

AMERICA URGES PEACE CONGRESS OF WORLD'S SOCIALISTS

(The call and invitation of American Socialists to the Socialists of the world to hold an Extraordinary Peace Session of the International Socialist and Labor Congress is as follows.)

was the aggressor in this terrible conflict, nor is that the question of greatest importance. History will sit in judgment on this also. We appeal to you in the name of Socialism, and acting in agreement with your own proclamations, we ask you to help us to stop this mass murder.

silenced by the cannon of the hostile armies. Capitalist militarism proved stronger than the young spirit of Socialist brotherhood.

European comrades decide to meet in America, in order to assist in the success of this congress, the Socialist party of America offers to pay all the necessary expenses of five delegates from every nation entitled to twenty votes, and in proportion for the delegates from every nation, the minimum to be two delegates, according to the representation established by the International Socialist Bureau.

World Congress May Come Here To Talk Peace

American Socialism has issued the first rallying call to the Socialists of the world to gather in an Extraordinary Peace Session of the International Socialist Congress, to be held as soon as possible.

WOMEN CALLED TO SERVICE IN HEROIC WAR AGAINST WAR

THIS man-made and man-ruled world of ours has set about, in the very heyday of its civilization, to destroy itself.

GREAT NATIONAL HUNGER UPON US

BY ALLAN L. BENSON

WOMEN TO JOIN CRUSADE AGAINST FOOD PIRATES

BY WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER

WOMAN AND WAR

By Eliza Taylor Cherdron.

GOVERNMENT NOW AID OF HIGH PRICES

When government interferes with business it is likely to be in behalf of higher prices.

Will Urge Peace Efforts

Socialists in this country will also enter into personal correspondence with European Socialists, urging them to exert their influence in behalf of the holding of this International Socialist Peace Congress.

SCHOOL WORSHIP OF WAR HEROES SCORED BY DOCTOR

The worship of generals, commanders and military heroes in literature in schools, and by the public in general, lies at the bottom of warfare, Dr. John B. Murphy told members of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

SUFFERING AND STARVATION AMONG POOR OF CHICAGO

In Chicago there is at present suffering, yes, even starvation among men and women and children of which we are scarcely cognizant.

TEXAS PAYS \$500 EACH TO HAVE CITIZENS MURDERED

W. T. McDonald, chaplain and librarian of the state penitentiary of Texas, is begging through the newspapers of his state for citizens to give books and other literature to the state prison library, which he says is meager and dilapidated.

SAYS ALL LOCALS SHOULD RESPOND

In ordering 1,000 copies of the Women's Anti-War Issue of the American Socialist, Louise Jacobs, woman organizer for New York, writes: "I hope you will get a like response from every local in the country."

Commission at Boston

The Belgian Royal Commission, headed by Emile Vandervelde, chairman of the International Socialist Bureau, is a member, after having presented to President Wilson its official protest against alleged German atrocities in Belgium, left for Boston to meet the commissioners who go to Chicago.

Troops Return from Vera Cruz

President Wilson has ordered the naval and military forces of the United States to evacuate Vera Cruz, General Carranza has called a convention of revolutionary chieftains to convene October 1.

People's Monster Petition

To President Woodrow Wilson and to the Congress of the United States: Whereas, The speculators are arbitrarily and unnecessarily raising the prices of the necessities of life; and

Appoint Finance Committee

In case the European Socialists should give their consent to come to the United States, a special finance committee will immediately begin work to raise the necessary funds.

Hop Pickers Denied Retrial

Richard Ford and H. D. Suhr, hop pickers sentenced to life imprisonment as a result of the Wheatland, Cal., riots, have been denied a retrial.

Rosas Freed in Rangel Case

The defense in the Rangel-Cline cases now on trial at San Antonio, Texas, is justly getting into action. D. R. Rosas, whose case was the first to be put on trial, has been acquitted.

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Turn to Socialism

That thousands of union men will be led to vote the Socialist ticket by the action of Mayor Baker of Cleveland, Ohio, in vetoing the ordinance making eight hours the maximum day's work for city employes, is the generally expressed opinion in labor circles.

Socialist Influence Shown

The influence of the Socialists in the French cabinet is shown in a decree authorizing the central government to loan \$2,000,000 to the municipality of Marseilles, to be used in the purchase of wheat and other necessities of life.

