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FALL IN OR FALL OUT

By George R. Kirkpatrick

WE were right.

We were scientifically correct.

And we are right now.

In our analysis of capitalist society, even in anticipating the great capitalist World War—and in foreseeing the death of faith and the rise of deadening hatreds and the mountains of lies that now weigh down the world wearing the proud name "diplomacy"—right in foreseeing the present world-wide drift of capitalism staggering to its collapse and self-destruction—in all this we were right and we are right.

You see, comrade, we have a philosophy, a really sound social philosophy. We can and we do explain Social Development. We were not surprised and we are not now surprised—because, using a sound philosophy, we could foresee and we now foresee. "To see is to foresee."

Socialists, in fact, stand before the world today jealously acknowledged to be the most studious and the best informed international group in all the hundreds of millions of the world's working class. The working class of the civilized world now begins to understand the outlines of the workers' past, the fundamentals of the workers' present problems and tasks, and begins to intelligently read the warnings and guide-posts for the workers' safe, sound and swift development and self-protection for the thrilling years looming vast and deep with meaning, with freedom, with inspiring increase of justice—right ahead of us. Now, therefore, at last, the working class begins to guide itself

and protect itself—not in confusing anger and blinding rage, but by the star of reason, fact, knowledge; and hence now:

A new era dawns.

No longer are the workers helpless in hopeless ignorance.

No longer are the workers tongueless in voiceless despair.

No longer are the workers lightless, sightless, guideless, leaderless in the dismal swamp of ignorance.

They have found knowledge.

And the Socialists of the world have developed that knowledge, the Socialists have interpreted that knowledge, and the Socialists have spread that knowledge which is now urging and guiding the workers of the world to vast new policies, new programs and new achievements in the present splendid dawn of the new era for the workers, the era of knowledge. It is the truth. This has been the work of the Socialists. Industrial freedom for the goal and knowledge for the guide—these are the supreme contributions of the Socialists for the new era.

Three-quarters of a hundred years ago the crowned and the goldlined tyrants of all Europe instantly sensed the Socialists as the enemy, armed then (as armed now) with knowledge of the workers by the workers for the workers. And today by tyrants we are more hotly hated than ever before. And now, at last, at last, we, the Socialists, are also increasingly

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CROOKS? CROOKS? CROOKS?

Crookedness natural?

Certainly—under capitalism. Naturally—under capitalism. Always—under capitalism. The American flag is naturally used to protect Tea Pot Domes. That's part of the system, the capitalist system. But was it not different in the old days—in the glorious days of the American Revolution and when our great men, "the Fathers," made our National Constitution? No. Not a bit different. Human nature then was like human nature is now. And in those old "glorious" days capitalism operated as a powerful, irresistible corrupting force, making 'politics' vile then as it is vile now, generating crookedness at the foundation of society.

The following amazingly frank paragraphs—from historians known the world over—should be carefully brought to the attention of every American school boy and girl. The paragraphs are taken from "With the Fathers", a book written by a man generally acknowledged to be America's greatest historian, Professor John Bach MacMaster, of the University of Pennsylvania, and from "Division and Reunion" by Woodrow Wilson. Let us read MacMaster first on the old time crookedness in the days of glory:

"In times like these (written in 1896) when the boss is everywhere, and when the high places of many state and municipal governments are filled by men who have secured them by methods greatly to be condemned, it may afford the honest citizen some consolation to know that these evils have always existed. Whoever reads the magazines and newspapers whoever listens to the oratory of the pulpit and the after-dinner speeches of the political reformers, is well aware of the existence of the widespread belief that politicians and legislators and public men are more corrupt today than they were in the times of our ancestors three generations ago, and that the cause of our political debasement is a free and unrestricted ballot. This, most unhappily, is a pure delusion. A very little study of long forgotten politics will suffice to show that in filibuster-

ing and gerrymandering, in stealing governorships and legislatures, in using force at the polls, in 'colonizing' and in distributing patronage to whom patronage is due, in all the frauds and tricks that go to make up the worst form of practical politics, the men who founded our State and National governments were always our equals and often our masters. Yet they lived in times when universal suffrage did not exist, and when the franchise was everywhere guarded by property and religious qualifications of the strictest kind... From the standpoint of those who, in our day, disapprove of universal suffrage, this ought to have been a time of great political purity. The office-holders were men of substance, while the qualifications for holding office increased with the dignity of the place. Yet it was, in truth, a period of great political depravity". MacMaster: "With the Fathers," pages 71-73, chapter on The Political Depravity of the Fathers.

The men who made our National Constitution, in secret convention in Philadelphia in 1787, and made the State Constitutions and the Governors and Judges and other "great men" in the days of Washington, Madison, Hamilton and Company—even those men were not morally stiff enough to resist the vast temptations under capitalism, which are part of capitalism.

And now read the following from the late President Woodrow Wilson, universally accepted among scholars as a high authority on American history, showing the corruptly selfish intention of those who founded the American Republic:

"The federal government was not by intention a democratic government. In plan and structure it had been meant to check the sweep and power of popular majorities. The Senate, it was believed, would be a stronghold of conservatism, if not of aristocracy and wealth. The President, it was expected, would be the choice of representative men acting in an electoral college, and not of the people... THE GOVERNMENT HAD, IN FACT, BEEN ORIGINATED AND ORGANIZED UPON THE INITIATIVE AND PRIMARILY IN THE INTEREST OF THE MERCANTILE AND WEALTHY CLASSES. Originally conceived in an effort to accommodate commercial disputes between the States, IT HAD BEEN URGED TO ADOPTION BY A MINORITY, UNDER THE CONCERTED AND AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP OF ABLE MEN REPRESENTING A RULING CLASS. The Federalists had on their side not only the power of convincing argument, but also the pressure of a strong

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appreciated—by the workers of the whole world.

And now, in this thrilling present, in this dawn of the new era, what shall we, the Socialists, do? Sit down and rock ourselves to sleep in dull and dangerous pride and vanity?—chloroform ourselves with flattering self-compliment? and ignorantly think: "Our work—it is finished?"

Never!

That—precisely that—would keenly please every dollar-lusting looter on earth. The rocking chair for us? Now?—just now when Labor needs and seeks more light? Now when Labor begins to get up off his knees and look boldly into his master's cruel eyes, not flinching, not afraid, not meekly, not even respectfully, but glaring into those hate-filled eyes with infinitely more courage than at any other time since, seventy-three years before Christ, the heroic Thracian slave, Spartacus, organized a mighty army of the proletariat and for two years defied and defeated the masters and defeated the armies of the vast Roman Empire! Sleep now?—just when the great day opens for which we have dreamed and toiled for long, long years? Now?—when we are needed more, even more, than ever before?

The working class of America—now about to enter the political arena as a class! That's new—new, dangerous and disastrous for the capitalist class. For well the masters know that

and intelligent class, possessed of unity and INFORMED BY A CONSCIOUS SOLIDARITY OF MATERIAL INTERESTS... There can be a moneyed aristocracy, but there can not be a moneyed democracy." Woodrow Wilson: *Division and Reunion*, pp. 12, 13.

