

"WE CAN Beat the British." But you will have to read Columns Seven and Eight on Page Two find out how.

# AMERICAN SOCIALIST

THE NEW REPUBLIC, of New York, in an editorial on the Quinlan case says: "The least that can be asked for Quinlan is an early pardon."

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## HELP SOCIALISM NOW TO PUT AN END TO ALL WARS

**I**N ITS issue of March 13, The American Socialist announced the opening of its great "WAR AGAINST WAR" campaign. We started this campaign with the firm belief that Socialism will soon put an end to all wars. We wanted this big effort to be our contribution in the gigantic struggle to end the feast of blood in Europe and the lust for profits in America.

At. In two weeks our entire supply of "Starve the War—Feed America!" leaflets has been exhausted. The distribution of this leaflet was the work outlined for this campaign during March. The enthusiasm manifested in this campaign shows that American Socialists want this war to be the last war. It indicates that they do not want the great industrial war in America to continue for another day, if they had the power to stop it.

It to grow faster. That is why we expect more work than ever to be done during the month of April, the month of spring municipal elections, the month that carries us up to International May Day, May 1, when labor the world over takes stock of the progress it has made during the year just past and makes new plans for the future.

We therefore expect every one of the 6,000 Socialist locals in the country to distribute a bundle of WAR LEAFLET NO. 2, entitled "HOW SOCIALISM WOULD MEET THE WAR CRISIS."

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1915 Socialist Party Red Week starts Saturday, May 1, and continues for an entire week. This is the week set aside by the Socialist Party national committee for the purpose of making a special effort to build up the Socialist press and increase the party membership.

### SOCIALISM BEHIND BARS

By EUGENE V. DEBS

**S**Ocialism grows anywhere, everywhere. Everybody and everything helps it to grow. Its worst enemies are its best friends. Strange, but watch it and you will find it works out that way every time.

The most thriving, well-attended and enthusiastic socialist local is the one in the federal jail at Fort Smith, Arkansas. It numbers thirty-six members. It meets every day and every night in the week; is in fact in continuous session.

**TELL THE STORY OF THE CRIME AGAINST QUINLAN TO EVERY ONE YOU MEET. TELL THE STORY OF THE CRIME AGAINST OTHER WORKERS. THE PEOPLE WILL KNOW THE TRUTH.**

**ONCE** the system has claimed its victim and put him away in a steel cage behind thick granite walls, it is no easy matter to reach him. Prisons under capitalism are no better than the bastilles of the feudal ages.

**LET FACTS BE KNOWN AND QUINLAN WILL BE FREED**

**I**F THE true facts in the case secure publicity enough and a strong protest is raised throughout this state and other states, the doors of the Trenton prison can be forced open and Pat Quinlan come forth a free man.

That is the proposition in one sentence put up to the workers of the nation. It is the declaration of Gordon Demarest, Socialist Party national committeeman from New Jersey, who was nearly elected to congress as a result of the working class solidarity brought about by the great silk strike in Paterson, N. J.

Again in the spring of 1914 Passaic County found itself thrown into another campaign — a special congressional election. If anything this was more bitterly contested than the previous fall election.

**GREENING MESSAGE SENT TO QUINLAN IN PRISON**

**MESSAGE TO QUINLAN.**

**THANKS FOR GOOD WINES.**

## NEW IDEA

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**CALL ON YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR BIG CAMPAIGN**

**ADRIAN ROGERS, director of the Young People's Department of the Socialist Party, has called on all the Young People's Socialist Leagues and their members to rally in support of the campaign of the American Socialist to sell \$5,000 worth of subcards.**

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**IF EVERY SOCIALIST** does his part a great National Headquarters can soon be built out of this income alone.

**BOYD FOLLOWS QUINLAN TO NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON.**

**CEASER'S CLUTCHES CLOSE ON MORGAN SOCIALIST.**

**Shots At The Enemy**

All of the countries protest against atrocities committed by the other side but only Socialists raise a voice of protest against the atrocities committed by their own side.

