

INSTEAD of feeding America we feed the war. So instead of starving the war we are starving the people of America.

AMERICAN SOCIALIST

VEN now if the people would force the government to act we may continue to eat wheat bread instead of potato bread.

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WAR AGAINST JOBLESS EVIL IN 13 STATES

Thirty-one Socialist legislators have moved into their places in 13 state legislatures. The battles are already being fought that will win real working class legislation for those who toil.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS MIGHTY MENACE AROUSE THE NATION!

ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF UNITED STATES MUST ACT AT ONCE

FIVE million men and women are out of work in America. Something heroic must be done. And the workers are the only ones to do it. We have a proposal to make.

Committee of the Socialist Party of America, acting as we are appointed to act, in behalf of the party in matters of special urgency, hereby appoint Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, 1915, to be set aside by all labor and socialist organizations as a special Unemployment Day.

FEBRUARY 12—UNEMPLOYMENT DAY!

Let the organized labor movement of this nation seize upon this occasion to burn into the thought of the nation the sufferings and wrongs of the unemployed, to warn the nation of the dangers to our civilization lurking here.

HERE'S MESSAGE TO THE SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA

FROM THEIR CONRADE IN OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE
By IVAN THARP DOWELL

YOU DIDN'T STARVE THE WAR NOW YOU FACE STARVATION

WHILE the workers of America have been asleep the nation has drifted to the verge of starvation. Right now we are starved in the face by a wheat famine.

toilers of the land in more than a million leaflets. But the masses slumbered. The harvest of profits has been reaped by the food gamblers.

AMERICA IS BEING GRIPPED BY A WHEAT FAMINE. WHEAT BREAD PROMISES SOON TO BECOME A LUXURY. AMERICA MAY SOON BE EATING CORN, RYE, BARLEY, AND, PERHAPS, "POTATO BREAD."

the other very partisan non-partisans. "Old Guard" Ballies. As in other places the old guard Republicans rallied. They won many seats in the assembly and could they have combined with the democrats they might have secured control of the lower house.

IN WISCONSIN'S LEGISLATURE

The Wisconsin legislature started work Jan. 13. It is generally conceded that this legislature is reactionary, because Governor-elect E. L. Phillips is known to be a so-called conservative republican.

IN OKLAHOMA'S LEGISLATURE

The little exploiter may get a chance at the pie counter. The worker is interested in abolishing all exploitation big or small as the only solution of the present social problem.

STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA

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NATION MAY LISTEN NOW

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WE ARE ORGANIZING

THE BOOSTER CLUB is organizing. Have you joined? If not, have you urged your local to join? Here is the application blank—fill it out now. Be sure and use it.

DEBS ISSUES WARNING TO OHIO MINERS

By EUGENE V. DEBS
DANIEL J. KEEFE has been appointed by Secretary of Labor Wilson as one of the members of a board to look into the matter of a settlement of the strike of the coal miners in Ohio.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Local _____ hereby applies for membership in The American Socialist Booster Club. I pledge myself to send in 5 clubs at 25 cents each, or to buy 5 sub-cards each and every week for 52 consecutive weeks.

No. 115 W No. 116 appears on your address label, your subscription expires next week. Do not fail to renew.

The American Socialist

Editor: J. L. ENGLISH. Address: 803 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5. Republican and progressive forces in Illinois... WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6. Pope John XXIII and American Bishops...

WORLD OF SOCIALISM DURING YEAR 1914

By CARL D. THOMPSON. GENERAL VIEW OF THE MOVEMENT.

THE year 1914 witnessed the usual steady advance of the world-socialist movement, both in membership and increased political power.

The total membership of the party in the 27 different nations increased from 2,573,000 to 2,746,000, a gain of about 173,000 for the year.

The international congress was to have met this year in August in Vienna. The war interfered and it was called to meet in Paris instead.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the national committee of the party was held in Chicago in May, as usual.

THE SUPREME ISSUE in the socialist movement of all nations during the year has been the question of militarism and war.

THE FAMOUS "RED-WEEK" of the German Socialists was held in March. During that week an active campaign was made by the socialists in every city, town and hamlet in the country.

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THE DIFFERENCE. There is a difference between private property and public ownership. If the postal rates should be increased, the postmaster general and the president and the members of congress would not take the increase in rates as their own.

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Stories Of An Agitator

By RALPH KERRICK. THE MAKING OF AN I. W. W.

NIXON was a foundry man by trade and lived in San Francisco. He was one of those workmen who politicians and clerical persons speak of as a "class-conscious agitator."

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THE PURPOSE OF SOCIALISM

By CARL D. THOMPSON. FRANCES E. WILLARD ON SOCIALISM—Article XIII.

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IN IDAHO'S LEGISLATURE

When the thirteenth session of the Idaho legislature was opened in the first Socialist ever elected to a legislative place in the state took his seat in the senate.