So much for crookedness in the glorious days of the Fathers.

Today this nation blushes in keen shame over the putrid revelations being made in Washington. But the investigators seem to shy away from the Supreme Court. But that court is extremely human.

Remember that the admitted intention in giving judges large salaries and making their offices appointive and not elective is simply to protect the poor human flabby flesh of them against temptation.

It would be perfectly reasonable to expect to find rank crookedness even in the Supreme Court of the nation—under capitalism.

with their vast numbers, welded together with consciousness of class, with freedom as their goal, guided, but by a sound philosophy—they, the workers, can sweep the field and triumphantly demand justice.

Therefore every cunning seduction, every artful confusion, every resource known to tyrants, scoundrels and prostitutes will be stealthily used to wreck the ranks and plans of the workers' new army now about to march upon the political field of battle.

The situation amounts to a crisis. The situation is most extraordinary. And only extraordinary diligence, courage and tact, extraordinary clearness of vision, clearness of purpose, and clearness and cleanness of methods—will save the workers' new inspiring efforts from disaster—utter disaster—in this country.

The new effort is inevitable.

Disaster is also inevitable—unless the new effort is steadily penetrated and pervaded with understanding, understanding wide and deep, not simply a mere child's understanding that "something is wrong," but an understanding that something fundamental is wrong, wrong with the dominant purpose of the present order—an understanding of what is wrong and what fundamental means and fundamental methods and fundamentally sound leadership are necessary in this crisis in American politics.

The Socialists? "What shall we do now?" Every Socialist on guard!—busy and glad that the working class begins to move and that our work, our Party, our guiding philosophy are pricelessly necessary—now.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Socialist Congressman, Victor L. Berger, member of the executive committee of the Socialist International, right properly sends a message of congratulations to Jean Longuet, leader of the French Socialist Party, on the significance of the results of the French election. The message reads:

"Heartiest congratulations. The French Socialist party, which has been hit more by the war and war patriotism than any other in the civilized world except the American party, has redeemed itself. The French working class is following the example set by the proletariat of Great Britain. Socialism is marching again. Long live international solidarity."

Rising in Britain. Rising in France. Rising in Holland. Put your ear to the earth—and you will hear the deep rumble that now increasingly affrights the ruling class of the world.

TO REPEAL ESPIONAGE LAW

Congressman Victor L. Berger, on May 7, introduced House Bill 9109. Congressman Berger later commented upon the espionage law as follows:

Used Against Critics.

"On the face of it, this law would seem to apply to those who engage in espionage during war. As a matter of fact, however, it was used in the last war, and it will be used in the next war, not to punish espionage, but to punish and to silence those who venture any criticism of those responsible for war."

"The espionage act", he said, "was a clumsy imitation of the Alien and Sedition Act passed at the end of the 18th century during the administration of John Adams by the Federalist party." He recalled that the Alien and Sedition Act cost the Federalist party its existence, as it was wiped out completely and the Democratic party was born as a result of the opposition to those acts.

One Difference—in Penalty

"There is the difference between the Espionage Act and the Alien and the Sedition Act, however, although otherwise it is a true copy," he said. "In the Sedition Act of the 18th century the maximum penalty was three years imprisonment, while under the espionage act it was 20 years in the penitentiary. In the sedition act of the 18th century, the truth of a statement was admissible as a defense in court. In the Espionage Act, so-called, not only was a truth of a statement not admitted as a defense but it actually made the crime worse.

"Under this so-called Espionage Act, according to the report of the attorney general, not a single man or woman in the United States was ever convicted of being a German spy, that is, of trying to find out military secrets or having communication with the enemy.

"American citizens, however, many thousands of them, have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, some of them as long as 20 years in the penitentiary, for remarks made in private conversation about this war.

Crime to Speak

"It was a crime to say or write that the

World War was caused by commercial rivalry. To doubt that this was an idealistic war meant that the doubting Thomas was immediately arrested as a pro-German, or at least as a Socialist. Spokesmen of the Republican party in the United States Senate, however, now admit frankly that it was a war for commercial supremacy between Great Britain and Germany and a war for revenge on the part of France and nationalistic aggrandizement on the part of the Czar.

"Of the many who were convicted and imprisoned during the last war, the number who were even charged with actual espionage was almost negligible. In practically all cases, the 'crimes' of those convicted consisted of telling in private conversations and in public speeches and articles why the ruling interests of this nation plunged the people into a war for the private gain of those interests

Crime to Name Grafters.

"It was a crime during the war to point out that grafters and profiteers were cleaning up huge fortunes while the sons of the plain people were being led to slaughter. It was a crime, because the effect of conveying such information, now conceded to have been true in every particular, would be, perhaps, to cause disloyalty, certainly a disaffection for the war.

"By this process, those who called attention to crimes which congressional committees have since proved to have been committed during the war, were imprisoned, while those who committed the crimes continued to rob and plunder undisturbed, with their critics in jail.

"In permitting this law to remain on the statute books, Congress, which made possible most of the frauds that we perpetrated during the war by enacting the law, shows an intention to follow the same procedure, that of permitting the grafters to become enriched and of imprisoning those who dare tell the truth, in the event of another war."

LYING IN WAIT

Here's a two-minute, 2-cent-postage job for your to do—to be done today.

Like a hungry lion waiting to spring upon his prey, so the pages and pages of the sharp-toothed espionage legislation of war-time still lie—waiting—in the Federal statute books—waiting to be sprung upon protesting victims of capitalism whenever the time seems ripe and right for some more malignant persecution.

But, just now, the question is up in Congress: Shall this harsh and vicious war-time legislation be stricken from the Federal statutes? Our always busy Socialist Congressman, Victor L. Berger, has forced this question to the front, compelling consideration—by means of House Bill Number 9109 which proposes the repeal of the war-time espionage law. This bill was introduced May 7th and was referred to the Judiciary Committee. If it is not reported out at once it will not be reported out at all this session—and will die a "pigeon-hole" death. Of course it must be reported out of committee now—and reported out favorably.

So here is your chance to do something big—worthwhile. Fifty thousand stiff—and courteous—letters should be fired straight way to the Judiciary Committee at Washington, House Office Building. Here are their names. Write to some one of the members—and to the member from your own state—if any member happens to be from your state:

George S. Graham, Pennsylvania; Leonidas C. Dyer, Missouri; William D. Boies, Iowa; Charles A. Christopherson, S. Dakota; Richard Yates, Illinois; Ira G. Hersey, Maine; Israel M. Foster, Ohio; Earl C. Michener, Michigan; Andrew J. Hickey, Indiana; Nathan D. Perlman, New York; Oscar J. Larson, Minnesota; J. Banks Kurtz, Pennsylvania; Robert Y. Thomas, Jr., Kentucky; Hatton W. Summers, Texas; Andrew J. Montague, Virginia; James W. Wise, Georgia; John N. Tillman, Arkansas; Fred H. Dominick, South Carolina; Samuel C. Major, Missouri; Royal H. Weller, New York; Patrick B. O'Sullivan, Connecticut.

