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Meyer London Is Victor By 1,000 On The 'East Side'

Meyer London, the brilliant young Socialist attorney, who has fought valiantly in the cause of the workers of New York City... elected to congress by a vote of 1,000... Meyer London, the brilliant young Socialist attorney...

REACTION EVERYWHERE BACK IN THE SADDLE SOCIALIST PARTY THE ONLY HOPE HENCEFORTH

ON THE WHOLE the results of the present campaign are good. The Socialist Party comes out of the battle stronger and better than ever. It is not alone in the election successes but in others we have gained. Averaging results we may fairly claim that the steady, inevitable advance which always characterizes the socialist movement again in evidence.

ELECTION GAINS. Glancing at the election results the Socialist Party is not without its laurels. As we go to press word comes of the election of Meyer London, of the 12th New York district to the United States Congress.

and Gaylord in the Milwaukee districts, while the nearness of their victory gives reason for greater hopes for the next congressional battle.

Reaction everywhere is back in the saddle. Reform radicalism is everywhere beaten down. Nothing is left for the people now but socialism. Joe Cannon goes back to congress from Illinois. Penrose of Pennsylvania wins over Pinchot by over 200,000.

But election returns after all, are only the effluvia on the tides of national affairs. There are deeper meanings to the events of this campaign.

A hasty survey of the field shows this one overshadowing result of the election: Reaction everywhere is back in the saddle.

And, strangely enough, on the very day that the working people were casting their ballots for democratic candidates in many sections, the democratic president, Woodrow Wilson, was calling out the federal troops at Fort Sheridan, ordering them to Arkansas to suppress a strike of the miners at Bache-Denham.

Another significant feature of the election is the complete elimination of the Progressives. Many of the Progressive candidates were men of brilliant talents and national reputations.

down just the same. In Illinois Raymond Robins, who felt certain of election to the United States Senate, ran third. Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, Pinchot of Pennsylvania, Murdock of Kansas, all went down to defeat.

What are the people to do now? What remains? Socialism and the Socialist Party remain. Its program is as clear, logical, rational and constructive as ever.

Elect Maurer To The Legislature In Pennsylvania

James H. Maurer, Socialist Party national executive committeeman and President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, has been elected to the Pennsylvania state legislature according to a telegram received from Charles A. Maurer, editor of the Reading (Pa.) Labor Advertiser.

WIN VICTORIES IN MINNESOTA AND MASSACHUSETTS. Charles H. Morrill has been elected to serve his sixth term in the Massachusetts state legislature by the workers of the shoe manufacturing city of Haverhill.

Edmund T. Meins was elected Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Wis. and Winifred C. Zabel was elected District Attorney after a victorious contested struggle in which the parties used every influence.

October Membership Shows New Increase

While the election returns were coming in the monthly membership report of the Socialist Party was completed showing another encouraging increase for October. This is in spite of the fact that all interest during the month was centered on the campaign.

| State | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Av. '14 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Ala. | 760 | 100 | 700 | 457 |
| Ark. | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Cal. | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,800 |
| Col. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Conn. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Del. | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Fla. | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Ill. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Ind. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Iowa | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Kan. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
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| Mass. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Mich. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
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| Mo. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| N. H. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
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| N. Y. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Ohio | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Ore. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Pa. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| R. I. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| S. C. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Tenn. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Tex. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Utah | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Vermont | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Virginia | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| W. Va. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Wis. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Wyo. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Total | 77,000 | 82,000 | 87,000 | 84,000 |

Red Flag Is Crime In Massachusetts

Massachusetts has outlawed the Red Flag. The final edict against it has been written and handed down by the state supreme court. This is one of the results of the nation-wide campaign against the Red Flag conducted by anti-Socialists immediately following the 1913 national campaign.

The story of the war against the Red Flag in Massachusetts is told by the New England Socialist, organ of the Socialists of the New England states, as follows. Here is the story. John Karvonen, the Finnish comrade who was arrested during a parade on November 13, 1913, for carrying a red flag and was found guilty in the Worcester Superior Court, has had his "guilt" confirmed by the Massachusetts Supreme Court.

