foreign affairs committee of the house. He said great good had already been accomplished by the hearings, whether the committee acted favorably or not, and that London's peace resolution could be cited as one of the great accomplishments of the Socialist movement in its struggle for world-peace and against war.

It was decided to send Dr. I. M. Rubinov, of New York City, as the representative of the party, to appear before the house labor committee, at the hearings April 6, on London's joint resolution proposing a commission to draft plans for a national insurance fund, for old age pensions and unemployment and sickness insurance.

OUR CANDIDATES



ALLAN L. BENSON FOR PRESIDENT

GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK FOR VICE PRESIDENT

MESSAGE FROM BENSON.

YONKERS, N. Y., March 12.—To the members of the Socialist Party of the United States:

COMRADES: The campaign of 1916 opens at a time when the world is passing thru the blackest period of modern history. What the civilization of the future is to be or indeed, whether there is to be any civilization, is beyond the power of the human mind to know. Humanity having sown in ignorance, is reaping in agony.

It is for us in this dark hour of the world's need to consecrate ourselves anew to the principles for which we stand. It is for us, who know what it was that unloosed upon Europe titanic forces of destruction to proclaim to all men that upon the capitalist system lies the guilt. In the United States the sun is still shining, but its rays are coming thru a rift in black clouds that may at any moment shut off the light and turn on the lightning. If ever there was need of devotion to a just cause, it is now.

If ever there was a time when our philosophy should be convincing it is now. Yesterday, we were dismissed as unpleasant theorists, today Europe is writing in letters of fire and blood athwart her midnight sky: "This war was caused by the greeds and hatreds engendered by the capitalist system." Great groups of capitalists fell out over a matter of trade and plunder—wherefore millions were made to die.

The party has asked me to step out, for a moment, from the ranks and assume new duties. With unfeigned humility I answer the call, resolved to do my best. I am profoundly grateful for the confidence of the party that has so long honored and will forever honor our great comrade, Eugene V. Debs. In the position to which the party has called me, I feel as did Thomas Jefferson when he went to Paris to become the American minister to France. "You have come", asked the Parisians, "to take Dr. Franklin's place?" Mr. Jefferson always replied: "Nobody can take Benjamin Franklin's place. I am only his successor". I am but the successor of Comrade Debs. I trust that his great example may forever inspire each of us to be not only loyal and true, but energetic and persistent in the propagation of the principles of Socialism.

ALLAN L. BENSON.

KIRKPATRICK ON PACIFIC COAST.

Efforts to reach George R. Kirkpatrick on the Pacific Coast, where he is lecturing on The American Socialist's Lecture Course, have been fruitless. So it is impossible to publish a message from the Socialist Party's vice presidential candidate in this issue. It is hoped that it will be possible to do so in the next issue.

Here's Story Of Benson's Life

ALLEN L. Benson, son of Adalbert and Rose Morris Benson, was born in Plainwell, Allegan County, Mich., Nov. 6, 1871. His father, in early life was a factory worker, later a country miller. His mother died when he was an infant, and he lived until he was twelve years old with his grandfather, a farmer, at Silver Creek, Mich. He attended district school, and when he was fourteen years old, worked on a farm for \$8 a month. At the age of fifteen, his father's mill having burned, he was compelled to forego his intention to go to college and become a lawyer. He left home and found work in a chair factory at \$3.50 a week. After a year of this, he went to work in a paper mill. While thus engaged at Otsego, Mich., he became the friend of Chauncey A. Barnes, the village druggist, who was also school director. Mr. Barnes obtained for Benson an opportunity to become the janitor of the village schools at \$19 a month and go to school. A year in the Otsego high school was the only schooling Benson ever had except in district schools. Before the end of the year, he took a teacher's examination and was given a certificate entitling him to teach a district school. In Gun Plains township, he was hired to teach a winter term in a country school where the regular practice of some of the farmer boys was to thrash the teacher. About two months after the term began, they tried to whip Benson. He cleaned the school out—but rather too vigorously—the school directors thought he had gone too far, though he had done no more than use his fists. Benson, who had already discovered that country school teaching did not interest him, promptly resigned, and began to lay plans to get into a large city and do newspaper work. His interest in newspaper work arose from the fact that while in school at Otsego, a paragraph that he wrote for the village editor brought him an offer of \$2 a week to turn in local items.

Kalamazoo, they flipped coins to determine whether they should go to Chicago, as Benson wanted to do, or to Detroit. The other boy won. In Detroit, they both went to work for the Peninsular Car Company, Benson working as a machine hand. Every Saturday afternoon, Benson laid off to scour the Detroit newspaper offices for a job as a reporter. The next month he found such a job—at \$6 a week. He had borrowed \$5 from Mr. Barnes to make the trip and out of this wage he saved the \$5—eating whenever the necessary money was available.

In the fall, Benson went to Ann Arbor as the managing editor of the Washtenaw Daily Times. The following spring, he became one of the telegraph editors of the Chicago Inter-Ocean. During the next 14 years, he was successively telegraph editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, a newspaper writer in San Francisco, assistant managing editor of the Detroit Journal, managing editor of the Detroit Journal, and managing editor of the Washington (D.C.) Times. It was while Benson was the editor of the Detroit Times that he became a Socialist. He promptly began writing Socialist editorials for the paper, and continued to do so, finally in violation of orders, for two years he left the Times—resigned—because of bitter disagreement with the publisher over Socialism.