Now, come thru with that letter—and get three others to write likewise. Explain and urge. Our Congressman has done his part. You do yours. He can't get this bill thru if you are too lazy to come across with two minutes of co-operation.

Well, get your pen and paper.

CROOKS? INVESTIGATE THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Chief-Justice Taft is getting fifteen thousand dollars a year from the United States Treasury for his services as Chief-Justice. In addition to this he quite likely receives at least some income from properties owned by him and also for public addresses.

Certainly he has sufficient to live on without taking ten thousand dollars, quietly, very quietly, of the Carnegie slush—and thus disgracing the Supreme Court bench with the old steel king's carrion of "cash on the side."

That the Chief-Justice should take this money is utterly disgraceful, disgustingly low and cheap.

If a Bowery political deadbeat—in office—should act as badly the public would want him fired promptly. The poor devil would be stamped as a dirty deadbeat for taking big-tip money quietly on the side.

If, in addition to his public salary, Socialist Judge Panken were taking ten thousand a year on the side from East Side landlords of New York City whose cases come before him, two hundred thousand priests, preachers and rabbis would piously scream, "Shame! Shame! Crook! Crook! Crook!" And he would indeed look like a crook, he would be acting like a crook, a very cheap and stupid crook. The capitalist press would yell, "Crook!" The Chambers of Commerce, the Boards of Trade thruout the land would denounce him as a crook. Before thousands of audiences Chautauqua lecturers would demand Socialist Judge Panken's resignation as a weak, flabby, shyster and genuine crook.

Well, there stands Chief-Justice Taft. The press reports that he has been forced to admit that he has continued to take the ten thousand dollars of Carnegie money since he became Chief-Justice.

What is a crook?

Twenty-five million American school boys and girls want to know what a crook is—in office. Turn the lights on the Supreme Court. Investigate. Taft doesn't really need the ten thousand dollars extra money—everybody knows that. Well, then why was it quietly—so very quietly—handed to him? And why did he—and why does he—so quietly "take the money?"

Stand Republican Justice Taft and Socialist Judge Panken side by side and apply the same test for crooks to both of them.

THE INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY IN GREAT BRITAIN

By Philip Snowden, M. P.

Socialist Chancellor of the Exchequer

(Reprinted from "The New Leader")

London, April 27. — There would have been no Labor Party in Great Britain if there had been no Independent Labor Party. The I. L. P. was formed thirty-one years ago, and ever since it has carried on an unceasing propaganda for Socialism. It is affiliated to the Labor Party, but it maintains its identity and carries on its own special work, emphasizing Socialism as the objective of the working-class movement. As the Labor Party grew in numbers and influence it was thought that the necessity for the continued separate existence of the I. L. P. would disappear. But that has not been the case.

Notwithstanding the rise of local branches of the Labor Party, which do in a large measure the work which formerly was the monopoly of the I. L. P., the activities of the latter have been in no way diminished. Never in its history has the I. L. P. been more active, and never has its influence on the political life of the country been greater than it is today.

The Annual Conference of the I. L. P. assembled at York during the Easter week-end. In preparation for that conference the National Council has just published the report of the past year's work of the party, and it is indeed a striking record of "something attempted, something done."

The control and management of the I. L. P. has in recent years passed into the hands of new and younger men. The pioneers of the I. L. P. have passed away by death or have become absorbed in Parliamentary work. Keir Hardie and Bruce Glasier, the two men who beyond all others helped to make the I. L. P., are dead, but their works follow them. Comrade Ramsay MacDonald relinquished his office on the National Council to assume the position of Prime Minister. For twenty years I sat upon the council of the party, and for six years was the national chairman. I am now too fully occupied in dealing with the national finances of Great Britain to give any time to the work of the I. L. P.

The I. L. P. Is the Government.

No less than twenty-seven members of the present Government are members of the I. L. P. All of these

have been active propagandists of the party. No less than 129 of the 192 members of the Parliamentary Labor Party are members of the I. L. P. When the I. L. P. Conference last met in York twenty years ago the party had only one member in Parliament. The history of the world Labor movement provides no other example of such wonderful progress. And the credit for this undoubtedly belongs to the I. L. P.

The young men who now control the I. L. P. are doing wonderfully well. When we older men relinquished the administration of the party to their hands two years ago we were somewhat alarmed at the audacity of their ambitions. They embarked on schemes of expenditure which we doubted they would be able to finance and carry through; but they have so far succeeded beyond all expectations. They removed the offices to larger premises and greatly increased the staff. They transferred the old Labor Leader from Manchester to London and remodeled it altogether. This journal has now a weekly circulation of over 60,000 copies and is the only Labor or Socialist journal in England which is paying its way. The literature department of the party has been reorganized and is likely to become a financial asset rather than a liability. The party owns its own printing works, and these are within sight of becoming a source of income to the party.

135 New Branches

A year ago there were 637 branches of the I. L. P. in Great Britain. At present there are 772 branches, and since December of last year 131 new branches have been formed. The best index of the progress of the party is given by the affiliation fees sent by the branches to the head office. In the previous year these fees amounted to £ 1,997, and last year to £ 2,587. The income from this source has only once before reached this figure. In addition to this income sent by the branches in affiliation fees, the branches contributed during the year a sum of £1,856 to the Special Effort Fund. These sums represent only a small part of the money raised by the local branches for the work of the party.



SILENCE!

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK



LINCOLN

Henry Ford's net-profit income is 6,000 TIMES as large as President Abraham Lincoln's income.

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Fifteen years hence Henry Ford will be dead and his son Edsel's income will be at least 12,000 TIMES President Lincoln's income.

Henry Ford's present annual net-profit income is equal to the total annual incomes of 60 PER CENT OF THE ENTIRE UNION ARMY during the three years of heaviest fighting in the American Civil War, and is 8 TIMES as large as the total annual income of the 60,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS butchered in the World War.

And this is legal and constitutional and cunningly protected by the American flag—under Capitalism, as part of Capitalism, now nearly ripe.

THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC ROTTS WITH INEQUITY, AND ROTTS WITH INCREASING RAPIDITY. THEREFORE ARE

ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY { **300,000 INTELLECTUAL PROSTITUTES TO** create a very special public opinion on *one particular subject*—the subject of Distribution under the wage-and-profit Capitalist System of Industry; 300,000 intellectual prostitutes to chloroform Labor and paralyze the mind of the nation's youth on the subject of justice in distribution—to defend Capitalism, to *varnish or conceal* the fundamental nature of Capitalism; 300,000 intellectual prostitutes to lick the shoes of America's industrial masters by serving as **CREATORS OF PUBLIC OPINION** (as editors, teachers, preachers and lecturers) in defense of the Capitalist System, even tho in doing so they *must insult themselves*, must (at least privately) admit their prostitution—even as the poor painted street-walker admits hers, openly.

