

ORGANIZE FOR 1916!

Comrades:—At our meeting, held June 5th—8th, we decided to begin a campaign of organization using every available cent for the purpose. No increases in salaries or increased expenses for administration of the National Office—every cent for organization.

The slogan we have adopted is that of the National Committee of 1915—"ORGANIZE FOR 1916".

Comrades! Capitalism is robbing us, one after another, of our rights.

Courts are aiding capitalism to rob even women and babes of their homes; **LOOK AT DANBURY.** The ballot is removed ever further from the worker; **LOOK AT PRIMARY ELECTION LAWS.** The standard of living of our workers is on a steady decline; **LOOK AT THE GOVERNMENT STATISTICS.**

Workers' families—wives and innocent children are massacred by hirelings like just so much cattle; **LOOK AT LUDLOW AND CALUMET.**

Workers are jailed for exercising their citizen rights; **LOOK AT QUINLAN, LAWSON AND OTHERS.**

The wealthy culprits go free; **LOOK AT THE ROCKEFELLERS.**

AND WE HAVE NOT CALLED A HALT! WHY? BECAUSE WE COULD NOT! WHY COULD WE NOT? BECAUSE WE WERE NOT ORGANIZED!!!

If our party is to justify its existence your slogan must be "ORGANIZE FOR 1916!"

We want every local and branch to send to the National Organization Department \$2.00 with which to begin this fight. **WE MUST HAVE THIS MONEY NOW FOR THIS FIGHT MUST BEGIN NOW!**

We need men in congress; we need men in the legislature; we need 5,000,000 Socialist votes in the United States.

This shall be OUR ANSWER.

To make that answer let our slogan be every morning, noon and night "ORGANIZE FOR 1916!"

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Arthur Ross
Emil Diehl
Lucretia Bremer

James F. Manners
George H. ...

NOTE OF HOPE COMES FROM CHICAGO

Two Hundred Entrenched Millions of Dollars Surrender to Labor

Workers Show Power in Great Traction Strike—Brilliant Work by Two Socialist Aldermen in Chicago's City Council.

By J. L. ENGBAHL

FOR YEARS the aspiring workers of America have looked to Chicago as the center of the growing social revolution in the United States. In this hour, when the nation is being swept and deluged by a tidal wave of reaction, Chicago has again struck the note of hope.

Two hundred entrenched millions of dollars, the capitalization of the Chicago traction trust, have almost unconditionally surrendered to the demands of 15,000 electric railway workers, and the powerful 42 centimeter gun in the attack was the work of the two Socialist aldermen in Chicago's city council.

This is the first reply of those who toll to the House of Rockefeller and its Marxist tactics in Colorado, and to the copper barons who crushed the hopes of 15,000 enslaved miners in Russwold Michigan, and to every other oppressor of labor in the land. The humbling of the Chicago traction interests, bulwarked by the Rockefeller banks, both in Chicago and New York, is the beginning of the labor's greatest campaign in America to come into its own, that must surely develop during the next few months.

The spectacular two and one-half days' traction war in Chicago, during which the hopes of 15,000 enslaved and thousands of miles of surface and elevated lines, did not result in accidental success to the men who challenged to battle two hundred millions of dollars.

For years the men who do the work of transportation in Chicago have been busy building and perfecting their economic organization. Today every man and woman employed in Chicago's electric railway industry belongs to the carmen's union. To this union belong the men who sell the tickets and the men who sweep the "L" platforms, as well as the conductors and motormen. Into this union are welded the painters, carpenters and others employed in the car shops. This has been accomplished over the protest of the craft unions who might have jurisdiction over these shop trades.

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IF THE workers of Chicago would only remember how they have been clubbed and shot down in cold blood when standing for the right, and not forget the past silent acquiescence of the city government to those crimes; and if they would compare those tragic experiences with the admirable defense of their rights, made by the two Socialist Aldermen, they would be proud to find that they were not the only ones who stood for the business interests.

How long! Oh workers of Chicago! will you remember what you have learned during the past few days?

most active workers are also members of the carmen's union. And this socialist activity is not of recent date. During the great newspaper strike of 1915, the carmen were the first to join the strike. If during the strike a newspaper was not published, it was because the carmen had struck. They were also in the forefront of the labor army that elected William A. Cunneen, Socialist, state's attorney of Cook County, a victory that was stolen by the corrupt democratic election machine.

RECRUIT STRIKEBREAKERS.

THE STRIKE started in the early hours of Monday morning, June 14. For days, if not weeks, the biggest army of strikebreakers this country has ever seen, was being recruited

OUR PROSPERITY!

Visitors to the Panama-Pacific exposition will be shown many wonderful pieces of evidence of our prosperity. Let us call attention to one little exhibit which otherwise might be overlooked. It is in the space devoted to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is a set of figures and a graphic which tell for the first time from this source a very vital story.

