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This hat ought to be high enough for every working man to see it.

Watch Minneapolis Swing Into The Socialist Column

By MAX SHEROVER
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MINNEAPOLIS is going into the Socialist column this November.

Thomas Van Lear, an old time Socialist and trade unionist is going to be its Mayor and will be re-inforced by a group of able comrades in the various departments of the city, as well as in the city council.

This conclusion has been reached by a number of critical observers who have had occasion to analyze the trend of public sentiment in that city. Comrade Eugene V. Debs, who visited Minneapolis recently, is emphatic and enthusiastic over the wonderful prospects of carrying Minneapolis for Socialism.

Plunderbund Will Fight.

And last but not least the plunderbund of Minneapolis is conceding Van Lear's election, but it refuses to give up without a fight—a stubborn, relentless, dishonest, unfair and criminal fight of the robber to remain in possession of his loot. The exploiters of labor in Minneapolis, the loot-ers of the city treasury, the politicians and their job holding hirelings are all enlisted and prepared to wage and enact one of the fiercest struggles for the control of a city government that has ever been waged on this continent.

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS was the standing of the anti-Socialist slush fund a month ago. It has been re-enforced since. It undoubtedly is close to the \$300,000 mark now. It will grow in volume as election day approaches. The plutocrats are generous, suspiciously generous with their contributions towards this fund. They look with fear and trembling at the approaching Socialist landslide and are raising this fund in a last desperate hope of being able to stem the rising red tide.

Against this gigantic fund the Socialists are arraying the loyalty, the tireless energy, and the unflinching courage of the workers of the city.

That organized labor is going to vote the Socialist ticket almost a hundred per cent strong is the substance of an interview I had with Comrade Eugene V. Debs when I saw him at Terre Haute. Comrade Debs considers Thomas Van Lear's election as Mayor of Minneapolis a foregone conclusion. Comrade Van Lear as Mayor of that city would be a great credit to the Socialist movement and would make a representative that the Socialists could well be proud of, said Debs.

"Van Lear is a man," said Debs, "who was tried and found true. He has given the best years of his life in an unselfish devotion toward the cause of labor. He is a Socialist of years standing. He has the undiluted love and faith of the workers on the one hand and the relentless hatred, fear and respect of his enemies—the capitalists and their hirelings on the other."

Prospects Never Brighter.

Socialism's prospects for success never looked brighter in Minneapolis than they do now. It is not a sudden mushroom-growth of sentiment; it has all the earmarks of slow, gradual evolutionary development. The following figures will give the reader an indication as to how things look. In this connection it must be remembered that Minneapolis in particular and Minnesota in general have always been "progressive".

In 1912, Hennepin County, in which Minneapolis is located, cast: 5,820 Socialist votes, and 11,489 Progressive votes.

The progressive party has since progressed to the grave, and these voters will not be led back into the old fold by treacherous leaders. The Socialist and Progressive vote combined is large enough to carry every office in the city and county.

In the 1914 congressional campaign

Comrade Van Lear was the Socialist candidate for Congress.

The winning candidate in that election polled 12,576 votes.

Van Lear polled 10,312 votes.

The "Progressive" candidate polled 3,618 votes.

Thus if we had gained but an additional 2,265 votes at the expense of the Progressives, Comrade Van Lear would have been in Congress today working together with Comrade Meyer London.

This was the situation in 1914—two years ago.

What is the situation today—NOW?

In the primary elections held last June, Thomas Van Lear, the Socialist candidate for Mayor ran far ahead of his capitalist opponents, polling a vote of 13,245, beating the present mayor by 9,000 votes, and another big business aspirant for the office by over 5,000 votes.

They also succeeded in placing their aldermanic candidates on the final ballot in five out of eleven wards. The Socialists have also made a splendid showing in every case where they had a candidate in the field.

Their legislative candidates have run ahead of their old party opponents with big pluralities.

The biggest political news in the last days of June was the news of the primary election in Minneapolis. It had a political significance inasmuch as it gave a fair indication of the way the political wind was blowing. But if you get your news from the capitalist press you never saw a half dozen lines of type announcing the result. Had the Socialist, however, suffered a "crushing" defeat, every two by four newspaper in the country would exhaust its supply of headline type to tell you about it. The capitalist newspapers, thru the Associated Press, have organized and consistently maintained a conspiracy of silence regarding Socialist progress.

Fight Socialism With Money.

While the general public is being kept in ignorance by the capitalist press, the capitalists themselves are not ignorant of the fact that Socialism is making headway by leaps and bounds. They are only too keenly aware of that fact. And they are preparing, as they never prepared before to meet this problem. Since they cannot meet it with logic or argument, they are determined to meet it with the only weapon they have—MONEY. Already over \$200,000, it is stated, have been raised by the Citizens Alliance, and the Civic and Commerce Club. The sum was a fact over a month ago. The plutes have since come across with additional sums ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 in a few instances. In this slush fund are included the contributions of the department store owners, the bankers, brokers, manufacturers, real estate owners and political grafters.

This huge battle fund is to be used to buy and bribe the press, professional writers, speakers, repeaters, sluggers and ballot box stuffers. Capitalist politics, no matter under what disguise it travels, is everywhere the same. Whether it be New York's East Side where the Socialists finally dislodged Tammany Hall, or Terre Haute, Ind.; or Nevada, or Minneapolis, the methods to fight Socialism can hardly differ. The plutes have only one way out of the dilemma—and that is to steal the election.

Preparing For Emergency.

But the Socialists of Minneapolis are preparing for just such emergency. If some of their votes are stolen it will not be because they failed to take proper precautions. This is but a part of their program. Right now and for the last few months they have carried on a campaign of education, organization and propaganda for which they might well be envied.

Comrade O. M. Wassing, the Campaign Manager, who is also State

Secretary of the Party for Minnesota, writes:

"The Campaign in Minneapolis is the one that will occupy my time and energy and that is the one place where we must fight to insure success. We have a more representative ticket in the field, this time than ever before and our candidates all command respect not only within but outside the party as well.

"In this campaign we will have to do lots of literature distribution and speaking. The old party politicians will be in it for a fight. The interests have a big melon to capture this trip. There are franchises to capture.

"You know it—I don't have to tell you—the most necessary material will be money. With money we can flood the town with literature and speakers and organizers and that is what is need most.

Big Fight Ahead.

"This time we have a big fight on our hands. The class line split is clear-cut. Labor is with us better than ever before. There is not a "labor" candidate on the Anti-Socialist ticket. We are today the only ones in the field, and the local situation, with the tea-masters lock out, with the police breaking up the strike, with the favorable Socialist sentiment created by the iron range strike, with the threatened militarization of the state by an attempted state constabulary law, has shown labor that the Socialist Party is the only party that will fight with it and for it.

"It is not going to be a luke warm, kid glove battle. It is purely a class struggle with the capitalists solidly on one side in a futile Hercules attempt to beat a united Gibraltar—like organization of socialist workers.

"We want the Benson leaflets, we will use the Dime Banks, and make every effort to co-operate and work together for the victory which must be ours. Watch Minneapolis march into the Socialist column on November 7."