FOR THE last nine years, Benson has been a magazine writer in New York. He is married, has four children, lives in Yonkers, a suburb of New York, does his writing at home and seldom goes to the office of the magazine for which he works.

WIN AT BARRE, VT.

We have just received a telegram from John T. Callaghan, of Barre, Vt., announcing that, "First Socialist mayor in Barre, Vt., Robert Gordon, elected by a vote of 842 to 681, and Socialist alderman in ward four, Clyde H. Reynolds, by a vote of 126 to 118." This good news should cheer the comrades where the spring municipal campaigns are just starting.

VOTE BY STATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

Table with columns for State, Benson, Kirkpatrick, and Totals. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with corresponding vote counts.

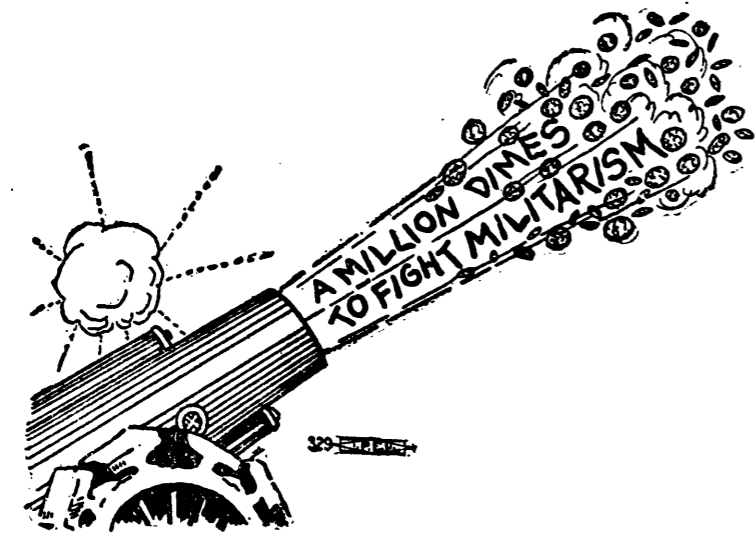
VOTE BY STATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

Table with columns for State, Kirkpatrick, and Richards. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with corresponding vote counts.

The ten million women wage-slaves in American industry are a standing and shaming rebuke to the petty male tyrants calling themselves men who deprive them of the ballot and deny them the right of political protest against the system that enslaves and robs them.



# People's Dimes To Challenge Wall Street's Millions In Great Fight Against Preparedness



## One Million Workers to Organize Their Ten Cent Pieces in Nation-Wide Campaign Against Militarism and War.

By MAX SHEROVER.

ONE HUNDRED and twenty thousand letters left Chicago to go forth into that many working class homes urging the workers to stake their dimes against Wall Street's Millions in a great challenging fight on militarism and war. The dimes sent in by the workers will be used in the coming presidential campaign to cover the entire country with literature and speakers. No town, no matter what its size, will be left untouched by this campaign. It is to be the banner year in Socialist agitation and propaganda.

The plan, in brief, is this. Every person receiving a letter from the National Office of the Socialist Party is asked to send in a dime. There are also five letters, envelopes and coin cards enclosed which are to be sent on to five friends or acquaintances, thus establishing a powerful chain. This is a critical year for the Socialist movement in America and yet it presents a rare opportunity to reach the masses on an issue that the economic rulers of this country are trying to force down the people's throats. "Preparedness," a cloak beneath which militarism is hidden, is their issue. Maddened by the taste of fabulous profits made out of war orders, they want to provide a home market for the instruments of hell, when the orders cease to come from Europe. If, by our indifference, permit their schemes for "preparedness" to be successfully foisted upon the nation, then this country is doomed to repeat the bloody tragedy that Europe is staging now. The future welfare of the masses of this country is in the greatest danger once Wall Street succeeds in putting a "preparedness" program over on the people of this country. This is the issue, and our fight is upon it. Our battle cry must be "not a man and not a dollar for war." But the people whose minds are daily being poisoned by the prostituted press must be reached, and we must reach them and open their eyes so that they may see the truth.

Resolve now to throw your dime, your time and your energy into this supreme battle of the hour. If you are not among the 120,000 whom the first letter reaches, then just place a dime in an envelope with your name and address and state that you want to become a link in this great chain. By return mail a set of five letters, envelopes and coin cards will be sent to you. You will send these letters on to your friends and thus you will have helped in this great fight against the monster of militarism. Send your dime now to the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison street, Chicago. Send it now. Don't postpone it for another day. The enemy is upon us. We must fight him now and fight him to a finish.

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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, MARCH 6.  
Declared Germany artillery ring around Verdun has no parallel in history of the present war; Kaiser plans blockade of British coast.

Gasoline tank exploded and 18 die in city jail at El Paso, Tex.

All railroads in reports to Interstate commerce commission show big gains in net earnings.

Wage increase decided on at meeting of bituminous coal operators and miners; anthracite conference also on.

