

# Fear Forces Wall Street To Set Trap For Socialist Voters—Look Out!

By LUCIEN SAINT.

(Special Washington Correspondence.)

**F**RANTIC eleventh hour efforts are being made by the Democratic party to seduce Socialist votes to Wilson on the plea that if Hughes is elected the laboring class in the United States will suffer the consequences. In Republican quarters these efforts are being met with the charge that Wilson and the Socialists have an understanding whereby Wilson hopes to win many thousands of votes which otherwise would go to Benson.

"The Wilson missionaries among the Socialists," declares a man close to the Hughes camp, "are saying that in his next annual message to Congress it is the intention of Mr. Wilson to begin a program of state socialism for America which will put

the United States in time of peace on much the same basis that Great Britain and the European nations are operating in time of war. They claim that Mr. Wilson has become converted to the belief that instead of returning to a protective tariff as a safeguard for American labor, it is better to borrow from the Old World and build upon its experience. In short, the Socialists who are turning to Mr. Wilson today in such large numbers are doing so in the firm belief that before he leaves the White House we shall have firmly established in the United States government ownership of the railroads, government ownership of telephones and telegraphs, government ownership of steamship lines, and a larger measure of government supervision, looking to gradual absorption by the government of many of the larger enterprises in the nation today."

While the Republicans are holding up their hands in pretended holy horror over the rumors of this unholy alliance, the Democrats are smiling, saying nothing, but

hinting broadly—to Socialists—that there is something in it.

Of course it is the old game of flim-flam, and of course, if he is re-elected, Wilson will do nothing of the sort. He will obey as heretofore, the dictates of the capitalistic interests, modified only by the necessities of politics. His record shows that this is the probability. Nevertheless, it is nearly November 7, on which date the Socialists are due to receive the largest vote in history. Wilson quite naturally needs some of it.

Because many Socialists would prefer to see Wilson in the White House instead of Hughes, the ingenious press agents of the Democratic party are circulating stories that Socialists have abandoned Benson for their chief. One such story was put out about Morris Hillquit, who is running for Congress from a New York city district. Others have been put out in other sections of the country. In addition, Socialists have been greeted warmly by Wilson supporters,

and in many instances they have been given jobs during the campaign. Every attempt has been made to lead Socialists who are either in the party or who are on the edge of it, to work for Woodrow.

Washington politicians, of both the old parties, are living in dread of the Socialist vote this year. Altho the news associations have practically suppressed all mention of the Socialist campaigning, the inside dope is that Benson will poll at least 1,300,000 votes. Both Republicans and Democrats know perfectly well that the high cost of living has more than offset the temporary war prosperity of the country, and the endless strikes and threats of strikes shows them that labor is far from being contented. Both parties are bidding for the labor vote as they have never bid for it before. They fear the effect on the political future of the nation of a tremendous Socialist vote. Capitalists in general and Wall Street in particular don't care whether Wilson or Hughes wins as long as Benson is under as far as pos-

sible. The spectre of Socialism is as terrible as it ever was.

Whoever is elected, Hughes or Wilson, labor will find hard sledding in Congress during the next four years. Altho the railroad brotherhoods have gained a temporary advantage, Wilson is pledged to enact compulsory arbitration legislation which may include all workers and deny the right to strike. Government ownership measures, which have been neglected during the present administration, will be soft-pedaled. Even the campaign for public health insurance, a mild enough reform, is about to be checked by the secret organization of the privately capitalized insurance companies who have already scented a loss of their profits if the state undertakes this kind of business. Wilson has been "progressive" during the last few months. After the seventh of November he will turn reactionary.

Meanwhile, the trap has been set, for the Socialists. How many will walk in?

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### OUR PATRIOTISM AND THEIRS

By MORRIS HILLQUIT.  
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**O**NE OF the charges commonly made against the Socialists in this campaign is that they are devoid of patriotism. To this charge we plead NOT GUILTY. We yield to no man in the sense of true patriotism. Patriotism means the love of one's country, and love of the country means nothing if it does not mean love of the people. True patriotism expresses itself in honest efforts to enhance the happiness and welfare of the great masses of the people, to help them in their struggles for more food, better homes, higher education, larger freedom, brighter, happier lives.