**THE UNEMPLOYED IN CHICAGO** have cause for rejoicing. The grand opera is secure for next winter.

**THE AMERICAN CITY** is the worst governed of any city in the world but there are a few other places where the Socialists are not helping to govern.

**NEW JERSEY SOCIALISTS WIN AGAINST THE COMBINATION.**

**THEY'RE TRYING TO TELL THE TRUTH IN GERMANY**

The Socialist organ of Gotha, which was suppressed by the German military authorities in January, was allowed to re-appear on condition that it did not publish anything referring to the class struggle.

**VOICE OF SOCIALISM IS HEARD IN GERMAN REICHSTAG.**

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NEWS OF THE WEEK: Here is all the week's news while you wait...

TUESDAY MARCH 16. Partner of J. B. McManus...

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17. Great Britain and France admit that they have no intention...

THURSDAY MARCH 18. Declared Turkish governor of Smyrna threatens to massacre all foreign residents...

FRIDAY MARCH 19. Italy claims to have sent 500 troops to the Balkans...

SATURDAY MARCH 20. Italy calls on new army as peace begins to be discussed...

SUNDAY MARCH 21. "Billy" Sunday blames 11 weeks of unemployment...

MONDAY MARCH 22. Garrison of the Austrian fortress of Trento surrenders to the invading Russian forces.

TUESDAY MARCH 23. Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey of Great Britain demands that Germany...

OUR BELIEF STORAGE PLANTS. One of the peculiar contrivances of the profit system...

PLAIN BIG DEMANDS WHEN WAR IN EUROPE COMES TO END. Herr Haase, chairman of the Socialist group...

CAN YOU BEAT HIM? A. A. Ruffing, Brockton, Mass., is still our biggest booster.

PRESIDENT AID TO FIVE CONVICTED SWINDLERS

PRESIDENT Wilson has created a big sensation in the Department of Justice by granting, out of hand, a thirty-day respite to the five convicted promoters...

This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press

ALL IN QUIET IN COLORADO. (From The Milwaukee Leader.)

As mercifully as the heel of the Cossack upon a Russian Ghetto the murderous weight of the Rockefeller oppression has descended upon prostrate Colorado.

ALMOST AS STRANGE a coincidence is the fact that Martin J. Wade, Democratic national committeeman for Iowa, was Palmer's immediate predecessor as attorney in the case.

THE KANSAS LABOR STATUTE CASE AND SUPREME COURT

AN ANALYSIS OF THE POLICE POWER OF THE STATE

By HARRY W. LAIDLER, Ph. D. Author of "Boycotts and the Labor Struggle"

FOLLOWING closely in the wake of the Danbury Hatters' case, the decision in the Kansas Labor Statute Case (Coppage vs. Kansas), handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States on January 25, 1915...

THE facts of the Coppage case are briefly as follows. In 1903 a Kansas Statute was passed making it a misdemeanor for any employer to require a worker to agree not to join a labor union...

ONE ray of hope that labor might obtain from the majority view is that, if the court held to the same conception of what constitutes coercion, when asked to interpret the meaning of the boycott clause...

THE GINGER JAR

By Wm. Francis Barnard

A federal judge has decided that the shoe machine trust is not a trust. Now that we have trust legislation, Mr. Wilson, what are we going to do with it?

Pat Quinan in jail is freer than the good enchained men who put him there. He can think, at any rate.

Justice Day sought to distinguish the case from the Adair case. He declared that the right of contract was not absolute...

The Adair case was distinguished from the Kansas case on the ground that in the former the statute in question prohibited the employer from entering the territory...

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WE HAVE been reading recent issues of The Daily Citizen with great interest.

Many of you do not know it, but The Daily Citizen is the daily spokesman of the British labor movement.

The courts have already shown their colors. A judge, at the behest of his plute masters, has declared that labor unions must not vote money to support their own press.

But that is where the interesting part of it all comes in. We have watched The Daily Citizen from day to day.