Pres. Wilson picks N. D. Bacon, former mayor of Cleveland, secretary of war to succeed Garrison, resigned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7.  
Wilson foreign policy upheld by house of representatives by vote of two to one; resolution warning American of belligerent ships raised.

Villa takes 15 Americans as hostages; Carranza government denies report that Felix Diaz has entered Mexico.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.  
Russians declare that Turks massacred 40,000 Armenians before the fall of Erzerum.

Steel trust, mixed with war profits, plans to start new mill costing \$25,000 at Gary, Ind.

Fifty German warships reported moving westward in North Sea looking for fight.

French counter attacks again reported successful in driving Germans back from part of ground gained around Verdun.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9.  
Villa, Mexican bandit, invades United States at Columbus, N. Mex., killing 17 Americans; United States in turn invades Mexico on pretext of punishing Villa bandits.

Germany declares war on Portugal for alleged breach of neutrality; French repulse additional furious rushes of Germans in west.

### In The World Of Labor.

By MAX S. HAYES.

ENGLISH working people are commenting in terms of derision and scorn on a recent banquet given by the Lord Mayor of London, which was graced by the presence of Premier Asquith, Lloyd George, the Archbishop of Canterbury and other Cabinet members and dignitaries. The hooploi point out that wines and liquors flowed like water, that the turtle soup cost \$3.50 a quart, that the trout and squab and other epicurean sections of the gargantuan feast were equally expensive, and yet all these notables, say the ring-leaders of the unwashed, are continually urging the poor to practice economy and fight for King and country. Three days before the feast Lord Liverpool, it is stated, stood up in the House of Lords and recommended the allowances made to the wives and children of soldiers and sailors should be cut down. What all the grumbling will amount to cannot be foretold.

AN EASTERN daily announces that one of the latest "efficiency" schemes to be introduced has made its appearance in a big paper mill at Lawrence, Mass. If a worker is compelled to retire to the lavatory he presses an electric button which notifies a clerk in the office, who in turn opens the door to the closet. The exit and return to work is made by the same button-pressing process. In this manner the gents in the front office know the exact time required by the workers to attend to the wants of nature. Whether wages are docked for the time the workers are absent from the treadmill is not stated. Right now we are not writing what we think. It's unfit for publication.

MANY of the large dailies in the East are denouncing the British unionists because they are fighting conscription and are insinuating, as usual, that the organized workers are an unpatriotic set of scoundrels. It is thus that foreign markets become necessary, if capitalism is to be perpetuated. In securing foreign markets each country finds itself in conflict with the economic interest of some other country. This results in war between nations. No matter what other pretext is assigned for war, this is the actual cause.

The cure: Under socialism all industries will be owned by the governments of the world and operated cooperatively in the interest of the whole people. As labor will receive the fruits of its own production, overproduction will then be a thing of the past and wars for conquest unnecessary. With the abrogation of rent, interest and profit, no man will have the power to enslave another. With the ending of conflicting economic interests and the ending of war between man and man will die a natural death.

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### Good Reports On Lecture Courses Still Pouring In.

TONOPAH, NEV., wires: "Walker meeting a howling success. Ryan worked like a beaver. He caught the crowd from the start and held them to a finish."

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—Comrade W. J. Rogers writes: "Comrade Bennett gave us a very fine lecture last night in which he imparted highly interesting information and gave expression to splendid eloquence. Our hall was filled to its capacity."

NESS CITY, KANS.—Comrade Leonard Noll reports: "The Kirkpatrick lecture at Utica was a big success. An audience of 250 was present and 58 sets of books were sold to a highly pleased and appreciative audience."

GLENDALE, ARIZ.—"All three lectures were a decided success, literature sold well, good audiences and a number of new members were secured," reports Comrade Dr. Emmett Otto.

FRESNO, CAL.—Comrade C. A. Priest reports: "Meeting was well advertised and we had a fine evening for it. An audience of 300 was present and Comrade Seidel disposed of a good quantity of literature. Comrade Seidel was very instrumental in securing a few members with a number of good additional prospects."

MIAMI, FLA.—Comrade Robert B. Logan writes: "Kirkpatrick meeting a great success. Sold all of the literature like hot cakes in a coffee house and did not have enough to supply the demand. Speaker well satisfied and the local is highly pleased."

PUEBLO, COLO.—Comrade Kolmann writes: "All three lectures a decided success, good audiences and literature sales. We are pleased with the result."

SLAVES. They are slaves who fear to speak For the fallen and the weak; They are slaves who will not choose Hatred, scoffing and abuse, Rather than in silence shrink From the truth they needs must think; They are slaves who dare not be In the right with two or three. —James Russell Lowell.

### WAR—ITS CAUSE AND CURE

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

WAR IS a Disease of the body politic. The causes that lead to war are as easily determined as the conditions that bring on epidemic diseases. In earlier times people believed that all kinds of maladies were attributable to the malign influence of evil spirits. In those days prayer was the only known remedy for afflictions of the flesh. Today the germ theory is accepted as an established fact. But in the matter of warfare between nations the people of today are no more enlightened than were our ancestors in their understanding of the cause and cure of diseases. For it will be remembered that at the outset of the war special days were proclaimed, people were exhorted to pray for the speedy termination of the bloody conflict. And all such prayers have been as fruitless of results as the prayers offered up by our ancestors to eradicate disease.