PATRIOTISM is a very much abused term. In this campaign the country is infested with a swarm of professional patriots, including men who are aspiring to the highest office in the land, men who have occupied the most exalted positions in the gift of the nation and other great national luminaries. They travel throughout the country prating about "true Americanism", they wave the American flag with rivaling frenzy, they flatter our national vanity, they appeal to our national prejudices and pride. They stir up our basest instincts, they foment racial antagonism at home and pave the ground for strife and war with foreign nations. Their agitation is harmful to the people, it is grossly unpatriotic.

Our leading citizens, who march in the front ranks of "preparedness" parades, but build their fortunes upon the misery and oppression of their fellowmen, they too are thoroughly unpatriotic.

THE SOCIALISTS alone stand for true and enlightened patriotism. The essence of true American patriotism has been proclaimed to the whole world one hundred and forty years ago in terms so clear and in tones so ringing that it holds as true now as ever, and the political pigmies of to-day may well save themselves the trouble of amending it.

I refer to the sublimest instrument produced by American genius, the Declaration of Independence.

Let me quote from it:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

LIFE, Liberty and Happiness for all human beings, including all workers, that is the great goal of organized labor and of the Socialist movement.

The worker's life counts for nothing in our cruel industrial system. It is being ruthlessly crushed and destroyed in the mines, mills, and factories by violent accidents, it is being steadily sapped by inhuman over-exertion.

His liberty is at best the liberty to choose and change his master. There can be no true liberty in an industrial despotism.

His pursuit of happiness is often a vain pursuit of a job to keep his body and soul together.

FOR THE ruling classes of our country, the Tories of the twentieth century, the Declaration of Independence has become an antiquated, meaningless "scrap of paper". To them government exists not to ensure Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, but to protect Property, Authority and Pursuit of Profits.

The government and system maintained by American capitalism have become destructive of the lives, liberties and happiness of the workers and the great masses of the people, and with the founders of this republic we hold that it is the right and the duty of the people "to alter or abolish" this system, and "to institute a new government"; a government organized to maintain human life and promote human happiness, a government based on industrial as well as political liberty, a true popular government for the benefit of the whole people.

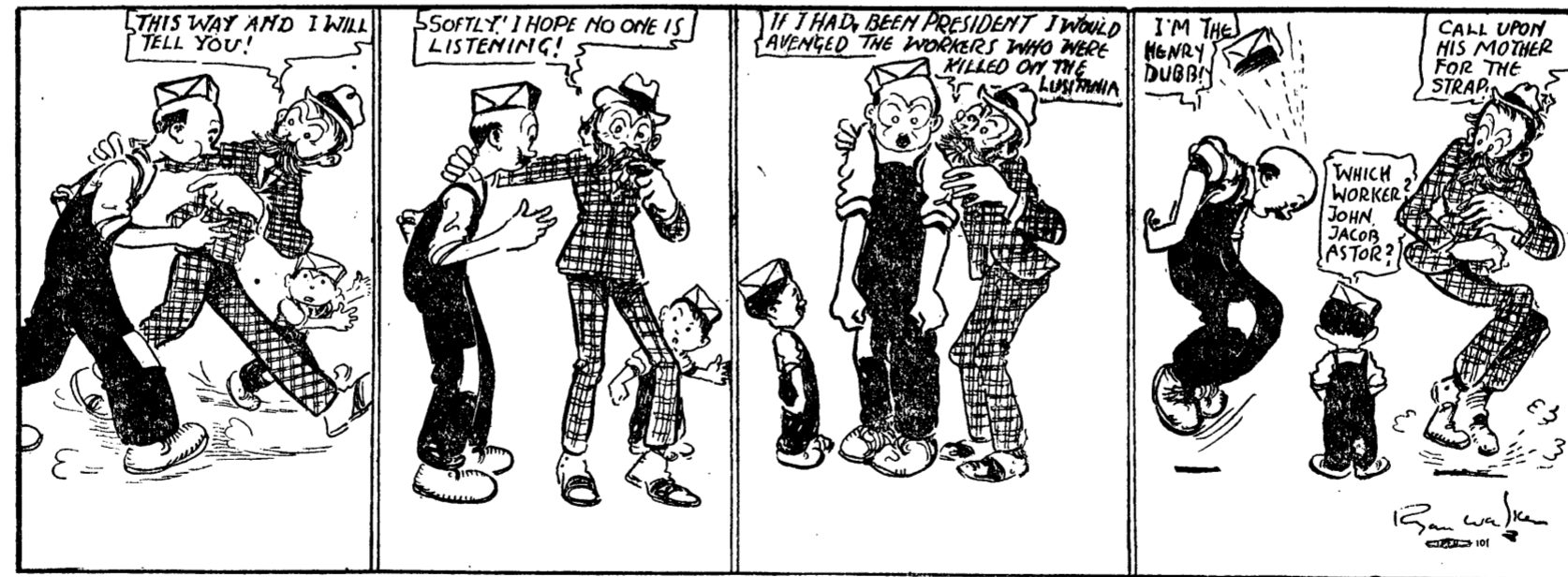
### Wake up the Henry Dubbs with these cartoons by Ryan Walker