It is the story of real wages. It relates that the real wages of 1,500,000 workmen in this country have steadily declined since 1907. There isn't much news in it, only the dreary old fact that while wages have apparently been going up, they have in reality been going down. The dollar that in 1907 would buy 121 food units, in 1913 would purchase only 100. Hours went down a trifle, but not to amount to much.

These are facts worth knowing. They measure the true prosperity of the country. — PEARSON'S MAGAZINE.

came forward with a proposed ordinance seeking to prohibit the employment of strike breakers on the Chicago car lines. This proposition also had fight in it. The galleries again went wild as Kennedy and Rodriguez scored in their arguments in favor of this measure. Other aldermen fell into line. They felt that labor was slipping away from them. The Socialist proposition contained the sanity of law and order as opposed to the insanity of murdering workers for seeking more bread. A similar ordinance had been put into effect in New York, N. Y. Now the army of invading criminal strikebreakers was knocking at the gates of the city. Some of them had already entered.

Members of the city council who vote against this measure will vote to import thugs, cutthroats, convicts and murderers," said Kennedy, and the issue was so plain that even "Rath House" John Coughlin and "Hinky Dink" Kenna could see it.

Beat by the fear of Chicago's growing labor movement and lashed on by two Socialist aldermen, the city council voted 87 to 19 to keep the cutthroat strikebreakers out of the city.

And that was the big feature of the strike that the capitalist newspapers had to play up the next morning. "CITY HITS STRIKEBREAKERS," "CITY HITS STRIKEBREAKERS," "CITY HITS STRIKEBREAKERS," and the Herald and the Examiner joined in the chorus, and the hundreds of thousands who were jammed in the juneys or walked laboriously to work the following Tuesday morning, breathed a sigh of great relief as they gulped down the picket duty at a score of car barns shared more justly for victory.

OVER IN 24 HOURS.

WITHIN the next 24 hours the traction barons, headed by Busby of the surface lines, agreed to the kind of arbitration that the strike officials demanded, granting outright some of the demands. Wednesday morning the wheels were again turning, labor had scored another victory in Chicago, labor was one step nearer its ultimate goal.

There is no doubt that the brilliant battle for labor waged in the

SOCIALISM AND STRIKES IN CHICAGO.

(From The Milwaukee Leader.)

For almost half a century Chicago has been the storm center of the American industrial war. More than once its working class have fallen before volleys of rifles in the hands of militia or regulars. The brains of workingmen have been scattered over its streets by the clubs of Chicago policemen. Courts, deputy sheriffs, private thugs and a contemptible press have united in the effort to crush by violence every effort of labor to gain a larger share of its product.

Nearly every big strike in Chicago has been accompanied by violence. Yet Chicago has just had the largest strike in 50 years and there has been no violence. It was a strike of the traction workers, and such strikes are always supposed to be accompanied by rioting.

Every element but one essential to a riot was present in Chicago this week. They were the crowded streets, the angry strikers, the efforts of a United States judge to provoke violence, crowds of strike breakers thronging into the city. But the one thing that was lacking was the assurance that the city government would stand for the police tactics that had never failed to produce rioting and killing in previous strikes.

The police were ready to act. The same men that had shot and clubbed strikers for years were eager to act. The gangs of thugs that began their work under Paddy Lavin on Bloody Sunday in May, 1915, and continued it in every strike since would have welcomed the opportunity to kill and cripple workers.

Chief of Police Healy was straining at the tether, anxious to shoot and bludgeon the strikers. But when he went to the city council with a request for 50,000 rounds of ammunition, 1,000 extra men and a full equipment for killing and rioting, he found that something had changed, and his request was "placed on file," where it still remains.

"The Bathhouse," "Smooth Ed" and many of the others who had done the political work of strike crushing in the past, were in their seats and ready to act.

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COST OF LIVING

The workingman's dinner bill of market basket cost him more in 1914 than 1913, although the Democratic tariff law had been in effect for nearly one year.

The following comparative table from figures gathered by the Department of Labor, shows how low prices have been advanced in Chicago during the last year:

	1913	1914
Round steak, pound	20	22
Beef chops, pound	20	22
Bacon, pound	22	25
Lard, pound	22	25
Log of lamb, pound	22	25
Wheat flour, one eighth bu.	75	75
Eggs, dozen	75	75

Will Barringer and Dan Farver have been nominated for City Commissioners by the Dayton, Ohio Socialists, who declare that the city is "rotten ripe" for a change in government and that they have a good fighting chance to win in November.

Albert Thomas, another Socialist, has joined the War Cabinet. Because of his long experience, he has been given that right. He will be an under secretary. This is the third Socialist who is now in the Ministry, Guesde and Sembat being the other two.