Ryan Walker Joins Staff Of The American Socialist

Ryan Walker, the most famous of Socialist cartoonists, creator of "Henry Dubb", has joined the staff of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST. Walker will not only draw pictures for this paper but is going out on a lecture tour under the auspices of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST.

Spokane (Wash.) Review.—"The simple fact is that Socialism was caught and helpless, like the peoples of Europe, in a maelstrom of militarism and more escape than Christianity or Belgium. The outbreak of the war has at least done Socialism the negative service of demonstrating that militarism constitutes an even greater menace than Socialism had ever imagined.

Civil Service Heads Deliver New Blow At Free Political Activity

The campaign of The American Socialist in behalf of the politically enslaved federal civil service employees is attracting nation-wide attention. Non-Socialists write in and urge that the campaign be continued. One of our correspondents sends in a clipping from The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, Oct. 29, 1914, which shows how drastic the rulings of the United States Civil Service Commission really are.

Washington (Pa.) Observer.—England is offering the biggest practical demonstration of the workability of many of the Socialist theories that has ever been adduced. The Dayton (Ohio) Herald, under the heading, "Socialists Will Protest Ruling", says that the Dayton Socialists are on the job fighting the suppression of political activity in the federal civil service.

Socialist "Internationale" Soon To Meet At Hague

That there are now greater and brighter prospects of rallying the forces of International Socialism in the struggle for world peace is seen in a cablegram just received announcing that the International Socialist Bureau has been transferred temporarily from Brussels to The Hague, Holland.

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Here Is Story Of Fight For Food

Here is the story of the People's Monster Petition! We repeat it in brief for the benefit of our new readers. We re-rer it again for our old readers who may have put it aside temporarily while waging the congressional campaign.

Work With Enthusiasm. The work of circulating this petition throughout the nation was placed in the hands of Winnie E. Branstetter, head of the Woman's Department of the National Socialist Party. Since the inauguration of this movement non-political organizations, suffrage leagues, labor unions and Socialist locals have taken hold of this proposition with enthusiasm.

AMERICAN WAR NOTES

The Zeppelin which rose two weeks ago from Fort Poverly to reconnoiter the high coast of England has met with a serious accident by getting hooked on the upper beam of the moon. According to a wireless, received from the captain, the dirigible will proceed in the general direction of the Milky Way as soon as the necessary repairs are made. A job was reported in the vicinity of Chicago yesterday morning. Immediately the unemployed army buried his combined forces in the direction of Lake Michigan. The job, however, succeeded in extricating himself from the enveloping maelstrom by going up in the air on a sky-blue aeroplane which carried a miniature apparatus for propelling the atmosphere. The Navy army which has surrounded the Free Employment office since last November has hauled down the outer defenses and captured two jobs.

