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Yes, We Have Prosperity! John D. Rockefeller Makes A Billion

By VICTOR L. BERGER. First Socialist Congressman.

YES, we have prosperity! John D. Rockefeller's common stock, as I saw in this morning's paper, has gone up from \$750 to \$2,000, making Mr. Rockefeller a billionaire in his Standard Oil stock alone, besides his other interests.

Yes, we have prosperity! But who is prosperous? Are the working people prosperous? They are all busy. They get slightly more wages. Are they any richer? They are not!

The war contracts so far have brought to this country a little over \$3,500,000,000. That means we could build houses, costing \$3,500 each for 1,000,000 families. Have these families gotten them? They have not. The slight increase in wages has been more than used up in the increase of necessities.

I can show you who enjoys this prosperity. There are men right here in Milwaukee who made \$1,000,000 and more in war contracts last year.

The total bank clearings in the country for August, 1916, were 99 per cent more than the total bank clearings for August, 1914.

But are the working men any better off?

HOVELS CLAIM MORE NOW.

THERE are more people living in hovels now than did 10 years ago. Twenty-five years ago a tenant farmer was almost unknown in the United States except in the South, where some negroes would rent patches of land from the former slave owners. Now we have 3,000,000 white farmers who are tenants in this glorious country. The immense war profits don't seem to make any change in that respect.

I am mentioning all this because the democrats boast about the prosperity that we have under Wilson.

The kind of prosperity that we could expect under Wilson showed up during the first two years of his administration. In the spring and summer of 1914 there were 35,000 people out of work in Milwaukee alone, and over 3,000,000 in the country. If it had not been for the war the United States of America would have had to face the worst panic in its existence. And the same "panic" would have come if Mr. Taft or Mr. Roosevelt had been elected president.

VOTE FOR WHAT YOU WANT.

I AM A Socialist. I would rather vote for something that I wanted, even if I do not get it right away, than vote for something I don't want and that hurts me, and get it at once. If I had in this election only the choice between the Republican ticket and the Democratic ticket and could vote no other, I would not vote at all.

The platforms of the two old parties are almost alike. In substance one declares for Americanism and the flag and the other declares for the flag and Americanism.

CAPITAL FAVORS REPUBLICANS

THE REASON for all this is very simple. Both the Republican and Democratic parties are capitalist parties and exist solely to give political protection to the capitalist profit.

The Republican party by force of circumstance has become the favorite party of capitalism after negro slavery broke down.

Most of the capitalist developments of our country took place under Republican administrations. In 1860 we had only two millionaires in this country.

But under Republican rule capitalist concentration has taken such rapid strides that about one-half per cent of our population now own 71 per cent of the entire wealth.

REPUBLICANS MORE ABLE.

THUS THE Republican party naturally became the favorite party

of capitalism. Every trust that looks for a friend looks to the Republican party first. Every grasping monopoly that needs protection turns to the Republican party first.

This happens, however, not because the Democratic party is less willing, but because the Republican party is more able.

The Democratic party is fully as willing, only it can not deliver the goods so readily.

SOUTH IS BACKWARD.

THE SOUTH is paying the penalty for negro slavery by being backward economically. It has not developed manufacturing, mining and all other industries as has the north. But the southern politicians are fully as willing as the northern politicians to serve capitalism.

A political organization, however, is characterized as such by the personnel of its leadership—as by its platform.

THE TWIN CANDIDATES.

THE TWO men nominated for president by the old parties are almost alike. Both of them were formerly professors of history and of law. Both of them were reformers when they were governors and both of them are that you call clean men personally.

The only difference really is that one has a beard and the other has none.

As for a man who promised a great deal and then does the exact opposite, give us Mr. Wilson.

MAN OF GREAT PROMISES.

TO BEGIN with Mr. Wilson was elected on a platform declaring for one term for president. And then Mr. Wilson has been watchfully waiting and waiting watchfully for four years for a renomination.

Mr. Wilson declared that there is such a thing as being too proud to fight? And shortly afterwards he sent our army right straight into Mexico, not only once but twice.

Mr. Wilson asked first for neutrality even in thought, and decided that there should be no war loans in this country because war loans are unneutral. Shortly afterwards, however, there were war loans for both the Germans and the allies, but especially for the allies.

VIOLATES NEUTRALITY PACT.

MR. WILSON declared for absolute neutrality and then permitted America to become the arsenal of one side to an extent hitherto unknown in the history of the world. As an excuse he gave that we would sell to the other side also if the other side could buy, which of course everybody knew they could not.

Moreover, Mr. Pierpont Morgan very soon controlled every pound of copper and nickel in the country for the allies.

Mr. Wilson also talked about efficiency and economy. Never in the history of the country was the pork barrel in evidence so much as in Mr. Wilson's term.

OUR MAIL SEIZED.