Greatness of Nations

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

It was Walt Whitman who said that it is not in bricks and mortar piled high that makes a city great, but in the quality of manhood that comprises its citizenship. So it may be said of a nation that it is not its material possessions that give the correct measure of its greatness.

In considering the relative greatness of the nations at war it is well to remember this fact. Prejudice, born of the passions of the hour, will defeat any just estimate of the superiority of one or another of the nations. If manhood is to be taken as a criterion of the true worth of a nation, as exemplified by the greatness of its men, then there is little ground for partisans of any nation to make invidious comparisons. To mention only one name in each country will suffice to show the debt the whole world owes to each nation for its contribution to progress and civilization.

Germany, with pardonable pride, rejoices in nurturing within her borders the greatest living scientist, Ernest Haeckel; England glories in the fact that the "light little isle" gave birth to the immortal Shakespeare; Mazzini, the statesman and humanitarian, first saw the light of day 'neath the sunny skies of Italy; in the midst of persecution, Tolstoy, in pleas for justice, gave hope to all the Russias; Hungary battled for freedom under the leadership of the mighty Kossuth; Poland, bleeding from wounds inflicted by tyrannical, sought liberty, guided by the valorous Kosciuszko; and France, beloved France, bequeathed to the world Voltaire, whose matchless genius has spread the light of reason to all the nations of the earth.

"The Oregon Herald" is the name of a new Socialist weekly being published at Portland, Ore., with Victor J. McCone as editor. Its first issues are alive and ought to result in building a strong party in this Pacific Coast state.

The Gold Trust Twins

By LUCIEN SAINT.

THOSE interested in a discussion of the minor differentiations existing in the virtues of the middle class will follow the Hughes-Wilson campaign this summer and autumn with breathless interest. It ought to resemble a Baptist-Presbyterian argument; a debate on free trade, "Should we have Diplomacy," or some other remote subject—Why not "Patriotism"?

There is no need for the wage earners of the United States to concern themselves in any phase of this campaign except in its humorous and in the task of exposing the absurdities of the candidate with a beard and the absurdities of the shaven face. Of the two platforms, the Democratic is better reading, but we are fairly well educated to the conviction that platforms amount to nothing, so why bother? Neither Hughes nor Wilson represents more than the current and superficial expression of the respectable and prosperous American who owns and controls industry, banks, public opinion and politics. Neither contestant knows that there is a class struggle—or if either knows it, he is definitely the silently on the other side.

Behold The Contrast.

What a contrast this campaign makes when held up to the light with the campaign of 1912! Gone is Social and Industrial Justice, gone is Progressivism, gone are the Interests, the Corporations, the High Cost of Living—all the bugaboos with which they used to scare us into thinking that if they were elected they would do something. Vanished are these promises and high hopes, these false beacons flaring momentarily up in our path. Instead, Americanism, Preparedness, Peace, Prosperity, National Honor: it is unbelievable that that shrewd humor which lurks in even the most dyspeptic and ignorant American will not forbid him, individually and by the ballot-boxful, from scattering votes on these. Yet with the air replete with such cries, who can make heard the small, low voice of the masses—the muffled, suppressed voice of the people?

The best thing that can be said of Wilson is that he has kept us out of war, for his clearly was the power to get us into it. But this is a negative achievement, and beyond it there is little to record. It has been an Administration of skillful vacillation. It has faced both ways on every issue which it has faced at all, but the real issues which concern us—poverty, exploitation, concentration of wealth, domination of society by the few, liberty and democracy—these issues have been forgotten with the slogans of four years ago which they attempted, weakly, to express. Wilson did nothing to cut down the cost of living or to secure a just wage system; he specifically declared that the Government should treat unions as, in theory, it treats the trusts; he put banking on a sounder basis than it ever had before, and has promised a rural credits bill which will throw the farmer half-way down the chary of the money power; he has sidestepped the task of sealing up our natural resources for the use of the people; he has relieved big business of all tension by signing an anti-trust law which will remove the hated Sherman law from consideration for another generation if not for ever; he has taken the wind out of every forward looking movement by receiving it courteously and then pigeonholing it in the ticket office of his single-track mind. No, Wilson has failed in all the role of interpreter and director of middle class ideals.

Yes, Hughes Is "Good".

The best thing that can be said about Hughes is that he is good. I am not sure that this is not the worst thing, for the perfect consistency of perfect domestic and political virtue is rather ridiculous in the year 1916. But Hughes is honest. He didn't take the office except that he didn't take his friends in the inner councils of the G. O. P. aside and tell them not to nominate him or he would decline. He successfully brought the Supreme Court into politics—out into open politics where it really belongs. But for Hughes to be portrayed as the enemy of bosses and therefore as the friend of the people is a silly perversion of words and facts. Every intelligent political writer in the United States knew a week before the Chicago convention that Hughes would be nominated. I, for example, felt perfectly convinced that he would be nominated because I happened to have a pipe line into the heart of the reactionary Republican outfit which had its plans all laid to nominate Hughes on the third ballot. The 1916 convention was essentially the 1912 convention with the Roosevelt element either left out or reformed. It was a hog-tied and bound convention for Hughes for months before it met. The favorite son business was a blind and stall to keep up local interest in the party. Whether Hughes, sitting in court and handing down opinions, knew all this or not is hard to say. I cannot conceive that he did not know every important move made in his behalf.

Hughes is good, and the Republican party, dominated by Crane, Smoot, Hemingway, Lodge and the regular gang whose history the public well knows has made him their candidate and pronounced him good also. For most people this is all that is necessary to know about Hughes. It is interesting, however, to reflect that he should be put forward as the people's candidate at a time when revision of the income tax is imper-

ative: he vetoed the state income tax law when governor of New York. And it is also interesting to realize that he is on record as having declared against Socialism and government ownership, the cautiously favoring government regulation of the railroads. These old speeches of his are worth looking up, tho the burning issues of today render them rather academic reading. It is not unimportant to reflect that Hughes is by profession a corporation lawyer, and that the interests of the people at this advanced stage of modern industrialism will not be furthered by a President of this stripe.

More Votes For Socialism.

Yet on the whole the Wilson-Hughes controversy fails to sadden the public-spirited observer. It cannot be that the people of the United States will waste all their political energy listening to those hucksters, or that they will forget that the difference between Tweeduldum and Tweeduldum was so slight that the pair was ready to make it up at a moment's notice. The joke is on the middle class and its President-makers. Because of their folly in choosing two lay figures so nearly alike except for whiskers and notions of the "arist, nature is about to punish them by swelling the Socialist vote to proportions which, if read the signs aright, will lift the banner of the working class into the front ranks of the procession.

HAVE FIGHTING CHANCE.

J. Dennis Flynn, in his Sapulpa, Oklahoma Argus, republican, reviews the outlook for this year in the following, which is so unique from this source as to be interesting:

Oklahoma is the only state in the union where three parties have a fighting chance to carry in the fall election. The democrats, republicans and socialists will make an effort to carry the state and each one has, according to the vote in the last election a chance for success.