The Wisconsin senate refused to adopt the method of selecting judges as recommended by the Socialist faction in the legislature. Under provisions of a bill passed in the house it was provided that judges in Milwaukee county should be selected from the poll list prepared by the labor commission.

Texas Socialists are preparing for the Grand Twelfth Annual Encampment to be held at Grand Saline, August 2-14. Boone Carter, secretary and general manager, declared that, "Judging by the records made by the 11 preceding encampments held at Grand Saline, we can safely predict that the twelfth encampment will, in every respect, be a pronounced success."

The newly organized League for Peace in session at Philadelphia, was stirred by a speech by Victor L. Berger, former Socialist congressman from Milwaukee, in which he declared that in future wars no neutral nations should be permitted to send arms or ammunition to belligerents, and that no belligerent should be permitted to prevent the shipment of food by neutrals into enemy territory. Berger's resolution covering this point was rejected by the committee.

It is reported from Colorado that the Rockefeller crowd of bribe and corruptionists have launched a brand new scheme to distribute dirty dollars and cinch their hold upon those susceptible to that kind of influence. The only crowd have launched a scheme to "buy" the legislature and elect a legislature in Colorado for that purpose, of which \$50,000 has been apportioned to Los Animas, Huerfano and Fremont counties, where the mining troubles have occurred. Mackenzie King, head of the \$100,000,000 Rockefeller foundation, is the generous paymaster.

The New Jersey union people are being stirred by the publicistic plotters who have been attempting to foment a State Constitutional convention. The movement seems to be being led by Seth Lee, president of the National Civic Federation, to establish legalized strikebreakers in a number of States.

Executive Department

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

NATIONAL REFERENDUM
By Local Executive Committee: Amended to the National Constitution...

CONSTITUTION

The Women's Committee appears to have been an expense to the party...

MEMBERSHIP

By Local Executive Committee: Received since last publication...

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Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY IN PROVIDING FOR AN OPEN FORUM IN THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST...

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY SOCIALIST PARTY WOMAN'S COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, millions of working-class women are about to be politically enfranchised, and it being essential to the welfare of the working-class that these women...

BY LOCAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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actionary tendency

The socialist movement is not exempt. The chief deadening factor has been no doubt the all pervading influence...

actionary tendency

It is a dangerous thing for the Catholic church or any other church to seek function as such in political affairs...

actionary tendency

It is safe to say that in the past two years one fourth of the socialist party membership of Iowa has been lost...

actionary tendency

Comrades let us stick to the main issue. Let us not be sidetracked by the lesser evil of church domination...

actionary tendency

Destroy the base and the superstructure must fall. Those who are so sidetracked by the lesser evil of church domination...

actionary tendency

The Capitalist Class. In the past, has furnished us with all kinds of good propaganda while thinking they were harming us...

actionary tendency

I venture to predict that there will be a bill introduced in Congress this fall to keep the Government...

actionary tendency

PERIOD OF LOW VITALITY. The entire world is passing through one of those periods of low vitality...

actionary tendency

If anyone doubts that this discussion is likely to become warm, it is only necessary to refer to the fact that the National Office...

actionary tendency

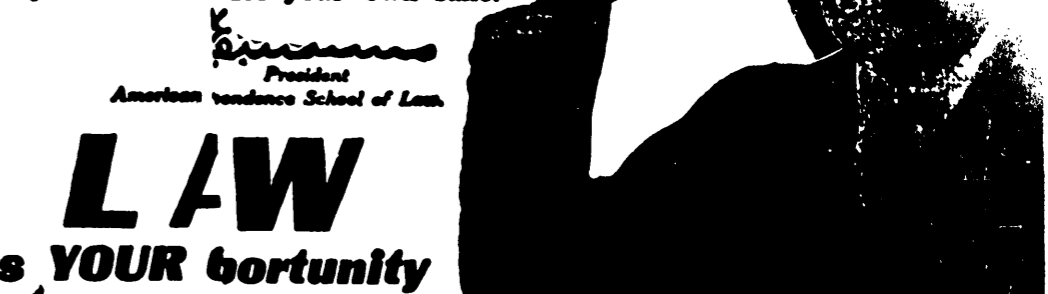
WANTED - PICTURES. The National Office desires to get out a series of slides appropriate for socialist lectures...

actionary tendency

As a result of the activities of the Bureau of Census 44 newspapers have gone out of business since the war started...

I Will Help You Get Ahead

I HAVE HELPED thousands of other men to attain success, and I do it for you. If you are plodding along in a rut, I can surely and absolutely show you the way out...



LAW Is YOUR opportunity

The successful man is legally-trained man. The influential social is legally-trained Socialist. I will help you to go out and fight life's battles...

