

# A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! Wanted — Thousands Of Recruits To Land Ten Smashing Blows Full In The Face Of Brutal Capitalist System

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THE U. S. COMRADES: At the recent meeting of the incoming and outgoing national executive committees, I proposed and the committees ratified a plan to flood the country with two-page leaflets during the last ten weeks of the campaign. I am to write the leaflets. Each week, I shall select the particular utterance of President Wilson, Mr. Hughes or somebody else that seems to give the best opening for landing a smashing blow full in the face of capitalism—and then I shall try to land it. No matter where I may be—in Portland, Maine, or Portland, Oregon—I shall write a leaflet each week, telegraph it to the national office, and within 24 hours, the presses will be grinding it out by the million, and the trains will be taking

it to you. I shall put into these leaflets the very best that is in me. I shall try to write as I never wrote before. I beg you to give me an opportunity to make this work count to the greatest possible extent. This leaflet idea is my pet idea, and I want you to give me an opportunity to make it an astounding success. IF YOU WILL GIVE ME THE CIRCULATION THAT I WANT FOR THESE LEAFLETS, I WILL PLEDGE MYSELF TO GIVE YOU THE ACTION THAT YOU WANT IN THIS CAMPAIGN. I KNOW WHAT PRINTER'S INK WILL DO! Locals should subscribe now for the entire series of ten leaflets. Then the national office will know exactly what to print when September comes.

September is only five weeks distant. Paper supplies must be arranged for in the meantime, and in the present state of the paper market, orders for your paper stocks should be placed within a few days in order to be sure of delivery. I ask every Socialist paper in the United States to re-print this appeal. LET US MAKE 1916 A YEAR THAT THE PREDATORY GENTLEMEN WILL NOT FORGET FOR MANY A DAY! We can do it. I am ready to do my part. I know you are always ready when you see the way. This leaflet plan is the way. Yours for big things—not later, BUT NOW. Yonkers, N. Y., July 8. ALLAN L. BENSON:

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# Reach The Nation's Heart And Brain This Year

## Fifty Million Pieces Of Literature To Make The Masses Think Before They Vote

**S**ATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 — Put a red ring around that date on your calendar. Because that is the day on which the greatest literature campaign ever carried on by the Socialist Party STARTS! On that day the volunteer force of the Socialist Party in this presidential campaign will land its first smashing blow full in the face of capitalism. This blow will be followed by nine other blows, one on each Saturday following until the Saturday before election day. Each blow will have behind it the punch of millions of leaflets—50 MILLIONS ALTOGETHER—five millions each and every week.

### GREAT VICTORY! CAPTURE FINNISH LANDTAG MAJORITY

Socialists now have a complete majority in the Finnish Landtag, the national Finnish parliament. The result of the elections just held showed results as follows: Socialists, 105; Old Finns, 33; Young Finns, 22; Swedes, 21; Agrarians, 19. In order to accomplish this result the Socialists were compelled to greatly increase their total vote. Both men and women voted at this election, universal suffrage having been secured as a result of the efforts of the Socialist Party. In 1907 the Socialist had 300,000 votes, which was more than 40 per cent of all votes cast. In the 1914 elections the Socialist captured 90 out of 200 seats in the Finnish parliament. Now they have a majority. Let all American Socialists in this year's campaign do all in their power to duplicate the victory of our Finnish comrades as soon as possible in this country.

### READ BENSON'S MESSAGE.

HAVE you read the message about this great leaflet campaign, to the great rank and file of the Socialist movement, at the top of this page. It is written by our presidential candidate, Allan L. Benson, who will write these leaflets. If you haven't read it—READ IT NOW!

Last week we laid out the first big feature of this year's great campaign—the call for the \$100,000 campaign fund. The Socialist Party depends upon its loyal members—tried and true, to do their duty first of all on that matter. The details were all laid out in The American Socialist of last week. Furthermore, circular letters, subscription blanks, punch cards and all details and instructions necessary to carry out this feature of the work are now in the hands of or on the way to the secretary of every local in the nation.

This work must be attended to first. Upon the success of it depends everything else that is to follow.