WILSON declared that he was going to uphold the rights of neutrals and the dignity of America and yet he permits England to interfere with our mail; to take the money out of our letters. He even permits to have English merchants fill the orders which are sent to Americans.

Wilson declared that a big army and navy was unnecessary and dangerous. And then his administration spent more money in one year on the army than Germany ever did—and more money on the navy than England ever spent in one year.

HUMBUGGING LABOR.

WILSON claims credit for two or three laws that are supposed to be in favor of labor. One of them, the so-called Clayton bill, has just been declared unconstitutional by a federal judge in Minnesota. The other, the eight-hour law for railroads, is not an eight-hour law and is a palpable election humbug, as is the third—the so-called child labor bill, which contains a provision that nullifies its effect for anybody who understands the English language—no matter what the Democratic politicians may claim for it before election.

The only impulse which seems to have guided Wilson's administration is profit. He puts profit above principle—economic profit for the capitalists and political profit for the Democratic party.

So much for Wilson and the Democratic party. Anybody who still thinks that he ought to vote for the Democratic party and Wilson will get

for his vote all he deserves and he will deserve all he gets.

Now to the Republican party and Mr. Hughes.

G. O. P. CAPITALISM'S FAVORITE.

I HAVE said before that the Republican party is the favorite politi-

cal organization of the capitalist class.

While Mr. John D. Rockefeller, for instance, has come out in the papers for Wilson, Mr. Pierpont Morgan and his former partners, George Perkins and Robert Bacon, are undoubtedly Republicans and the two are active in the Republican campaign.

Mr. Hughes is the favorite candidate of the manufacturers and munition makers of America also they cannot complain against Wilson because they did a flourishing business under the Wilson administration.

But Mr. Hughes must be a disappointment to himself. He undoubtedly is a disappointment to all his friends.

HIS WORDS MEAN LITTLE.

HE SHOWED himself in this campaign to be either a cowardly politician, or a cheap political trickster. He has developed to a high degree the gentle art of using many words and saying nothing.

We all know that there are great questions of national and inter-

national moment before the country today.

A short time ago Mr. Hughes was in Milwaukee. What did he have to say? Did he express his opinion on any of these questions? He did not. He talked about the tariff.

AS TO THE TARIFF.

AND THE tariff is surely not a new issue. It has been before the country since the country existed. The first bill ever passed by the Continental congress was a tariff bill.

Moreover, just on the question of the tariff also both the Republicans and Democrats unite nowadays. The Republicans used to stand for a high tariff, but they have come down considerably in that respect. They now find that too high a tariff has become an obstacle in competing for the world's trade. The Democrats, on the other hand, used to be free traders, but Mr. Wilson has now come out in favor of a high tariff, after the war, in order to "protect the American manufacturers from being swamped by the pauper labor of Europe."

I say advisedly "protect the manufacturers," because Mr. Wilson has said nothing about protecting the laborers of America from being swamped by pauper laborers. And Mr. Hughes' idea of protection is evidently the same.

RESTORE COUNTRY TO PEOPLE.

SOCIALISTS want to restore the country to the entire nation instead of having it owned by about one-half per cent of the nation.

And outside of the world war and in spite of the world war this is the only important thing before the people today.

We want to bring this about by having the nation collectively owning the trusts, the railroads, the telegraphs, the steamboat lines, and all the other social means of transportation and communication and the large industries.

We want to extend the public domain to include mines, quarries, oil wells and water power.

SAVE NATION FOR PEOPLE.

WE WANT to conserve and develop all the natural resources for the use and benefit of all the people.

We want to reforest cut-over lands wherever practical, and storage of flood water, and the stoppage of the waste of the soil and of the products of the mines and wells.

We want to shorten the workday in keeping with the increased production of machinery.

We want old age pensions and insurance for the working people against unemployment; against invalidism and against industrial diseases, accidents and death.

THESE ARE BIG QUESTIONS.

THESE ARE questions of importance to the working people—not the tariff.

I believe I explained that I would rather vote for something that is useful and good, even if I don't get it, than for something that is bad and get it at once.

THROWING YOUR VOTE AWAY.

THE MOST foolish argument is the saying that a man who votes for the minority party is "throwing his vote away." According to that theory every man voting the Democratic ticket in Wisconsin is most always throwing his vote away, because this is usually a Republican state. The fact is that you, as a workingman or a progressive, are always throwing your vote away when you vote either Republican or Democratic.

AIM OF SOCIALISTS.

THE SOCIALIST appeal is very simple. We appeal to you to help us remove all obstacles in the way of a new civilization.

We ask you to help us to build up a structure of peace and plenty. To bring about a system where there will be no wars, not even a class war.

Put Your Class In Power.

The real progressive can vote for progress only by voting for Benson.

The ballot is your big stick. Swat the enemy of labor with it, and not yourself.

There is a sucker born every minute; and sometimes one who has got the hooks bites again.

