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Press And Politicians Combine To Silence Experts' Remedy For High Cost Of Food

Plan To Eliminate Profit Grabbers By Use Of Parcel Posts System Is Ignored Now That Election Day Is Over

By LUCIEN SAINT.

WASHINGTON.—Half-hearted attempts to reduce the high cost of living by developing the parcel post are about to be made by the Government. Of course they won't strike at the root of the evil, but they will make a loud noise and the people will fall for it. Here's the story:

The rates on parcel post are too high. They are high because of the influence of the privately owned express companies. They are so high that sometimes it is cheaper to use the express companies and sometimes it is cheaper not to send any stuff at all. Especially is this due of foods and foodstuffs.

The poor people are dependent for their eggs and vegetables on the retail dealers. The retail dealers buy from the wholesalers and the wholesalers from the farmers. A profit must be grabbed off every time. When the food finally arrives at the house, it is old, dirty and costly.

Food Fresh Every Day.

Government experts have worked out a scheme whereby foods may be purchased direct from the producer and shipped direct to the consumer by parcel post. The middlemen are eliminated. The producer gets a profit for his labor, and that's an end to it. The consumer gets stuff delivered by the postman fresh every day.

This scheme has been advertised a little. It works—well. But up to date, and note that the date is after election, the government experts have been bidden to hold their tongues. The middleman is a powerful cuss. He controls the daily newspapers by advertising his goods in them. He stands with the railroads and the public service corporations. He has such a large financial stake in the world and he is so numerous that it is well not to offend him before election.

Make Radical Suggestions

The Government experts have made radical recommendations. They want the Government to lower rates to a cent a pound, to drive the express companies out of existence, and to start a campaign of education and agitation which will benefit nobody but the people, and the farmers. The Government experts know that the Government can make money out of parcel post at fabulously lower rates than are being charged today. They know that the legal power exists to remove the 50-pound weight limit from the parcel post and let the Government carry anything and everything that has to be carried—vegetables, lumber, coal, etc. They have worked out the cost of carrying goods per mile, and they can see the enormous profit made by the railroads, the express companies, and the grafters who handle supplies of all kinds. They declare—PRIVATELY—that government ownership of the express companies, which means an extension of the parcel post system, is the first effective step toward cutting the cost of living and government ownership of the railroads.

So much for the experts. They

talk common sense. Will the politicians let them DO common sense things?

This is a rough outline of the struggle now going on in the Post Office Department. On the one side are those who see the truth and want to serve the public. On the other side are the cautious bureaucrats who see the truth also, but who do not want to "harm any legislative business"—which is another way of saying that they do not want to do anything that will eat into profits.

Something Can Be Done.

A prominent Socialist who holds a small government job in Washington and who is in a position to know what he is talking about, has put forth this idea:

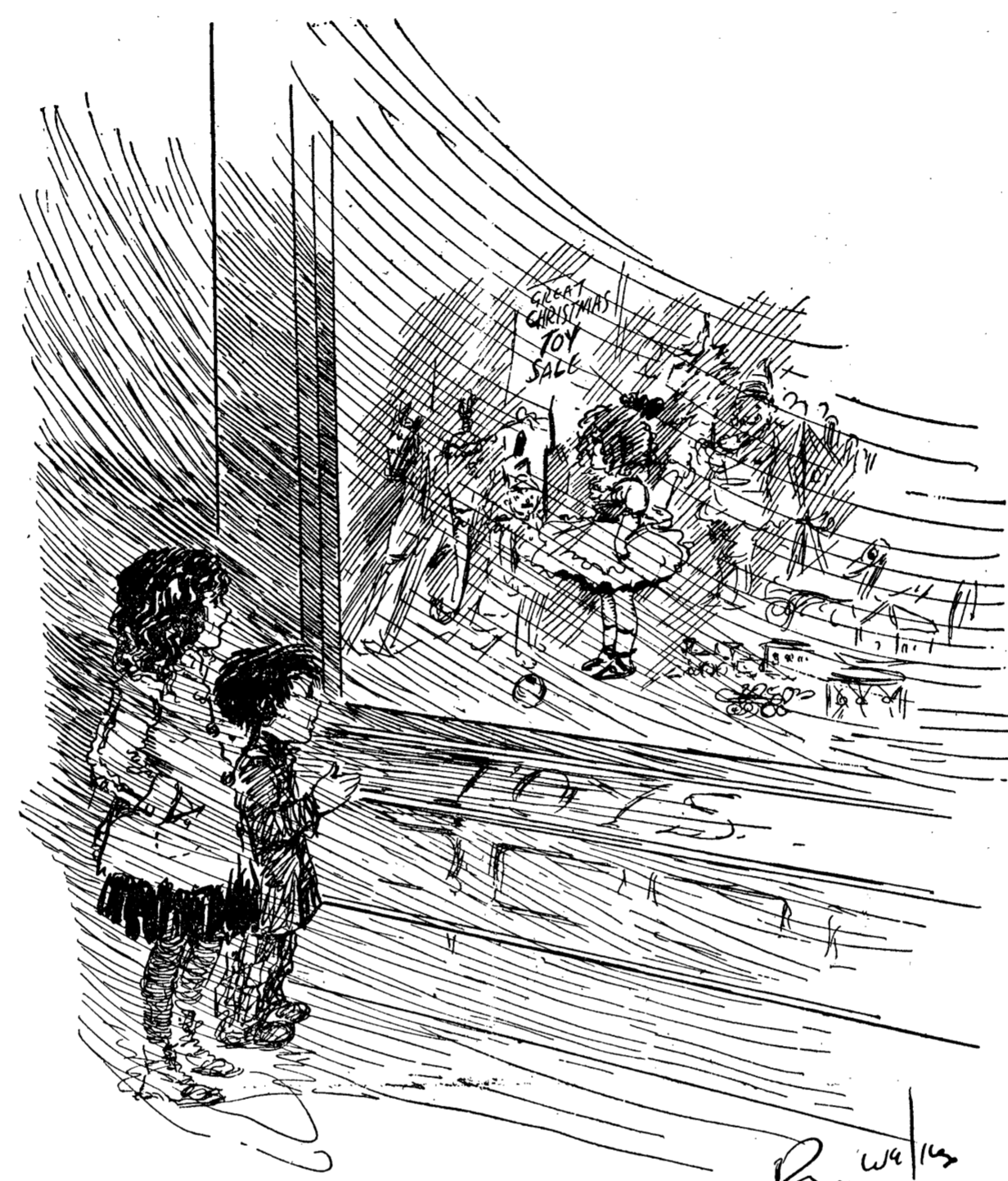
Let the city Socialist locals throughout the country resolve themselves into clubs for the reduction of the cost of living. Let them write to the Postmaster General for full information as to how to buy through the parcel post. Let them supply their families with good food at less than the cost of the same in the stores—and let them use the experience thus gained as a text for their next soapbox meetings. I personally have talked convincing Socialism with a paper cartoon of parcel posted eggs in my hand as an illustration of the need for government ownership and control of private exploitation of the people's foods.