### NOW COMES THE BIG LITERATURE CAMPAIGN.

The first one of the BIG BENSON BOMBHELLS which we propose to fire into the enemies' trenches will be out not later than Saturday, September 2—sooner if possible. That means that we promise to have them in your hands for distribution on that date. That is only five weeks off. Immediate action is necessary.

This is going to be the greatest literature campaign the Socialist Party ever undertook.

### WE PROPOSE TO PRINT AND CIRCULATE FIFTY MILLION PIECES OF LITERATURE THIS FALL.

#### REACH EVERY VOTER.

WE PROPOSE to reach every voter in the United States of America at least once—most of them many times before Election Day, Tuesday, November 7.

It is a tremendous task, but it is not too big for the Socialist Party with its 95,000 members and its hosts of earnest, faithful and tireless workers.

We do not propose to neglect other features of the campaign, but this one we believe to be especially important. It will be educational. Its effects will be permanent. They will last long after the campaign is over. The effects will appear in increased membership, added intelligence and awakened social consciousness in the years to come.

Furthermore, the literature campaign reaches thousands who, for one reason or another, do not, and perhaps cannot, attend our meetings.

It breaks into new territory. It awakens interest in new quarters and draws in new recruits.

#### PLAN OF THE CAMPAIGN.

HERE is the plan for the cam-

aign: First of all, this literature is to be written by the greatest and most effective writer in the English language—our candidate for President, Allan L. Benson. If anybody on earth knows how to get a big idea into English language so that the common people can understand it, grasp its meaning and feel its inspiration, it is Allan L. Benson. He is going to write our leaflets.

The National Office force will take care of the printing and the preparation of the leaflets. We will see to it that every Socialist local, every earnest worker for Socialism in the United States of America knows about these leaflets.

We will leave no stone unturned to get the co-operation not only of every individual in the Socialist Party, but also of every other radical force and organization, such as the trade unions, farmers' organizations and others that can be enlisted to help get out this literature.

That is our part in the National Office, and we will do our part to the utmost.

Now comes the part that the great army of the Socialist Party organization must play—YOUR part, comrade secretary; YOURS, comrade of the rank and file; YOURS, speaker, lecturer, organizer; YOURS, editor, writer and manager of Socialist papers—the part which ALL must play.

#### WORK SYSTEMATICALLY.

IT IS your task to take these leaflets, these millions of hot shot, white with the heat of intense conviction and glowing with the fire of a mighty purpose, and put them next to the hearts and brains of the people of this nation.

To do this we must work systematically. Slipshod, haphazard methods will not be sufficient.

We must organize our army of distributors. Organized systematic effort will work wonders.

Here then is just what we want you to do:

#### What Every Local Secretary Is To Do

WE APPEAL to you, Comrade Local Secretary, first of all. At the very next meeting—after the campaign fund has been attended to—

make this big literature campaign a special order of business. It will require careful attention. If your local is not meeting regularly during the summer, or if it is some time until a meeting is to be held, call a special meeting.

This matter cannot wait. The time is short. Within a very few weeks the big presses will be at work on these leaflets. We must have the orders in before we begin.

First of all, ask the local to decide just how many of these BENSON BOMBHELL LEAFLETS it will order, pay for and distribute. Remember, there will be one each week for ten weeks. They will be two-page leaflets and will start just as soon as we have sufficient number of orders to make it worth while to fire the first broadside—Sept. 2: at the latest!

These leaflets will be sold at less than cost—50 cents per thousand. This is considerably less than the total cost of printing, packing and shipping.

For \$5 your local gets 1,000 each week for ten weeks—10 different leaflets—1,000 each—10,000 LEAFLETS IN ALL.

A little later we will issue a letter of instructions, telling just how a local or group of Socialists can organize and conduct this literature campaign so as to make it comparatively easy and certainly successful.

The main thing just now is to have your local place its order.

HOW MANY OF THESE BENSON LEAFLETS WILL YOU TAKE? That is the question you must answer at the earliest possible moment. Please use the blank below to send in your order.