Mr. Rocketteller's income (according to very high authority) is \$105,000,000 a year—which is just equal to the total fortune of Commodore Vanderbilt fifty years ago, the then largest fortune in America. (See Roger W. Babson, *The Mentor Magazine*, November 1921). Mr. Rockefeller's fortune is equivalent to 800 pounds of gold every half mile from Boston, Massachusetts to Salt Lake City, Utah. These facts of American Plutocracy (which now rides and rules the nation) *illustrate* the Capitalist System of Industry—as it now *rotts the nation's foundations* with its **LEGALIZED INEQUITY IN DISTRIBUTION**.

☞ Intellectual prostitution is now the **FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE** against the *Second American Revolution*. ☞

On **ONE** subject **MOST** people are cunningly taught a lie, a huge and hollow lie, a silly and solemn lie. And that lie (*repeated millions of times a year* by shameless intellectual prostitutes) that brain-poisoning lie is:

“Brains and ability and ‘good hard work’ determine rewards—incomes—under the present wage-and-profit Capitalist System of Industry.”

A SAMPLE OF POISON— from a king among the boot-lickers:

"I do not mean to imply that from a strictly commercial standpoint our business men have been overpaid for their services."—Ex-President Arthur Twining Hadley, LL.D., of Yale University: *Economic Problems of Democracy*, page 141.

Like a paralyzing venom from a serpent's fang this paralyzing lie is thrust into the brain of the nation's youth, and tens of millions of these easily deceived young people grow up to serfdom.—**THUS STUNG BLIND**—mentally helpless, confused, swamped in ignorance *on the subject of industrial justice*, thus brain-darkened, they toil on till death, contented in that ignorance; and all their lives they thoughtlessly repeat the cunning fraud, "*Rewards are determined by brains and ability and hard work.*"—as thoughtlessly as a parrot repeats, "Polly wants a cracker."

Mr. Ford's net-profit income equals the total wage-and-salary income of his 80,000 **SLAVES**. **THAT** fact has a 'dangerous' power—an arousing power—if it reaches the common people. Such a fact simply must be concealed or varnished. Now, ask the 'brilliant' editor how *he* explains such a monstrous but legalized inequity? He explains it—varnishes it—by means of the carefully polished, wonder-working chestnut: "*Rewards are according to brains and ability.*" But wait a moment.

Henry Ford's net-profit income is equal to the total salary incomes of 10,000 of the 'brainiest', best-working, best-paid editors in America—averaging \$15,000 each. Now ask the *same* editor to explain *that* with his over-worked chestnut about 'rewards according to brains and ability.' Watch him blush. Poor prostitute. Watch him squirm—and lie. Prideless, salaried serf with a rented brain, he must *lie or lose*—lose his job.

Scores of Thousands of Educators explain the amazing inequities which rest firmly on the flag and the Federal Constitution—explain them with the same brain-poisoning chestnut: "*Rewards are according to brains and ability.*" But Henry Ford's net profit annual income is equal to the total annual salary income of 15,000 of the best-paid educators in America, averaging \$10,000 each. These 15,000 learned men and women include all of the 500 university and college presidents, 10,000 of the most distinguished professors, and 4,500 of the leading city school principals and superintendents. On distribution they must *lie, or lose—or keep silent.*

Scores of thousands of preachers, priests and rabbis piously paralyze the multitude on the subject by means of the same wonder-working chestnut, teaching that "the Lord has specially gifted and selected the masters of industry for their part," and that, "on the whole, 'rewards are according to brains and ability and good hard work'." But wait: Henry Ford's net-profit annual income is equal to the total annual income of 50,000 of the best-paid ministers in America, averaging \$3,000 each. Many of these men are eager to tell the truth, but on distribution they must *lie or lose—or keep silent.*

Lecturers, a Host of Popular Lecturers on the Chautauqua and Winter-Lyceum platform artfully spread the poisonous piffle that rewards are determined by brains and ability, and the gullible common people applaud with "That's so! Hurrah for our equal opportunity in America where justice reigns!" But Henry Ford's annual net-profit income is equal to 10 **TIMES** the total incomes of 1,000 **LECTURERS** winning \$15,000 each year.—On distribution they also must lie, or lose—or keep silent.

The Movie, the Radio, and the Regular Drama—are also used to divert the people's attention or to paralyze the humble multitude on legalized inequity under the Capitalist System of Industry.

Thus the wells and springs of Truth about the legalized Constitutionalized SYSTEM of Injustice are DRIED UP.

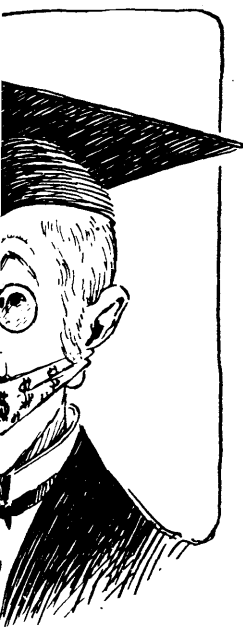
THE FINAL STAGE OF CAPITALISM. The Capitalist System now **PYRAMIDS** its power and injustice—and staggers to its collapse. We



had 6,000 millionaires at the close of the nineteenth century, yet only one millionaire was produced in this country during the *first forty years* of the nation's history. In one recent year (1916) this country produced 7925 millionaires and multi-millionaires; that is, 7925 times as many millionaires and multi-millionaires in one recent year as were produced during the *first forty years* of our country's history—as shown by the Federal Government Income Tax Reports and as admitted (and glossed over) editorially, even by the plutocratic *New York Times*, December 5, 1917.

Forty years ago this fortune-piling Capitalist System in America began especially to PILE UP AND PYRAMID the plutocrats' power to seize the nation's throat.

Commodore Vanderbilt amassed \$105,000,000 in FIFTEEN years. Of this he willed \$90,000,000 to his favorite son William K. Within *seven years* William K. Vanderbilt had almost doubled his gift of 90 millions, showing thus the PYRAMIDING power, under Capitalism—as it now rapidly ripens and rots. Today we have not fewer than 25,000 millionaires and multi-millionaires. Cunningly they *and their class* arrange silencing pensions for college professors, make handsome gifts to the public and to colleges and universities from their legalized plunder, control city boards of education, university and college boards of trustees, church trustee boards, and



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thus get themselves fulsomely puffed and praised—whitewashed—before the gullible. Likewise by stained gifts to charity and the church—“all in the name of the Lord and patriotism”—they have the public almost hopelessly confused.

And thus the curtain of flattery covers the violent inequities of Capitalism; while the doors of opportunity close before millions of worthy American youth.

All the mills, all the mines, all the railways, all the forests, all the splen-

did machinery — THE TOTAL INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION AND EQUIPMENT OF PRESENT SOCIETY—all these things will become the PRIVATE property of the children of the present capitalist class—by the laws of property inheritance—whether those children have large brains or small brains, poor brains or good brains. That will be their “reward” for being the children of the EMPLOYER CLASS. That will be their INHERITED plunder, INHERITED power, INHERITED privilege.

BRAINS OR NO BRAINS THE CHILDREN OF THE PRESENT CAPITALIST CLASS HAVE A MORTGAGE ON THE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE FUTURE. THE “RACE FOR SUCCESS” IS ALREADY WON—BY THESE CHILDREN—BRAINS OR NO BRAINS.