Here They Are!

Incorporation into one organization—the National Industrial Conference Board—of the foremost opponents of organized labor is expected by the labor delegates in the American Federation of Labor convention at Baltimore to bring about the greatest conflict of history between capital and the working men. These are among the employers' associations represented in the new "board":

- National Association of Manufacturers.
- National Council of Industrial Defense.
- National Founders' Association.
- National Metal Trades Association.
- National Erectors' Association.
- National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.
- American Cotton Manufacturers' Association.
- National Association of Wool Manufacturers.
- Silk Association of America.
- United Typothetae.
- American Pulp and Paper Association.
- Rubber Club of America.
- AND (by co-operation)
- All the great railroads of America.
- These organizations (exclusive of the railroads) are said to represent a working capital of EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS and to hold the threat of jobs or joblessness over SIX MILLION WORKERS!

Write to the Treasury Department for Document 2771, and read about this amazing service which is performed for the shipping of the United States at relatively small cost. It is a living argument for government ownership, for private capital would



Yes, They Are Doing Their Christmas Shopping Early!

PLUTE ORGANS PLEASE COPY.

WASHINGTON.—Over ten thousand dollars worth of property was saved to its owners last year by the U. S. Coast Guard Service, which is one of Uncle Sam's government-owned steamship lines. Incidentally, over 100 lives were saved each month of the year. The total cost to the country was a little over \$5,000,000.

Is Government ownership feasible? Is it effective? Does it pay? Is it destructive of initiative and enterprise?

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HOW DOES THIS SUIT YOU?

"When we asked the captain of one of the National Guard regiments (in West Virginia) if he felt they had the power to put to death a striking mine worker, if they wanted to, he said they had. 'We had the power to

do so,' he said. When we asked him, WHERE WAS THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, he calmly replied that it was suspended during the time of the operation of martial law."—Senator Borah, discussing the National Guard features of the army bill.

WASHINGTON WILL DO NOTHING TO HURT BIG BIZ

WASHINGTON.—"No general legislation this winter!" This is the word that is being passed around among the politicians of the two old parties. The interests are tired out trying to sit on dangerous legislative proposals, and they want a rest.

The administration wants a rest. It wants to sleep while its commissions make investigations and recommendations. It has passed an enormous quantity of laws during the last four years, and it thinks that it deserves a vacation.

The courts will rule the country in the meantime. The only at all popular section of Government, which is Congress, will go back home, draw its pay, and do nothing. "We" are prosperous. "We" have all the laws we want. Why worry?

This is the inside dope on the program for the next few months. It is all fixed and arranged, except the details, and unless some sudden emergency should arise, like a social revolution, it will be strictly adhered to.

Speaking of revolutions and the high cost of living and capitalism, far-sighted men in official life in the Nation's Capital confess privately to the belief that revolution is impending in the United States. They know the facts and they know that the uneasy social structure can not stand as it is much longer. This explains why Wilson has appointed so many "socialists" to office. He, too, sees the end of the capitalistic system, and instead of opposing it blindly, he is endeavoring to soften the finish crash.

No more legislation for nearly a year! Is that the way to make the country prosperous?

Surely the European masses are a patriot lot of beasts of burden. Millions being killed; more millions wounded and still more millions starve and suffer. Nevertheless the enormous salaries of the chief rulers continue to flow into their coffers.

Czar Nicholas has annual incomes totaling \$12,000,000, Kaiser Wilhelm over \$5,000,000, the Austrian Emperor \$4,250,000, the British King and Queen \$2,350,000, and the other members of that royal family a total of \$2,790,000. Add millions upon millions more for the dukes and earls and counts and other no-accounts, and the contrast between the classes and the masses becomes positively disgusting. Why should any sane human being worship royal vampires?

WRITE.—Short contributions for "Let the Plutes Rule" column of The American Socialist will be welcomed for publication. To get an idea of what is wanted, see the goods from the Chicago Socialist Wholesale.

Uncle Sam Declares Capitalism Bankrupt

The question is not—"HOW MUCH DO YOU EARN?" but "WHAT DO YOU SAVE?"

Young man, working steadily each day, each week, each month: Can you add \$10 every 30 days to a fund for your mother or father; your sisters or yourself?—\$10 monthly in the strongest and safest bank in the world, bringing in 4 per cent interest and practically invested in government bonds, safe, sure and earning money always?

Are those you would wish to leave cared for in the event of your death given six months of your pay as insurance?

Can you travel at the expense of someone else and be educated by that travel and still SAVE!

Have you time during your working hours to study, to improve, to advance?

Are you breaking down your health by confinement in some office or shop or factory with the possibility that if taken sick you lose your position and with it your pay?

If sick, is your medicine given you free? Is a doctor paid to tend you? Do you have a trained nurse supplied by your present employer?

If crippled doing duty, are you pensioned and cared for—FOR LIFE?

If your best years have been spent giving your efforts to another—will he care for you and yours in your declining years?

Are your clothes supplied free—Is your board and lodging, furnished with your pay, or do you have the unending struggle month after month to try to meet your bills?

You ask—"Where is this all done, where board, lodging, clothes and medical attendance are given in addition to pay, where promotion may be had for the ambitious and deserving, and in fact, where every question asked above may be answered for your betterment, if you are not already getting these necessities with your pay?"

"Where you may lead an open air life with full physical training."

"Where you may circle the globe or tour the wide world with travel expenses paid and with your pay going on just the same and where the same pay may be put under the protection of the United States Government."

"Where a man may advance from the lowest rung of the ladder to the highest."