#### Contributions To The Literature Campaign

THERE are many comrades eager and anxious to do something for the cause who are unable to pay. Many are out of work or suffering one or another disadvantage or misfortune so that they have very little if any money that they can contribute. But they are eager to help. Every day nearly we receive letters from comrades of this kind, sometimes sending in a dime or a quarter and saying with regret that they cannot now give more, but offering to help distribute the literature if only it can be sent to them free.

There is an army of such comrades

### PLAN FOR SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF SOCIALISM.

Here is a plan to spread the message of Socialism in your town without costing you or the Socialist local one red cent. You can do this by getting six months' subs to The American Socialist at 25 cents each. For every five subs sent in The American Socialist will send you 1,000 of the Benson 1916 Campaign Bombshell leaflets described on this page. Send in 50 six months subs and you will receive 1,000 leaflets each week for ten weeks—10,000 in all. How about it?

at this scattered here and there throughout the nation. We must put them to work also.

There are doubtless a great many comrades on the other hand who for one reason or another may not be able to get out and do the work of distributing the literature, but who can make contributions. We must bring these two forces together. And so we appeal to those who are able to make contributions to this special fund, the money to be used in sending literature free to those who are willing to distribute it and cannot.

We are, therefore, making a place on the blanks below for those who wish to subscribe to this fund to do so.

#### What Every State Secretary Should Do

THE STATE Secretaries of the various state organizations must help and co-operate if this literature campaign is to be made the success it should be. Much will depend on your co-operation and support Comrade State Secretary. We appeal to you also. A word from you to the locals of your state, approving and encouraging the comrades in this effort, will have great weight. A special letter from the state office in each state to the locals would be effective. If you wish, we will prepare some printed matter which you can enclose in your ordinary letters. An article written by you and printed in the press that circulates most widely in your state would help.

Will you give us YOUR support, comrades?

#### How The Socialist Papers Can Help

To the Editors and Managers of the Socialist papers—to you also we appeal. You and your papers can do much to make this effort a success. We urge your support and co-operation.

You can help by re-publishing this article. If you think it is too long, cut it down; but give your readers the substance of this big proposition, and above all DISPLAY IT. Play it up. Make its importance and its possibilities appeal to your readers. May we suggest that you write an editorial about it. That would put your support squarely behind the project and do very much to assure its success.

#### To Individual Members, Friends, Sympathizers

TO THOSE of our readers who do not belong to the party, but would like to see our principles prevail, you also may help—you who are unable to join the party; you who are alone, perhaps the only Socialist in your community, you, too, can have a part in this.

In any city or village one lone Socialist can if he will start up the Socialist movement. He can distribute literature. It is the least expensive and in many ways the most effective form of propaganda. A single meeting never costs less than \$10 to \$15, often reaches \$100 to \$200, and the average is doubtless more than \$25. Here is a plan where for \$5 and a little work you can put the message of Socialism before 1,000 people each week for ten weeks; or if you have no one to help you you can order a smaller number, say 500, or even 200.

In rural districts you can use the mails, or distribute the leaflets to the farmers on the days that they come to town. Watch for opportunities at fairs, picnics and other public gatherings.

So your too may send in your orders and get into this game.

#### THE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

COMRADES OF AMERICA: — This is the call to arms: It is the call for volunteers. Will you enlist in this WAR UPON WAR, this fight for industrial freedom, for economic justice, and a new and higher civilization?

Every local that orders a bundle will be enrolled. Every comrade who sends in a dime or more will be enrolled; every man, woman or child that offers to help in the great work of this literature campaign will be put on the army list.

Enlist for the whole ten weeks campaign.

Let us make America ring again with the cry of justice, liberty and good will, for the right of all to live a decent and a noble life.

ON WITH THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION.

## PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL OF PROGRESS WHERE IT WILL DO THE MOST GOOD

**Order Blank For Leaflets**  
THE BIG LITERATURE CAMPAIGN.  
To the Campaign Manager, Socialist Party,  
803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.  
Enclosed find \$..... to pay for..... of the BENSON CAMPAIGN BOMBHELLS at the rate of Fifty Cents per 1,000, as follows:  
..... of these leaflets each week for Ten consecutive weeks.  
Name .....  
Address .....  
City ..... State .....