The socialists alone understand exactly what the power is producing what the remedy is. But the socialists are unable to apply the remedy without the co-operation of the rest of the world.

The cause: In the industrial development of all countries under capitalism the power is producing what has become so great that so-called overproduction is the result. This "overproduction" is owing to the fact that labor receives in wages only a fraction of the value of its product, and is therefore unable to buy back the goods it produces. It is thus that foreign markets become necessary, if capitalism is to be perpetuated. In securing foreign markets each country finds itself in conflict with the economic interest of some other country. This results in war between nations. No matter what other pretext is assigned for war, this is the actual cause.

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### What the War Really Means

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### London Makes Another Great Anti-War Speech In Congress

By LUCIEN SAINT.

UNDAUNTED opposition to secret diplomacy, to monarchical notions of "international law" and the declaration that only the people of the United States can violate the honor of the United States were among the remarkable utterances of Socialist Representative Meyer London, speaking in the House shortly before the voting down of the McLemore resolution.

"This government," said London, "is founded on the idea that only such governments may exist as have the consent of the governed; that only such laws are to be obeyed in the making of which the people have had a part. How strange that simultaneously with these theories of government within the geographical limits of the nation the people should permit their international relations to be determined by secret diplomacy!"

London scored "one-man" diplomacy. "Why should we," he asked, "the 435 Representatives of the people, elected by the people, permit the question of war and peace to be determined by an individual?"

London scored the idea of war for national honor and war for revenge. "There is no glory in bloodshed," he said. "There is no glory in modern warfare. Secret diplomacy decides upon war, and men who have been forced into the armies by conscription are marched against one another. The men in the front ranks are not the bravest. They are very often placed in the front ranks because they are afraid of shedding their own blood."

Will not shed blood. London scored those who are trying to find a cause for quarrel between the people of the United States and the people of Germany. "The average American," he said, "will shrink from the thought of shedding the blood of a German or Austrian as he would shrink from shedding the blood of an Englishman or of a Frenchman or that of a brother. We underestimate the humanity of the American people."

"Let us give notice," London asked the House, "to the world that the code of honor which the physical force to settle international disputes has been repudiated by the American people. Such a declaration will be a greater boon to mankind than the Declaration of Independence which laid the basis of this Republic."

"The Socialist movement," in the name of which I speak, has in all countries and at all times opposed war and anything that would lead to war. It has opposed oppression of nationalities. It has resisted imperialism and colonial conquest. It has opposed the maintenance of armies and navies. It has everywhere demanded that international relations should be conducted in the open and by the representatives of the people, and it has insisted that every nation, no matter how small, be given full scope to develop its genius. It has not hesitated to tear away the mask of hypocrisy which in the name of law enables the strong of each nation to grind its own weak. It brands as hypocritical the international law which permits the crushing of the weak nations by the stronger. It has always contended for an international code of morality which would enable the nations of the world to live in peace and to settle their disputes thru international arbitration and not thru the arbitrage of war.

HIGHER INTERNATIONAL CODE. "It is season and out of season I will urge the adoption of a higher code of international relations. In season and out of season I will repeat the warning of the Socialists—the warning which has been disregarded by the nations of Europe, and for the flouting of which Europe is paying a heavy price today—the warning that there is no civilization worth while which is not based upon free men within each nation and upon free nations in the brotherhood of nations."

An International on a small scale has been perfected in Grand Rapids, Mich., where the Socialists have five language branches, Finnish, Ukrainian, German, Lithuanian and English speaking. The Central committee has recently been reorganized and Socialists of Grand Rapids are for the first time working in perfect co-operation. The organization of two new language branches are the immediate prospects, with others to follow. The first international program of any kind ever inaugurated in the city was held recently, followed by supper and dancing. Grand Rapids hopes at the spring election to land at least two Socialist Aldermen. They already have one member of the Board of Education, with fair prospects of securing another.

The Labor government of Australia has decided to postpone the referendum on the issue of conferring greater power on the Federal Parliament, the Premiers of the various States having agreed to co-operate with the National Parliament to solve Federal problems in taxation matters, dealing with monopolies, trusts, etc. Some of the unions don't like the idea of postponing the contest until after the close of the war, declaring that the State Senates, which are appointive and in the hands of the Liberal-Conservative Fusion will throttle important legislation and make the Labor party suffer the consequences.

Some 1,500 women relatives of French seamen gathered in the Labor Temple of Paris to inaugurate a general agitation for peace. They were addressed by Sebastian Faure, a prominent union official, who made an eloquent plea for peace which was applauded to the echo and created a profound impression. Later Faure was summoned to appear before a Cabinet official and warned that severe punishment would follow if he agitated further against war.

THE MEN, he it observed, upon whom Mr. William Hughes pours forth the vials of his wrath, who are to be dealt with "with the ferocity of a Bengal tiger," have made a stand against recruiting and have also endeavored to uphold the principles of internationalism. For this offence, a government, masquerading under the title of "Labor" and completely dominated by the English imperial authorities whose lackeys they are, has already resorted to methods of suppression and tyranny that no reactionary capitalist government could outdo. Little wonder that the Socialist movement in that country should be apart from such an extraordinary conglomeration of imperialism and reaction.