Political promises are not I. O. U's, except with the Socialists. They write them out and stand by them.

If the women of America who have the ballot will vote for those who have stood for equal suffrage for years, rather than for those who offer to give them the ballot when they are forced to do it, Benson will get more than his two million votes.

It is now admitted by the competent statesmen who wish reelection to congress that the draft slipped into the military law without their knowledge. In other words they prefer you think them fools rather than knaves, knowing that you don't object to voting for fools.

Feed The War And Starve America

By CHARLES W. ERVIN.

IT IS HERE! We Socialists told you it would be here over two years ago.

We asked you to join in a movement to compel your misrepresentatives in Congress to pass laws keeping the food produced in the United States to feed the people of the United States. Less than a million of you joined with us in this movement.

Our slogan was "STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA." The slogan of your misrepresentatives, the legislative lackeys of the robber class of this country, is "FEED THE WAR AND STARVE AMERICA."

Up Against It Now.

The conditions we warned you of are right here NOW. Everyone of you are getting it in the stomach or the pocket-book.

If you eat as much as you did two years ago you are getting it in the pocket-book. If you eat less you are getting it in the stomach.

If you go into a restaurant to eat your mid-day meal and put down the same amount of money you did two years ago, you put less in your stomach. If you put the same amount in your stomach you put down a larger amount of money.

If you bring a collar snatched from home it is either smaller than it was two years ago or your wife or mother pays more to keep it the same size. The plutes are gouging you, they are gouging your wife, they are gouging your kids.

They are not only depriving you of the good things of life to which YOU are entitled and THEY are NOT, but they are robbing you of the things you must buy to exist.

Old Parties Responsible.

The Republican party is responsible for these conditions; the Democratic party is responsible for these conditions; the Progressive party is responsible for these conditions. All of them stand for the employing, own-

ing class who have amassed their billions by robbing the workers of this country. Are you going to continue to help pick your own pockets; to help rob your wife and kids of the things to which they are entitled by the right of life itself? Going to help with your vote elect a President who gets more money in one year for helping to support a system that robs you, your wife and kids, than you and yours will see in a whole lifetime of toil and trouble. Going to help with your vote to elect a representative in Congress who will serve faithfully those who live richly by robbing you in the pay envelope and in the price of things that you have to buy to exist. Going to help elect any of the candidates of the various capitalist class parties who have been selected by the robber class to be elected by you? The candidates of all the capitalist class parties will see to it that their wife, their kids, get the best of everything in life. But their wife and their kids will get it at the expense of your wife and your kids while every man, woman and child in this country could get the best of everything if we were all sane enough to look after our own interests and the interests of those dependent upon us.

Why should others have to try and convince you that you should look after your own interests? Your bosses don't have to be argued with. They get on the job and look after their own interests. You won't find many of them voting for the candidates of the Socialist party. That is just the reason ALL of you should be found working and voting for the candidates of the party that claims that the only reason for government is the securing to every man, woman and child in this country the best of everything. Not what your bosses name "good" wages but everything that makes life worth the living.

Put Your Class In Power.

If you put your own class into office and order them to do your bidding you are getting what your vote is worth. If you vote for any of the candidates of the capitalist class you are throwing your vote away. Nay—worse than throwing it away. You are handing it to the capitalist class to be used to keep you in "your place," said "place" being where they can rob you in the pay envelope and in the purchasing power of your wages.

GET WISE—GET TOGETHER IN THE PARTY OF YOUR OWN CLASS AND TAKE WHAT YOU MAKE. GET POLITICAL POWER AND USE IT TO GET WHAT SHOULD BE COMING TO YOU EVERY DAY. THERE IS JUST ONE WAY TO GET THIS POWER. ELECT THE CANDIDATES OF THE ONLY POLITICAL PARTY THAT IS ORGANIZED FOR JUST ONE PURPOSE—TO SECURE TO THOSE WHO WORK WITH BRAIN AND BRAWN EVERYTHING THAT MAKES LIFE WORTH WHILE. THIS IS THE ONLY ISSUE THE SOCIALIST PARTY IS INTERESTED IN. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN IT? IF YOU ARE YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO.

Read This Article!
Swift and Armour Declare Big Dividends
Prices High—Wages Low

By JOHN C. KENNEDY.

One of Chicago's Socialist Aldermen.

SWIFT AND Armour have just declared a thirty-three and a third per cent dividend to their stockholders amounting to twenty-five million dollars. This is in addition to their regular dividend of eight per cent per year which is paid on their capital stock.

Armour and Company have announced that the capital stock of that concern will be increased at the next meeting of the directors from twenty million dollars to one hundred million dollars without the investment of any additional capital.

This four hundred per cent stock dividend represents the profits which have been accumulating while the workers were paid low wages and the consumers were charged extortionate prices for the products of the beef trust.