**Contributor's Blank**  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP SEND OUT FREE LITERATURE.  
To the Campaign Manager, Socialist Party,  
803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.  
Herewith find enclosed \$..... as contribution to help send the BENSON CAMPAIGN BOMBHELLS free to those who are unable to pay for them, but who have volunteered to help distribute them.  
Name .....  
Address .....  
City ..... State .....

**Volunteer's Blank**  
VOLUNTEER FOR THE BIG LITERATURE CAMPAIGN.  
To the Campaign Manager, Socialist Party,  
803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.  
I hereby volunteer to help in the great work of distributing the FIFTY MILLION BENSON CAMPAIGN BOMBHELLS. I agree to distribute..... of these leaflets each week for Ten (10) consecutive weeks.  
Name .....  
Address .....  
City ..... State .....







# Mexico For The Mexicans, Not For American Dollars

It is now nearly two years since the devastating war in Europe began writing its bloody story on the pages of history. During that time the United States has passed thru war crises galore. We are just now passing thru another crisis over the Mexican situation. Who knows how soon we may be again on the brink of the European blood chase. In these days it is well for us to spread the truth that is to be found in the accompanying article by James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and Socialist member of the Pennsylvania legislature. During the past year Maurer has fought war and militarism with all the strength that is in him. He has called on President Wilson several times, once as the accredited official of the Socialist Party, to tell the president that the workers of this country want no war. Read this article and pass it among your neighbors.

By JAMES H. MAURER.

President Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and Socialist Member Pennsylvania Legislature.

TWO YEARS ago the common citizens of Europe were at peace with each other; the workers of Germany had no grievance against the workers of England, France or Russia, nor had those now on the side of the allies, any grievance against the German or Austrian workers. These people were at peace with each other, but all were in revolt against the oppressors in their own countries, when, suddenly like a bolt from the clear sky, the rulers declared war on each other. Suddenly, at least, insofar as those who were called upon to do the real fighting were concerned.

Men in official life predicted that the conflict due to modern methods of war, would not last more than three months, or six months, at the most. But the European war has now been raging 23 months, and the end is as uncertain now as it was a year ago. These nations were better prepared for war, or peace as they told the people, than ever before and this tremendous cost of preparation was partly responsible for much of the poverty that existed prior to the war. And, as we know, their preparedness did not prevent war as the war promoters in America now try to have us believe it will. It is estimated that, all told, thirteen million men were lost, and that the damage done by the destruction of property amounts to ten billion dollars, and that the cost of equipping and maintaining the machinery of destruction has, since the war started, cost eighty billion dollars.

Annual Wage of \$200. Let us stop for a minute and analyze these figures a little more closely. The combined population of the warring nations is less than four hundred millions, the average wage for an adult before the war, was \$200 a year, which fact explains why these nations were in

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First they demanded Mexican intervention, then war against Germany, and when these plans were met with no uncertain opposition, they changed tactics by trying to stampede the people into a cleverly-developed plan of militarism, under the pretense that we were in danger of foreign invasion, Germany and Japan being paraded before us as the menace, and that our only salvation lay in their program of preparedness.

To date these war promoters cajoled, or forced thru the present congress, appropriations for military purposes of nearly a billion dollars. Besides these appropriations, other military measures were passed, among them one federalizing the State Guards, but unfortunately left out the State Cossacks of Pennsylvania. For the state enacted five military measures, providing for military training in schools and conscription. At the psychological moment a band of Mexican outlaws were allowed to cross the border at Columbus and murder a half-dozen American citizens.

Facts Never Explained. Just why our federal soldiers were away from Columbus on this distressful occasion, and why Villa and his band were given two weeks' time to get away, was never explained.

The press, however, printed much about our honor, and that the integrity of the United States demanded intervention. News dispatches, supposed to come from Mexico, told us of the pursuit of Villa. In one edition we were told that he was captured, and in the next it was denied. Then they told us he was dead and buried, and a few days later they said he was alive. Then came the news that United States citizens in Mexico had been cruelly murdered, and again intervention was demanded.