There is one Socialist, 19 Republicans, 11 Democrats and two Progressives in the Senate of Idaho.

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Subscription information and contact details for The American Socialist.

Executive Department

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HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS FOR PARTY MEMBERSHIP

THE Auditors are now at work on the semi-annual audit of the National Office. As a result of their labors thus far we are able to convey some good news to the membership, and that news is this: both the Literature Department and the American Socialist will show much better financial records than they did during the preceding six months.

Every member ought to examine each month the monthly report, and should especially examine the auditor's reports, which are made by outside parties and are absolutely reliable.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1914.
NATIONAL DUES.
December
Ala. \$ 10.00 \$ 10.00
Ark. 20.00 20.00
Cal. 100.00 100.00

AMERICAN SOCIALIST DEPT.
J. L. Beggall Editor \$ 110.00
Ralph K. Howard Clk. 50.00
C. M. H. ... 20.00

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.
Editorial Manager \$ 50.00
J. M. ... 20.00
A. ... 10.00

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.
J. P. ... 20.00
M. ... 10.00
N. ... 5.00

OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1914.
Printing Information Dept. \$ 4.83
Postage ... 3.42

REVENUE ACCOUNTS.
Special Voluntary Assessment \$ 7.15
Monthly Voluntary Assessment ... 11.15

ONE DAY WAGE FUND.
Local Party, Chicago, Ill. \$ 3.33
Local Party, New York, N. Y. ... 2.00

HEADQUARTERS FEES.
Local Party, Chicago, Ill. \$ 1.00
Local Party, New York, N. Y. ... 1.00

FUND FOR STRIKING CHILDREN.
German Federation, Detroit, Mich. \$ 1.00
C. ... 1.00

PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS.
A. ... \$ 1.00
B. ... 1.00
C. ... 1.00

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT.
F. E. ... \$ 1.00
M. ... 1.00

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.
W. ... \$ 1.00
M. ... 1.00

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.
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B. ... 1.00

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THE POWER OF UNIONISM

ARTICLE II By ROBERT HUNTER
THERE is another form of unity no less important than the previous forms of unity dealt with.

The problems that confront the working class are not only economic, they are also political.
No longer as labor allows its employers to make the laws, to control the markets and the courts, there is little hope for labor.

UNTIL THE WORKERS build up their own political union the great political parties, often controlled by crooks and grafters, will sell themselves to those who can pay the price they demand.

THE WORKERS MUST realize the power of unity. They must see vividly its value. They must exercise it from the moment they rise in the morning until they lie down to sleep at night.

COMMENT ON MOTION NO. 2.
The Executive Committee of the Executive Secretary is authorized to accept the following resolutions:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PROGRAM.
December 28, 1914.
In addition to the draft of manifesto and program, which are herewith submitted for your approval, your committee has the following recommendations:

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Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

EXEMPTING MEMBERS.
Local Bay City, Mich., proposes an amendment to the Socialist National Constitution, as follows:
"Amendment to the National Constitution. A member who has been in good standing for 10 consecutive years and is 40 years of age is entitled to a life membership certificate from the National Executive Committee."

WILL BURY THE DOLL.
At least fifty percent of the tenant farmers of the State of Oklahoma will absolutely be dropped and cut out far as making a crop is concerned next year, and yet the footed Dubs voted to keep the old bank in the harness for another two years.

BY ALL MEANS CONSOLIDATE.
COMRADES OF MAINE, VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.
The plan proposed by Comrade John P. Burke, State Secretary of New Hampshire, strikes me as eminently sensible, practical and well worth while.

FLEE FOR INTERNATIONALISM.
All Socialists advocate democracy and publicity in all social issues and functions, but as we are not likely to win the immediate adoption of the new constitution, we should be careful to see that efforts which we make towards that goal are sound, practical and in line with the course of the world.

SOCIALIST MOVIE.
You can make good wages and make Socialists at the same time by procuring a picture machine outfit with picture lectures on some of the many red subjects as put out by Dr. E. B. Sennott of Grand Rapids, Mich. Write him for particulars.

WOMEN'S SICK & DEATH BENEFIT FUND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
TABLE showing status of the fund at the end of the year ended December 31, 1914.

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THIS COLUMN RECORDS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR SUB HUSTLERS FROM WEEK TO WEEK

Table with columns for Week, Amount, and Total. Shows an increase in subscriptions over the last week.

Do you notice our increase this week. Looking up a bit, isn't it? Now if we could get back again into our goal of 1,000 a week increase we would be feeling fine.

ROLL OF HONOR

- List of names and addresses of sub-hustlers who have contributed to the paper, including L. Pittman, Philadelphia, and W. E. Tribble, Woodland, Wash.

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Purpose: To collect, classify and make available for the membership of the Socialist Party all items of information on economic, political and social problems.