The democrats claim the state, but in the last state election they had a plurality of only 3,000 votes over the republicans and the socialists polled 50,000 votes or 46,000 votes behind the republicans.

Charles Sumner said: "Not that I love country less, but Humanity more. Do I now and here plead the cause of a higher and truer patriotism. I cannot forget that we are men by a more sacred bond than we are citizens—that we are children of a common Father more than we are Americans." This would be construed today, as treason by charlatan "patriots" of the Roosevelt ilk, but it nevertheless expresses the only meritorism that deserves the least respect.

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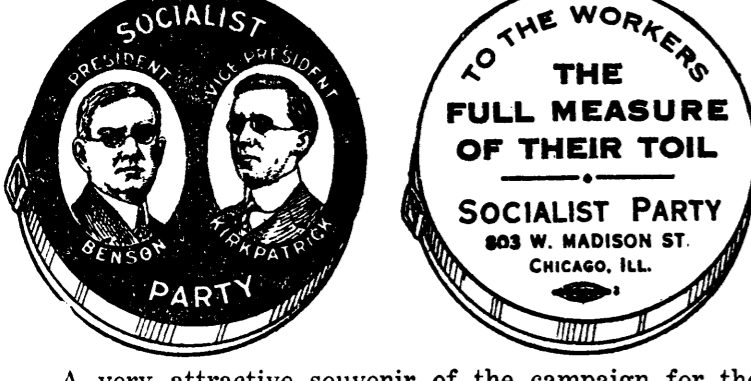
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Government Paper Mill Needed By "Free" Press

WASHINGTON. — Shall private capital continue to extort profits from the alleged "free" press of the United States? This is the question raised by the eleventh-hour introduction into Congress of a bill for the establishment of a government-owned and operated paper-mill.

Not only the United States Government, which is the largest consumer of print paper in the world, but every newspaper and book publisher, from the most reactionary to the most struggling Socialist weekly will benefit by this bill. It proposes:

- 1. To utilize government-owned national forest land and government-owned national forest water power, and government-owned national forest timber.
2. To provide the Government with an adequate supply at a fair price, thus avoiding the grasping Paper Combinations.
3. To provide cost data for newspaper publishers so as to furnish protection against the Paper Combinations.

What Bill Proposes
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POLITICAL POWER ITS USE AND ABUSE.

By J. W. SLAYTON.
We have heard so much of "dirty politics", of "capitalist politics", and of "crooked politicians", that many of us have been misled as to the value of taking part in political campaigns.

Let this thought be clear to begin with, that POWER of itself considered, is neither good or bad, crooked or straight.
In the last analysis it is a question of results; they may be good or bad, depending directly upon how power is used.

AT THE risk of being tiresome let me illustrate.
When a house burns down, we say that was a "bad fire". The fire was NOT bad, but the results were. When in the winter, the fire in the furnace warms us, we say that is "a good fire", but it is not, but the results are.

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

Table showing status of the Society at the end of years stated in 5 Year Periods. Columns include Year, Number of Members (Men, Woman), Amount of Benefits Paid Since Organization, and Amount Saved in Cash Reserve.

ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND POWER. This is important, for the word Economic, and all related words, have to do solely with methods, plans, management, and in no sense relate to POWER, tho it may require power to carry the plans, methods, or the management into effect.

The word political is based upon, and is of itself synonymous with POWER.

The capitalists are fully aware of the overwhelming potency involved in keeping control of the police (political) power of the State.

That they may use dirty methods in their efforts to keep such control, is beside the mark; the main point is that the means is one thing, the object another. Don't confuse the means with the object sought.

A few samples will suffice to make this thought clear. Governor of Colorado, he used the police power of the state in behalf of the workers, and the results were so decidedly beneficial, that it seems strange that they have been so soon forgotten.

See how soon the workers won, without the loss of a drop of blood, in that case, and then note the difference under Peabody, who used the same power against the workers. Likewise it was the same power that was used when the Ludlow horror occurred.

In the A. R. U. strike, the federal police power was used when the then governor Altgeld, of Illinois, refused to grant the railroads the use of state police power. West Virginia tells the same story, Michigan repeats it, McKees Rocks added a similar page, Lawrence, Mass., added a page, Patterson a chapter, and East Pittsburgh and Braddock just recently, increased the volume.

In all these cases, the masters knew where to get the power they needed and had to have, and without which they would have had to surrender. It is passing strange that many who were engaged in these and many other similar struggles have denied the value of controlling political power, even while they were being jailed, clubbed and shot by its use.

THE OLD alchemists tried to produce gold from baser metals, and failed; but our modern capitalists have discovered how to convert our votes, "little wads of paper", into lead or steel, in the shape of bullets, and we workers are always at the lead or steel end thereof, while the capitalists are always at the other, or safe end, because they have sense enough to control the power which directs the use of them.

The voters can make or unmake state legislatures, governors, congresses and presidents, and after they are made by the use of "little wads of paper", we must per force, grant to those so elected, the LEGAL right of making, interpreting and enforcing the laws of the land, and this legal right carries with it the strategic opportunity and privilege, of enforcing or refusing to enforce according to whom will be benefited.

If we hand a man a club, why should we object to him using it in his own INTEREST? and don't the workers hand their masters the political club, of the city, state and nation? Interpretation is such a large part of the legal process, that no one need be surprised at the capitalists' strenuous efforts incident to controlling the courts, and when the Supreme Court of the U. S. declares a law "unconstitutional", which is a purely political act, where, how and against whom would the workers STRIKE to overcome such a decision?

How carefully the masters select THEIR candidates; why don't they stay in their offices and use their Economic Power if they have so much of it, as we have so often been told they have?

The prospects of Socialism grow brighter every day.
If Socialism was all its enemies say it is, still it would be infinitely more practical than the present system.

If Socialism was as destructive as the wildest shouters against it say, it would still be nothing to be compared to the capitalist regime.

If Socialism was as foolish as the criminals who get you every time you buy or sell, because it is not. But everybody knows it is not.

Hughes has one advantage. He can promise what he would do, without having to risk campaign funds on the one side or votes on the other.

Hughes may be mighty silly, but the Dubbs seem to think he will be a relief from the frying pan. See if they don't.

How often have the masters sneered that they have nothing to arbitrate! Now they want arbitration, and you may be sure they know in advance what it will mean to them.

Murder In The First Degree

By EUGENE V. DEBS. (Second Article On Mesabe Strike)

TRUE bills against four strikers and one woman and against Carlo Tresca and two other leaders of the striking iron workers on the Mesabe Range in Minnesota charging them with murder in the first degree, have been returned by a Steel Trust grand jury.

Not one of the accused is guilty. On the contrary, they are all absolutely innocent of the crime charged against them. It is, another case of punishing the workers for the crimes committed against them by their masters.

LET US briefly review the facts in this extraordinary strike on the Mesabe Range. First let me say that I have several times been over that territory and that as far back as twenty years ago I spent several weeks there organizing the iron workers on the range. I am therefore familiar with the conditions which are responsible for the 20,000 iron workers in and about the mines being out on strike.

These mining properties belong to the Steel Trust and in its program of union extermination the trust wiped out all the unions on the range. From that time to this a union man has been a criminal there and treated accordingly.