AND THE RACE IS ALREADY LOST BY THE CHILDREN OF THE WORKING CLASS—BRAINS OR NO BRAINS.

Thus the dice of life are loaded against the children of the working class.

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A SAMPLE OF POISON—from a king among the boot-lickers:

"I do not mean to imply that from a strictly commercial standpoint our business men have been overpaid for their services."—Ex-President Arthur Twining Hadley, LL.D., of Yale University: *Economic Problems of Democracy*, page 141.

Like a paralyzing venom from a serpent's fang this paralyzing lie is thrust into the brain of the nation's youth, and tens of millions of these easily deceived young people grow up to serfdom.—THUS STUNG BLIND—mentally helpless, confused, swamped in ignorance on the subject of industrial justice, thus brain-darkened, they toil on till death, contented in that ignorance; and all their lives they thoughtlessly repeat the cunning fraud, "Rewards are determined by brains and ability and hard work,"—as thoughtlessly as a parrot repeats, "Polly wants a cracker."

Mr. Ford's net-profit income equals the total wage-and-salary income of his 80,000 SLAVES. THAT fact has a 'dangerous' power—an arousing power—if it reaches the common people. Such a fact simply must be concealed or varnished. Now, ask the 'brilliant' editor how he explains such a monstrous but legalized inequity? He explains it—varnishes it—by means of the carefully polished, wonder-working chestnut: "Rewards are according to brains and ability." But wait a moment.

Henry Ford's net-profit income is equal to the total salary incomes of 10,000 of the 'brainiest', best-working, best-paid editors in America—averaging \$15,000 each. Now ask the same editor to explain that with his over-worked chestnut about 'rewards according to brains and ability.' Watch him blush. Poor prostitute. Watch him squirm—and lie. Prideless, salaried serf with a rented brain, he must lie or lose—lose his job.

Scores of Thousands of Educators explain the amazing inequities which rest firmly on the flag and the Federal Constitution—explain them with the same brain-poisoning chestnut: "Rewards are according to brains and ability." But Henry Ford's net profit annual income is equal to the total annual salary income of 15,000 of the best-paid educators in America, averaging \$10,000 each. These 15,000 learned men and women include all of the 500 university and college presidents, 10,000 of the most distinguished professors, and 4,500 of the leading city school principals and superintendents. On distribution they must lie, or lose—or keep silent.

Scores of thousands of preachers, priests and rabbis piously paralyze the multitude on the subject by means of the same wonder-working chestnut, teaching that "the Lord has specially gifted and selected the masters of industry for their part," and that, "on the whole, 'rewards are according to brains and ability and good hard work'." But wait: Henry Ford's net-profit annual income is equal to the total annual income of 50,000 of the best-paid ministers in America, averaging \$3,000 each. Many of these men are eager to tell the truth, but on distribution they must lie or lose—or keep silent.

Lecturers, a Host of Popular Lecturers on the Chautauqua and Winter-Lyceum platform artfully spread the poisonous piffle that rewards are determined by brains and ability, and the gullible common people applaud with "That's so! Hurrah for our equal opportunity in America where justice reigns!" But Henry Ford's annual net-profit income is equal to 10 TIMES the total incomes of 1,000 LECTURERS winning \$15,000 each year.—On distribution they also must lie, or lose—or keep silent.

The Movie, the Radio, and the Regular Drama—are also used to divert the people's attention or to paralyze the humble multitude on legalized inequity under the Capitalist System of Industry.

Thus the wells and springs of Truth about the legalized Constitutionalized SYSTEM of Injustice are DRIED UP.

THE FINAL STAGE OF CAPITALISM. The Capitalist System now PYRAMIDS its power and injustice—and staggers to its collapse. We

had 6,000 millionaires at the close of the nineteenth century, yet only one millionaire was produced in this country during the first forty years of the nation's history. In one recent year (1916) this country produced 7925 millionaires and multi-millionaires; that is, 7925 times as many millionaires and multi-millionaires in one recent year as were produced during the first forty years of our country's history—as shown by the Federal Government Income Tax Reports and as admitted (and glossed over) editorially, even by the plutocratic *New York Times*, December 5, 1917.

Forty years ago this fortune-piling Capitalist System in America began especially to PILE UP AND PYRAMID the plutocrats' power to seize the nation's throat.

Commodore Vanderbilt amassed \$105,000,000 in FIFTEEN years. Of this he willed \$90,000,000 to his favorite son William K. Within seven years William K. Vanderbilt had almost doubled his gift of 90 millions, showing thus the PYRAMIDING power, under Capitalism—as it now rapidly ripens and rots. Today we have not fewer than 25,000 millionaires and multi-millionaires. Cunningly they and their class arrange silencing pensions for college professors, make handsome gifts to the public and to colleges and universities from their legalized plunder, control city boards of education, university and college boards of trustees, church trustee boards, and thus get themselves fulsomely puffed and praised—whitewashed—before the gullible. Likewise by stained gifts to charity and the church—"all in the name of the Lord and patriotism"—they have the public almost hopelessly confused.

And thus the curtain of flattery covers the violent inequities of Capitalism; while the doors of opportunity close before millions of worthy American youth.

All the mills, all the mines, all the railways, all the forests, all the splen-

did machinery — THE TOTAL INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION AND EQUIPMENT OF PRESENT SOCIETY—all these things will become the PRIVATE property of the children of the present capitalist class—by the laws of property inheritance—whether those children have large brains or small brains, poor brains or good brains. That will be their "reward" for being the children of the EMPLOYER CLASS. That will be their INHERITED plunder, INHERITED power, INHERITED privilege.

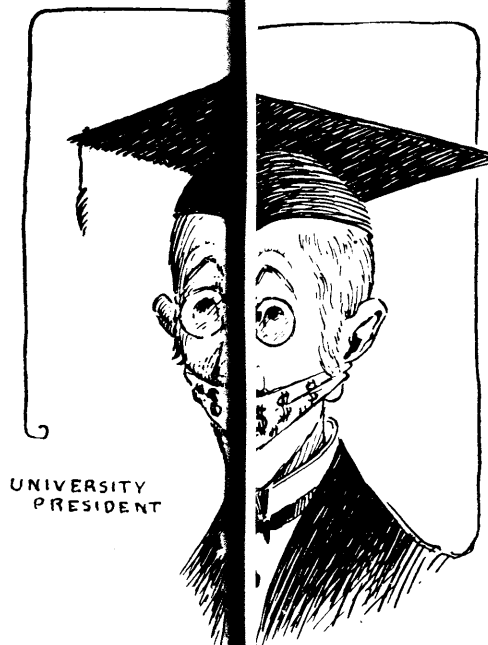
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As long as Capitalism lasts the workers will be chloroformed with lies and flattery, if possible, and if they rouse and demand THEIR FULL SHARE OF LIFE they will be STARVED, JAILED or SHOT. Only by UNITING their vast CLASS might are the workers invincible.