While the beef trust is paying out millions to its stockholders in fat dividends, it may be well to remember that the thousands of employees who have been producing this wealth are paid in many cases wages which do not average more than \$9 or \$10 per week. In 1910 and 1911, I went over the books of the packers and found that the wages of the majority of the workers did not exceed \$12 per week. This is not enough

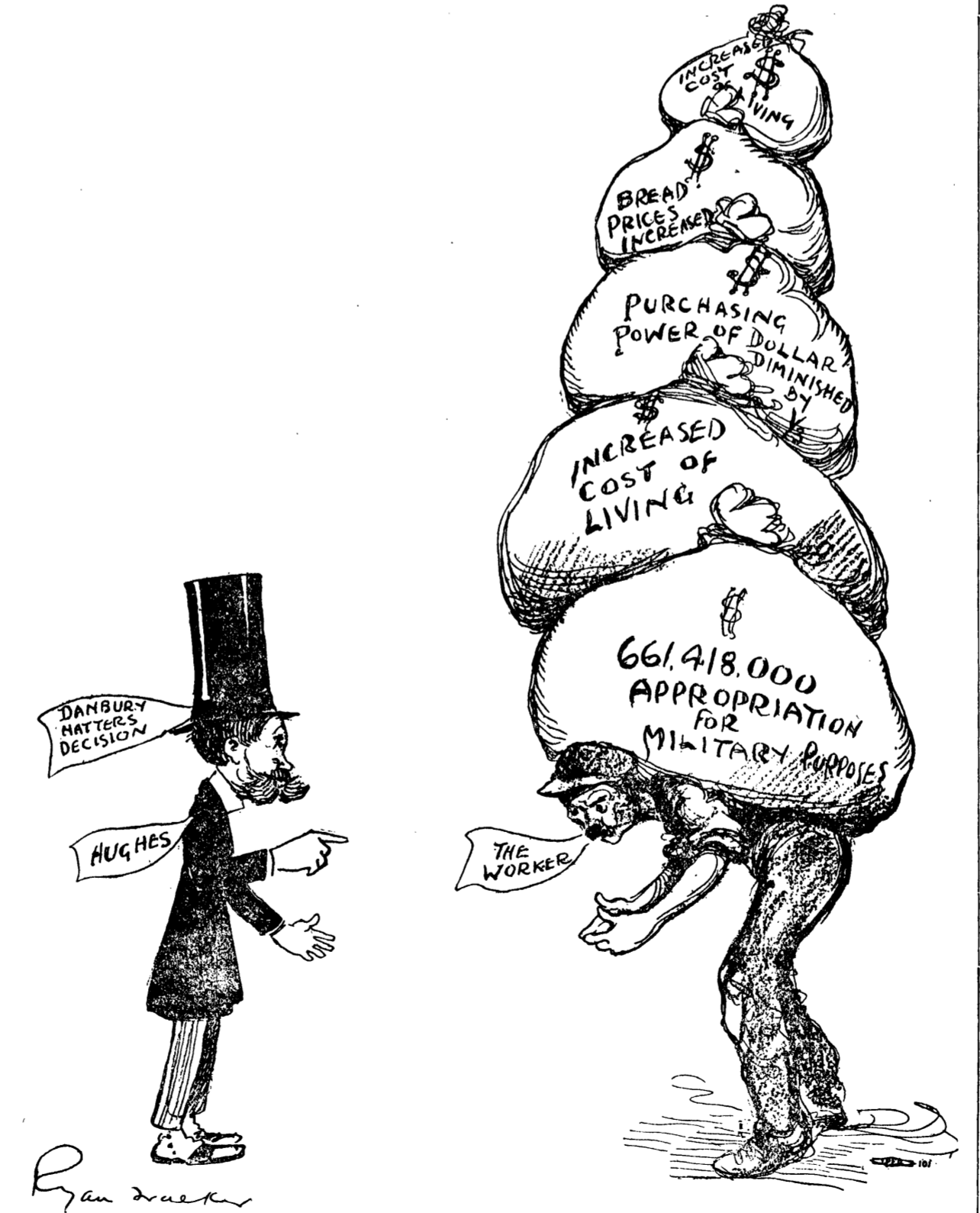
to support a family decently in Chicago, so the workers have to live in overcrowded shacks and deny their children an opportunity to get a decent start in life.

The millions being paid out in dividends are blood money taken out of the lives of the workers in Packingtown. And this is the kind of "prosperity" that President Wilson says we should vote for, and Mr. Hughes would do his best to perpetuate.

The wealth is being produced all right, but the dividends are not being paid to the workers. The Armours, the Swifts, and the Morris's are the ones that are piling up the fortunes. The present system brings wonderful prosperity to the capitalists, together with poverty and overwork to the workers. When Election Day comes the plutocrats who get the dividends will vote for Wilson or Hughes and the Democratic and Republican parties in order to perpetuate the system which yields them enormous wealth. The question is, will the toilers vote the same way to perpetuate the system which yields them overwork and poverty?