THE STEEL Trust, having their employees absolutely at their mercy, began to grind them to the marrow of their bones. Not only were wages reduced to the starvation point but they were treated in all respects more like cattle and hogs than human beings. If they dared complain they were discharged. Spies among them kept them under suspicion of each other. Petty bosses ruled over them like despots and if they would hold their jobs they must be boot-licking sycophants and slaves.

FINALLY these insulted, outraged peons could endure it no longer and a whirlwind of revolt swept them out of the pits and into a strike. The Steel Trust lost not a moment in attempting to break up the strike and drive them back into the pits. George P. West, field examiner of the Committee on Industrial Relations, tells the story in the report of his investigation. It is as revolting as Colorado at its worst. Every worker in America ought to read it.

The sheriff of the county, a subservient tool of the trust, at once swore in a thousand gunmen and turned them loose, "armed with carbines, revolvers and riot sticks".

Sure! Oklahoma Democrats Discover Socialist Crusher; But It's Old And No Good

(Driven to desperation by the continued forward strides of the Socialist movement, the Oklahoma Democrats have finally decided upon a plan of campaign to "crush" Socialism. This plan includes the opening of a regular school which will be conducted in the homes of the voters, with a view to having the voters misled into believing that Socialism is a divisive scheme, a conspiracy to break up the home and break down the churches, and similar nonsense. We are told that some young Democrats in Oklahoma City enrolled and were recently taken by their "instructor" to a lecture by George B. Sweeney, Socialist candidate for Vice-President. It is said that the lady was simply appalled when she realized that the logic of their party intellects were to be used against her. There was fear and trembling. The following, taken from Harlow's Weekly, is of the opinion that his friends are unable to combat Socialism. This Oklahoma Socialist magazine reads by the intelligent Democrats of the state, to whom the editor seems to make a special appeal, in the issue of August 19, from which we quote:)

THE MEETING of the Democratic state committee in Oklahoma City this week showed a notable change in the spirit which has dominated the Democratic politicians in Oklahoma. Heretofore the attitude of the Democratic leaders when confronted with the Socialist danger has been one of careless assurance, a cock-sureness, so to speak, which set aside as of small importance the possibility of the Socialists ever being an active factor in Oklahoma affairs. It was quite otherwise at the Lee-Hughes (at prominent hotel) on Monday. The shadow of the Socialists lay heavy over the gathering.

This feeling had special reference to the Socialist election law. Six months ago those who called attention to the seriousness of the possibility of this measure becoming a law were laughed to scorn, and if they happened to be Democrats, were advised that they were afflicted with cold feet. Indeed, it has been the fashion recently among many Democratic politicians to mutually assure each other that the Socialist movement had reached its summit and was on the decline. This week the most important of several of the speeches of candidates and state officials had to do with the possibility of defeating this measure and the method to be used in doing so. Beyond a doubt the Democrats of this state are awakened to the Socialist peril.

Of the three concrete suggestions made by the various speakers, one was by Attorney General Freeling. Mr. Freeling stated that the Socialist growth has resulted from the lack of attention that has been given to the movement by the Democrats, and advised that the Democratic plan heretofore be to "attack the Socialists for what they are—the enemies of the republic." He urged that if the people of the state were fully advised that Socialism is the enemy of the republic, a great many of those who have not seen these dangers and have not been warned of them would return to the political party to which they normally belong. His idea was that the growth of the movement in Oklahoma is to be attributed to the

It did not take long for these assassins to imitate a riot and in that riot two of the strikers were killed. A deputy sheriff who broke into the home of a striker and precipitated a fight was also killed. Arrests speedily followed and in every instance the victim was a leader of the strike or influential in its support.

NOW COMES the indictment of the packed grand jury of the Steel Trust, charging them all with murder in the first degree, and there is not a shadow of doubt that the trust has them all marked for execution.

In the face of these facts what is our plain and imperative duty? What would we expect of our fellow-workers if we had been as loyal as they and were now in their places? I shall not believe that in this crisis the working class will coldly ignore the indictment of these comrades, the heroic service they have rendered, and abandon them to their fate.

Read the report of the Labor Commissioner of Minnesota and the report of the Committee on Industrial Relations and you will see why these men and this woman, comrades of ours, have been indicted.

JUST AS the mine owners attempted to murder Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone ten years ago, so now are the same blood-thirsty tyrants attempting to repeat their infamous crime in Minnesota.

These comrades, tho as innocent as babies, will be murdered by the Steel Trust as certain as the coming day unless the working class is aroused and stands between the brutal trust and its intended victims.

The Steel Trust is itself the arch-criminal in the case and its clutches are red with the blood of the innocent, but no grand jury will find an indictment against these multi-millionaire murderers.

It is only the poor who are indicted for being the victims of crime and only the rich who go free in spite of their guilt.

I have said enough. You know the story. We are going to stand by our own and see that they get a fair trial. Every one of us must do our part and contribute our share.

MY BLOOD runs thru my veins a stream of fire as I contemplate this impending crime against our comrades.

IT SHALL NOT BE! BY THE GODS, IT SHALL NOT BE! THE BLOATED, BEASTLY STEEL TRUST PIRATES SHALL NOT MURDER OUR INNOCENT COMRADES AND FELLOW-WORKERS!

ties and the Socialist party. The first two are the outgrowth of our form of government, closely allied with it, and based upon the assumption of its fundamental soundness and its persistence. They are conservative and have for their purpose the conservation and improvement of our present government. The Socialist party, upon the other hand, is revolutionary; it abides by the present forms of our government, but it does so only for the purpose of peacefully overturning it. It believes that the American system under which we live is philosophically and scientifically unsound and it has for its purpose the construction of an entirely new form of government based upon essentially different fundamental ideas. Those who see in it merely another of the sporadic "third party" movements which appear from time to time, which run their course and are absorbed into one or the other of the great national parties, have not understood it. A genuine Socialist cannot become a Democrat or a Republican. His point of attack upon modern problems is too different; the facts from which he begins his reasoning are too different from those used as the basis of the conservative parties. The expression used by Mr. Freeling, if taken literally, does them a great injustice; they are not rebels or traitors. But in the deeper sense, it is a not distant approximation of their feeling and their purpose. The republic, modified to accommodate their plans, would bear little resemblance to the republic we see today; the state would change its functions and government its relation to the people to such an extent as to be an entirely different thing.

The contest, then, is between two utterly alien conceptions of society, politics and government. In this the Socialist leaders have the decided advantage; they know exactly what they are about, while apparently neither the Democratic nor the Republican leaders have even begun to understand the nature of the menace which confronts them.

OUR OKLAHOMA FUND! We have received \$78.10 so far on our fund to send the Benson leaflets into Oklahoma. It will be remembered that the national executive committee decided to send 300,000 of the Benson leaflets each week into Oklahoma for five weeks. The American Socialist wants to raise a fund sufficient to send 300,000 of the Benson leaflets into Oklahoma for the remaining five weeks of the great Benson ten-week series. The \$78.10 will only pay for about 150,000 leaflets, less than enough to keep the Oklahoma comrades busy for one week. Send all contributions to the Oklahoma Fund to The American Socialist, 803 West Madison St., Chicago.