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The Socialist Party and its candidates stand for a new deal, for the industrial reconstruction of society, for the *socialization* of the ownership and control of the industrial foundations of society—stand for production *for social service*, instead of for *profits for a ruling class* of industrial ceasars and parasites.

Society is now split into TWO CLASSES, industrial classes—split by PRIVATE ownership of the industrial FOUNDATIONS of society. And the supreme problem in the "practical politics" of our time is—the freeing of the working class from the strangling clutches of the capitalist class.

THE SUPREME QUESTION (Stated by an unsilenced Professor)

"If I may venture an opinion as to the most important question of political economy before the American people, it is this: Shall the chief and controlling means of production in the United States, including mineral and forest resources, water-power sites, railroads and means of communication, patent rights, and the enormous funds of loanable capital, be owned by a billionaire four hundred, who, in virtue of such ownership, will be able for all practical purposes to own a hundred or more millions of us ordinary human beings; or shall we ordinary human beings, in our collective capacity own the means of production ourselves, and proceed to work out the reality of a democratic republic?—Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, Ph. D., LL.D., Head Professor of Social Science, Columbia University (in a letter to the writer of "Silence", April 9, 1910.)

*No wrong can live long, if we all DISCUSS it.
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Dear Comrades:

The problem is simple.
The problem is:

How can we each month—in June, July and August reach 2,500,000 American people with a vitalizing message—and do the same thing perhaps each week in September and October—and do this with the very least possible expense?

With books? Hardly. Most Americans do not read books. Moreover, books are very expensive.

With booklets? Booklets will help much; and they will help still more if printed attractively. Not otherwise. We shall do what can be done—shall we not?

With newspapers? In some ways newspapers are incomparable weapons. Get busy.

With speeches? Well, if our meetings are conducted in the usual way we shall, of course, reach a good many people—tho not millions. But if our meetings are intelligently—and persistently—used not only to get the speaker's message across but also to discover, resurrect, wake up, enlist, pledge, swear in and put to work one, or two or a half dozen, or more "old timers" (and new workers), if our meetings, all of them, are thus used AS ENLISTMENT STATIONS for the campaign—we shall soon be reaching 2,500,000 regularly, every round. Think it over.

We must have 500 local campaign committees, and they must be rapidly enlarged—so that we can use our chief weapon, and any other weapons we may have.

And what, indeed, is our chief weapon?

The Leaflet—that's our best weapon. Incomparably best because we can effectively reach 5,000 people (an immense audience) with an expense of \$5, or less.

Oh, I don't mean the usual 5 by 7 inch leaflet so mournfully ordinary in appearance. Speaking with religious frankness: Comrade, the average leaflet isn't worth a—! The average leaflet is indeed important in matter and thoroughly well written; but it looks like a literary weasel, and is neglected—or despised—by almost everybody to whom it is offered, read thru by few, read carefully by fewer—and

never handed around with keen interest for others to read. Such leaflets are expensive, very expensive, at any price, no matter how low-priced—simply because they are not taken seriously and get nowhere. Speaking for myself, I rarely buy them, rarely read them and rarely distribute them. Of course they should be read—but they aren't. They look so uninteresting.

Get this straight: A leaflet should be—must be—so attractive to the eye that it will be held in the fingers till it begins to take hold of the mind. And that is the kind of leaflet now planned for your use in the campaign, a leaflet that the old timers, and the new recruits, will gladly help you pay for and take keen pleasure in distributing. These new leaflets will cost twice as much as the usual leaflets, but they will do far more real work—will be received with interest, read carefully, and handed around (and around) for others—and still others—to read.

Hearty co-operation in writing these leaflets on suitable subjects for this campaign is requested and expected. Writers (as well as distributors) will be expected to help.

The prices are given at the close of the leaflet, printed in this issue of *The World*, page 10.

To make it possible to sell the leaflet at these prices we must place with the printer an order for not fewer than 100,000,—to get the advantage of a large 'single-run'.

Come on, comrades, if you wish. Try the experiment. You can't lose.

Let us by means of this leaflet, "Silence," make our first attack on the intellectual prostitutes who so shamelessly serve the ruling class in keeping the working class dully contented with monstrous injustice, too dully contented to resent the most appalling, plutocratic insolence the world has ever known. **The workers must first understand their betrayers.** Get some ammunition, lads (and lasses) and shell the woods—and drive these soft-spoken cookoos out into the open where the workers can see what prideless bootlicking "birds" they are, how dangerously unreliable they are.

The number of "Silence" actually ordered on or before June 20 will be the precise number printed. If you want in come in—but come now.

With all my heart,

George R. Kirkpatrick

Manager Department of Literature

TO GET ACROSS WE MUST 'COME ACROSS'

One way the National Office knows the first of the month is at hand is the receipt—the un-failing receipt—of a letter from a comrade living in Chesterfield, Missouri. It always contains a gift of five dollars, but now and then it contains more than that. This is the latest message from him:

"I can spare a little money this month, and I send you herewith \$30.00—\$5.00 for office expenses and \$25.00 to apply on your traveling expenses to Cleveland.

"I noticed in the paper that you are one of the national delegates to the convention on July 4th. This may be the most memorable day in the history of the United States since the Declaration of Independence, or as there has been war between patricians, and plebeians since immemorial times it may be the greatest year for the advancement of mankind since Pharaoh Tut. I hope that America will not be behind England, South and West Australia and Denmark."

Eugene Muehleemann

Clearness of vision, a heart of gold, a fellowship that flowers into practical activity—that's Eugene Muehleemann, of Missouri. That comrade reads labor news, more than that he studies the labor news, watches Russia, England—watches the world of labor, sees the rising tide of protest and the increase of labor's courage to make demands. That thoughtful Missouri comrade knows perfectly well that at Cleveland, only two months hence—American labor may enter upon a new era of development. Policies and programs may be launched of such a nature as to arrest and befog, bewilder and discourage American labor for many years to come. He knows also that policies and programs may there be laid down as a solid foundation for labor growth, labor activity and labor effort, such as will inspire and thrill the hearts of millions of American workers. He knows that these policies and programs must be evolved not in secret caucuses in hotel bedrooms by a knowing over-wise few—but in a great council out in the open convention where all may contribute and all may learn, every shade of opinion being truly represented, not weakly but vigorously. The convention must be a convention of full delegations.

Such a convention involves expenses. And

gladly, unsolicited, unteased, dear Muehleemann "come across" with every dollar he can spare. He wants a great convention.

Comrades, if you want a full-delegation convention come thru—come thru—with the **ASSESSMENT STAMPS!**

From Helena Turitz, Secretary of the New England States Organization, has come an urgent appeal that all comrades in New England who will volunteer to speak anywhere in the New England District for their expenses—shall report their names and addresses at once to her—at 64 Pemberton Square, Boston. Do it now, comrades.

THOSE LOCAL COMMITTEES

A committee is an invention, a social device for enabling people to act together. A local campaign committee is an invention, a social device thru which a local group can effectively perform a local function, and can, if desired, at the same time perform part of a general function, a larger work. When scores of hundreds of these local committees are linked together by attachment to the National Office, we have a national piece of machinery.