If we are as intelligent as the capitalists we will vote for a new system which will guarantee to us the wealth which we produce. We will vote for Benson, Kirkpatrick and the entire Socialist ticket. We will vote for the collective ownership of industry so that we will all be stockholders and get our share when the time comes to cut another juicy melon.

Now Study This Picture!



HUGHES:—What you need is a greater army and navy and respect for the American flag and institutions.

Now Think! And Then You Will Not Only Vote, But Work For Socialism

Benson's "Leaflet No. 8" appears on Page Two. When this issue of The American Socialist went to press 2,500,000 copies of this leaflet had been ordered. All efforts are now centered on "Leaflet No. 10", ready for distribution Sunday, Nov. 5. Let us make it 5,000,000. These leaflets are 50 cents per 1,000. Order from Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison Str., Chicago.

"We'll Clean Up Old Parties In First Class Shape", The Cheering Oklahoma Message

By H. M. SINCLAIR.

Oklahoma Socialist State Secretary.

YOU ASK me for an opinion on the outlook in Oklahoma. Altho it appears optimistic I could not honestly express my belief were I to say other than, "The Socialist Party will clean up on the two old parties in first class shape."

I have given this matter considerable study and firmly believe that we will carry the Benson and Kirkpatrick presidential electors, will elect Comrade H. H. Stallard from the 7th District, A. C. Adams from the 4th, O. M. Morris from the 6th, H. M. Shelton from the 3rd and run them mighty close in the 2nd, 5th and 8th districts.

I also believe that the Socialist state ticket consisting of two members of the Supreme Court, one judge Criminal Court of Appeals, and two corporation commissioners will be elected.

There will be from 50 to 65 members elected in the lower house and from 10 to 15 in the senate unless something unforeseen takes place between now and election.

Deaf Ears For Machine's Plea. The two constitutional amendments initiated by the Socialist party is the issue in this state. The Democrats are making their fight on these laws and are on the losing end. They will go down to defeat in many places on this account. The people know that Machine Rule and corruption in elections exist in this state, and all their pleas of fairness in the past are falling on deaf ears.

The general reports reaching this office are to the effect that there is a "landslide" taking place. Committees that are at work in their precincts (where they specialize) report the changing of dozens of old party voters in the last few weeks. They name them in most cases. Speakers come to my office who have been directly in touch with the situation. They report the same things. They claim at least so many for a certain county. I take their figures and whittle them 20 per cent and cannot figure less than 95,000 votes in the state. It might be that I am wrong but as I said I couldn't give an honest report without claiming the above.

There are 73,000 registered socialists in the state, and thousands who have been automatically registered for one of the old party tickets, who will never vote it any more than I will. Why do they accept these registration certificates? For the simple reason that they would be disfranchised unless they did. Others would be driven from the land by the landlord. While the city worker would be made a tramp if he did not register to suit the Boss.

Now Reaping The Harvest. The Socialists have made a continuous fight against both old parties and are now reaping the harvest. In the northern part of the state which is nominally republican, the inroads are strongest against them while in the Southern part of the state it is against the Democrats. We are crossing firing them on all sides.

The Democrats with their 107,900 votes will lose 50,000 to the Socialists and the Republicans will slump at least 8,000 votes. The Republicans had 77,000 votes in 1914 for their state ticket except Governor. Give them 5,000 which they will take from the Democrats and deduct the 8,000 we take from them and they will have 74,000 to stand on. Make it 80,000 for good measure. Take 20,000 to the Socialists and 5,000 to the Republicans away from the 107,000 Democrats and they will have 82,000. Give them 6,000 for good measure and call it 88,000.

Add to the 70,000 Socialists the 28,000 they will get from the old parties and call it 98,000. Slice off 6,000 for optimism and still have 92,000 or a plurality.

Donks Scared To Death. The Democrats are scared to death. They do not know the true situation nor did they care much about it until a few weeks before election time when they beat it to the sticks with their good man dope. Their trips this year have been likened unto a desert. The Donks are gone and in their places are Socialists. They see their finish now.

The Democrats undertook to start their campaign with a big rally in Oklahoma City during the State Fair when thousands of people were here. They advertised for a month, had special trains, gave prizes for the largest delegation, used every effort possible to create an enthusiasm and made a flat failure. There were only 387 persons including the band men, many of whom were Socialists and Republicans, in their would-be parade. The audience that faced their national speakers was not as large as Comrade Kirkpatrick had in the same hall a few days before on Sunday, P. M.

Governor Willis had a grand total of 45 to hear him in Muskogee which is the second largest city in the state. None of those speakers have been getting a respectable hearing. The people want something solid, bunk don't go. On the contrary the Socialist meetings were well attended and enthusiastic as could be.