Remember that "To give is to live" and that "To deny is to die." Industrial unity and political unity will win the world for the workers.

If you are a socialist, be a live one. The live one is the only real socialist. There is no room in the movement for dead ones. They belong wholly to the capitalist parties—and that's why they are dead.

PRACTICAL TALKS TO THE Y. P. S. L. By WM. F. KRUSE National Secretary Y. P. S. L.

THE AMBITIOUS YIPSELS. These are just a few notes of practical activity for practical and active Young People's Socialist Leagues. When we hear of 10,000 members in Austria, and of a Young People's paper circulation of 80,000 in Germany and 50,000 in Sweden, it makes us blush with shame at the thought of the small position of influence and power we have attained in this country. To my mind the great secret of their strength lies in the practical activity there indulged in. They protect the apprentice in his shop, and the child in the school. They fight against militarism. They distribute thousands of pieces of literature, hold demonstrations, and do a lot of things that get them into the public eye.

Growth Is Steady. We are growing, not very fast, but still quite steadily. Our growth at this time must necessarily be slow, for we are only laying the foundations of our league, we are only working out the methods of our organization. But the time will soon be here when we must embark actively in social work as it affects young people, and we should prepare now to do our part.

Our cardinal duty is to spread the knowledge of socialism. But before we can do that we must have that knowledge ourselves. We may have dreams of waking up the world with our eloquence of tongue and pen, but to do this takes more than dreams. A young "hopeful" once told a prominent socialist of his dream and ambition to become a great editor. He wanted to write editorials that would tear the bandages off the workers' eyes, that would wring their heart-strings, and impel them to revolutionary action—all at the same time.

But the old veteran smiled, and then told him a story. It was the story of the pullet and the hen. The young chick, not so long out of her egg-shell had observed an old brown hen lay an egg. And the heart of the little pullet swelled with the desire to be of use to the world, she wanted to lay eggs, and she went over to tell the hen about it. But the hen just said, "You are a foolish little pullet, but your ambition does you credit. Some day, most assuredly, you will be laying eggs. But you must first get the eggs INSIDE you."

Must Work Hard. To those ambitious young writers and speakers you ought to convey a lesson—you will be writers and speakers some day if you work hard enough—you will write great editorials and speeches—but you must first get those speeches and editorials INSIDE of you.

That means work, it means study, it means hard application to the task at hand. Your duty is to make good socialists. You want to do your duty. All right, start in to-day—on your self. If you will make a socialist out of yourself, a good socialist, that is, one who knows what he is talking about, then we'll be a little bit nearer the goal toward which we are striving.

Study Socialism, attend socialist lectures and debates, take up study class work, talk with people who really understand the question, and above all READ GOOD SOCIALIST BOOKS. If you go into any good public library you will soon find out that the literature of socialism is a vast one, go into a good socialist book store and the fact will impress you still more. Out of all that mass of material, what can you ever digest? You cannot read it all! You need not read it all. Get busy on some of it, you cannot be a good socialist unless you have read up and studied the question.

List Of Good Books. For the benefit of those who want a short course on the subject the following list is given below: 1. General Propaganda Pamphlets. What's So and What Isn't, John M. Work. The Truth about Socialism, Allan Benson. Shop Talks on Economics, Mary E. Marcy. Industrial Problems, E. N. Richardson. Socialism Summed Up, Morris Hillquit. 2. Text Books. Elements of Socialism, Theory and Practice, Morris Hillquit. History of Socialism, U. S. Hillquit. Socialists at Work, Hunter. History of Socialism in the U. S., Hillquit. Read these books, study them, and when you get a chance to take part in a lecture or debate, do it. In this way, by continuous application and practice you will develop into a worth-while student, speaker, and writer in the movement.

Campaign Song TUNE—"YANKEE DOODLE" We'll send 'em Debs to Washington. We've had enough of plutocrats, Who represent the shirkers. Chorus. This is our year, Hal hal hal! We'll send 'em Debs to Congress, Yankee Doodle, Hal hal hal! We'll send 'em Debs to Congress. Chorus. The Elephant has had his day, The Bull Moose "jest went under." The Donkey brags and kicks the dust, And calls his racket thunder. Chorus. We'll organize a great big strike, A strike you'll all remember: We'll get the plutocrats out, The seventh of next November. Chorus. The Juggins own the Elephant, They also own the Donkey, But Henry Dubb may fool 'em yet, The land of Yanke Doodle. Chorus. And Henry Dubb's are waking up, Junior is no nee-dle, Workers soon will rule the land, The land of Yanke Doodle. Chorus. —Ada M. Strasson, Holly, Colo.

The threatened strike shows how utterly unjust private ownership of transportation is. Vote for either Republicanism or Democracy and you will get a panic within four years. Vote for either Democracy or Republicanism and you will get a bond issue. Vote for either of the old parties and you will get it right where you got it before—in the neck. Why does the government guarantee the railroads their tribute? It doesn't guarantee the worker a job. The Oklahoma Democrats are not merely mad they are as crazy as they are criminal. What a fine speech Debs could make on the floor of the house on almost any occasion! Let's give him the chance. It seems the preparedness criminals are getting war a little before they wanted and different from that they planned. It might be a relief if Mr. Hughes should be marooned somewhere from which his speeches could not be reported. If the government would seize the railroads and operate them on an eight hour arrangement, without profit to anyone, there would be no strike and no tying up of the country. Wonder how many votes the Prohibition candidate made by repudiating the platform on which he was nominated and declaring against direct legislation. Already they are beginning to move the troops in order to keep the trainmen at work. Beats all how Wilson and the soldiers have become strike breakers.

WANTED! We Want 300 Agents at \$35 to \$70 a Week

NEW INVENTION—Just out. Needed in every home every day. Patent just applied for. Nothing else like it. Supplies what every housewife has wished for years. Perfected after long experimental work by mechanical experts. Low priced—anyone can use it—sells on sight. We want three hundred representatives at once—men or women hustlers—to advertise, accept orders and manage deliveries for our new Quickedge Knife and Shear Sharpener. Sharpens any kitchen knife, paring knife, carving knife, bread knife or shears and scissors in ten seconds. Agents are taking orders at every house—write today for our \$300 Per Month opportunity to make \$10 to \$20 every day, over

No Experience Required Just take one of the machines to any house for a ten-second demonstration upon the dulled knife in the house; the order is yours right on the spot. Absolutely guaranteed—will last for years. Once they see it, women and men will buy it. No argument. The machine simply sells itself. Agents are taking orders at every house—write today for our \$300 Per Month opportunity to make \$10 to \$20 every day, over

Make as Much Money Next Week as These Men Are Making Now Only \$1.50 Selling Price Low price, ease of operation, astonishing quickness, and the fact that it sells itself—these things make the Quickedge the fastest selling machine in the world. The biggest money-making opportunity ever offered. Make \$70 Next Week! Easy to operate—anybody can use it—sells on sight. We want three hundred representatives at once—men or women hustlers—to advertise, accept orders and manage deliveries for our new Quickedge Knife and Shear Sharpener. Sharpens any kitchen knife, paring knife, carving knife, bread knife or shears and scissors in ten seconds. Agents are taking orders at every house—write today for our \$300 Per Month opportunity to make \$10 to \$20 every day, over

Advertisement for Quickedge Knife and Shear Sharpener. Includes an illustration of the product and text describing its features and the opportunity to become an agent.