Mothers of America! Do You Wish to See Your Sons Flung Into War Struggle?

By MAY WOOD-SIMONS (Member Socialist Party Woman's National Committee.)

through the press and schools of their countries. Now Europe is reaping the whirlwind.

institutions, it is bound, some time, to be put into action by the nations that maintain it.

America are watching the insidious sapping of the strength of their young.

military caste that plunges millions into war, but one must also along with them for brutality the cool, calm, calculating American capitalists who deliberately figure out the slaughter of the innocent by increasing the cost of living for a people, millions of whom are already at the subsistence point.



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NEED INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

There is greater need now than ever before of international action among the Socialists of the warring European nations, as well as those of the nations at peace, must get in touch with each other and plan for the future.

The first real attempt to bring this about has been made by the American Socialist party in sending its peace message to the Socialists of ten European nations.

Any action taken by the international Socialist movement must be built on the basis of a common standing of the big problems confronting the Socialists of all the nations involved.

The best explanation of the action taken by the German Socialists in meeting the war craze is given by H. Wilson, secretary of the British Socialist party, writing Justice, the official organ of the British Socialists. He says:

"It is now becoming clear that, after the proclamation of martial law on July 31, the people of Germany were kept in ignorance of what was being done until Helmuth-Holtz made his statement on the Reichstag on August 4. Germany declared war on Russia on Saturday, August 1. This fact was known the same night in Copenhagen, but it was not known in Germany until Tuesday, August 4, when it was announced together with statements that both Russians and French had crossed the frontiers, thus making it appear to the whole nation that the war upon which it was entering was one of national defence.

It is common justice to the cause of German people this should be made known as widely as possible. It explains also how the Socialists in the Reichstag came to vote for the war credit."

This would indicate that the German Socialists were brought into giving their aid to finance the war.

The French and Belgian Socialists have issued a joint manifesto to Socialists of other nations. It is said that this manifesto is being spread broadcast through the German armies of French and Belgian frontiers.

This manifesto reviews the crisis which led to the present war, and expresses the fear that "the working class of Germany, deceived by the official news, had no accurate knowledge of the facts. It declares that "the German people should be made conscious for peace, and make every effort, in accordance with our demands, to maintain it."

But the German government would have no peace, and under specious pretences, invaded Belgian territory.

The French and Belgian Socialists, which we submit to the judgment of the international proletariat, will suffice to show from what quarter the aggression came. We are convinced that we are only defending the independence and the autonomy of our own country.

"We do not fight the German people, whose autonomy and independence we likewise respect. We are sure that once the truth has been established, our action will be approved and joined in by the Socialists of Germany."

It is this complete understanding among all the Socialists of the world that must be brought about as soon as possible in order to secure a peace that will benefit the working class.

The Socialist party of America, occupying the strategic position that it does, should be the agency to restore world-wide action and understanding among Socialists.

OUR NEXT SOCIALIST WEEK. Socialists in this country have gone through their first Socialist Week. Reports coming from the National Office indicate that much good work was accomplished during this week, September 6 to 13, in many sections of the country.

This Socialist Week activity is being followed by an increased effort for the congressional campaign in progress. While every week should be a Socialist Week for the struggle to achieve the aims and ambitions of Socialism, never ends, yet we must all bear in mind that another Socialist Week is coming that will call again for special effort.

The National Committee this year did not meet until the middle of May and this accounts for Socialist Week having been set for the week starting the first week in September. Our next Socialist Week starts May 1, known to Socialists the world over as "International Labor Day."

The first step in preparing for this Socialist Week is now. The National Executive Committee will no doubt prepare a program of work to be pushed through the state and local organizations. During the greatest work during Socialist Week this year was done by the press of the party. The party press must be able to do increased work next year.

This year we were lacking in preliminary work and preparatory effort. In this we must not be found lacking as we are our next Socialist Week. The National Office has big and important work to do and the results will show to and from them as they gain an increased satisfaction and encouragement.

Every day brings its new story of the peace movements by foreign countries seeking to work through President Wilson. There are repeated claims that banking groups centering in New York were responsible for the recent futile effort for peace made at Washington. This war will only be settled right when it is settled by the workers organized and expressing their desires through the International Socialist and Trade Union Congress.

The Hamilton Socialist, Hamilton, O.—The big question facing the American people at this time is that a possible food famine.