Henry Dubb takes Junior to see his friend, the President.



Henry Dubb gets the things he votes for.



Henry Dubb finds out what Charley Horse would have done.

### Are The People Fools?

By JOHN M. WORR.

**H**OW LONG will the people willingly let themselves be robbed?

All over the nation, and other nations as well, they are constantly being robbed in numerous ways.

TAKE my own burg—Chicago.

Not to mention any of the other stickup stunts that are pulled off here, the vast majority of the people live in rented abodes. I call them abodes in order to avoid calling them homes, which would be inaccurate. The rents are preposterously high. Scarcely the most modest tiny place for a family, if at all decent, can be had for less than twenty-five dollars a month, and most of them cost thirty, forty, fifty, or sixty dollars a month, and more.

AND THE people of Chicago, the vast majority of them renters, stand for this.

If they had any gumption they would make these dwellings collective property, and rent them to themselves

at cost, which would be about one-third or one-fourth of what they are now paying.

This is just a slight illustration. The country over the people are constantly gouged out of most of their earnings by means of profits, interest, dividends, and rent.

And they stand for it. They have the power, at any general election, to put the grafters out of business, by voting the Socialist ticket, and bringing about the collective ownership and control of the industries and the rented buildings.

WHY DON'T they do it?

One way to look at it is that they are fools. You remember what Carlyle said about so many millions of people walking across London Bridge, most of them fools.

If we were to look at the matter in an absolute sense, we would have to conclude that most of the people are fools, for they allow themselves to be constantly skinned.

BUT, from another point of view, we find the people continually grow-

ing more and more capable of realizing the situation and applying the remedy. They are in process of evolution. They never have been up to snuff. They are not now. But they are more nearly so than they used to be. More and more of them are getting their eyes open all the while. And the time is approaching when they will throw off the parasites and free themselves.

Before election the office seekers shake your hand. After election they shake you.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will not vote for either Wilson or Hughes, but for capitalism.

The ballot that is coming to women as a direct result of Socialist agitation is only an earnest of the freedom they will gain when Socialism fully comes.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will vote for the system that brought the European war, that forced the costly Mexican revolution and the cost of intervention on America's part.

You had better vote the Socialist ticket while you have the chance. After this opportunity you will be unable to tell your servants (?) that you want some consideration for many moons.

### SEND IN THE RETURNS.

Socialists everywhere are urged to make arrangements now to send in the returns of the election, Tuesday, Nov. 7, to the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison St., Chicago. If there is an important victory won, wire in the results. If not sent the vote in by the earliest mail, special delivery if possible.