Campaign Of Literature. What are we doing? Well excuse me, but we are giving them hell. Three hundred thousand campaign books are enroute to the voters, 300,000 leaflets on the election and registration laws, 300,000 cards, 25,000 posters are already gone and 300,000 leaflets on the election law from a prominent Democrat and nominee from the Payne County district for legislature are being prepared; 300,000 Benson leaflets each for 300,000 national platform.

There are 350,000 ballots to overcome their short potting scheme on the press, 200,000 of the state ballots. What do we send these out for, you may ask? Because the Machine fails to comply with the law and send sufficient ballots where the Socialists are strong and the Democrats weak. Have to do it for self-preservation. In fact there is nothing too small that we don't have to offset.

We have a peculiar system of voting here. If you do not vote for the amendment you are counted against it. Failure to vote at all and you are counted against it. Fail to get a ballot to vote on and you are against it. Now isn't that one hell of a system of voting. Call it what you may, it is a fact.

Speakers by the hundreds are making their school house campaigns. The boys at the forks of the creek have their neighbors on a stump talking these matters over. They cannot escape. The comrades are alert to the situation and are bending every effort to win the day.

Fight To Finish. It is a fight to a finish and the Socialists are in the fight. We will give the world some good news unless the stampede is checked and something unconceivable at this time should happen.

Our best wishes go to the comrades all over the country and thanks to them for their words of cheer and assistance. Give them the best you have and if we don't make it this year get right after them on November 8th and drive them crazy or make them come clean with the working class.

The papers that stood for preparedness are not complaining of the high cost of paper. It is only the small papers that opposed it or were lukewarm in the matter that are touched. Why is it?

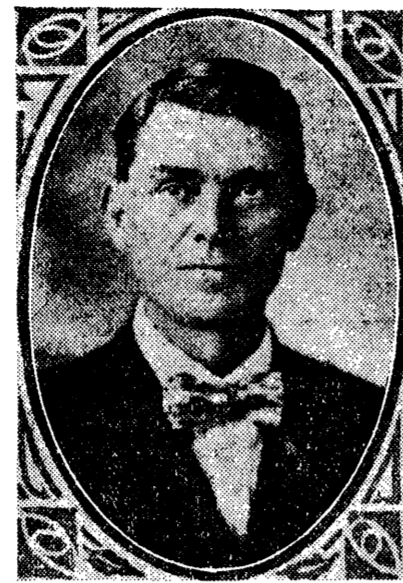
At least 300 members of the district are giving every minute of their spare time, day and evening, to the work, and comrades from all over the city and neighboring states are enlisting for the final rush. There will be more than \$100,000 worth of work put into this campaign, and 99 per cent of it will be volunteer service.

All this has one purpose, that is, to take the government from the master class, and happily, joyously, laughingly, the workers bend to this task.

To The Lazy Locals. Get a hump on yourselves. Order a few Benson Leaflets. There are about two thousand of you, "lazy locals" in this United States, and you will be ashamed of yourselves if you wake up the day after election and begin to kick yourselves for not distributing more of the Benson Leaflets.

You are the fellows that are keeping our circulation down. We ought to be putting out 4,000,000 every week. Get busy before it is too late. Order a few thousand of Nos. 9 and 10, and help us make it 4,000,000. Fifty cents per 1,000—unless you are unable to pay for them, in that case we will try to supply you free of cost if you will agree to distribute them faithfully.

One Mayor and Two Congressmen?



H. H. STALLARD For Congress Seventh District, Oklahoma.



THOMAS H. VAN LEAR For Mayor Minneapolis, Minn.



H. M. SHELTON For Congress Third District, Oklahoma.

Lively Campaign In Harlem For Hillquit

By J. MAHLON BARNES.

At the present writing it looks as if another voice from New York would be heard in the next Congress. The residents of the 20th Congressional District seem resolved to send Morris Hillquit as its spokesman there. Immediately upon the announcement of his candidacy all labor forces were enthused, and from day to day new combinations are being made in his support by the organized workers.

A systematic campaign of education is being conducted. A general headquarters, together with a trade union headquarters, an Italian headquarters and a German headquarters, each efficiently manned, have been established. The Workmen's Circle and the striking street car men each have active committees at work.

Already the Democratic and Republican candidates are writing and talking on more economic questions than ever before engaged the attention of the two old parties combined.

Flying Squadron At Work. A flood of literature is being distributed systematically each week by a "Flying Squadron" composed mostly of members of the Y. F. S. L. under the direction of Comrade Robert Spector. This machinery is in a position to make two distributions a week personally to each voter.

Available schoolhouses and nearly all halls in the district have been secured and at least ten street meetings are held every night. Noon day and all day meetings will follow shortly.