AGE OF MEEK MOTHERHOOD PAST

By META L. STERN

Who translated August Bebel's "Woman" from German into English.

FOR ages the mothers of the world have borne and reared sons to be sacrificed on the bloody battle-fields of warring nations. For ages, generation upon generation, this slaughter of youth, this cruel despoiling of motherhood, has gone on and on unchecked, and the mothers of the world have never been asked whether the goal was worth the price.

They have never been asked whether they approved the butchery of their sons as a means of settling international disputes. The women of the world have never been asked whether they approved the life of their sons.

Let us remember in these dark days of universal disaster that every word written and spoken for the equality of women is a word against war!

Let us remember that every vote cast for the enfranchisement of women is a vote for universal peace! Let us speed the day, the blessed day, when the mothers of men will have a voice in the government of nations; when they will no longer stand helpless and powerless before a calamity like the present one, exclaiming paroxysmally, "Why must this be," but can instead proclaim from the fullness of their motherly hearts that war shall be no more; that the era of true civilization has dawned at last.

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SOCIALISM AND LANGUAGE.

The Socialist party now has an organ belonging to the party itself. Heretofore all the Socialist publications have existed in defiance of their own theory of common ownership, and have been conducted by proprietary managers. In the American Socialist, the party has taken the initiative in the use of the language of the party.

Also the Socialists are to be congratulated in at last having an official organ which speaks with the same language as the rest of newspapers. It is not necessary to deal in every paragraph in violent vituperation, in order to make its meaning clear. This has been one of the serious handicaps under which Socialism has labored so many of its writers and speakers have dealt so lavishly in superlatives and denunciatory adjectives as to repel thousands of persons who might have been inclined to give their arguments a serious consideration if they had been couched in terms that seemed to reflect thought rather than emotions.

If the Socialists have the solution of all our economic problems at their fingers' ends, as many of them insist, they had better couch in terms that do not offend the masses. Even the officers do not attend meetings. Even the officers do not attend meetings. Even the officers do not attend meetings.

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Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

STAVES WAR—FREE ASSEMBLY. I am a member of the Socialist party. I have read the article, "Staves War and Free Assembly," in the August 22nd issue of the American Socialist. The article is one of the many that will be accorded the opportunity of reaching the same.

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Reading Notices.

The American Socialist will receive reading notices to be run on the 10th of each month on a space of \$1.00 an inch.

THE BY-OPENER—Hotels, Socialists Magazine in America; 4 mo. trial subscription for 10 cents. The Eye Opener, 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

TYPEWRITER—4 months; see 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

SOCIALISTS—What you need to know about religious sentiment; see 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

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The American Socialist Party is a Socialist Party. Listen to what Comrade W. F. Rudolf, of Cottage Grove, Ore., writes...

This comrade has the right idea. The American Socialist Party is no equal as a Socialist Party. It is constructive; it fights without bitterness and has the right news at the right time.

YOUR LOCAL NEXT? Locals are still coming in on our plan of sending The American Socialist to all new members...

Our list for this week is as follows: Reading, Pa. Vallejo, Cal. South Manchester, Conn. New Rochelle, N. Y. Mystic, Conn.

ROLL OF HONOR

"The American Socialist is the best Socialist paper in America, and the beauty of it is, it belongs to us..."

Some of the comrades who have given us orders for the American Socialist are: Charles M. J. Hanover, Pa. orders 12 cards; J. A. Hankrats, Garrison, N. B., orders 12 cards...

A modest comrade who does not sign his name sends in a list of 50 from Frontenac, Kans. Walter I. Brown, Springfield, Mass. sends in his regular weekly order for 12 sub cards...

Henry Bernard, Schenectady, N. Y. wants to help our paper to come ahead, and sends in a list of 10. Dallas A. Tickle, Charleston, W. Va. likes the appearance of The American Socialist...

James H. H. Covell, Long Beach, Cal. one of our woman husters, says: "We have received our first copy of The American Socialist. It is well worth the price we are sending for a bundle."

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Let every comrade work for Socialism as he never did before. His first order is for 12 sub. cards. Andrew Hill, Little Rock, Ark. J. A. Bradley, Xenia, Ohio, comes along with a list of 12. He says: "While I was getting these I had several subscriptions that will result in subscriptions later on. We must not forget to send the 'Campaign Book for 1914' for his trouble."