"Where education may be had from free books in free school rooms, by competent teachers, also free, in subjects from reading and writing to wireless telegraphy, electricity, aviation and mechanics—and the time so taken in study and betterment—'daylight time'—for which you are being paid by your employer, where the knowledge may be had that with added education comes "ADDED PAY."

The answer to all the above and more, young man, is:—"THE UNITED STATES ARMY."

Come to the addresses given below and have it proved to you that the poorest paid soldier in the Army today can save \$10 of his pay every month.

How his food is improved under the new ration order—how his clothing is the best of any soldier on earth—how he may be educated and how he has advanced from the "ranks" to head of the Army—how the pay has increased and of the numberless other benefits of which you and other civilians DO NOT KNOW.

COME! and let us explain to you.—If you are working—COME after hours, as these offices are open DAY and NIGHT—never closed.—From U. S. Army Circular.

ARE YOU A SOCIALIST? Then read "Let the Plutes Rule" column in this issue of The American Socialist and you will see what you voted against.

"Let the Plutes Rule!" versus "Let the People Rule!" is being discussed in a new department of The American Socialist which begins with this issue. Read it.

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WHAT DID YOU VOTE FOR?

By JOHN M. WORK.

"HINDSIGHT is good, but foresight is better."

Are you one of the misguided dupes who voted for Wilson or Hughes?

If so, evidently you are too thick-headed to know what you voted for. So I will tell you.

You voted to have the masses of the people continue to be deprived of most of their earnings.

You voted for the continuation of the division of the people into warring classes.

You voted to have the working masses continue to be dependent upon the capitalists for an opportunity to earn a living.

You voted for the masses of the people to remain in poverty.

You voted for the masses of the people to continue to spend all their time earning a bare living.

You voted for the masses of the people to continue to be barred out from the higher things of life.

You voted for the masses of the people to continue to be compelled to starve themselves mentally, morally and spiritually, in order to keep from starving physically.

You voted to drive still more hosts of men and women to suicide.

You voted to drive still more armies of men and women, to insanity.

You voted to produce a still greater army of feeble minded children.

You voted to drive still further multitudes of women and girls to prostitution.

You voted to drive still further multitudes of men to drink.

You voted to drive still further multitudes of men and women to crime.

You voted to put still further premiums on graft and corruption.

You voted for the continuation of the causes of war.

You voted to have most of the boys and girls continue to be compelled to leave school just when their education is really beginning, in order to enter the workaday world.

You voted to continue the reckless waste of the wealth and the opportunities that the people need.

You voted to continue to destroy the good incentives and increase the bad ones.

You voted to continue handing out charity instead of justice.

All this and much more like it you voted for when you voted for Hughes or Wilson. For they and their parties stand for all these things. They stand for the continuation of the private ownership of the industries—capitalism—which produces all these evils.

You had a chance to vote for Socialism, which will abolish all these evils. And you neglected your opportunity.

So wake up, you bonehead, and try to get a hunch that you are not going to make such another damn fool of yourself again.

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Never mind. Nineteen twenty is our year.

It is the hen that is entitled to do the crowing this year.

Wonder if Wilson will favor woman suffrage now?

Every plan for reducing the high cost of living is a Socialist plan.

The east and south will have to give women the ballot in order to prevent the west dominating things.

The war made Wilson "prosperity." When the war ends, then will come the Wilson panic.

Things are so high now that no one will have anything when the crash comes. And then will come the deluge.

"Socialism remains the one hope of the world, the one star in the night that covers us."

The people clearly do not want to be free. They demand more prodding before they will rebel.

It is incumbent on every true Socialist to stand by his colors now. And he will.

There is nothing to do but go on. The world advances only as the vanguard does.

Who will be the man to fool the American people after Wilson has gone as far as he can?

The suggestion of an embargo on food stuffs is a Socialist suggestion. But it comes too late to do much good.

Hughes will not be long without a job. The corporations can use any old federal judge.

Wonder if, after four more years of Woodrow, they can declare, "He kept us out of war."

It might have been worse. Socialists might have gone to war instead of merely going insane in voting for Wilson.

Now that election is over, they are seeking to annul the eight hour law passed by congress. Sure thing. Who expected anything else?

The harder upholder of the present system struggle, the deeper do they get stuck in its mire. They will yet call on Socialism to get them out.

How about the railroads defying congress when they appeal to their own bought-and-paid-for judges to set aside the eight hour law?

Hughes congratulates Wilson, after abusing him. Shows how the desire for office must give place to acquiescence when Wall street is satisfied with results.

If England and France do cancel their munition orders, the panic may reach America before the winter is over, and prices may tumble in the general ruin that follows.

When the war does come because of the food action of the preparedness advocates, America will be less prepared than she should have been had she done right and refused to spend a dollar with the profit mongers.

Just as Socialists said it would be, whoever was elected, the masters are entrenched in America for four years more. At the end of that time there will be but little left to steal, and then will come—what?

Now that the country has been so emptied of food that everything has risen to the stars, they talk of a food embargo. Had they adopted Benson's suggestion two years ago there never need to have been a food shortage in America.

If Socialists of America could be stamped into voting for Wilson could they not also be stamped into war if Rooseveltitis became epidemic? What is the exploiters to fear now?

South Dakota gave 3,731 votes for Benson/Socialist candidate for president, this year as compared to 4,662 for Debs in 1912, loss of 931, according to report just received from State Secretary E. F. Atwood.

"In the Black Hills district labor troubles reduced our vote thru emigration," he says. "Prohibition apparently carried by 8,000, while equal suffrage was defeated by perhaps 1,000. On the latter issue it is charged that the anti-saloone element quietly worked against votes for women because the suffragists would not also work for prohibition."

LET THE PLUTES RULE!

NOTE.—Under this heading will be published each week brief accounts of how the people are being done by the financial, commercial and industrial magnates. News from Wall street generally not intended for the knowledge of the masses will also be given.

By MAX SHEROVER

In Explanation. Leslie's Weekly, a highly reactionary publication, for years has been conducting an editorial column devoted to an attempted demonstration that the people are not fit to rule—at least, not fit to rule as capitalism would like to have things ruled. This column, in a sarcastic sneer, exclaims every now and then "Let the People Rule!" Leslie's Weekly wants the plutes to rule. We will therefore "blessings" the people enjoy from Plute rule. If the people are satisfied with these "blessings" of Plute rule why then it is their privilege to continue to vote for Plute-rule against People's rule.