Foreign Trade Grows; Home Prices Are Raised

WASHINGTON.—How American business men raise prices at home as foreign trade grows is the sordid story told by some grim Government figures, lately made public here.

Why Oil Went Up. Just before Europe took "our" export in petroleum, American consumers paid Standard Oil 75 cents a barrel for crude Kansas-Oklahoma grade, and \$1.54 for the Pennsylvania grade.

Take copper—another necessity of modern industrial life. Before "our" foreign trade in this group, copper sold at 12 1/2 cents a pound. After "we" had taken foreign markets, as "an outlet for our surplus", the price went up to 30 cents a pound.

Again the people paid for the increased foreign trade. Congressman Lindbergh of Minnesota estimates that prices in all trust-controlled commodities have been raised to American consumers more than \$4,334,000,000 in a year.

"America," Lindbergh told the House the other day, "is the real and only substantial market for American products. American consumers use every year many times more of its products than are exported. The exports last year were for speculation principally, and were made the excuse for the raising of prices to American consumers."

Expansion Means Higher Prices. This is what is back of the bi-partisan movement for expanding foreign trade. Every step in expansion means higher prices to American workingmen and women.

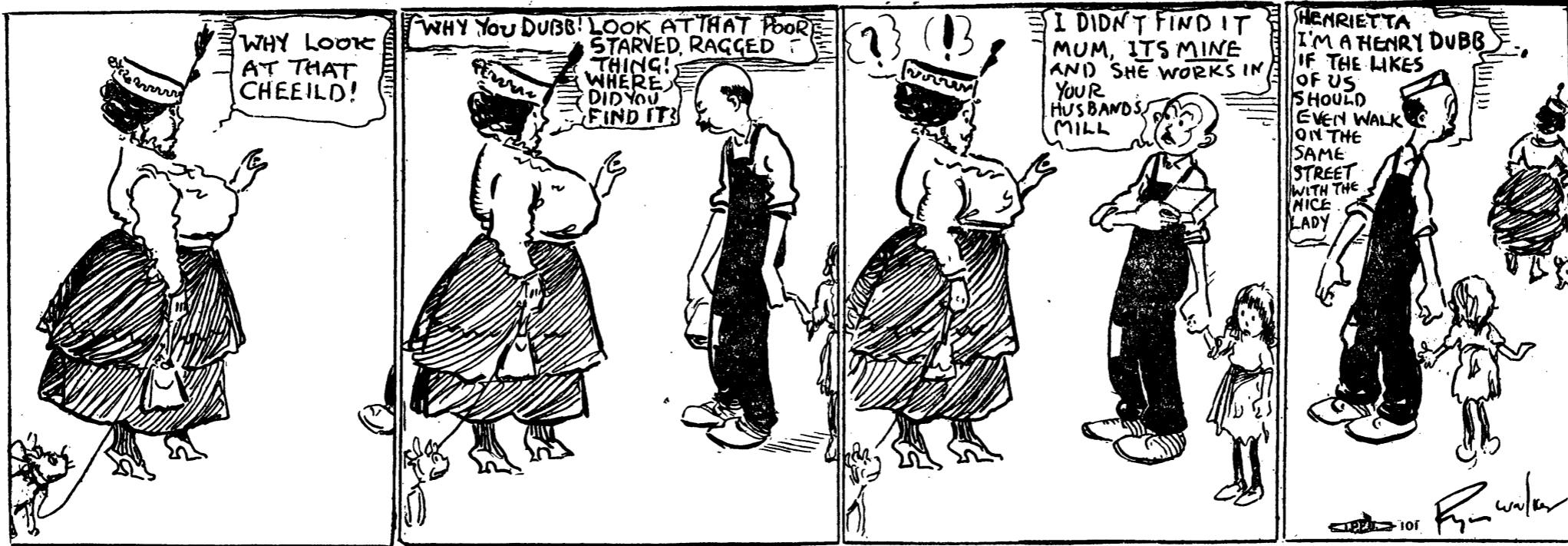
A vote for Wilson or a vote for Hughes means a vote to keep this menacing process going. A vote for Benson means a vote for lower prices, for American consumption of American products, for the beginning of the end of the System.

Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the committee on industrial relations, has written a letter to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., since the supreme court of Colorado rendered its decision fixing the responsibility for the crimes of Colorado upon the Rockefeller regime, calling upon the young Sunday school teacher to abdicate his autocratic control of the workers, but it is not likely that he will do so until the abdication is wrested from his plutocratic dynasty by the workers themselves.

Read and think and study and the light will dawn and the night of slavery will end.

Henry Dubb Walks On The Same Street With Mrs. Grab-It-All

By RYAN WALKER.



"Heroes" Of Capitalism, Enroute To Break Railroad Strike, Kill And Maim Each Other

WORKERS ON the subway, surface and street lines in New York City are now in revolt against the intolerable conditions that have kept them practically in a state of serfdom.

Immediately the strike was declared, Theodore P. Shonts, traction monarch, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. wired James T. Waddell, one of the nation's strike breaker chiefs, to come to his assistance. Waddell was in Chicago and left for New York City immediately on a special train over the New York Central.

Capitalism's Most Brutal Crime. It will be remembered that "Jimmie" Waddell is the strikebreaker chief and leader of gunmen who led the capitalist forces against the strikers in the rebellion of the copper miners in Northern Michigan. This was the strike where scores of children were burned to death on Christmas Eve, followed by the deportation of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, capitalism's most brutal crime.

An excellent idea of the character of the gang of assassins and cutthroats that Strikebreaker Chief Waddell is now leading against the workers of New York City can be gained from a story just published in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. This story is that of a trainload of strikebreakers intended for service in case of a railroad strike. But a strike breaker is a strike breaker, whether he is to be used to break a railroad or a street car strike.

The lurid headlines in The Plain Dealer read as follows: 'WHOLE TRAIN OF STRIKE BREAKERS IN RIOT, ONE SLAIN; Men Shot Dead After Calling Police as Five Coaches of Battling Rail Recruit: Reach Bratenahl; Knives Flash, Guns Pop and Bottles Splinter Before Officers Rush to Gordon Park; SUSPECT TAKEN AFTER CHASE BY AUTOMOBILE; Clash between Chicago and St. Louis Factions Causes Killing of Informer.'

In Capitalist Sheet, Too! Here is the story of capitalism's "heroes", the private army of the moneyed plutocracy. How did it ever get into a capitalist sheet? Read it!

"Leaving behind it one passenger murdered by a bullet and mangled under car wheels, another dying, two others bearing knife and broken bot-

tle wounds and a score more in the hands of police, an ill fated train load of railroad strike breakers pulled slowly westward out of Cleveland.