TAFT'S AND ROOSEVELT'S SONS NOT IN OUR ARMY AND NAVY

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK, Author of "War—What For?"

THE foul stench from the moral filth in the standing armies and navies of the world should serve as effective warning to all mothers and fathers of sons. And this warning does indeed warn those parents who know the facts. Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt know; Mr. Taft knows; and Mr. and Mrs. Taft know.

Why not write to Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Roosevelt about this matter? Ask them for facts. If they are honest and fair to the mothers of America these distinguished women will respond promptly and loyally to every letter from a mother who wishes to protect her sons as these presidents' wives have protected their sons.

1. Over two per cent of the men and boys in this country's naval service at the great Norfolk, Virginia, naval port had the most hideous of all known diseases, syphilis; over six per cent had chancres; and almost twenty per cent had gonorrhea. The Navy Department was then proposing to furnish boys in the navy with a package of drugs to be used by the boys when they patronized diseased prostitutes. (See Report of Department of the Navy, 1911, pages 437, 441.)

2. In 1912 the Department of War reported (Report, pages 12, 13) that in the matter of venereal diseases the American army was the most depraved and loathsome of all the armies in the civilized world.

3. In 1909 the War Department made a list of the ten diseases that are most disastrous to American soldiers, namely, venereal diseases, tuberculosis, malaria, rheumatism, tonsillitis, dysentery, diarrhea, bronchitis, measles and typhoid fever; and the Report says (page 17) that venereal disease wrecks more soldiers than all the other nine diseases combined.

4. President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford University, writes as follows in his latest book, "War and Waste," page 208: "The white slave traffic of today is an outgrowth of the standing army. Requisitions, signed by the military, have been published by commanding officers, and frankly drawn on associations of pimps."

Unquestionably—no doubt whatever—Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. Taft, and the leading bankers and their wives, the most prominent preachers and their wives, and the leading lawyers and very prominent merchants and manufacturers—and their wives—everywhere in this country are thoroughly informed on the morally rotten and befouling conditions in our army and navy; and these PROMINENT, INTELLIGENT, SELF-RESPECTING fathers and mothers are loyal to themselves and to their sons, and therefore do not send their sons to the beastly conditions that ruin the bodies and curse the characters of their sons.

You should do as these prominent people do—get the facts, get the light, and protect yourself and those you love. Visit your neighbor, attend your club, your church, your day school, your Sunday school—and DISCUSS THESE CONDITIONS; inform your neighbors, especially your working-class neighbors. You can at least bring to their attention the OFFICIAL FACTS given above in this article. Mark this article. Send the paper. Get it back and lend it again—and again. No wrong can live long if we all discuss it. Defend yourself and your sons and daughters. And do this work NOW—while millions are interested in war.

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Purpose—To collect, classify and make available all data and information on economic, social and political problems. To assist with such information as they may need in the discharge of their duties. Address all communications to Socialist Party Information Department, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago.

COLLEGE EDUCATION IS IN REACH OF ALL PEOPLE

Dr. Claxton, commissioner of education, says: "Wherever men and women labor in the heat, or toil in the shadows, in field or forest, or mill or shop or mine, in legislative halls or executive offices, in society or in the home, they all seek for an exact knowledge of facts, principles or laws, that the modern university sees both its duty and its opportunity."

How universities in every state are reaching not only their regular students but also thousands of other men and women, is described in a bulletin on university extension, published by the United States Bureau of Education. In 1911, 28 states reported university extension in some form. Between 1902 and 1906 12 institutions organized extension teaching, mainly in agriculture, and since 1906, 28 universities have introduced the work, while 21 others have reorganized their extension work.

FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ICE PLANT LOWERS PRICES

Fernandina, Fla.—The municipal ice plant at Fernandina, Fla., is the cause of an ice war in that city. The price of ice last year was 20 cents a block of 300 pounds. The city put in a municipal plant, which went into operation near the first of June and named a price of \$3.50 a ton, and in small lots 60 cents a cake of 300 pounds and 15 pounds for 5 cents.

This price existed until the first of this week when the Southern Utilities Company made a price of \$1 a ton, 10 cents a hundred and 5 cents for 50 pounds. It is more than probable that the city plant will continue operations, as it is claimed it can be run cheaper than any other plant in the United States of its size, and according to the figures given out from the books of the Utilities plant as to the cost of producing ice, they are losing about \$3 or \$4 a ton at their present selling price. The Municipal Journal.