Atlantic Coast Line shows net gain of \$1,601,388. This almost doubles the plunder of the preceding year. Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies is expected to "earn" \$50 per share and a minimum of \$200,000 per month.

Aurora, Elgin & Chicago during September knocked down \$88,755, all of which is "velvet." Bangor & Aroostook in three months pulled net \$329,170. Burlington plucked a paltry \$4,341,174 during September.

The Why of Aeroplane Prices and Submarine Wages. Washington—Government reports on partial exports for October and ten months ending with October are: Breadstuffs, \$38,180,775; cottonseed oil, \$1,153,928; cattle, hogs and sheep, \$60,867; meat and dairy products, \$24,471,449; cotton, \$68,986,160; mineral oils, \$16,154,189.

Ten months ending with October: Breadstuffs, \$358,421,947; cottonseed oil, \$16,066,241; cattle, hogs and sheep, \$220,159,498; cotton, \$493,083,349; mineral oils, \$169,893,521.

What a Mean National Joke? Runaway commodity prices, and runaway prices for industrial stocks to correspond with the big profits expected to result from the imperative demand for goods, have been the feature of the past month. The situation is being brought forcibly home to every household, until the H. C. of L. has become a national joke.—The Magazine of Wall Street.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES. If ten stores can distribute goods more economically than one, and two hundred can serve the public better than ten, it is logical to expect that a thousand under a single management would be still more efficient, and the trend of development seems to be in this direction.—Theo. H. Price in THE OUTLOOK.

Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the American railway executive advisory committee, last week told the New-York State committee investigating the subject of transportation that "government ownership of railroads is inevitable," and that a number of railroads would be willing to sell out to the government.

Why You Should Be Contrary. The Merchants' Association of New York City has adopted a resolution in regard to Government ownership of railroads and other public utilities. The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved by the Merchants' Association of New York that governmental methods in the conduct of business affairs are inherently defective, by reason of the fundamental restrictions imposed by our form of government; and that governmental methods are often inefficient and wasteful, and therefore unsuited to the conduct of business undertakings; and be it further

"Resolved that the Merchants' Association of New York is opposed to Government ownership and operation of railroads, telephones, telegraphs and other public utilities, believing that such utilities are far more effectively operated under private ownership, subject to public regulation, than would be possible under Government ownership and operation; and that it would be a national calamity to subject these instruments, indispensable to the welfare of the whole country, to the hampering, inefficient and wasteful methods inseparable from Government undertakings."

THE POOR RAILROADS! Ann Arbor's doodle shows an increase of \$199,308 over last year.

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IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes.

ONE RESULT OF the strike agitation of the railway brotherhoods, the passage of the Adamson act and the subsequent nation-wide discussion of the whole subject has been to liberalize the transportation employees' organizations to an extent that may ultimately wear them away from their aristocratic or exclusive policies.

There are twenty-eight boxes that are sold for the season. Among the holders of these boxes are such empty-purse concerns as: Carson Pirie & Co., National City Bank, State Bank of Chicago, Butler Brothers, J. Orden Armour, Continental & Commercial National Bank, R. T. Crane, Jr., Reid, Murdoch & Company, Quaker Oats Co., Cyrus H. McCormick, Sears Roebuck & Co., Swift & Company, Northern Trust Co., Corn Exchange Bank, Central Trust Co., Merchants Loan & Trust Co.

INTERNATIONAL ECHOES. Prof. Ivonoe Bonomi, Minister of Public Works in Italy and a Reformist Socialist, writes in the Christian Science Monitor that the Socialists of his country are strongly opposed to the present war. Prof. Bonomi explains this condition as due in the main to the fact that Italian socialism is chiefly supported by the agricultural classes.

Socialists of Sweden are already beginning to prepare for the great national campaign that is to be fought in the country a year hence. Their splendid increases at the last general election and in municipal contests since has made them enthusiastic and they believe they are approaching the day when they will sweep the country and be called upon to assume the reins of government.

Socialists of Austria held their national congress in Vienna recently, where a long and frequently bitter debate occurred on a resolution to denounce the majority factions in the countries where they supported the government war policies. The motion was defeated.

Is It Coming To This? From The Milwaukee Leader. England has adopted the German plan of food control. There is now no belligerent European nation that permits the purchases of private property to starve the people.

with the president and with the old party majority in congress for relief from the price boosting and depletion of the national larder by those who feed Mars and starve Uncle Sam. Perhaps they yet have to thank German submarines for keeping enough supplies in the United States and enough gold out to get at least two square meals a day.

Send 5c for a sample copy of The New World, Lincoln Phifer's Paper-Magazine, Girard, Kansas. This is a publication that interprets events by the law of periodicity, and prints each month articles purporting to be the works of J. A. Wayland, Karl Marx, William Shakespeare, and others famed in their earthly lives.

AMERICAN LABOR'S PUGNACIOUS CHILDHOOD

By FRANK MACDONALD. In American Labor Year Book 1916.

The Trades Union movement in this country has seemingly been the most chaotic that exists anywhere. At times it has become perilously near, in the earlier days, to reflecting the curious and often wildly absurd forms we see in some American religions, legislation, social experiments and the administration of law.

They have had to fight the law-makers and the judges, the police power and those who usurped police power. Nothing has been won without a bitter struggle and that struggle is only now approaching its climax.

Workers Had No Rights. In England, which had developed a leisure class that could afford to be philanthropic, labor legislation was due in a great measure to the efforts of those who realized the inhumanity of the conditions under which the workers toiled.

Faces Big Problems. First of all, the workers had no protection under the law. The little strikes that occurred in the earlier days were not the result of Trades Unionism but were the revolts of a few individuals here and there.

Women And Children. Northern people view with horror the opposition in the south to the Keating Child labor bill. There is not as much of philanthropy in this as there is the realization that the south, with its child labor, has an advantage not possessed by the north.

Having killed off her able bodied men to satisfy the blood lust of a few munition makers, and set the women of Europe to doing menial tasks, the war lords are now importing orientals to do the work.

"The Church And Socialism" (Reprinted from The Churchman) By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL. This article is now being issued in a four-page leaflet. You can make use of a big bunch of them.

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Y. P. S. L. NOTES.