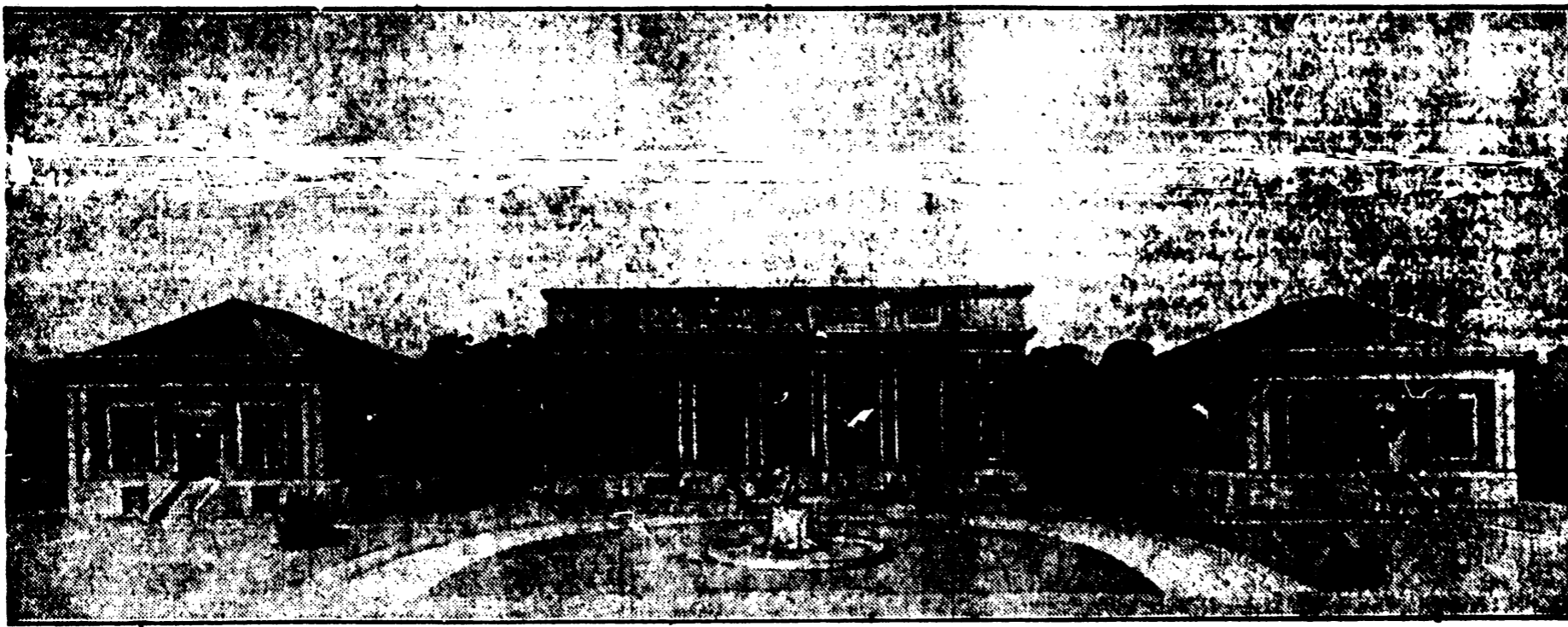
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Executive Department

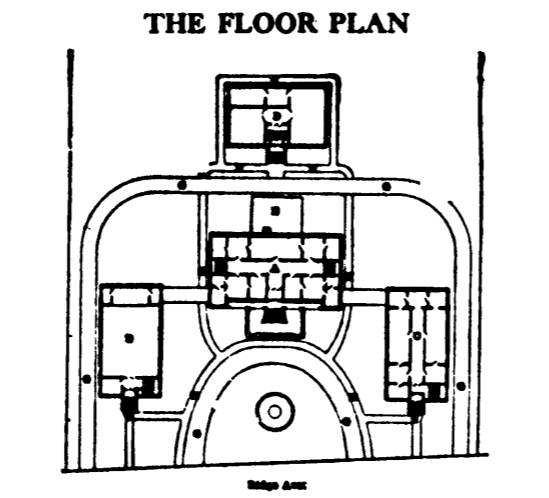
WALTER LANFERSIEK, Secretary
National Executive Committee
VICTOR L. KERR, 600 First St.
Chicago, Ill.

HERE IS ONE IDEA FOR NATIONAL PARTY-OWNED HEADQUARTERS



THE question of having the Socialist Party own its national headquarters has been claiming increased attention. The last national committee meeting had this matter under discussion and the same problem will no doubt be taken up at the next gathering of this body in May.

Basils of Discussion. In the rear of the main building, and detached therefrom, should be the steam and power plant. The above general plan covers the needs of the party for an indefinite future period, but it should be understood that this plan has not been adopted, but is offered simply as a basis for discussion.



YOUR BIGGEST JOB RIGHT NOW!

The 1914 congressional campaign is over. The fight starts immediately for the presidential campaign of 1916. The biggest work right now is to organize and increase our forces. This can be accomplished by a big membership campaign.

This campaign will be inspired and directed from the national office of the Socialist Party. Every Socialist local in the United States will receive a special organization letter from the national office this week. Look for it. Make it a special order of business for the next meeting of your local. This is important. It will be followed by other organization letters. The whole will be part of a big campaign.