ANOTHER EFFECT OF THE WAR

Continued that one of the results of the present European war will be to increase the number of foreign students in the United States. The United States Commissioner of Education has authorized her municipal preparation and publication of a special bulletin describing the facilities for instruction in the United States. By the Commissioner of Education in this country for the use of foreign students. The bulletin will be printed in several languages. Dr. Claxton declares that many foreign students are already coming in, and he believes that in the case of western South America the student migration will be facilitated by the opportune opening of the Panama Canal.

ANTI-WAR MATERIAL EFFORTIVE

A Socialist in Flint, Mich., secured from the Information Department some sheets of material on anti-militarism, war, peace, etc., for a friend who is a local church. The talk was so effective that the church had him repeat it a second time to a packed house. We do sometimes drive in a wedge.

PUT ADDRESS ON YOUR LETTERS

Again we are obliged to make urgent request that our correspondents remember to put their full address on their letters.

Young People's Dept.

From the nation's youth with the aid of the organized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialist groups address all communications to Socialist Party, Young People's Dept., 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

OPPORTUNITY

The present conditions offer the young man an opportunity which the young woman are well shown by Professor J. C. Thompson, of the University of Pennsylvania, in his book "Financing the Wage Earner's Family."

Taking the railroad industry, which employs more than 1,750,000 men, as an example, he shows how much chance the wage worker has of ever becoming a manager or a capitalist.

"There were, in 1910, 5,476 general officers directing the activities of the 1,750,000 employees," says Nearing. "Therefore in the business life of the employee each employee should have one chance in three hundred of becoming a general officer at some time during his life, provided that the employee live as long as the general officer, and provided further that all general officers are drawn from the ranks of the employees."

"Neither of these assumptions, however, is correct, because in the first place insurance tables indicate that the life of the average worker is somewhat longer than the life of the average workman. In the second place, the general officers are not always drawn from the ranks."

Leaving these two considerations out of account, however, it is apparent that the mathematical probability that the average railroad employee will become a general officer is about one-third of one per cent.

Suppose that your total term of service is 20 years, the chances are one to one that during that time you will be injured, and one in six that during that time you will be killed; so that the chance of your being injured is 300 times as great, and of your being killed is 50 times as great as your chance of becoming a general officer in the company which is employing you."

How different this sounds from the advertisements sent out by the correspondence schools or the wonderful stories in Sunday papers.

CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE CELEBRATIONS

The Chicago and Milwaukee Celebrations of Y. P. S. L. will hold a series of Chicago Celebrations, September 7, in Milwaukee. There will be a series of races and athletic events from 12 till 10 p. m. The Chicago Y. P. S. L. will run an excursion over the Chicago-Milwaukee Electric, leaving Chicago at 10 a. m. This is the largest crowd which the two leagues have ever had in the past. Chicago's hopes are high.

MAKE BIG RED BANNER

The Comrade Club of Jersey City, N. J. is making a great red banner for their organization with the words "Organization, Education, Solidarity" on it. They intend to have a banner at every bit of the work will be done by members of the League.

SOLID SOUTH AWAKENING

We are slowly breaking into the Solid South. The latest to be heard from is Florida. The Florida Socialist League has started off with a good bunch of husters and expect to have a large turnout. A lot of members within a short time.

SPRINGFIELD SHOWS GROWTH

One of the leagues which is showing a surprising growth is the Springfield League. Starting with six members last year, the Springfield League today numbers more than 60. They have held a number of social, parties and picnics. A fifty cent membership drive was held on the 20th of last month. The league was divided into two camps, and the losers were the Socialists. This contest has brought in more than 200 members and has not yet closed. The Springfield League is now planning to stage a sketch, "The Lion's Den." There will also be some other interesting features at the evening's entertainment.

HELP BOOBY CAMPAIGN

The Irving Park and Northview Leagues of Chicago have arranged a monster campaign for the benefit of the Socialist party campaign fund of their district. The party campaign committee gave them some money to get started. They are putting the work with great zeal. They sent letters and tickets to all Socialists and sympathizers some names they secured out advertising placards, will build the booth, collect donations and handle the getting after the fact. They will receive several hundred dollars for the Socialist campaign fund.