Thus was the press busy depicting the war spirit and hostility against our neighbors, the Mexican people. So insistent and unscrupulous were they in their methods that March 25, President Wilson saw the wisdom of issuing the following statement: "As has already been announced, the expedition into Mexico was ordered under an agreement with the defunct government of Mexico for the purpose of taking the bandit, Villa."

"I have, therefore, asked the several news services to be good enough to assist the administration in keeping this view of the expedition constantly before both the people of this country and the distressed and sensitive people of Mexico."

Name Them, Wilson. "It is my duty to warn the people of the United States that there are persons along the border actively engaged in originating and giving as wide currency as they can to rumors of the most sensational and disturbing sort."

"The object of this traffic in falsehood is obvious. It is to create intolerable friction between the citizens of the United States and the de facto government of Mexico, for the purpose of bringing about intervention in the interest of certain American owners of Mexican properties."

"This object cannot be obtained so long as sane and honorable men are in control of this government. The people of the United States should know the sinister and unscrupulous influences that are at work."

The President's letter had no more effect on the situation than if it had come from one of our most humble citizens. In fact, it seemed to spur them on to still greater activity. Then came the clash on Mexican soil at Carrizal between Mexican and U. S. colored soldiers. A number were killed on both sides, and about 23 of our men made prisoners. Promptly came the order for mobilization on the Mexican border of our troops. Since then the prisoners have been sent back to the United States. But the mobilization goes on, and all about us we see every preparation made for war.

Shall We? And Why?

The question, therefore, is: Shall we make war on Mexico, and if so, why? For the past five years the Mexicans have been in revolt against the interest that robbed them for many generations. These people have been betrayed, robbed and oppressed more than any other of this age. They are fighting for what they call liberty and home. And now after five long years of revolt, poor, bleeding and dying, we of the United States who boast of being the greatest nation on earth, are moving great armies to the border, and threatening to make war upon them. Mexico covers 767,000 square miles. The United States alone, not to mention her possessions, covers 3,624,122 square miles. Before the Mexicans went to war, her population was 16 millions, while ours over 100 million. The wealth of Mexico is about seven billions; ours over 100 billions. We are accredited with having 20 million men who can be drafted for military service. Four millions more than all the men, women and children in Mexico. The relative strength between us is that of a giant and a midge. And would it be honorable for the giant to crush its midge neighbor?

"But," say the war enthusiasts, "we must protect our citizens along the border." I have never heard of any one who said they should not be protected, but from our experience with the Columbus invasion of bandits, it seems that the presence of our military is no guarantee of protection.

This, however, is not the issue. The question is: Why war with Mexico? Protecting our citizens on this side of the boundary line does not mean war. And those interested in war know this very well, and this explains why the demand for intervention, or in plain words, war. Yes, the cards are stacked for an attack on Mexico, and for no other reason than to save the hides of certain American capitalists, who skinned the Mexicans in the past.

Capitalists Want Dividends. As I said, the wealth of Mexico amounts to seven billions; of this

# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

TO THINK that the promoters of the great war told us Socialism is destructive!

The bankers who have weighed the world under burdens of debt, that Socialism is impractical!

The ecclesiastics, who pray that fighting Christians may be able to kill other fighting Christians, that Socialism is irreligious!

The newspapers, that have for months plied their arts in order to inflame the public mind for slaughter, that Socialism is immoral!

The statesmen, who are now legitimatizing thousands of babies that were born to the sweethearts of dead soldiers, that Socialism means free love!

The capitalists, who insist on drafting workers to fight for their foreign possessions, that Socialism is confiscatory!

Hypocrisy has had the nerve to proclaim falsehoods so stoutly that the world believes her.

amount four billions is owned by American interests, two billions by Europeans, and the remaining billion by the Mexicans.