Here, too, is an extract from a letter recently received from Australia that further indicates how matters stand with the Socialist anti-militarists in Melbourne, Victoria, the seat of the federal government.

"All (Socialist) meetings have been closed at the theaters. They (the Socialists) are trying to hold them at their headquarters. You can imagine the state of things when you hear they are afraid to open the door wide, the people being admitted one at a time, members of the party standing inside with weapons in case of a raid. They are afraid to light up the hall too brightly and have removed the piano and all books...."

Such is the sorry state in which democratic Australia finds herself to day. Australian Socialists know what "preparedness" means!!

COMRADES! All this is really a call to you in the United States to redouble your efforts in the task of crushing the beast of militarism that is surely but slowly raising his head amongst you. Take heed that you be not entangled in its meshes and feel the force of its blows as our comrades are doing under the Southern Cross.

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The French and German soldiers on certain parts of the war front were again becoming neighborly, talking to each other, shaking hands, exchanging souvenirs, etc., as was done over a year ago. Fearful that the men might become too unpatriotic and pledge to refuse to shoot each other, General Dubois, commander of the Sixth Army of France, issued an order expressing his indignation at such unwelcome and reprehensible doings and announced that severe penalties would be inflicted on all officers and soldiers who were caught and proven guilty of such practices.

Five representative Swiss have been selected to sit in Ford's Peace Conference at Stockholm. They are Henry Scherer, president of the International Committee for Labor Protection; Judge Heller, president of the Swiss Peace Association; Mrs. Clara Ragan, of the International Commission for Permanent Peace; Herman Greulich, Socialist member of Parliament and president of Trade Union Federation, and Dr. Frederick Studer, chairman of the Swiss Socialist party.

Berlin Vorwaerts announces that Philipp Scheidemann, who was chief spokesman of the majority faction of the Socialists in the German Parliament, who supported the war credits, has flopped to the minority faction, which is opposed to granting further war credits and demands that peace negotiations be started. The party officials of Soilingen, Scheidemann's district, was almost unanimous in endorsing the minority position.

### Labor and Patriotism In Australia

By H. SCOTT BENNETT.

PERHAPS nothing could indicate more clearly the severe nature of the struggle that anti-militarists in Australia are engaged in than the report of a recent speech delivered by Mr. William Hughes, the prime minister of Australia. Let it be remembered that Mr. Hughes is the head of the Australian "Labor" government and the reader will have some understanding of the peculiar nature of the political party of Australia. The report is taken from the Melbourne Argus, an ultra-capitalist publication. Here are two extracts:

"They had said that unionism did not stand for patriotism. This statement of theirs had no foundation. It was a lie, a lie that he hoped to crush utterly. (Loud applause.)"

"It is no use dealing with these men like a tame cat," proceeded Mr. Hughes. "You have to go for them with the ferocity of a Bengal tiger. They have no nationality; they have no religion. There is only one thing they understand, and that is force. They have appealed to the unionists of this country not to sign the recruiting cards."

THE MEN, he it observed, upon whom Mr. William Hughes pours forth the vials of his wrath, who are to be dealt with "with the ferocity of a Bengal tiger," have made a stand against recruiting and have also endeavored to uphold the principles of internationalism. For this offence, a government, masquerading under the title of "Labor" and completely dominated by the English imperial authorities whose lackeys they are, has already resorted to methods of suppression and tyranny that no reactionary capitalist government could outdo. Little wonder that the Socialist movement in that country should be apart from such an extraordinary conglomeration of imperialism and reaction.

Here, too, is an extract from a letter recently received from Australia that further indicates how matters stand with the Socialist anti-militarists in Melbourne, Victoria, the seat of the federal government.

"All (Socialist) meetings have been closed at the theaters. They (the Socialists) are trying to hold them at their headquarters. You can imagine the state of things when you hear they are afraid to open the door wide, the people being admitted one at a time, members of the party standing inside with weapons in case of a raid. They are afraid to light up the hall too brightly and have removed the piano and all books...."

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# Choose Hillquit And Berger On First Ballot

MORRIS Hillquit of New York City, and Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee, Wis., were the only two candidates for the national executive committee chosen on the first ballot. Both have served the party for years as executive committeemen, although neither is a member of the present committee. Hillquit received 17,856 votes, while 17,070 were given to Berger. The three vacancies will be filled by taking

a second ballot, the results of which it is hoped will be by June 1. The names of those who will appear on the second ballot and the vote they received on the first ballot are as follows: Anna A. Maley, 10,508; John Spargo, 10,175; Arthur LeSueur, 8,275; John M. Work, 7,825; H. G. Creel, 7,600; and A. M. Simons, 6,531. The vote for all the candidates by states is as follows:

State	Hillquit	Berger
Alabama	5	7
Alaska	1	1
Arizona	1	1
Arkansas	1	1
California	2	2
Colorado	1	1
Connecticut	1	1
Delaware	1	1
District of Columbia	1	1
Florida	1	1
Georgia	1	1
Idaho	1	1
Illinois	1	1
Indiana	1	1
Iowa	1	1
Kansas	1	1
Kentucky	1	1
Louisiana	1	1
Maine	1	1
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New Hampshire	1	1
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New Mexico	1	1
New York	1	1
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Pennsylvania	1	1
Rhode Island	1	1
South Carolina	1	1
South Dakota	1	1
Tennessee	1	1
Texas	1	1
Utah	1	1
Vermont	1	1
Washington	1	1
West Virginia	1	1
Wisconsin	1	1
Wyoming	1	1
TOTAL	17,856	17,070

State	Maley	Spargo	LeSueur	Work	Creel	Simons
Alabama	1	1	1	1	1	1
Alaska	1	1	1	1	1	1
Arizona	1	1	1	1	1	1
Arkansas	1	1	1	1	1	1
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West Virginia	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wisconsin	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wyoming	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	10,508	10,175	8,275	7,825	7,600	6,531

## Unity Favored By Large Majority In Party Referendum

"Referendum A, 1916" proposing that the Socialist Labor Party be invited to send representatives to a conference for the purpose of working out a basis for the amalgamation of the Socialist Party with the Socialist Labor Party has passed by a large majority, the vote being 20,650 in favor and 4,485 against. The committee to represent the Socialist Party at this conference will consist of L. E. Katterfeld, George H. Goebel, S. E. Beardsley, Thomas W. Williams and Walter Lanfersiek. The official report on this referendum is as follows:

State	Yes	No
Alabama	102	14
Alaska	1	1
Arizona	1	1
Arkansas	1	1
California	2	2
Colorado	1	1
Connecticut	1	1
Delaware	1	1
District of Columbia	1	1
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Wyoming	1	1
TOTAL	20,650	4,485

All the Czech Socialist papers in Bohemia have been suppressed by the Austrian government, and no good reason has been given to repeated demands of Socialist and other workers. There is great dissatisfaction being displayed on every hand.

## WORKMEN'S SICK AND DEATH BENEFIT FUND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Year	Men	Women	Sick and Accident	Death	Amount Saved in Cash Reserve
1885	116		\$525.90		\$150.00
1890	2,919	252	35,014.57		3,600.00
1895	10,992	1,924	310,846.07		35,265.38
1900	21,616	4,123	1,002,398.32	253,731.35	89,773.35
1905	28,470	5,912	1,962,960.82	587,740.96	220,323.38
1910	37,743	7,524	3,236,004.12	1,087,845.77	438,501.72
1913	42,344	8,022	4,149,132.13	1,468,273.25	774,453.98

For further information, Workmen's Sick & Death Benefit Fund, Entrance on 7th St., No. 1, THIRD AVE., NEW YORK, Second Floor.

## First Ballot Shows No Choice For Secretary

There will be a second ballot in the national referendum for executive secretary. The result of the first ballot was as follows: Carl D. Thompson, 11,790; Adolph Germer, 10,894; Walter Lanfersiek, 5,283 and L. E. Katterfeld, 3,558. The vote for all the candidates by states is as follows:

State	Thompson	Germer	Lanfersiek	Katterfeld
Alabama	1	1	1	1
Alaska	1	1	1	1
Arizona	1	1	1	1
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West Virginia	1	1	1	1
Wisconsin	1	1	1	1
Wyoming	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	11,790	10,894	5,283	3,558

Jacob Vidnes, editor of the Social Demokrat, of Christiania, passing through Paris recently, in a short conversation with some French comrades of the Humanite's staff, spoke of the influence which the war had on the development of Socialism in Norway. It had, he said, served to increase its following, and Socialism in his country was in a stronger position than ever before.

## EXECUTIVE DEPT.

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 Address all communications to the Executive Dept., 803 West Madison St., Chicago. Address all mail to departments and to individuals. Make remittances payable to the Socialist Party.  
 Matter for publication in the official columns of the American Socialist must be in the National Office by the Monday preceding the date of issue.

Proposed National Referendum. By Branch No. 1, Superior, Wis.  
 "That the Socialist Party publish in addition to, but separate from, the American Socialist, a national bulletin to contain all the official and national party business, positions for referendum, etc., and an open forum for the discussion of party affairs; such bulletin to be for the information of party members only; and all such business matter and discussions to be excluded from the columns of the American Socialist; that the paper to be used for propaganda and advertising purposes only."  
 Comment.  
 "The Socialist Party should see to it that its official organ contains only such matter as will tend to strengthen and build up the party. To do that we must have a paper that can be cheerfully recommended to the general public and especially to those who may be favorable to our cause and might be induced to join the party by such propaganda. For them to read the American Socialist as it appears now from week to week with all the party controversy, invective, upbraidings, personal likes and dislikes of officials and those interested in officialdom, is to have them ask in what way can they better themselves by severing their connections with a donkey, elephant or bull nose party, to join one that appears, at least, to be dominated by a conglomeration of Kilkenny cats.  
 80 members in good standing.  
 Published for seconds, March 18, 1916.

## Socialists of Switzerland boast of 68 newspapers, 33 of which deal mainly with union matters, 20 with political affairs, 5 with co-operative enterprises, 2 with sports and amusements, and one each with women's affairs, the young people's movement and temperance propaganda.