Now, comrade, are you somewhat of an inventor—competent to do your part in assembling your part of the national machinery necessary for a national campaign? Are you competent and willing to assemble a few fellow workers into a local campaign committee and have it attached to the National Office and thus made into the national campaign machine? Without local committees and co-ordinated effort the National Office and the National Executive Committee cannot go ahead with the efficiency that will please you and really promote the national campaign in a wide strong way.

The local committee is simply a necessity. Try your head—and your heart—at forming a local committee for your locality—won't you? If there were no locals, no campaign committees and no co-ordinated effort, then there would be no news for you on what's doing—or what's going to be done;—simply because there could be little doing, little going on, no effective doing and planning without the local parts of the national machinery for accomplishing the many things called a national campaign.

'Buck up, buck up'—and let's be well ready for doing big things and doing them soon. What do you say?

A GLIMPSE OF THE FIELD

By Esther Friedman

The industrial conditions and financial stress out here in the Northwest are worse than can be understood by the mere reading about them.

The farmer is sinking deeper and deeper into bankruptcy. Foreclosure is the order of the day. The tenant farmer is on the increase and a state of serfdom stares him in the face. The erstwhile self-respecting, comfortable farmer will presently be a thing of the past.

An old comrade in Wyoming told a tragic and almost common place story when he explained why he failed to arrange my meeting. "I couldn't put my mind to it because I've been worried. After long years of hard labor," he explained, "I now find myself compelled to give up a large part of my land for over-due taxes. I could reconcile myself to this loss if my troubles ended there. But the interest on my mortgages has grown so heavy I fear I shall have to lose all my land. And, as you see, I am now an old man."

He was an old-time farmer who had been unafraid to express his Socialist convictions and was certain the bankers were pressing him because of his convictions. His two sons were more modern. Neither one could take charge of the meeting, he explained, because one was afraid of his job and the other would lose some trade in his business if he were to indicate any activity in Socialist work. The boss would fire the one and the bank and business patrons would crush the other.

The bold, assertive spirit of the pioneer—the one-time 'free' American could not survive in this generation of concentrated wealth and power and intensified wage-slavery. The spy system and the black-list are especially effective in these one-company towns—be they lumber, coal, copper, oil or money—to destroy the free spirit that once was the glory of America.

In Roundup, Montana, where an oil boom booms weakly, a mother of three small children confessed to me they hadn't a cent laid aside for a rainy day or a doctor. "We bought a car instead," she said. During her ten years of married life she had managed, through severe stinting, to save \$1400, with which they intended to buy a home. "The Bank shut down last year and we lost every cent."

The shabby clothing on the children, the

broken furniture and bare floors, as well as the cold house, were testimony to the painful thrift the woman had practiced.

"We pay for the car on monthly payments," she continued, "As long as my husband has work we'll pay and have as good a time as we can. When he loses his job they can take back the junk. But to save for a rainy day so the bankers can keep out of the wet—nothing doing!"

Be it remembered that this is not in hopeless, war-torn, ruined Germany—this is in victorious U. S. A.

This small town of a few thousand souls had supported three banks. The three have closed down and not a dollar was returned to the depositors.

In going through the mining towns one gets an uncanny feeling of passing a mortuary every time one passes a bank building. They are all closed. The green shades are drawn all the way down the windows and doors. It needs but little imagination to see the maddened miners and their wives and their children clamoring and banging on the locked doors for their savings wrung from years of hard toil and a stinted penurious existence.

To indicate a get-rich-quick shark one used to say in these parts: "He's an oil man!" Today the oil man has lost his high standing to the banker.

Politics in Montana is confusion confounded. A red herring is thrown across the path of the farmer and industrial worker in the guise of a Farmer-Labor Party.

The Farmer-Labor Party of Montana has been organized by a few men in Butte who call themselves Communists in order to capture the rising militant sentiment among the workers for the benefit of these self-appointed organizers.

Through the new camouflage they also hope to destroy the moral and political influence of the Socialist locals, many of which have lately been reorganized throughout the state.

In spite of these attempts our meetings are very well attended and the proceeds from collections and book sales invariably cover all local and speaker's expenses. Bearing in mind the poor wages paid, unemployment on the increase, and many workers moving away,

chasing the shadow of a job, the response is really an achievement.

The wounds caused by the party split are showing decided evidence of healing. Many comrades who had broken away during those distressing times are coming forward with an awakened interest and conciliation. This is true not only of those who had never made other affiliations, but also those who had attached themselves for a while to the 'revolutionary' party.

At the conclusion of the Great Falls meeting, several of these old-time comrades came forward and extended warmest greetings and expressed the hope that the rift would soon be altogether healed. Soon we found ourselves recalling great meetings, noble fighters, sterling workers, and how the heart sang and the spirit rejoiced as we folded thousands of leaflets for house to house distribution, arranged meetings, collected funds, and how happy we were in

the consciousness that we were serving a great human cause.

Old comrades are coming back here and there. In the smaller towns where there is no local we not infrequently get a few members at large who make a nucleus for a growing and active local.

A chain of speakers coming through regularly for the next six months would put the party in Montana and everywhere else back to its strength of 1912. It requires no keen vision today to see that the time is rotten ripe for a vital change.

We can come back stronger than we ever were. We can be happy again in our comradeship and rejoice in the performance of our glorious mission to make a better world.

But, it calls everyone of us to our task!

There must be no shirker!

Each of us must be up and doing for Socialism!

CALL THE BLUFF

Of course when local political and industrial masters of a city or village decide to use the courts and even the police and the jails to crush freedom of speech by arresting our speakers and breaking up our meetings, we are at a great disadvantage. Ordinarily there is left only the regular procedure for our speakers and local workers in such situations, and usually it is expensive business for our party. To illustrate, take the pending case in Kansas City, involving the rights of comrade Esther Friedman; our disadvantage there is such that we will have a total expense of \$1500 and that is a damagingly large sum; and it is important to keep in mind that we may after a costly season in court and after having perhaps, even "won the case"—in a fashion—we may be put thru the same costly course again, possibly in the near future, these attacks upon us always being easily made because of the readiness with which our enemies in power can, with malicious cunning, select an effective technicality upon which to base another case against us. Fifteen hundred dollars—even one hundred dollars—well, that's serious as the price of a possible victory—and probably an inadequate victory—for us in court.

Now, in this connection I venture to make a suggestion—or two.

If a permit is required for a meeting, and if, without a permit, we lose not only our meeting but also from \$50 to \$500 in expenses and

finer and loss of time,—why not do all possible to secure a permit? And having secured the permit, why not proceed with all reasonable care and tact (but not with cowardly dodging) to reach our audience with every bit of persuasion available in our resources, persuasion, too, not needlessly bitter? Is it—or is it not—better to speak with a permit and without a disastrously costly court case than not to speak at all?

But there are towns and small cities where narrow-brained officials are stupidly scornful of all rights, even refusing a permit, or, having given a permit, still without a shadow of "justification," make arrests and break up our meetings. In such situations what can we do?