They say, therefore, that we must protect our interests in Mexico, that while the revolution is on our United States capitalists are not drawing any dividends from the same. Instead of the Mexicans working and making these holdings yield dividends, they are fighting, and that, therefore, intervention is absolutely necessary. That this may, of course, necessitate the sacrificing of thousands of lives, but that in the end it would be for the best, and to fight and die for our interests in Mexico would be patriotic. Let us see who the people are who own our (?) interests in Mexico. Not the United States government, nor our farmers, nor our miners, mill or factory workers. Not even our merchants or those engaged in professional pursuits. Look to the Morgan, Guggenheim, Rockefeller and Hearst groups, and you will see the largest holders of our (?) Mexican interests, and the same interests which skin us workers here in the United States, now demand thru our government that we go to Mexico, and kill our fellow workers there--men whom we do not know, people whom we have never seen, and with whom we have no quarrel--people like ourselves suffering under the yoke of capitalist oppression, and we their fellow workers and sufferers are to be used as a club to crush those who have the courage to revolt.

These masters representing but two per cent of our population, own over 60 per cent of our wealth. Their earnings are now greater than they know how to profitably invest. With Mexico under their complete domination, their earnings will increase, and the next move will necessarily be to have the same rule in all American republics. This will mean the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands more workingmen's lives, who can have no other possible interest in the slaughter than to fasten more securely the chains of slavery, not only upon those whom they war against, but upon their own people at home.

Finance War In Europe. This is but one of what all this noise about preparedness means. Another part, and no small part is that this two per cent of our multi-millionaires population, has been financing to a very large degree the European war.

I have already explained how impossible it will be for these nations to meet their obligations. Preparedness to these people therefore means fighting a most profitable war to make good their investments in the European slaughter.

This is briefly telling the true situation. A great deal more could be said on the subject if space would permit, but that every word, which I have written, is true I challenge any one to refute. Therefore, brother workers, will you allow the very interests responsible for panics, low wages, high cost of living, and who hesitate to institute imprisonment, and shoot you when on strike, I say, will you allow these interests to now lead you or your sons into bloody conflict with people as poor or poorer than you are, who do not know you, who never saw you, and who in reverence of your American ancestors who fought for liberty as they are fighting now, love you? No, a thousand times, no. Let us protest to our government as we never protested before.

The only kind of intervention which the citizens of the United States can support and at the same time retain their honor, is to preserve Mexico for the Mexicans, and not for American dollars.

SOCIALIST TRIUMPH.

For the consolation of many of our esteemed contemporaries who have been gloating over the supposed elimination of Socialism in Europe, may we call attention to the fact that the national elections just held in Finland have resulted not only in what is commonly called a victory for Socialism, but the Finnish Socialists have actually outvoted all the bourgeois parties combined, and have returned 105 candidates to the head of the poll, against a total of 95 for all other parties combined? If this is a premonition of the death of Socialism in Europe, we want many more such warnings--and we shall have them, too.

Two years ago the Finnish Socialists had 90 representatives in the Diet; the election just held shows a gain of 15. And, naturally, the non-Socialist parties have lost what the Socialists have gained. There were nine women Socialist members in the last Diet, and, though we have no figures as yet, it is extremely probable that their number also has increased.

These results are fairly significant, on a small scale, of what will happen after the war. Those who imagined they had slain Socialism, the savior of the people, may or may not have any idea that a resurrection is coming, and that after the resurrection comes the judgment. All that matters little. Socialism is assuredly coming to judge its enemies and pass sentence of economic death upon them. What has happened in Finland is merely a portent of what is to follow.

THE NEW YORK CALL.

Patriotism is a great thing--only the shouters for it don't enlist.

Every working man should save. It will leave more for the spenders to grab.

The question is, has Mr. Hughes an idea, or does he merely think it none of the people's business what he thinks?

Mr. Wilson has not yet taken the time to answer the question, "The Mexican War--What For?"

A way to prevent war is to elect Benson president, of course.

The man who hustles for Socialism hustles for himself.

The big push by the Socialists has resulted in forcing President Wilson to agree to arbitration rather than force war on Mexico.

When Meyer London receives reinforcements from Debs and Oklahoma, Socialism will be in a position to completely invest congress.

Perhaps, after all, the idea in moving the troops was to break the threatened strike rather than to invade Mexico.