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WALTER THOMAS MILLS :- THE HOMEWARD TRIP :- LECTURES ENROUTE. Walter Thomas Mills will start from New York on his Homeward trip to California about the middle of May.

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# THE ORIGIN OF HENRY DUBB

By RYAN WALKER

**WHO is Henry Dubb?**  
**You ask me, "And how did he originate?"**

I shall try to give you the story of how I conceived Henry Dubb.

While in a mining district—for the purpose of studying the conditions of my brother miner—I went by trolley car to one of the most remote of the mining camps. I did not go in quest of enjoyment, for long ago I had learned that nothing of happiness, sunshine and contentment was to be found in the isolated settlements where men dig riches from the earth to pour into the pockets of the men who toil not.

It goes without saying that when I dropped off the trolley car into the above mentioned mining camp I fell into the midst of squalor and unhappiness. For everywhere about me was wretchedness born of want and ignorance and nursed by oppression. There was but one foul street, formed by two rows of dismal shacks—such habitations as we see everywhere that men are employed in vast numbers.

Struggling along this street, and coming from a well-to-do and comfortable home, I was shocked and disgusted. The latter condition was the toll they paid for their work. (Have you ever thought of that—the heavy toll the miner pays to his job?) Their day's work had just ended, and in the shadow of the approaching night they were weary going to their respective shacks to eat and sleep, preparatory against another long day's toil.

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**HOWDY, Brother!** I bowed. "Howdy, Brother," came his response most cordially; for the world went well with him, and he felt nothing but kindness for the workers outside his fence! "That's a nice, red barn you dwell in," I said. "Looks comfortable." The mule smiled. "It is comfortable—cool in summer and warm in winter, and contains a full range." "I suppose you pay a pretty stiff rent for seeing it's kept in such excellent condition?" I surmised, anxiously. "Rent?" He gave a mule-laugh. "No, Brother, I pay not a penny in rent." "You look well fed," I next remarked. "I suppose, since your food is so high, that you are taxed pretty heavily for it." "I am well fed," the mule assured me, "and I don't pay anything for my food." "Strange," I remarked, "will you tell me for whom you eat?" "For the mine-owners," informed the mule. "Now suppose the mines close down," I suggested, "what becomes of you?" "I am not at all worried," he replied, "for the mine-owners will sell their mines for my food." "I am well fed," the mule assured me, "and I don't pay anything for my food." "Strange," I remarked, "will you tell me for whom you eat?" "For the mine-owners," informed the mule. "Now suppose the mines close down," I suggested, "what becomes of you?" "I am not at all worried," he replied, "for the mine-owners will sell their mines for my food."

# Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

**SERIOUS OR FUNNY.**  
It's hard sometimes to decide whether little internal surges in a great organization built for big things are more serious than funny. However, we women are not at first impressed with the funny side of any trouble which arises from the world old "dragon-headed" creeping out even in the socialist party—that old, old feeling of man's, for limiting women's activities.

If women are to be reckoned with in a public capacity—all too many say to feel they are better fitted either to do the highest jobs around offices or odd jobs of baking for banquets or at most if they must organize let it be a sort of "ornamental" or auxiliary which serves perhaps as a good social setting for the men's organization. Surely the world is not quite converted to the fact that women are people. Possibly we may as well laugh for some time we all will laugh over the absurdity of these ideas.

**Three Sensible Soldiers**  
By O. R. WASHBURN  
Rene and Henri and I sat down by the kitchen table at five o'clock. They had red cards and so had I, and we were real heroes for the night. We had our own table and our own glasses and talked awhile. We were sure to talk and die—was of the fact of the matter.

**RESIGNATIONS OF OFFICIALS.**  
The attached is a copy of an editorial in the Socialist Party which appeared in the New Republic under date of February 27, 1915, page 85. I call it to your attention for the reason that, unless there are very strong arguments for the party holding signed resignations of office on its nomination which I have not heard, I agree with the criticism.

**OHIO SOCIALISTS CARRYING ON BIG MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGNS.**  
According to all reports, the Socialist locals of Ohio are making extensive arrangements to wage an aggressive campaign to capture municipal power this fall. The party members in Hamilton are confident that they will retain control of the city administration despite the probable fusion of all other parties against them.