THE PEACE PROGRAM—WHERE TO GET THE INFORMATION. The peace program which was published in the December issue of the Socialist Party Bulletin...

VI. The Armament Trust. (a) The International War Trust—"The Slimy Trail of Modern Militarism," by Louis Gardy in the New York Call, October 18, 1914.

REFERENCES

- List of references including "War What For?" by George R. Kirkpatrick, "The Human Slaughterhouse," and "The Drain of Armaments."

American Socialist Lecture Bureau

RALPH KORNGOLD, Manager. Here is the way C. A. Gustafson of Moline, Ill., tells about the American Socialist lecture by Emil Seidel.

Our meeting last night with Emil Seidel was grand success considering the hard times on hand. We had between 300 and 400 people at the meeting and—My! Such a speech Comrade Seidel made! Gee! It was...

OSCAR AMERINGER'S ROUTE

Monday 17th, Buffalo, N. Y. Tuesday 18th, Buffalo, N. Y. Wednesday 19th, Buffalo, N. Y. Thursday 20th, Buffalo, N. Y.

RYAN WALKER'S ROUTE

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STANDING OF LOCALS

Table showing the standing of various local branches, including Detroit, Chicago, and Buffalo.

HOW ONE LOCAL DOES THINGS

When Local West Haven, Conn., undertook the Ryan Walker Lecture they had \$3.00 in the treasury and only 18 members...

BOOK REVIEW

"THE WORK OF THE RURAL SCHOOL" BY J. D. EGGELSTON AND ROBERT W. BRIERE. HARPER BROS. & CO., PUBLISHERS.

GRAND SUCCESS

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"On Earth, Peace"

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE. This is the inspiring Christmas message written by the Independent Labor Party of Great Britain.

What has this regiment of "evil politicians" done for the people of the past, that they should retain such a grip on our country in their respective countries? Surely you don't believe a million American dollars vote for these people because they are criminals!

IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE

IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE and East Prussia and Galicia and elsewhere, war reveals itself in the roar of monstrous guns, the bursting of shells and the roar of the guns.

SYNDICALISM

What do you know about this widely discussed subject? In what do Socialists and syndicalists differ?

WHAT IS THE AIM AND WHAT ARE THE METHODS OF SYNDICALISM?

You are not well informed unless you know these things. Read John Spargo's SYNDICALISM, INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM AND SOCIALISM.

JUST OUT: Women Of The Future

By Meta L. Stern. (Translator of Babe's Women) until the MOTHERS OF THE NATION become Socialists.

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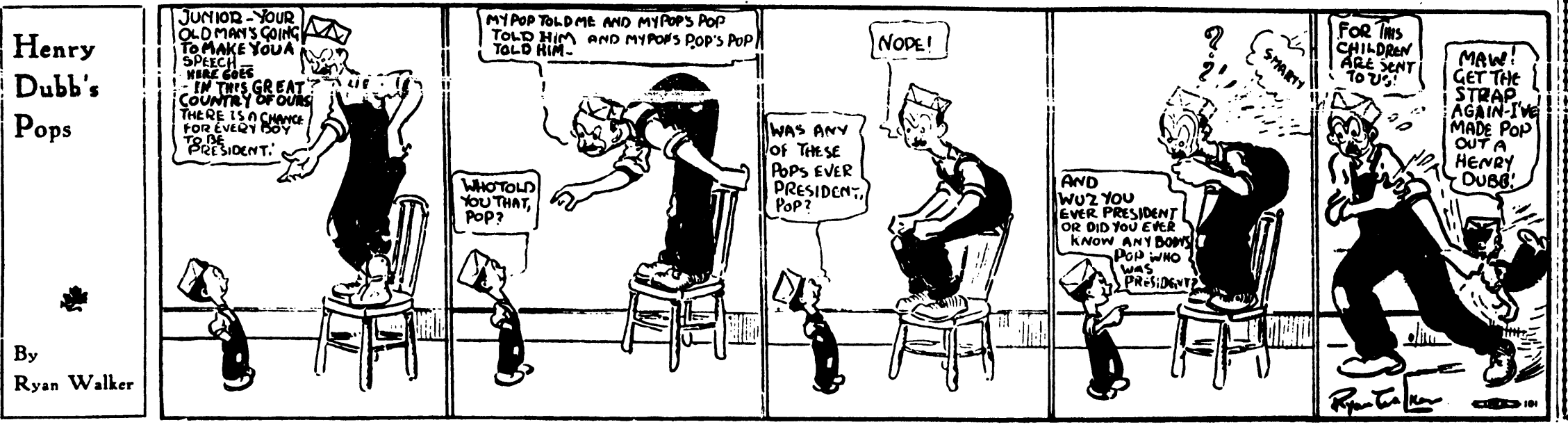
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