If you are a socialist join the party and show your colors. The party membership should be doubled before the close of the present year.

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## Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

HEARTILY APPROVES—I wish to express my hearty approval of the plan suggested by Comrade Engdahl in last week's issue, to devote the American Socialist to propaganda work alone, and issue a statement of party business and accounts in a separate sheet to party members only. I believe if this was done, that we could develop the American Socialist ultimately into a powerful American Daily Publication. There should be no reason why Chicago and surrounding district could not support a daily of the type of the Milwaukee Leader, but let us build up the American Socialist gradually that we may be surer of success.

I wish to advise readers of the American Socialist to obtain a copy of Howe's "The Evolution of Banking." It is interesting and makes the money question as plain as A.B.C.—L. ROBERT SHERRER, Fort Wayne, Ind.

IN KEEPING OF SOCIALISTS.—Not enough attention has been paid, it seems to me, to an editorial utterance of the New York Evening Post. Discussing the attitude of German socialists toward the Zeppelin airship raids in particular and towards the war in general, the Post lauded this attitude in a phrase which ought to become historic. The sentence is this: "It would seem that the Social Democrats have in their keeping the conscience of Germany today." Consider for a moment what this means. If, as against the Kaiser and the ruling class of Germany, the socialists have the conscience of Germany in their keeping today, cannot the inference be properly drawn that the same conscience will be in socialist keeping tomorrow and for a long series of tomorrows? In other words that, in the struggle of the classes of Germany, which the future

will find accentuated, sharply and inevitably, our sympathies must go to the working class? Again, if observers begin to realize that the socialists of Germany are deserving of sympathetic attention and consideration, it is not a long step to the belief that the socialist of the United States, their opinions and their philosophy, are deserving of the like consideration. Let me repeat the phrase of the Post: "The Social Democrats have in their keeping the conscience of Germany today."



MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

PRIZE LETTER THIS WEEK. By ROBERT A. LINES. Springfield, Mo.

I HAVE decided to become a "hustler" for our paper and herewith present my initial contribution of subs. I want the knife for my future source of inspiration and the pennant for the Socialist local here.

I will just say that I secured these subs on the strength of the importance of pending legislation before congress and the amount of space and publicity this paper will use regarding it.

The first bunch of subs sent in by this comrade amounted to a nice long list of 33 new readers. And Springfield, Mo., isn't a fertile field for the propaganda of Socialism either.

Another slight gain of 146 this week, bringing our total up to 146. We put 1,689 names on the list but 1,543 came off with the result that the progress made is a little bit slower than we would like.

ROLL OF HONOR

- Comrade Archer A. Rollins, of Poltechnic, Mont., isn't going to take a back seat for anyone. He orders sub cards and gets one of our souvenir knives and two Socialist pennants.

Local Secretaries, Literature Agents and Wide Awake Comrades should take this matter up at their next local meeting and get the local to make the Henry Dubb edition a feature distribution number.

Kruse on Lecture Tour



WM. F. KRUSE, Director of the Young People's Dept. of the National Socialist Party, and National Secretary of the Y.P.S.L., is starting on a tour of the eastern states under the auspices of the National Executive Committee.

- April 18... St. Louis, Mo. 20... Indianapolis, Ind. 21... Cincinnati, O. 22... Wilkesburg, Pa. 23... Pittsburgh, Pa. 24... McKeesport, Pa. 25... Morgantown, W. Va. 26... Washington, D. C. 27... Baltimore, Md. 28... Camden, N. J. 29... Philadelphia, Pa. 30... Reading, Pa. 31... Jersey City, N. J. 1... Ansonia, Conn. 2... Brockton, Mass. 3... Lawrence, Mass. 4... Fitchburg, Mass. 5... Boston, Mass. 6... Lynn, Mass. 7... Hartford, Conn. 8... Elizabeth, N. J. 9... Rahway, N. J. 10... Watertown, N. Y. 11... Syracuse, N. Y. 12... Rochester, N. Y. 13... Niagara Falls, N. Y. 14... Jamestown, N. Y. 15... Erie, Pa. 16... Toledo, O. 17... Detroit, Mich. 18... Jackson, Mich. 19... Chicago, Ill. 20... Kenosha, Wis.

This tour demonstrates the extent to which the work of the Y.P.S.L. has developed, for the leagues are offered practically the same service in regard to instructions and advertising material as can be furnished by the most expensive lyceum courses.

HENRY DUBB EDITION Prize Contest Announcement

In the Henry Dubb Edition of The American Socialist we will publish five selected letters to Henry Dubb, for which the following prizes will be awarded:

- First Best Letter: Library of Socialist Classics, 30 vol. cloth bound, (value \$15.) Second Best Letter: \$5.00 in books selected by the winner. Third Best Letter: \$3.00 in books selected by the winner. Fourth Best Letter: \$2.00 in books selected by the winner. Fifth Best Letter: \$1.00 in books selected by the winner.

THE RULES OF THE CONTEST: 1. Letters must be written in the first person. 2. They must be addressed to Henry Dubb, a symbolic working class character who is not a socialist and refuses to do his own thinking.