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**INFORMATION DEPARTMENT**  
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**AMONG BOOKS**  
**"Taxation and the Distribution of Wealth"** By Frederic Mathews. Published by Doubleday, Page & Company, 1914. Cloth, 680 pp. \$2.50 net.  
This announcement of this book states that it is a "study of the effects caused by the taxation of the staples of life and industry in the distortion of the entire process of wealth production and distribution."

**SOCIALIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.**  
We are in receipt of letters daily asking questions about the Sunday School in Rochester in the matter of the Socialist Sunday School. We reply to these as well as we can in our limited time and space, but regret exceedingly that we cannot reply to each writer more at length.

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

Table with columns: Last Week, This Week, Gain. Rows include 'O-U Sub Hustler (May his tribe increase)', 'Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace', 'And saw, within the moonlight in his room', etc.

ROLL OF HONOR

A. J. Fox of Minnesota does not want any Socialist should be without... W. A. Bragg of California, a veteran of the Civil War, has been in the movement 47 years and is not in the least discouraged...

THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE

By ROBERT HUNTER

WILHELM Liebknecht, the father of Karl Liebknecht, is one whose words have always had weight with all Socialists. His services to Socialism were magnificent, and his achievements worthy of a great life possessed of masterly talents.

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BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW.

(From The Saturday Evening Post.)

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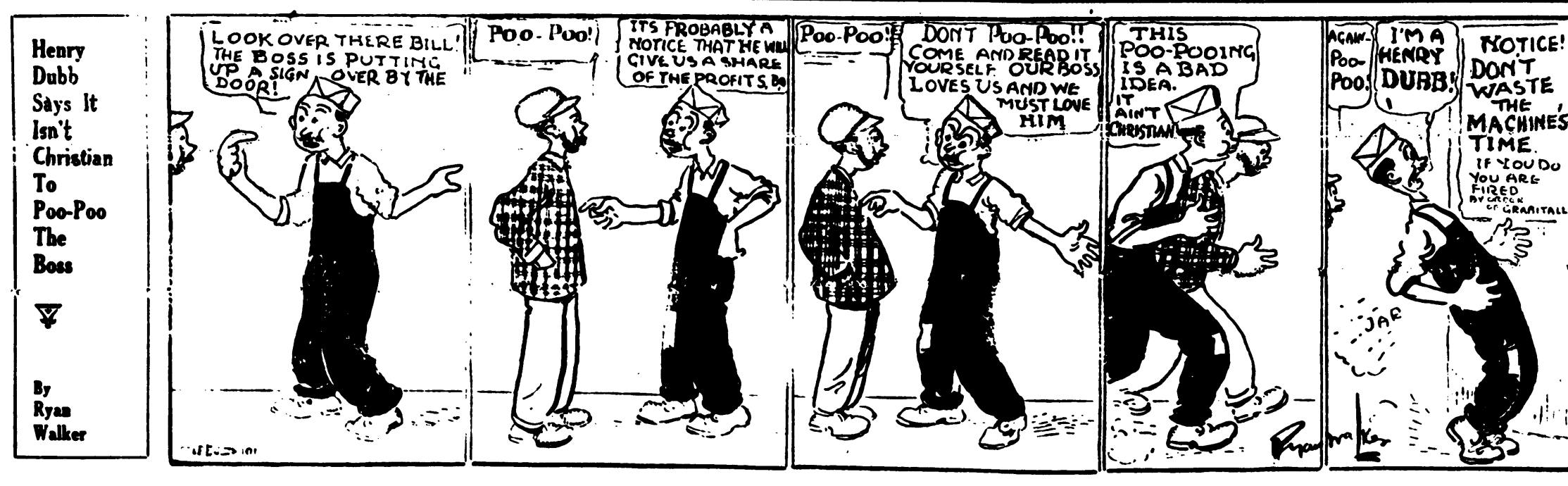
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