Dear Comrades of the Work Committee:—First of all, hold a 10 minute session just after this work has been turned over to you. Each of you should send a postal card to me and say: 'I am the Leader of the Work Committee. Send me The American Socialist list, John Smith, Hustle Street.'

Enough Work For Weeks. With the above said to work on, you will have enough for weeks of work. Each of your workers should send a small note book in which you should put down the names of every person visited, with the prospects for his joining the party, his objections, his own affiliations, his religious convictions, how many children in the family, whether his wife seems favorable or antagonistic, etc.

Work To Be Done Now. At the following meeting of the local the Leader of the Committee should be sure to be present, to offer the application cards of those who may have signed, and to report prospects for the future. This will encourage the local, and you may get others to volunteer for the work.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS. RECORDED AND INDEXED. Received since last publication. By Local Columbia, Kans. (first published Sept. 15, 1914) That the action of the National Committee...

By Local American Branch, Jamestown, N. Y. (first published Oct. 10, 1914). Proposing that the Socialist Party be organized as a national party...

NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS. PROPOSED MOTIONS. That the following rule be inserted in the National Committee Rules...

Office of our paper covered books. I have made a careful estimate of the cost of the plates, copyrights and editions. The present cost of producing the plates by union printers and electrotypers would be...

Second submission. I agree that the limit of comment on the Executive Committee is extended to two hundred words. I agree that the provisions of the Executive Committee...

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GARY SAYS EUROPE'S WAR WILL COST FOUR MILLION LIVES. If Europe's war is maintained with its present violence for 18 months, the loss of life will be 4,000,000 and the property loss \$35,000,000. E. H. Gary, steel trust head, told the American Steel and Iron Institute...

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STORY OF 51 DEAD; LAW NOT ENFORCED

By ADOLPH GERMER Vice-President Illinois Mine Workers

Enshrouded in sorrow are the homes of the miners in Roynton, Ill., where 51 lives were snuffed out in the catastrophe of Oct. 27.

American "Neutrality" Is Standing On Weak Legs

By VICTOR L. BERGER

The newspapers told us that the "Hillesholms" carried over to England hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition.

Young People's Dept.

J. A. ROGERS, Jr., Director

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ROLL OF HONOR

Use claim, Victor, Colo., writes that he has sold 23 AMERICAN SOCIALIST subscription cards this week.

No Order Came

Apparently no order came, perhaps because the matter was not brought to the attention of the State Inspector.

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Purpose: To collect, classify and make available for the membership of the Socialist Party...

PLAN BIG CONVENTION

The Oakland, San Francisco and Vallejo Young People's Socialist League in California have organized a big convention.

OUR BIGGEST OFFER

This offer includes EVERY BOOK AND PAMPHLET THUS FAR PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE, AND THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST FOR ONE WHOLE YEAR.

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"The copy of 'The Double Edge of Labor's Sword' or the HILLQUIT-GOMPERS DEBATE received. It is many years since any book has done so much for me as this one.

ROOSEVELT ANSWERED

The Socialists have always said that "THE NATION MUST OWN THE TRUSTS OR THE TRUSTS WILL OWN THE NATION."

PROVINS OF WATER PLANT MAY BE USED IN OTHER UTILITIES

Questions: The city of Sheboygan, Wis., is governed by a special charter. The city owns the water plant, and the charter provides that the proceeds from this plant must not be used for any other purpose than for the maintenance of the plant.

In Europe's Human House Of Slaughter

I have at least one case in my records where wounded men were thrown alive into the flames of a burning house. Looking down my notes, and those only made from authenticated cases, I see only drunken orgies of lust and blood in which women are locked in rooms after being separated from their husbands and fathers and maddened soldiers let loose upon them;

American Workers Do Not Even Touch The Fringes Of Their Possibilities

(Note.—Winfield R. Gaylord, chairman of the Committee on Co-operation of the Socialist Party makes this report on a question that is of great importance to the entire working class movement in this country.)

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OLD AGE PENSIONS

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