"After they had been searched by police at a half dozen cities for weapons, after a score or more of their number had been arrested at various points for various offenses, after they had been stoned at one station by a gathering of string molders and after they had indulged in a food riot at Erie, Pa., the troubles of the passengers culminated in a fatal riot at E. 79th street and the New York Central tracks.

"While the riot was at its height, while knives were flashing, while bottles were splintering against the seats and walls, while bullets from a dozen heavy caliber revolvers were crashing thru the train from end to end, Conductor W. E. Stewart, 16812 Endoroad N. E. unable to cope with the situation, pulled the bell rope that brought the train to a stop. A few minutes later police from Bratenahl and Cleveland stations were converging upon the train from all directions.

"Find Man Dead on Track. "Across the track in the rear of the train lay a man, as yet unidentified, a bullet thru his heart and his right leg crushed off above the ankle by the wheels of the train. On the floor of a coach lay John Hagerty, 38, of Lawrence, Mass., bleeding from a stab wound below the heart, and Albert Davis, 38, Chicago, unconscious and bleeding from a wound on his head caused by a bottle. The floors of the cars were strewn with broken fragments of dozens of bottles used in the fray.

The train had barely stopped when Edward J. Brennan, 48, of St. Louis, alighted and started on the run thru Rockefeller Boulevard. A few minutes later Lieut. Patrick Clarke of the Bratenahl police and Sergt. Frank Smith of the thirteenth precinct took Brennan's trail. From picnickers at the park and others in the vicinity the officers received information that led them on different trails.

"In the meantime police from the thirteenth second, fourth and central police stations rushed to the tracks in autos, surrounded the train and rounded up all of the passengers who had taken part in the affair and a number of witnesses. The prisoners were sent to the thirteenth precinct station at Superior avenue N. E. and E. 79th street.

"A charge of murder was placed against Edward J. Brennan and Carroll Boyd, 31, while the charge of shooting to kill was placed against John Hagerty, 35. The three men claim St. Louis as home. Morris Bihoff, 16, of Chicago, who took no part in the fracas beyond that of being one of the parties attacked, was charged with delinquency. Several others were held on charges of carrying concealed weapons, while the remainder, about fifteen, are being held as witnesses.

How Trouble Started. "The trouble was caused primarily by the fact that the car containing St. Louis men was run between two cars containing Chicago men. To pass from one of their cars to the other the Chicago men had to go thru the St. Louis car and this led to objections by the St. Louis men. "One story obtained by the police was that a Chicago man who had been winning at "craps" passed thru the St. Louis car counting his money when a St. Louis car man knocked it out of his hand. Another story is that two Chicago men were passing thru the St. Louis car to get a drink of water they had been ordered to stay out.

"As well as the police could patch it up from the tales of excited participants and witnesses, the story runs that Brennan, Boyd, Hagerty and several others drew revolvers and began firing as the train neared the E. 105th street station. A passenger, unknown to the police, climbed to the roof of a car and went forward at the risk of his life to the engine cab where he told the engine crew what was happening and demanded that the train be stopped.

"At the E. 105th street depot the train stopped for a couple of minutes.

A passenger, known as "Curley," who later found a resting place in the county morgue, left the train, dashed to the Bratenahl police station and gave the alarm, then ran back to the train.

"Curley entered the car, attempted to stop the fight and was forced at the point of a revolver to back out onto the platform where he was standing when shot. Some of the witnesses told police that "Curley," when he was shot, fell between the cars to the track where his leg was amputated. Others said the man who did the shooting lifted "Curley" and dropped him between the cars.

Fight With Knives "Inside the car, while the platform scene was being enacted, Charles E. Roden, 26, of New York, the police were told sprang upon John Hagerty and stabbed him under the heart. Hagerty then, the police were told, fired at Roden, the bullet striking Roden just under the heart. Roden was taken to Glenville hospital where it was said he will die. Hagerty and Davis also were taken to Glenville hospital. After their wounds were treated they were driven to police headquarters and then taken back to the hospital.

"The fight culminated while the train was standing at the spot where Sarah Bernhardt, the actress, while playing in Cleveland, had her private car parked to get away from the noise and bad air of the city.

"The train was a special and consisted of five cars filled with men engaged to act as strike breakers in case the railroad brotherhoods went on strike. The men were recruited from St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Toledo and Cleveland. They were taken to New York city last week, and when danger of the strike was past, were started back west."

Now can you imagine the wave of crime that will break loose in New York City when Waddell's army of 5,000 "heroes" get busy?

No Doubt About It!

There is no doubt about that great drift of sentiment among the farmers toward Socialism. Read "The Organized Farmer", issued by the American Society of Equity at Wausau, Wisc. and you will get the feeling that all of the farmers are coming our way.

Two letters of especial interest are published in the current issue. The first one comes from Reserve, Mont., and is in part as follows: "I can't vote for Wilson or Hughes because I don't believe in Prostitution, Slavery or Wholesale Murder (or war) as you may say it; I don't believe the above men believe it but their parties do and their backbones are weak and turn toward Wall Street. I will vote for Benson because he believes that women should have their franchise and wants to give them a chance to save their sons from being slaughtered in the battlefields and save their daughters from brutality. I have helped buy too many automobiles for drunks and can't have one myself. I vote for Benson because the farm mortgages are increasing and the American farmers are steadily becoming peons, which should not be."

Then there is H. Dillabough, of Missoula, Mont., who writes as follows: "You ask your readers to state their preference for president and give reason for it. "If I didn't know a thing about the socialist platform but knowing the history of the other two parties it is very easy for me to tell why I DON'T want to vote for either one of the old parties.

"I find that about fifty years ago there was one of the damndest conspiracies formed to enslave the American people that was ever thought of in or out of hell and that the conspirators have at present absolute control of both parties and that every vote cast for either one is simply a nail driven in the coffin of this republic. So, my dear brothers and sisters, take your choice, vote to destroy the nation by upholding the present system or vote a protest or stay at home."

If the old party political managers can get any comfort out of these letters they are certainly entitled to it.

Jennie A. McGehe, Socialist state secretary for Colorado, writes that she has just received an application for a charter from Nederland, Colo. in the heart of the tungsten boom. The application was signed by the mayor and city marshal. The mayor of the city was elected secretary of the new local. "So the Socialists, unlike other parties, capture towns before election", comments Secretary McGehe. "They come over to us bodily".

SOME SOCIALIST HISTORY.

U. S. Senator Jim Ham Lewis, of Illinois, democrat, gave his interpretation of the birth of the Socialist Party at a session of the "Millionaire's Club" in Washington the other day. All Socialists will recognize his interpretation as not being historically correct, but it is worth printing anyway. Here it is as reported in The Call, the New York Socialist daily, recently:

"The Socialist party of the United States was the child of the hesitancy and delay of Grover Cleveland in using the power of the Federal government to break the Debs' railroad strike of the early nineties," declared Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, in the Senate this morning. Lewis was nettled at certain statements made by Hughes in St. Louis in criticism of President Wilson's intervention to stop the threatened strike of the brotherhoods.