I Now Personally Offer You the Greatest Educational Opportunity Ever Conceived

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William Barnes, the News-publisher boss who lost 100,000 dollars in the libel suit against Roosevelt...

YOUR LAST CHANGE

HOW WOULD YOU like to own a book on Socialism on which MORE THAN A HUNDRED OF THE BEST SOCIALIST WRITERS...

BUSINESS THE HISTORY OF THE NATION

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE which does not usually enthusiastically about a list book, has the following to say about it:

AMONG BOOKS

BOOK REVIEW. "The Case of the People Against the Lawyers and the Courts" by Frank Cramer...

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It has correspondents in every country from China to Alaska, from Persia to South Africa...

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NATIONAL OFFICE SOCIALIST PARTY
363 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

ON THE 25th of June, 1915, the "On" forces suddenly hurled a brigade against them. The "On" forces were advancing towards Hill 54,000 after their temporary setback of last week when General Platte in command of the "Off" forces suddenly hurled a brigade against them.

ROLL OF HONOR

- CHARLES H. DOCHER, New Jersey, has sent me the most beautiful copy of the issue of the AMERICAN SOCIALIST.
GEORGE W. WYER, Michigan, finds it impossible to join him in fighting the enemy.

SEEING WAR IN ENGLAND AND FRANCE

NOTE Mrs. Charles Edward Russell went to Europe to attend the women's peace conference at The Hague. She carried credentials from the American Socialist Party. She was detained in England, however, by the British officials, with many other women and did not reach The Hague until the conference was over.

THE ALURE OF SUCCESS

THEY say socialists indulge in abuse of successful men. The truth is never abuse anyone at all. Frequently, when we are charged with abusing someone we are merely using him as an example.

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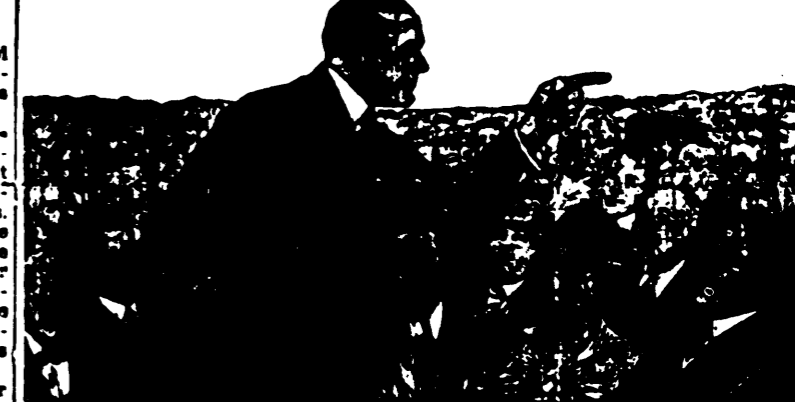
THEY say in which a man can make a more complete failure of life than in the accumulation of wealth. Such a life assassinates the higher ideals and causes him to grow downward towards the earth.

COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT SPREADING OVER NATION

THE Cooperative movement is spreading over this country like a prairie fire. It is as if a great moral awakening had seized upon the farmers and the wage-earners and aroused them to the opportunity of organizing to protect their products.

POLITICS AND STRIKES

From Chicago comes a new kind of strike news. It is worth considering seriously. Here is what has happened in Chicago: Alderman John C. Kennedy, Socialist, introduced an ordinance providing for the employment of competent motormen and conductors and guards on traction lines.



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15 Minutes a Day

That's enough. 15 minutes of your spare time devoted to this remarkably brief and scientific course and within a very few months you will be a powerful public speaker.

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ALPH KORNGOLD, Manager
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Total Number of Contracts Received Up-to-date 106 Watch This Figure Grow

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ARKANSAS—Little Rock, Yema.
CALIFORNIA—Berkeley, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego, Los Angeles, Los Angeles.

HARMONY BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOR

"If it is only through organization that Labor can protect and benefit itself, why should Labor that organizes itself industrially to battle with its oppressors refuse to organize itself politically for the same purpose?"

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WHAT TO READ ON SOCIALISM AND ALLIED SUBJECTS

THE Information Department of the Socialist Party has just compiled what is without doubt the greatest reading guide for those who wish to study Socialism and economics that has thus far appeared on this continent.

Henry Dubb Buys A Pound Of Meat. A cartoon strip showing a butcher and a customer. The customer asks for a pound of meat, and the butcher weighs it. The customer then asks for a pound of meat, and the butcher weighs it again. The customer then asks for a pound of meat, and the butcher weighs it a third time.

There is also an author index, a subject index, a title index and a cost classification, so that any book you happen to think of, whether you remember the author, the title or merely the price, can be found at any moment.