The most necessary and the most intensive work is that of canvassing, conducted under the direction of Comrade Alexander L. Trachtenberg, where carefully selected persons visit each citizen, getting all the information possible, and entering into friendly converse on the issues of the campaign. The district will be combed at least twice in this manner.

Watch The Registration. Each day this week citizens are registering and enrolling, and each night our committee copies every name enrolled for that day. We will therefore have a complete and accurate polling list. The residence of each individual will be checked. We neither fear nor expect repeaters or fraudulent votes. In this regard we have not concealed our methods from the opposition. A corps of watchers, four to each polling place, has been secured, 140 in all to keep vigil during the day and night.

There is no campaign being made for individuals. "Vote for yourself and Socialism," is the slogan. We expect to cast as large a proportionate vote for Benson as any district in the nation. With success will probably send Edward F. Cassidy of "Big 6," Typographical Union, as Senator to Albany. And to Albany for the Assembly will send that valiant worker, August Claessens.

\$100,000 Worth Of Work. At least 300 members of the district are giving every minute of their spare time, day and evening, to the work, and comrades from all over the city and neighboring states are enlisting for the final rush. There will be more than \$100,000 worth of work put into this campaign, and 99 per cent of it will be volunteer service.

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How many will you need? Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett has spent six weeks in the campaign in New York City, and has filled a number of dates in New Jersey and Brooklyn. She is now filling dates in Rhode Island, and will be two weeks in Connecticut after which she will return to New York to assist in the closing rallies of the campaign.

Democrats who wish to save their votes will cast them for Benson. If voted for Wilson they will be thrown away.

Suppose someone enlighten us—the European war—what for? The women of England demanded the ballot; and they were put into the mills and the fields.

Socialism is not an end; but it will be the beginning of a more abundant life.

Everybody wants Socialism, but so many oppose it because it is not stated in the terms that appeal to them. Speaking of allies—neither the central allies nor the English allies hold a candle to the Morgan-Rockefeller allies.

What Socialists want everybody wants—but so many don't want it unless the enemies of Socialism will concede it. The Ass press responds to a brickbat coming its way. It now opens its columns to an occasional mention of Benson.

Taft and Teddy met the other day and shook hands—and the atmosphere immediately became ice cold—as cold as either Hughes or Wilson.

Republicans apparently object to the Democrats giving labor a gold brick, because they think labor should merely have been hit with a brick in the same old way.

With two such cold propositions as Hughes and Wilson descending on the country the people are not warming perceptibly with the approach of election day.

What kind of a fool is it that will say Socialism is right, but that to forward the cause you ought to vote for Wilson who opposes it, or for Hughes who considers it against the interests of his campaign contributors?

According to campaign speeches Wilson is so bad conscientious Democrats cannot vote for him, and Hughes is so dangerous that Republicans who would avoid war cannot vote for him. There seems to be nothing left for them to do but vote for Benson.

The European war has "increased the wealth of America forty-two billion dollars," they tell us. Which means that commodities to that amount have been sent to Europe, and in return the bankers have, not wealth, but merely money.

At one time the election of a Democrat meant the House of Rockefeller in control and the election of a Republican the dominance of the House of Morgan. But now since the two houses have merged their interests, whichever is elected, both will control.

The war is placing industry into the hands of women and children. It is also reducing many of the middle class to the ranks of the workers. When it ends and millions of men find it impossible to obtain work, what do you suppose they will do?

Lloyd George of England suggests that when the war ends the soldiers are going to demand the country they have saved—to hold the offices—which means militarism in control—and to draw pensions—which means a still further burden on the women who will have to do all the work.

Word comes that the war is hitting chiefly the middle classes in every land. The rich never had so much money to spend or lavished it so foolishly, and the workers, who have been carefully graded to enable them merely to live, cannot economize. The middle class is squeezed and comes from the mill wrung dry.

The United States is said to be busy melting the foreign gold coins, that have come to America in payment for munitions of war, into bullion. The United States will take care of this, the hoard of the bankers, and permit the bankers to issue their notes against it, to circulate as money. The bankers have the money, Uncle Sam keeps it for them, pays then interest on it, and permits them to use it and draw further interest on it.

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The present house is made up as follows: Democrats 228 Republicans 197 Progressive Republicans 3 Independent 1 SOCIALIST 1 Prohibitionist 1 Progressive Prohibitionist 1 Progressive Democrat 1

Total 435 The Socialist Party of America is organized for the purpose of restoring America to the American people. We urge all well disposed men and women to help restore America to the American people, and by the American people we mean all who "live and labor" in America.

Instead of needlessly dying for your country, live for it, firmly resolved that this, the mightiest republic of all history, and still the one great political hope of the world, shall not perish on the rock of "militarism."

"Vote the Socialist ticket his fall!" —and VOTE IT STRAIGHT.

ATTACKS HIGH FOOD PRICES. Emil Seidel, former Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, is on the job in Milwaukee's city council fighting the high food prices. He is trying to force an investigation by nine citizens to be appointed by the mayor, who happens to be the Socialist, Dan Hoan.