Furthermore, certain Republican papers were slamming Wilson and finding him wanting in statesmanship when weighed in the balance along with Cleveland and Roosevelt. He charged the time was ripe to garner the political fruit of the stop-strike law, and he proceeded to the harvest. Cleveland waited until the industrial war broke before he took a hand in the fracas, said Lewis. "Cleveland hesitated, debated, floundered as to whether he would advance or retreat in the exercise of the power of the Federal government," argued Lewis.

"Violence grew and multiplied, freight transportation was blocked, farm products rotted on the ground. In the imperial city of Chicago blood bespattered the sidewalks, law and order were prostrate before the forces of riot.

"Out of that railway strike was born the Socialist party as a protest against the competitive system between business men," exclaimed Lewis, with a pitiful tremor in his voice and the impending menace of 2,000,000 votes for Benson and Kirkpatrick looming up before his eyes.

"The Socialist party," reiterated Lewis, "was the child of the hesitancy that actuated President (Cleveland) in Federal intervention in the railway strike of 1893."

Roosevelt wavered more criminally in the coal strike than did Cleveland in the Debs' strike, as Lewis saw it. "Roosevelt fiddled along for five months out of fear of the coal barons of America," argued Lewis.

"At this point in his denunciation of Roosevelt, Lewis demanded that a group of Senators sitting behind him stop their talking and either give him their attention or beat it. Martin, of Virginia, was one of the offenders mentioned and did beat it.

"Roosevelt waited until industrial war broke before he took a hand to stay the strike," continued Lewis. "He waited until train service was blocked, factions silent, women murdered and children died of hunger. Finally when public opinion arose in its outraged majesty and demanded intervention on the part of the Federal Government, then, and not till then, did the doughty Roosevelt unlimber and secure the appointment of a commission of arbitration."

CAMPAIGN FUND STORIES. "We have just received a check for \$20 contributed to our campaign fund by the printers of Typographical Union, No. 6, "Big Six" of New York City, employed in the composing room of The New York Times," reports the campaign manager in the Debs' district down in Indiana.

Peter J. Flanagan, who sent the contribution and signed himself, "Yours for Socialism", wrote as follows: "The boys in the New York Times composing room, members of Typographical Union, No. 6, send you the enclosed \$20 for your campaign expenses. We want you and others like you in legislative halls, because we are sure you will not betray us as so many others have done in the past."

"Guess that is going some! This surely indicates the attitude this year of the forward-looking trade unionists in the country, even in the ranks of some of the most conservative unions.

In almost the same mail comes \$2.50 from Comrade J. D. Farr, of Watertown, N. Y. He asked Comrade T. H. Lynch to send in his contribution.

"Comrade Farr is a milk pedlar and has worked hard all his life", writes Comrade Lynch. "He is a life-long cripple. A truer or more honest man never lived. And, Oh! Such a Socialist! He is liked by all and he says he would work nights and Sundays if he could to help the Cause. Let me tell you that there are warm hearts for 'Gene down here. I am yours for putting the world right side up'. And these are the stories of only two of the contributions to the Socialist campaign fund this year!

From The Firing Line

Here is a message from the firing line that we want to pass on to every reader of The American Socialist. This comrade knows how to distribute literature and do it right. Read what he says:

Charleston, Miss., Aug 28, 1916. American Socialist,

803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Dear Comrades—I am enclosing 60c together with six names to put on the sub list. I made my first distribution yesterday. This is a Mill Town and there are about 60 company houses here, most of them occupied by mill workers. I left one of Ameringer's booklet's "Socialism, What it is and How to Get it" at each of the houses together with the Benson leaflet No. 1. I met the general manager as I was on my way, whose salary is \$10,000 a year. I am acquainted with him but did not know just how he was going to feel about my distribution of Socialist literature. I thought best to put on a bold front, however, so I handed him one. As I did so I told him he need not get scared as Socialism would not hurt him as he was a worker as well as the rest and Socialism would only change his boss and probably raise his pay. He smiled as he took the booklet and said, "Oh they have some very good principles". I was surprised to see how the people received the literature. I rapped at each door and handed it to them with the name Socialism foremost as I wished to see just how they would receive it. Not one refused to take it the some few looked a little reluctant. To those I told not to be afraid of the name, as that name had been greatly misrepresented.

I am a lone Socialist here but I don't think I will be alone very long. I shall try to organize a local here. I do wish I could afford to have a good speaker come. I have never seen people so ready to listen to the message. Forgive me for worrying you with this long letter but you see I have to talk to some Socialists and there are none here but me. Comrades, if we had the funds to flood the country with speakers as well as literature, we would sure make the Plutes sit up and take notice after the votes were counted next November.

Fraternally, F. L. Borland, Box 163, Charleston, Miss.

It is better, far better, to stand up than to crawl; to be a man than to be a slave.

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The Million Dime Column

Conducted by MAX SHEROVER.

Total number of dimes received up to and including Saturday, Sept. 9:

47,354

This shows a gain of 3,253 dimes since last report.

At this writing every Local Secretary in the United States is in possession of one of the famous banks. Most of the banks are on the job. Many of them are on their return trip to headquarters. As fast as these come in they will be rushed out again to the comrades and friends on our waiting list.

There are a good many readers of this paper who could well afford to handle one of these banks. You must realize that the magnitude of this year's great campaign can be limited only by the funds at the disposal of this office. By getting a bank loaded you are doing your share in the most effective manner to help swell the Campaign Fund.

WHAT THEY SAY.

Comrade Mrs. Eva Cook, Ga Center, Wash., writes: "Am returning the bank containing as many dimes as we could get into it. You can send our 25 per cent share of its contents to the State Headquarters. Our Local does not need it, the state office does." We will do that Comrade Cook.

"As Secretary of Local Everett No. 1, I am instructed to write you for 25 more dime banks for the collection of campaign funds. Rush them as soon as possible," writes Comrade Peter Husby, Everett, Wash. They're on their way, Comrade Husby.

M. Goldhamer, McKees Rocks, Pa., writes: "Am sending back, by registered mail, Bank No. 310, loaded to capacity with brand new dimes. If possible send me four more banks which I will circulate where they will give a good account of themselves." Four banks are on their way to you Comrade.

Comrade Edward Barrett, of Local Mount Vernon, N. Y., wants ten more banks. They've gone forward to him. Comrade C. E. Odell, of Staples, Minn., writes: "Here's Dime Bank 1751 loaded to the muzzle. Please return it when unloaded at headquarters. I think the bank idea is a great one for raising money. It took me a day and half to fill mine and I did not finish collecting." He also submits a list of four names to which banks are to be sent.

C. Omrade, Marshall, Wash., writes: "Sending back Bank No. 1164 as full as possible. Return it again and we'll get it filled again, and maybe again and again. "That's the spirit!"

"Inclosed please find our FIFTH CHECK (\$7.70) to the Million Dime Campaign Fund. These dimes are collected by readers of "Laissez" (Liberty), a Lithuanian semi-weekly," writes Comrade Leo Prusick, its editor. This makes a total of \$74.80 contributed by the Lithuanian comrades towards the Million Dime Fund. They are certainly doing their share.

HAMLET IN HEAVEN.

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