Congressman From Texas

An interesting campaign is promised from this district which we hope will result in the election of the Socialist Congressman to Congress from the Lone Star State," writes Belle Williams, Socialist secretary of the Texas first congressional district. J. C. Thompson, Texas, is the Socialist nominee. The campaign starts September 27 at the DeKalb, Ga. campaign. Eugene Black, Democratic nominee, has been challenged to meet Thompson in debate, but Black claims he is "too busy."

Campaign in East

The eastern districts of the Socialist Party Federation started their congressional campaign work in West Concord, N. H., September 20. A Swedish speaker is in the field and Scandinavian campaign meetings will be held every day throughout the eastern states.

ILLINOIS WOMEN PLAN TO DOUBLE PARTY MEMBERSHIP

By Anna Belle Kennedy, State Correspondent of Illinois. The Socialist women of Chicago are entering vigorously upon an organizing campaign, the slogan being, "Double the woman membership and quadruple the working force by January 1." Special volunteer organizers are already at work in many of the wards, and it is expected that the remaining wards will soon fall into line.

As a first step towards getting in touch with women who are already interested in Socialism or may be interested, these workers are circulating petitions for a municipal telephone system for Chicago. This is an appropriate subject on which to approach people in Chicago just now, for the fight is already on to secure for Chicago a municipal telephone system.

The chief organization conducting the fight is known as the Penny Phone League. Its officers are Socialist party members and most of active workers in the organization are Socialists and members of labor organizations.

The Cook County Executive Committee of the Socialist party has endorsed the objects of the league, and sends a delegate to its meetings. The Chicago Federation of Labor has also endorsed the league and is lending moral and financial support.

Therefore the Penny Phone League petitions seem just now to be the best means in the hands of the women organizers to present to their neighbors the principles of municipal ownership and Socialism. The organizers will visit interested people with Socialist literature and with invitations to join the party. In the meantime, we will have carried Socialist propaganda into thousands of homes, cemented and enlarged our working force, secured new party members and gained experience and confidence for further Socialist work.

SCANDINAVIAN SOCIALISTS CONCENTRATE IN MINNESOTA

The Scandinavian Socialist Federation has decided to concentrate its work during this congressional campaign on the numerous Scandinavian settlements in Minnesota. A Scandinavian speaker will be sent to that state beginning at Minneapolis, September 26. If the work proves a success, the federation will keep him in the state all fall and winter.

Minnesota Socialists who want to arrange Scandinavian meetings in their locality should communicate with the Scandinavian Socialist Federation, District No. 1, Thomas Fossen, secretary, 313 1/2 Ave. of the Cities, Minneapolis. The State Office of the Socialist party, 1317 Western avenue, Minneapolis.

War Degenerates Race

That the war means deterioration of the human race for generations to come, is the opinion of selection and a wiping out of the most valuable elements in human evolution, is the claim of Prof. C. A. Kofoid, University of California.

CAMPAIGN BUTTONS

The Socialist campaign slogan, "Starve the War and Feed America," can now be worn on the lapel of your coat.

We have had a neat button made—red lettering on a white background—which you can obtain at the following prices: 1 button ..... \$0.05 10 buttons ..... .25 100 buttons ..... 2.00

Send for Them Quick! Address: National Office, Socialist Party 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

OUR CLUBBING RATES

Table listing clubbing rates for various Socialist Party publications and organizations, including American Socialist, Socialist Party, and various local leagues.

Higher Wheat Prices—Higher prices for wheat—more "altruistic" than those already reached

are predicted by Joe Leiter, former wheat plunger. Nation Must Own the Food—The cry of the British Socialists now is "The state must own the food supply," writes Alexander Scott, from Edinburgh, Scotland.

Does Your Local Need Money?

Here is how your local can make money and do good work for Socialism at the same time. We will furnish you envelopes, each envelope containing three 16-page pamphlets, at \$15.00 per thousand. THE GUNMEN OF INDUSTRY, by Robt. Hunter, and SOCIALISM THE LONE FOE OF WAR, by Allan L. Benson. On the envelopes is printed the announcement that the packet is left at the house for inspection, and that if one desires to keep the contents the price is 5 cents. Almost anybody will give you 5 cents for three pamphlets—48 pages of reading matter. The net profit to your local will be \$35.00 on an investment of \$15.00. Even if some of these packets are not returned the profit you make on the remainder is sufficient to cover any loss. Hundreds of thousands of these packets ought to be used by the locals during the campaign. Send us a big order now. Address: NATIONAL OFFICE, SOCIALIST PARTY, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