The way that the leagues have responded to the appeal for help for our Comrade Rudolph Blum shows that the only fiery pioneer spirit is now just as warm in the hearts of the young folks as it ever was in the old. The response has really been better than was expected, and practically every Ypsel has done his duty. Those leagues who have not yet been heard from will undoubtedly send in their donations within the next few days. The account at present stands:

Previously acknowledged	\$24.76
Scandinavian, Chicago, Ill.	2.25
New Jersey State	5.00
South Bend, Ind.	4.00
Indianapolis, Ind.	2.50
Marshalltown, Iowa	3.40
Trenton, N. J.	8.60
Hartford, Conn.	2.00
Ansonia, Conn.	1.00
Faterson, N. J.	2.75
Philadelphia, Pa.	1.00
Lawrence, Mass.	5.00
North Side, Chicago, Ill.	2.50
Rochester, N. Y.	4.35
Argenta, Ark.	1.75
Philadelphia, Pa., Circle 5	5.10
Cincinnati, Ohio	6.00
Toledo, Ohio	10.00
Total, to date	\$94.25

The constitutional amendment to fix the term of office of the national secretary and to change the method of election has been seconded by the New Jersey State Committee and by Circle Greenwood, Chicago, Ill., 17 members in good standing.

The referendum submitted by the Central West Side, Chicago, providing for a Junior Department of the Y. P. S. L. has not yet received any second.

General Notes.

Bronx, New York, as active as ever and then some. Their next affair, Dec. 10th, will be at the Finckle Hill 14th Street and Third Ave. Our veteran comrade Lucien Sanial will speak on the Young Socialist Movement. Dancing will follow. But the thing that they are proud of is the new hall on 14th Street. 24th is a long way off but they are already working on the affair, and are expecting to make the biggest and best thing in the greater city out of it.

Reading, Pa., begs us to make a correction on a notice which appeared here some weeks ago. They claim that the distributing leaflets to the farmers in the counties of Berks, Lehigh, and Luzerne was not done by the Y. P. S. L. but by the "overhead charges". They continue to work for the day when apples will be almost as free as nuts are now.

The Million Dime Column

Conducted by **MAX SHEROVER.**

Bank No.	Name and Address	No. of Dimes
3808	Unknown	97
CALIFORNIA		
1417	Cara F. Wilson, San Jose	15
352	Joseph Szabo, Los Angeles	15
ILLINOIS		
1331	W. P. Collins, Boulder	28
1285	W. P. Reicher, Clinton	5
1286	S. S. S. S., Clinton	5
1332	H. J. Wilda, Grand Valley	5
CHICAGO		
2423	Max B. Abramovich	22
2424	Max B. Abramovich	28
1748	Max B. Abramovich	2
2425	Max B. Abramovich	12
2426	Max B. Abramovich	12
2427	Max B. Abramovich	12
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The Lunatic Puts Henry Dubb Where He Belongs



By RYAN WALKER

the old stork with a doctor's satchel on his back, and altho she has all the other parts of a very pretty little girl there is no "love of the heart" that the stork can procure for her. He does her best he can and gives her a dried up little heart that can only be warmed by real mother-love.

How the little girl grows up to be a big girl, and how that heart is always trying to bring in some real mother love but only to fail until she sees the life of a poor mother and her love for her little ones; how the Wood Fairy takes little Alice and two poor children to ride on the rainbow, and the things that they see; how her friend the Sparrow takes her to see the great American Eagle (who hasn't any feathers); how her birthday presents come to life and hold a convention where a wicked red scarf tells some very interesting things; and finally how the sadly needed "love of the heart" comes to Alice in time to make her a happy and sensible woman; all these things are most beautifully told in the story. It is calculated to bring smiles and tears even to old eyes, and is sure to be appreciated by our Socialist kiddies.

W.F.K.
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MILITARY TRAINING OF SCHOOL BOYS DENOUNCED BY DEBS

Responsive to a request from the officials of the Yearly Meeting of Friends at Philadelphia for an expression of his views upon the question of the military training of school boys, Eugene V. Debs contributed the following to the symposium upon that subject:

"I am absolutely opposed to the military training of school boys for the reason that such training develops the military instinct and kindles to flame the base passion for military glory.

"Military training of school children, deny it as may those who are craftily scheming to introduce it in the interest of the ruling class, is the first step toward militarism, and militarism in all its forms and manifestations is an abomination that should be wiped from the earth.

"As long as we teach our school children a false and vicious patriotism and train them how to kill under the plea of love for the flag and the nation, we shall have armies and navies and machine-guns, and we shall have war with all of its unspeakable horrors. I would sink all of these to the bottom of the sea. War is simply murder in its most terrible form and a nation that prepares for war is not civilized.

"I would no more teach school children a false and would teach them arson, robbery or assassination."

Eugene V. Debs.

The Great Irish Opportunity

By CORNELIUS LEHANE.

Only once in a generation is an opportunity like the present afforded to reach the Irish element in America with the message of socialism. That opportunity has been provided by the Irish revolution and the Battle of Dublin.

This was the culmination of the labor revolt in Ireland which had been in process of development in that country for some years, and the Citizen Army of Ireland which fought in that battle was the military expression of the Irish labor and socialist movement. Every man in the citizen army was a union man and the rank and file elected all officers.

First Labor Army.

Many misapprehensions have arisen in America as to the real meaning of the Battle of Dublin, but the fact that the revolutionary army was headed by James Connolly, the veteran Marxian socialist and internationalist should cause the socialist comrades throughout the world to start thinking that the Irish revolution had an element of unionism and socialism in it worthy of closest attention. Connolly who prior to the revolution in Ireland was Commandant of the Irish Citizen Army, the first labor army in the world, became on the eve of battle Commandant General of the entire rebel army, which included the forces of this Citizen Army.

The army of the Irish democracy, captained by Connolly, the international socialist, went into action because conscription was drawing near, and its members decided to die at home facing in arms the master class than die in a foreign land fighting their brothers of other nations. Connolly and his comrades who died in the Battle of Dublin were the first martyrs of the cause of international socialism. They did not die in vain.

The immediate cause for which they fought was won. They stopped conscription in Ireland, which today is the only country in the European war zone officially at war but in reality at peace. The workmen of Ireland are as a result at home alive in Ireland minding their own business. Alone amongst the workers in the European war zone they have successfully defied the government of the masters, thanks to our dead comrade James Connolly and his gallant comrades in arms.