This commission of nine is instructed to compare the cost of food as the consumer buys it, with the cost when purchased in large quantities; to determine what power the city has to compel lower prices; to find out whether the city has power to purchase food in large quantities and distribute it to consumers; and to investigate any other means to meet the situation.

"Prices are going up and up," said Alderman Seidel, "and there seems to be no indication that they are going to stop where they are. If this situation continues the poor of the city are going to have a terribly hard winter. Something should be done at once to meet the situation if it is possible. No other problem is so vital right now as this of food prices."

Milwaukee's consumers of bakers' bread are being victimized going and coming. Not only are they paying more for their bread, but they are getting less of it.

According to investigations by the state and city sealers' departments, the former 5-cent loaf which weighed approximately 12 ounces, now weighs from 9 1/2 to 11 ounces, and sells for 6 cents. The 10-cent loaf, which was advertised to contain twice as much bread as the old 5-cent loaf, now weighs about 20 ounces.

BENSON HITS FOOD PIRATES. Allan L. Benson, Socialist candidate for president, hit the food pirates hard in his speech at Boston, Mass. In reporting the meeting the Boston Journal said:

"I would not have boasted that the value of the food exports from this country in the past year exceeded \$600,000,000 worth; not a pound of food would have left the United States so long as there was a hungry man, woman or child in the land," declared Allan L. Benson of New York, Socialist candidate for the presidency, in Tremont Temple last evening in telling what he would have done if he had been President.

The occasion was the formal opening of the party's campaign in Boston and a large audience attended. Continuing Mr. Benson said: "When the price of flour is higher than it has been since the Civil War, I should have asked Congress to place an embargo upon the exportation of flour; and I should never have signed an army bill that included a draft clause. There would be no war, except to repel invasion, without a popular vote on the question, and those who voted for war would be the first to be sent."

Several hisses followed the reference to the fact that Hughes, while a member of the Supreme Court, voted to sustain the order of the lower court by which the Danbury hatters were fined \$240,000.

Tribute To Eugene V. Debs

By MAX EHRMAN.

OFTEN have I sat by the evening lamp and read of the martyrs of old times—lovers of truth and of men, scornful of comfort and good repute. Often have I stretched my hand across the paths to take theirs and whispered solace to their souls. But they are dead and write of fame; and my whispers fell silent on their soundless ears. Now would I celebrate a living lover of men. There he goes. See the tall figure, bent shoulders—this jail bird presidential candidate—four-times presidential candidate of these United States. Also ex-coal shoveler—this lover of men, hater of shams, advocate of comfort for all who work. Have you heard him speak to the people? The sounds of hell are in his voice, and his face is lit with the red fires of hell. His eyes are not blinded by custom, and fashion is no sword against his words. He builds revolutionary fires that burn the rubbish of sanctioned cruelty. Has he talked to you upon the street, or within a house—his house or yours? The voice of a woman is his, and a heart as tender. Has he called you fool? Likely you are one, placid toiler, working and not thinking. Tall figure with bent shoulders, I know your tender heart and your strong will—you who are generously loved and generously hated. I have seen you gather strength in the night, playful like a child, dreaming of the better day and a sweeter life for the children of men. I have seen you stand erect with a light in your face when all men turned their backs, and night had enshrouded your cross. Never stood man more erect, the target of established malice. Your crime was that you sought to make the dreams of poets a fact among men. I have seen the scars that the teeth of greed have left upon your flesh. But I have never seen you cringe. I do not wait for history to celebrate you. I celebrate you before the history is written that will celebrate you, before the tomb has canonized you and it has become the fashion to sing your praise—you crier in the wilderness for the justice and the love of men.

CHANCE FOR PROGRESSIVES. To the Members and Sympathizers of the Socialist Party

COMRADES!—The campaign in the 12th and 20th Congressional Districts of New York is now in full swing. Hundreds of hall and open air meetings are being conducted; literature is being distributed in tremendous quantities, and the districts are being canvassed most exhaustively. The work "mapped out" by the Committees for the remaining several weeks is even more intensive, and when fully completed will surely result in the election of London and Hillquit to Congress.

If you are desirous, as you should be, to have these comrades in the Legislative body of the nation; if you realize the importance to the movement of such a victory, and the impetus that Socialism would get as a result of it, then it is your duty to contribute to the success of it by contributing the necessary funds to carry on the campaign.

The hour is urgent. The need is imperative. You must respond quickly and generously. Remember, that from the sentiment displayed in the districts, nothing but the shortage of money to fully complete the work mapped out, can defeat either London or Hillquit.

We look to you for the funds. Will you respond with the generosity so characteristic of Socialists? Send all contributions to Dr. Julius Halpern, Treasurer, 239 East 84th Street, New York City.

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