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Sent to you 5 CENTS Here are the Pamphlets—THE BOMBHELL THAT HENRY FORD FIRED (Benson) THE GUNMEN OF INDUSTRY (Hunter) SOCIALISM THE LONE FOE OF WAR (Benson) Send us 25 cents and 5 names and we will mail this packet to each one of them. Address: NATIONAL OFFICE, SOCIALIST PARTY 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

HILLQUIT - GOMPERS DEBATE

For many years Socialists have tried to get Samuel Gompers to debate with some representative Socialist, but always without success. At last the unexpected has happened. Morris Hillquit met Samuel Gompers in a three days' debate before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations. Comrade Hillquit was ably supported by Max Hayes, editor of the Cleveland Citizen, while Mr. Gompers had as his assistant the renegade Gordon. HILLQUIT OPENS. Hillquit started the proceedings with a one hour statement on the aims of the Socialist movement and its relation to the trade union movement, which was, in the judgment of many Socialists, the clearest, the most concise declaration of Socialist theory and practice ever given in such a short time. Thereupon Mr. Gompers cross-examined Hillquit for more than four hours. In this cross-examination, the president of the American Federation of Labor endeavored to show that the Socialist party not only did not help the trade unions in their daily struggles, but that it actually hindered their work. Quoting alleged statements made by individual Socialists, he tried to prove the oft-repeated slander that the Socialist movement of this country has acted and is acting treacherously toward the general labor movement; that it never has done anything to further its cause. In short, in this cross-examination he brought out once more the old accusations that have been made by the "pure and simple" of this country time and time again against the Socialist party.

HILLQUIT'S SECOND SPEECH. It was an easy task for Hillquit to disprove everything that Gompers intimated, to show the utter falsehood and insincerity of his complaints, to show that the Socialist party of the United States had from its very inception done everything in its power to assist the unions morally and financially in their struggles. But our representative did more than that. He refuted Gompers' allegations in such a short, witty and cutting manner that the commissioners and the audience often found it difficult to repress loud laughter, while Gompers plainly showed his keen displeasure.

The next session of the hearing saw the cross-examination of the president of the American Federation of Labor by Comrade Hillquit. The latter turned the tables on Gompers, showing cleverly that the A. F. of L., as well as the witness himself, stood for every single immediate demand of the Socialist party, with the exception of two, and that it did nothing to realize its own aspirations. Gompers did not know how to counteract this attack. His discomfiture was evident in his angry accusations that the Socialist party had pilfered the program of the A. F. of L. GOMPERS CORNERED.

The climax of this rather diverting cross-examination was reached when Comrade Hillquit, going into the question of the class struggle, forced Gompers into a corner, where the latter showed himself to be either unbelievably ignorant or utterly insincere. Gompers would neither admit that the interests of the worker and the capitalist were identical, nor was he willing to concede the existence of a class struggle. His explanation of what he meant by profits, his definition of a justified profit were so pitifully poor and so inaccurately crude, that every one of the hundreds of listeners wondered that such a man should be the leading labor official of this country. An elderly, well dressed woman, who approached Comrade Hillquit, begging him "to take pity on this poor old man who was obviously in danger of apoplexy," voiced the sentiments of the audience.

MAX HAYES SPEAKS. The last day brought the direct-examination of Comrade Max S. Hayes, who showed in a straightforward manner with uncontrovertible arguments, the intimate relations between the Socialist and the general labor movements, hattering down the weak defenses that Gompers had erected against the "intellectual world-leaders of the Proletariat."

The renegade Gordon, whom Gompers had called to the assistance of the A. F. of L., tried to show the impracticability as well as the impossibility of Socialism. He made such a poor showing that it needed but one short remark by Hillquit in his indirect examination to completely annihilate him.

A NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION

This debate, published in a book of 250 pages, is one of the most interesting, and at the same time one of the most important and enlightening contributions to our literature. The attitude of the "pure and simple" trade unionist is shown to be so completely unbalanced, so utterly ridiculous, that the book will be the best possible propaganda matter for use among trade unionists and Socialist sympathizers. It routes the arguments of the Gompers type, and on the other hand it fuses those of our so-called "radical" friends who cannot conceive of any common ground upon which the Socialists and the trade unionist can work.

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