The message of the dead Connolly, brutally murdered by the masters in cold blood after the Battle of Dublin, propped up in a chair to face the firing squad because he was already dying from wounds received in action and could not stand, should be placed before the Irish people of the United States. There is no organization interested in bringing Connolly's message to the American Irish except the socialist movement of which he was while alive a bright ornament. It remains therefore for the socialist movement in America to create ways and means of bringing to the knowledge of the Irish in America the facts of the labor and socialist revolt in Ireland, in order that they too might become imbued with the spirit of the men of their own race at home in Ireland.

Not Afraid of Socialism.

Socialism has long since ceased to frighten the Irish workers at home in Ireland. Here in America the message of socialism has yet to be brought to the Irish, and in no better way can they be reached than by putting into their hands the literature left by James Connolly. His writings will now be read by every Irish working man of every shade of politics, as his heroic fight and his martyr's death in Ireland have appealed to the Irish with extraordinary force. His writings will therefore now be read by even those that before his death would cry "Connolly is a Socialist, don't read his literature."

The members of the Socialist Party of America have now an unbreakable weapon in their hands to reach the Irish element in this great continent. There are some twenty million Irish people in this country. Only a slight fringe of them have been so far reached by the message of socialism. A certain footing has been already gained amongst the Irish, and that footing must be made the basis of a serious advance amongst the bulk of the members of that race. It is conceded on all sides that the Irish element cannot be ignored in the work of preparation for the socialist revolution in America, and one of the most important problems is how to reach and educate the mass of the Irish workmen in this country.

The solution is now at hand, as Connolly left behind him some of the greatest masterpieces of the literature of the socialist movement of the world. His "Labor in Irish History" is a marvellous application of the Marxian key to the history of Connolly's native land, and the remarkably simple style in which it is written stamps Connolly not only as a philosopher of the first rank but as a literary light of the first order. Other works of Connolly's are also in existence in pamphlet form as well as scattered thru the pages of the "Irish Worker" and in the "Workers' Republic" which succeeded it.

Reach Irish in America.

These writings by a man who will be described in future days as the greatest Irishman since James Fintan Lalor, the rebel of 1848, must be brought to the doors of every Irish family in America and the best way to do it is to form in every centre where there is a considerable Irish element in the population a James Connolly Reading Circle. These circles could afterwards be linked up into a national organization that would stretch from New York to San Francisco. There are enough Irish comrades in the socialist movement to start these Connolly Reading Circles everywhere. The circles would exist for the sole purpose of circulating Connolly's writings and of promoting the study of the message contained in them.

One or two comrades in every large city could start at once a Connolly Reading Circle there. Such circles could be formed immediately in New York City, Providence, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, Cincinnati, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Butte, Spokane, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and in many other places large and small wherever there are a few Irish comrades to start the work. There would be no subscription and no rules for these Reading Circles, which could meet from time to time for discussion. Later on a correspondent from each circle would be invited to get into touch with a central correspondent and thus the embryo of a national organization for circulating and studying Connolly's writings would be brought into existence.

Shortly the American editions of Connolly's writings will be ready for distribution, and when they are ready the Connolly Reading Circles should take them up at once and enroll as readers every Irishman of the working class they come in contact with. Every wage earner of Irish blood that reads Connolly's writings will be brought to recognize the cause of his economic slavery and to know the remedy. Thus will be found the solution of reaching the Irish with the message of socialism.

Irish Organizers Wanted.

This proposal for the formation of the Connolly Reading Circles should be read out and fully discussed by every socialist local in the United States, and one of the Irish comrades should immediately take it upon himself to become the organizer in his district of the circle. He should at once prepare a list of Irish workers in the unions and in the Irish fraternal orders, so that he may have his material for the circle in readiness when the notices are issued that Connolly's writings have been reprinted in America.

A more important proposal than this was never before put before the socialist movement in America as far as the method of reaching the Irish wage earners is concerned. I would ask every socialist newspaper in the United States to publish this suggestion. Any comrades willing to take an active part in starting up the Connolly Reading Circles or in any other way assisting in the movement to spread the propaganda amongst the American Irish can as a preliminary step communicate with Comrade Lehane whose address is 553 Main Street, Ansonia, Conn.

The bravest word that has been spoken in years was the declaration by labor leaders that the right to declare law unconstitutional was a usurpation of the courts and would not be recognized. That is the talk that means something.

Some Effective Individual Work

By WM. F. KRUSE.

We are not all so gifted that we can go out and convert people to Socialism via the soap-box route. Nor are all of us able to see printed propaganda matter under our names. A great many of our comrades feel that they are not even able to approach strangers or friends with a statement of our message. They feel that they are not able to present it as they ought to, so they leave it alone entirely. They say, and rightly too, that it is better to do this than to make a mess of it.

But here is a method that anyone can use—a method that is effective whether it be done by the 'Big Gun' or the 'Jimmy Higgins'. The outfit needed is a bunch of penny newspaper wrappers, a rubber stamp "Marked Copy" and an ink pad, a blue pencil, and a list of people who are "on the fence" with regards to socialism. After reading the socialist, labor, and liberal papers that come into our home, we should not allow them to go to waste. There will be some articles of particular value in each issue, these should be carefully marked with a blue pencil, and the paper wrapped, addressed, and mailed to your prospect. Such action takes but little time and costs little yet it will be found to have good effect.

We should endeavor to get our socialist and labor papers displayed on news-stands as much as possible, even though it means buying the copies singly instead of at the more favorable subscription rate. The public libraries too should be used to the utmost—ask for liberal and socialist books at the library and get your friends and comrades to do the same. If you can get enough support they will get any book for you. And when you get a book into the collection see to it that it is used. A list of recommended library books will often do more to encourage socialist reading than any amount of pamphlet distribution, depending, of course, on the kind of people to be dealt with.

These suggestions deal only with small things, but after all our movement is made up of details and by a proper handling of such little means of propaganda we can accomplish a great deal of resultant good.

FROM OUR WHOLESALE.

This is intended to serve as an answer to many letters of inquiry received from comrades all around the country, as well as an apology to them for not answering each one separately.

We have not printed a grocery price list for some time, due to the fact that prices on nearly everything have been subject to such frequent and great changes that it would be out of date before we could get it in your hands.

We realize fully that in these times of war and war prices we could be of more service to you than ever before, but if you do not have the confidence in us that we will give you the best goods at the lowest price on the day the order is received we are not able to help you. If you send us an order for what you want and enclose the approximate amount we know we can take better care of your interest than you can yourself.