The Henry Dubb Edition will be dated, Saturday, APRIL 29, AND WILL BE MAILED IN TIME FOR MAY DAY DISTRIBUTION.

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SEND IN YOUR ORDER TO-DAY!

THE STORY CORNER

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

AS TIME WENT ON. Time passes, and with each new day there comes, too, a set of new problems to be faced and conquered.

During his years of active service for the young movement he had given the best that was in him, the progress of the league reflected to some extent the application of his energy. He had made some good friends, a few quite bitter enemies, this was only to be expected. The movement now counted its members by many thousands, its products, young men and women splendidly trained and equipped for labor's battle, had taken their places in the grim uncompromising firing line among the older socialists.

BUT A new membership had sprung up among the Yipsels. It was a younger, and in many respects a better, membership than that which had preceded it, that membership of which Jim and Peggy had formed a part.

Recognizing these facts and glorying a little in his part in bringing them about, our organizer was glad to surrender the reins of the organization into younger, and as he thought, better hands. He never lost his interest in the league work. On all sorts of special work, such as educational courses and publicity getting, he could always be depended on.

success and greater achievements than ever before. So the work went on and the league grew to new positions of influence and power from year to year, a credit to its workers and founders and a source of great inspiration to the socialist and trade union movements. (THE END.)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT. Organization — Education — Solidarity.

WILLIAM F. KRUSE — Director To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through the Young People's Socialist Leagues.

ORGANIZATION. A league was started, March 6, at Shelbyville, Tenn., with 28 charter members.

EDUCATION. The Bronx Y.P.S.L. comes to the front with a debate on the subject "Resolved, that the United States should be placed in a position to defend itself with arms in case of attack."

REGULAR NOTES. Syracuse, N. Y., is working hard to gain renewed practice. It is on the National Lecture Tour, and is getting in new members and reviving its old-timers. They hope to do great things.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. In another column of this paper a list of dates on the National Y.P.S.L. Lecture Tour is published. All leagues are requested to cut this out and keep it for reference.

The Carpenter And The Rich Man. A FEW copies of this book left. This was a regular dollar book, but we will send you one or more copies at the price of 50 cents, postage paid.—Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

Lesson For Baby Week

By AGNES H. DOWNING. THIS IS! Baby Week; the attention of the country is to be centered on baby welfare.

Enemies? Does any one hate little babies? No! But yet there are those who make war on them. Babies are not killed because any one wants to kill them, yet the poor little things are sent to their deaths with more certainty, and their ranks are decimated in far larger percentage than is the most hapless army in the world today.

HERE ARE some of the facts collected and published by the National Children's Bureau: "Where the father's weekly wage is under \$10 per week 48 per cent of all the babies born die before they reach the age of one year."

So it is a loss of nearly half the babies of all the families with the wages under \$14 weekly. No army in the European war has lost that large percentage of its numbers so far, yet we are justly appalled at the awful slaughter of war.

AGAIN! To quote further from the reports of the Children's Bureau above referred to: "Where the father's wage is from \$10 to \$12 per week 33 per cent die before they reach one year; where the wage is from \$12 to \$17 a week 16 per cent die in the first year, but when the wage is over \$17 a week but 7 per cent die in the first year."

Warren Is Answered. FRED D. WARREN, Girard, Kansas. Dear Comrade Warren: I have read your letter about Comrade Phifer's book, The Coming Kingdom, in The American Socialist. I have often wondered that you comrades who were so closely associated with Phifer in his work for the cause have had so little to say about his truly remarkable book.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to print Meyer London's first speech in Congress. If you want to send this speech to your friends, send \$2 to the National Office, Socialist Party, and one thousand will be sent you.

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ordered the death of the male children under two years. It was bad of course but "patriotic" American capitalists have out Herodotus; for them it is one-half of all children, male and female, and not for one time but for all time as long as they have the power.

Cornelius Lehane is booked to deliver eight addresses in Minneapolis as follows: March 15th, 7:45, Women's Club; 9:00, Trades and Labor Assembly; March 16th, 2:30, Dept. of Economics Minnesota State University; 8:00, Teamsters Joint Council; March 17th, 8:30, Carpenter Local No. 17; March 18th, 3:00, Saturday Lunch Club; 8:00, Mass Meeting at Unitarian Church; March 19th, 8:00, Emmett Literary Society.

Buffalo, N. Y., has been shocked to its depths. A woman teacher at the Technical High School, Elizabeth L. Rice, has had the temerity to write on her blackboard the well-known passage by Jack London, entitled "A Good Soldier." And, just to show its fairness, Buffalo has appointed three officers of the 74th Regiment to investigate the matter. We await their verdict.

W. J. Lomtatidse, one of the best known Socialists in Russia, is dead, another victim to Czarism. He was elected to Parliament in 1907 from Kutais, in the Caucasus, and when he and others of his party demanded that the Duma be clothed with real authority rather than be treated as a harmless debating society, they were arrested and tried for reason. Lomtatidse was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and his tortuous confinement developed tuberculosis.

EVERY Local Secretary should have a Due Stamp Cancellor. We furnish data with the necessary rubber dates for 60 cents. If you want a check on dues payments, the only method is by dating the stamp when it is pasted on the card. The date just fits the stamp.—Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

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