With all the agitation of the plute press, less than half the state troops rushed to the border enlisted in the national army. The triumph of the preparedness advocates is discouragingly meager.

But suppose that Socialists had made no fight against militarism, then the war with Mexico would doubtless have been on already.

It was a same fourth, in spite of the fact that the plute press clearly had the stage set for a whoop and hurrah for the invasion of Mexico.

The time to fight war is before it begins. The way to fight war is by voting the Socialist ticket.

Considering how the cost of life's necessities have been raised, how much have you really gained, Mr. Worker, even where you have had a raise in wages? To make increased receipts tell, you must control the markets. In other words, there can be no real gain without Socialism.

America is spending more than a million dollars a day for war when war has not been declared. But it all is grist for the profit mill.

Our peace loving President has twice invaded Mexico because the plutes wanted it to be so. And then he has backed up because the people didn't want it to be so.

We have war in Europe and threatened war in America merely because the people didn't have sense enough to vote for Socialism in 1912.

DO YOU WANT THE TWICE-A-MONTH SUPPLEMENT?

AS A result of action taken by the national committee, the official business, open forum and other features of The American Socialist of interest exclusively to party members is being published in a twice-a-month supplement. The subscription price of this supplement is one cent a month or 10 cents a year in addition to the regular subscription price of The American Socialist.

A unique, thought-compelling publication was started when Lincoln Phifer of Girard, Kans., established The New World. All the columns are loaded with splendid stuff and it is entitled to a rising circulation.

# FROM THE WALL STREET TATTLE. Menace of Higher Critics

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

The Tattle feels constrained to express its disapproval of an evil practice current among higher critics in college and pulpit, many of whom are denying the literal interpretation of the scriptures, particularly that part of holy writ which makes it plain that it is easier for a camel to pass thru the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Of course we understand that the needles in question means simply a narrow passage in the walls of Jerusalem. But it is best that the lower classes be made to understand the allegory only in its literal sense.

There is no greater consolation to the poor than the thought that some day it shall be their lot to inhabit mansions in the sky. No matter what kind of hovels they are compelled to live in here and now, the thought of spending eternity in bejeweled marble palaces over Yonder seems to afford them a serene sense of satisfaction no less pleasing and gratifying than experienced by those of us who occupy mansions here below.

It seems almost criminal to rob the lowly of all the joys that may be afforded them by simply fostering in their credulous minds such harmless delusions. For it seems to provide them with a sort of a concrete example of the retributive law of justice. In their mind's eye they can see themselves recompensed for the miseries they suffer on earth, while the rich are hurled headlong into everlasting perdition. Let us encourage them in this belief in every way possible. It will help to prevent a revolt against conditions which the oily-tongued Socialists try to make them believe they can remedy.

The Tattle suggests a method that will effectually shut off all this loose talk among the liberal teachers in universities and higher critics in the pulpits of the land. Let our noble philanthropists give them to understand that it is Wall Street's wish that such talk cease forthwith on pain of losing the endowment and salaries so liberally provided by vested interests.

This jolt will bring to a sudden halt all sentimentalists in college and pulpit who seem to forget that their welfare is best conserved by boosting the interests of the rich instead of needlessly breeding discontent among the poor.

## PLATFORM NOT READY YET.

When the 1916 national platform of the Socialist Party has been finally endorsed by the membership it will be issued in leaflet form as an official campaign document.

The rough draft of the proposed platform, as published in The Milwaukee Leader and The Appeal to Reason, was adopted by the joint conference of the out-going and incoming National Executive Committee and the Presidential candidates. It did not contain the corrections and revisions made by the editing committee under instructions of the conference.

The final draft of the platform, which appeared in The American Socialist last week, has now been submitted to the membership for endorsement thru a party referendum which will be completed in sixty days and may result in some additional changes. For this reason it is impossible to issue a leaflet containing the National Platform at this time. Orders for the platform leaflet that eventually will be issued by the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison Street, Chicago, will be received now, and filled just as soon as the platform is endorsed by the membership, when it will be immediately put on the press. The price of this four-page leaflet will be 20 cents a hundred, \$1.50 a thousand, postage prepaid.

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