As to our line of goods, we handle practically everything. If there is any special article you want the price on we shall be glad to furnish it. We have a catalogue or goods outside of groceries but this is for members only. You probably remember that our membership fee is \$5.00 for an individual buying in small quantities, \$25.00 for a store or other group. One fifth of this payable with each order in goods.

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Economic Evolution

By PAUL LA FARGUE.

Certain writers think that the evolution of our society will end in an intensified form of individualism, while we Marxians believe on the contrary that economic development tends inevitably to reintroduce communism...

Those of our opponents who try to be courteous treat us as utopians, as dreamers; they tell us: "Yes, the Society of your dreams is admirable; it would be a fine thing if equality could rule among men; but you do not understand human nature, which is fundamentally bad..."

We are so far from being utopians that, unlike politicians and philanthropists, we do not think man can be changed by moral sermons, religious or secular; to reform him we must transform the environment within which he is evolving...

Economic phenomena operate not only on social customs, but also on the organization of the family and the state, and even upon the philosophical and religious ideas that haunt the human head. Here is an example which to me seems conclusive...

"If each tool without compulsion, of its own power, were to execute its function, as the masterpieces of Dædalus moved of themselves, or as the tripods of Vulcan set themselves spontaneously at their sacred work..."

CORNELIUS LEHANE COMING EAST

Comrade Cornelius Lehane of Ireland, now resting up in California after addressing 125 scheduled meetings from New York to San Francisco during the campaign, will on Dec. 11th start out via the southern states for New Orleans where he expects to arrive by Christmas...

Who shall rule? The plutocrats or the people? These questions are answered in "Let the Plutocrats Rule" column which begins in this issue. Look for it, read it, and tell us what you think of it.

NEBRASKA'S VOTE.

Official returns show that 7,141 votes were cast for Benson in Nebraska compared to 10,185 in 1912, a falling off of 3,044 votes. Comrade F. M. Key, at Burwell, was elected sheriff of Garfield county. The Socialist candidate for U. S. senator received 7,425 votes, while the candidate for superintendent of school received 10,577 votes, more than that for the national ticket four years ago...

HAVE YOU VOTED for capitalism? Then, you should read "Let the Plutocrats Rule" column in The American Socialist every week. It will show you what you voted for. The series begins this week.

If "the late" Mr. Hughes had made his campaign on the platform of an embargo on the exportation of food products instead of a protective tariff to limit imports, he might have won out. And then again he might not.

The Socialist candidates are usually first in the field. They thus have a chance to get in some good licks while the old party aspirants are fighting each other in primaries and conventions.

Optimism fits into Socialism like a peanut into its shuck. If we were not optimists we would not be Socialists—and how any worker who is not a Socialist can be an optimist is more than we can figure out.

The leaflet campaign is to be continued. Just another sign that we begin one campaign before the votes of the last one are counted. This is literally true, for the returns from which an accurate total of our 1916 vote are not yet at hand.

We Socialists are already giving the world an example of how a united class, regardless of individual characteristics and convictions, can work together in a common interest of brotherhood and benefit for all Native Americans and foreign born citizens, Jews or Christians and atheists, wets and dries—all are working with solidarity and harmony which the old parties envy...

A certain Socialist paper is running a column to which readers contribute statements of what advantages are derived NOW from being Socialists. Our contribution would be that we would hate like thunder to have to vote a ticket without knowing why we did so, which would be the case if we cast a ballot for one of the old parties.

"Emperor William's Christmas gift to Pope Benedict will be a Bible magnificently bound and illuminated."—News Item. No doubt it will be inscribed "With best wishes from Wilhelm, Gott und Company."

GLIMPSES OF HOPE.

Perhaps we could find some glimpses of a silver lining in our cloud were we to look for it diligently. It is true we did not elect as many congressmen as we hoped to send to Washington but we may have laid some foundations that will be building spots for the future. We faced tremendous odds in the presidential campaign and at that we accounted ourselves with some credit. We made the enemy run his best in several districts. The next congressional elections will be in off years. Oklahoma socialists and Terre Haute party members as well as those persistent and every growing movements in the two Milwaukee districts may find the road to Washington open in the off year. We ought to be making twenty instead of five campaigns two years from now.

DYING A NATURAL DEATH.

The Mexican flurry is just naturally petering out. Gen. Pershing is supposed to be somewhere in the land of cactus but if you were to ask the average citizen whether the expedition had been withdrawn or was still pursuing Villa he would probably yawn and ask the price of fresh storage eggs in your neighborhood as a reply. The great Mexican issue is dead. Tho in saying that we may speak ill-advisedly, not having seen one of Mr. Hearst's papers for a week.

Will You Be In Next Year's Group Of Graduates?

HERE ARE TWO CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRADUATING STUDENTS OF THE RAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

RAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (NEW YORK)

In 1911 the first Full Time Resident Student Class was organized with about six students. Each succeeding year has seen the Full Time Class grow until today the School's capacity is taxed and the Alumnae are seriously considering the raising of a fund to build a large modern University Building for the School.

Not only have the number of students increased from year to year, but the curriculum of studies today embraces a larger field than ever before.



1912-1913 CLASS. The second Full Time Class of the School.

Among those in this group are Stephen J. Mahoney, of Buffalo, N. Y., recent Socialist candidate for Lieutenant Governor; James J. Kelly, sepaaker and organizer in New England States; Walter J. Cook, State Organizer in N. Carolina, S. Carolina and Georgia; D. Pollock, Organizer Metal Polishers' Union; John P. Burke, former State Secretary of the Party in New Hampshire and now an official of the Pulp Workers Union; Sigmund Haiman, official Int. Ladies Garment Workers Union; Sadie Oxhandler, Book-keeper The Rand School, and Max Sherover, who is now on the staff of The American Socialist.



1915-1916 CLASS.

Man in upper left row is a Chinese Revolutionist and is now a member of Parliament in the Chinese Republic. The first man in the second left row is Algernon Lee, Educational Director of the Rand School and on the opposite end of the second row is Bertha M. Mailly, Executive Secretary of the Rand School of Social Science.