Well, when "by order of the Mayor" I am about to be dragged from the speaker's stand to a filthy jail, here is what I should like to do. I should like to say:

"Officer, for the moment I discontinue my speech to this audience. But in a few minutes I hope to resume and finish what I had planned to say. Now, officer, while the audience and I wait here you will please go immediately to the telephone and call the Mayor—or the Chief of Police—and tell him that if this meeting is not permitted to proceed, if I am denied the right of freedom of speech and this audience is denied the right to hear, I shall go immediately to the telegraph office and order 500 copies of a Socialist book prepared very spe-

cially for just such towns as this. This book not only explains Socialism but also gives a brief account of the history of the working class and a particularly instructive chapter on the significance of freedom of speech, and that chapter is printed prominently to make sure it will be found and examined. These 500 books will come at once to this town and will be distributed free with an explanation of why they are distributed free. Every copy of the book contains also a prominently printed urgent request that every person who receives the book shall read it carefully and then promptly lend it to another person to read carefully and again re-lend to still another reader. Thus these 500 books will surely reach several thousand readers within the next sixty days and many of them will continue to do good work for years. Tell the Mayor that if you arrest me now or break up this meeting, you will simply create an extraordinary interest in this meeting and in this book, and thus you and the Mayor will be playing right into my hands—I shall thus reach thousands more than I can reach here and now in this speech from this platform. Now, officer, I and not you and not the Mayor have the whip hand in this contest. Call up the Mayor and get his decision. With all possible courtesy and with complete fairness to you, officer, I wish to continue speaking till you return from the telephone with the Mayor's decision.

"You had better call up the Mayor, of-

ficer. For the 500 books for free distribution will be ordered within ten minutes after the meeting is broken up—and they will come and they will be distributed and they will be read eagerly—if you now break up this meeting. Now, officer, be a sport. Call the Mayor or the Chief. It is your move—but we win."

Really, comrades, I am eager to see this method tried out, and here is a perfectly practical suggestion for having it at least tried out: I here and now agree to be one of 20 comrades each of whom will contribute \$10 for the fund of \$200 necessary to try out the plan. It seems to me the plan would be first class propaganda, it would also give increased courage, power and tactical advantage to our speakers. Our speakers should, of course, be entirely too cunning to go with chips on their shoulders 'looking for trouble'. But if we can give them some special advantage in their contests with local arrogant and ignorant officials, let us do it by all means.

Let me hear from you.

If you like the idea, come across and let's get busy. If, for this special purpose, \$190 or more comes into the National Office on or before June 20 the money will be used for this purpose and for this purpose only. If less than this amount is remitted for this purpose on or before June 20, these special remittances will be faithfully returned to the contributors on or before July 1. Shall we prepare to "call the bluff?"

The Labor and Socialist International

Men and Women Workers of all Countries!

Thirty-five years ago the International Socialist Congress in Paris established May Day for the purpose of demonstrating in favour of the Eight-Hour-Day. For a lifetime we have fought a hard and obstinate fight, step by step, towards our goal. We continue the struggle to-day so as to defend our conquest and to legalize internationally the Eight-Hour-Day. Within the next few months decisions will have been arrived at in many countries. Therefore this particular First of May is consecrated, in a greater degree than ever before to an **Eight-Hour-Day Demonstration**.

Ten years have passed since the disastrous world-war broke out. Ten years—and we are still without peace. Wounds caused by the war are still bleeding, devastated towns remain unbuilt, production has not yet regained its full activity. The world is still suffering not

only from the loss of twelve million lives, offered as a sacrifice to War, but also through millions of cripples, millions of hungry and starving people, millions of workless—all living witnesses of the folly of War. And, despite all this, the idea of a new War obtrudes itself. The occupation of the Ruhr by Poincaré and Ludendorff's dreams of revenge show how little has been learnt by imperialists on both sides. The possibility of war in the Balkans, once before the prelude to a world-catastrophe, is still more openly discussed. The world problems were not solved by the peace dictates of the imperialist victors. Democratic methods and the right of nations to self-determination played their parts as means of propaganda during the war, and have now been discarded like scrap-iron. In opposition to the incurable fascination of the Imperialists the working classes must, in this year of commem-

TO THE SOCIALISTS OF IDAHO

When this reaches your eyes please, comrades, turn on more steam.

Your State Campaign Committee is working fiercely—and with beautiful loyalty—for position on the ballot for your Idaho Socialist Party. Eagerly the committeemen watch their mail, hoping for word that you are doing all—all—you can do, not only in signing the petition lists yourselves but also in urging others to sign the lists. Please get your list—at once—sign it and get busy. Please do not disappoint your fellow workers in a matter so important as this is.

There is hope in the hearts of many thousands that a new party will enter the political struggle next July, a party that represents your interests—a party of labor, made up of the industrial and agricultural workers of this nation. A convention is called to meet in Cleveland on July Fourth and from its deliberations may come a new Declaration of Independence, a clear-cut declaration of unalterable opposition to Capitalism.

The Socialist Party would work unreservedly for such a Labor Party in the Cleveland Convention, and would enter into the campaign that would follow, using its political training, and machinery in every possible way. But there are states where a new political party would find it impossible—too late—to get its ticket on the ballot. In Idaho, petitions must be circulated and signatures representing not less than five percent of the entire vote must be secured. The petitions *must be filed not later than a month before the August Primaries*. There would be

oration raise ever again their cry: **No more War!**

Sixty years ago the World Proletariat International was founded in London. Twice it was broken up, first by the Franco-German War of 1870 and the second time by the World-War. The necessity for international Working-Class co-operation is forever revealing itself anew and with irresistible force. In the year which has elapsed since its foundation at Hambourg the Labour and Socialist International has succeeded in bringing within its organization the masses of the Socialist Working Class and has prepared the ground for joint international action by the World Proletariat. As the first big display of the reunited World Proletariat we call upon you for a vigorous First of May Demonstration.

For International Legalizing of the Eight Hour Day!

....Against War and the Dangers of War!

For International Action of the Socialist

no time to do this *following* the convention on July Fourth.

There is today an official state committee of the Socialist Party in Idaho working directly under the authority and instructions of the national Socialist organization. The secretary is C. H. Cammans of Boise, and his immediate problem is to secure the necessary signatures to the Socialist Party petitions *in time to file for the primary*. The Socialist Party, alone, or with other groups, must represent the farmers and workers in the 1924 campaign. Should the July Fourth convention form a Labor Party and nominate a ticket, the law will permit the names of the candidates to appear under the Socialist Party emblem. The Socialist Party state committee that will be *elected after the primaries* will have power to fill vacancies. But if those signatures are not obtained, if the legal standing of the Socialist Party is not restored, there will be no candidates representing labor on any genuine labor ticket, no choice between the two old parties always standing for Capitalism and always alike befouled and besmirched with graft and corruption, leaving no course open to an intelligent and disgusted voter but to remain away from the polls.

Sign the petitions of the Socialist Party in Idaho! Go further than that—get others to sign! Circulate one of the petitions yourself! It is no easy task the state committee has undertaken. Lend a hand. It is to your interest to do so. Be generous and be open-minded.

Yours sincerely,

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