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As you will note from their ad in another column of this paper they are manufacturing something almost every comrade uses, overalls and coats. We do not doubt that every one of us will patronize our own comrades instead of feeding our enemies. We wish them the greatest success. The real victor is Roosevelt. He eliminated the Progressive Party, side-tracked the "strong man" of the Republican party, Hughes, while reinstating himself in the party, ready to run in 1920. Teeth are always on hand. Roosevelt is "ashamed of the American electorate." So are we. But what can you expect from a public that lets itself be so completely unbecome for fifteen years by such a fakir as Theodore? We are just men enough to hope that every near-Socialist who voted for Wilson will be found in the inevitable army of the unemployed which will be mobilized at the end of the European War.

CUT OUT THE "MOVIES"

The coal barons in the vicinity of Princeton, Ind., have an easy way of settling the high price question, at least as far as the coal situation is concerned. One of Princeton's coal barons told a committee of the Princeton city council that:

"If the people of Princeton spent less money going to the picture shows they would have more money to buy coal."

"The Democrat", one of Princeton's capitalist publications, asks, "Why this could be used as an argument in favor of advancing the price of fuel to hitherto unknown prices, he did not state."

The Princetonites are especially sore because coal consumers in other mining towns in the vicinity are receiving their fuel much cheaper. The Princeton coal barons must have thrown overboard all semblance of local patriotism in their desire for profits.

When they urge the Princeton coal consumers to cut out the "movies", they but echo the advice of the profiteers in other cities. The war profiteers of Milwaukee, for instance, advised the workers of that city not only to stop going to the "movies" but to live on "sauerkraut and sausages" instead of having something more palatable occasionally. The workers are not going to pay any attention to the advice of their exploiters. They are going to demand that the exploiters get off their backs. When the profit system has been wiped out and the workers get what they produce, then they will not only attend the "movies" but be in a position to take in real shows. And there will be no master class to chide them about it.

THE OKLAHOMA CAMPAIGN.

Shakespeare, Bill Nye or somebody else once said in a romantic moment, "Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." We might apply this saying, altered to fit the occasion, to the Oklahoma campaign. Altho results did not come up to expectations the socialists of the breezy southwestern state have the satisfaction of knowing that they put up a campaign. They let the enemy know they were in the race every minute of the time. That they could not capture the state in one campaign is not surprising, but they made socialism a live issue and that itself was worth while. If we had about forty eight states like Oklahoma we would jar this country from Wall street to the turrets of the Santa Diego fair.

HIS WHISKERS WILL FADE.

Some people who are still wearing tin elephants in their button holes may not believe it but when the history of this country is written Debs will be a larger figure than Hughes.

WILSON UP TO EXPECTATIONS.

Laboring men who voted for what they didn't want when they cast their ballot for Wilson are liable to get it sooner than they had expected. Word comes that the American Federation of Labor is greatly agitated because Wilson is proposing the Canadian method of arbitration for railroad men. This is compulsory arbitration before a tribunal, which sees to it that the workmen get the worst of it. Under this law strikes are outlawed and the workers with a grievance are put to sleep by arbitration. That is what might have been expected of Wilson the radical. No doubt the president was sincere in advocating the Adamson law, particularly as he was a candidate for re-election, but we must not forget that Wilson is a thoroughgoing capitalist and that rather than see anything so mussy as a strike he would advocate arbitration of most any kind.

According to the reports just received from National Committeeman Franklin Pimbley, of Florida, the Socialist vote this year showed an increase of 3,008 over four years ago, as follows: 1916, Benson, 7,814; 1912, Debs, 4,806.

We made a slight gain in Rhode Island, the vote this year for Benson being 2,433 as compared to 2,043 votes for Debs in 1912.

PAT QUINLAN FREE AT LAST

At last poor Pat Quinlan has been released. But not until the prison dogs that serve the masters had seen that he had tuberculosis. The judges who sent him up, when he is innocent, are murderers.

Another attempt has been made to assassinate Rakowsky, the recognized leader of the organized workers and Socialists of Roumania. This is the third attempt made on his life, the two previous assaults having occurred during 1907 when the Roumanian peasants revolted and defended their cause in Bukarest and other places. In each instance the militarists made the attacks. A later report says that Rakowsky has been thrown into prison to "insure" his safety.

A FOREIGNERS VIEW OF OUR OWN H. C. OF L.

"In Australia we believe that a government which cannot control prices for the benefit of the people is not living up to its obligations as a democracy."

These are the words of Patrick E. Quinn, government commissioner for New South Wales, in an address in this country. This utterance is especially timely when prices of all staple food products have soared to unprecedented figures and the United States government is, or pretends to be, unable to impose a limit.

Three causes are generally cited for the present soaring of prices—crop shortage, increased exports, and speculation. Of these the first is more apparent than real. No one claims that there is any shortage in the egg, milk, butter, meat and coal "crops". Moreover it is probable that enough staples of all kinds were produced this year in this country to supply all our needs. With regulation of exports and speculation, it seems that Congress could take immediate remedial action if so disposed. What Australia has done in similar conditions as outlined by Mr. Quinn is encouraging.

"With speculators holding a gun to the heads of the American people, your situation seems to demand drastic measures," said the Australian expert. "The storing of eggs, butter, meat, poultry and like foodstuffs to boost prices is only less criminal than the destruction of food to keep the market up, such as I have seen in San Francisco. I don't want to appear nosy about the affairs of a country whose guest I am, but when I see high prices in the United States, where there is no regulation, and compare it with the reasonable prices obtaining in my own country of New South Wales, where food prices are controlled by the government, it is a strong temptation to say: 'Go thou and do likewise'."

"Thanks to our control system housewives in Sidney and other large cities pay about 25 cents a dozen for the best eggs. Can you imagine that for the best eggs here? No, but there is no legitimate reason why it shouldn't be. 'Your American egg barons would like to hit me with some of their storage goods for saying it, no doubt, but the reason eggs are not 25 cents here is that the speculators are holding a pistol to the consumer's head. There is plenty of food of all kinds in the United States. The speculators have got dealers and consumers by the throat. They have raised the false cry of heavy exports on account of the war' and then have boosted prices on that artificial theory. This is a situation which could not exist in New South Wales."

"Can you imagine a two-pound loaf of bread selling in the United States for 7 cents? I think not. Yet that is what the Australian state bakeries do. 'Take a spool of common thread. In Australia the housewife gets 3,000 yards for a nickel. The American housewife gets 1,000. This is all the more remarkable when you consider that all our cotton must be shipped from England or America as we grow none there."

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