Heed the plea of the National Executive Committee to "Watch the Count". See that every vote cast for Socialism in your precinct is counted for Socialism. Send in the vote this year and four years ago so that we can compare them and estimate the total Socialist vote for the country. Make your plans for sending in the returns to the national office NOW!

### DEMOCRATS IN DESPAIR

By ADOLPH GERMER  
National Secretary, Socialist Party.

**O**NLY A political party that is in despair will resort to the forgeries practiced by the democrats in this campaign. Almost daily interviews appear where some "Socialist" has endorsed Wilson and predicted his re-election. Some of these have been run down only to find that in their sad plight, the democratic machine has manufactured these interviews or has so twisted and distorted them that their author could not recognize them.

THIS twisting of facts is likewise true about the "achievements" of the Wilson administration. What are the achievements? The Federal Child Labor Law is a humbug of the first water. It was never intended to abolish child slavery in the democratic states. It does not stop the traffic in child labor. Child labor is as prevalent now in democratic States as ever. Child labor products may still be shipped out of a state, only they must be held for 30 days. How does this stop child labor?

The Eight Hour Law? It is only necessary to point out that Judge Lovett of the Union Pacific R. R., one of organized labor's worst enemies, Underhill of the Erie and other Railroad heads are in favor of Wilson because he has been fair to Business. There is no doubt about that, for Big Business has coined billions while labor has been compelled to pay sky-high prices for its necessities of life.

THE WILSON Eight-Hour bill will be a very convenient instrument for the railroads in their demand for higher rates. Higher rates mean higher prices on food stuffs and other things that the workers must have.

Why don't the democratic politicians talk of the high cost of living as they did four years ago? It would be highly embarrassing to them. And how about the compulsory arbitration law that has virtually been promised to the railroads? Quiet as a tomb on that. To discuss that would also be embarrassing to the "Democracy," and for political purposes the "Democracy" will deny such promises.

WILSON kept us out of War!

True so far we have had no open declaration of war with any nation. But what have democrats to say about the Hay-Chamberlain Army Reorganization law that makes a soldier of every able bodied male citizen between the ages of 18 and 45 and empowers the President to draft them into the army to be shot? And how about the \$662,476,512 military and navy appropriations? Democrats say nothing about this Wilson achievement for it is inconvenient as to discuss the high cost of living. And now we are informed by President Wilson, in his Cincinnati speech, that we will be involved in the next war.

The Wilson administration has been efficient in one respect. It has put an army of professional labor politicians on the federal pay roll a la Gompers' son at \$2,500 per annum. There are others who figure that there are still more political plums to be plucked. This explains, in large measure, why they are now working overtime among laboring men, in many instances masquerading as Socialists, endeavoring to induce them to vote for Wilson.

The Democratic party is pulling the chestnuts of many former campaigns and many workmen will fall for them. A party that is so unscrupulous in its campaign methods will not be cleaner when elected to power. The Republicans will pull similar tricks to get the labor vote and we must be on our guard.

BEWARE of the Eleventh Hour forgeries of both old parties!

Stand by your colors and send the Socialist vote into the millions! Send a force of Socialist Congressmen to Washington! That will do more to "keep us out of war", and reduce the high cost of living than to seat a large army of professional labor politicians or their relatives at the government pie counter.

Send the Socialist vote into the millions and a force of Socialists to Congress and plutocracy will understand what you mean.

Peace Or War?

By ALGERNON LEE Socialist Candidate For Governor of New York.

More than ever before in the history of this country, we stand at a parting of the ways. On the outcome of this election depend grave issues, not for the United States alone, but for all the world.

Will it be possible? That is the question which the United States has to answer.

Leader Among Nations. If at that moment our country—the one great nation that has not paid for the war with tears and blood—if this republic then stands clearly committed to a policy of peace, of disarmament, of international arbitration, of scrupulous respect for the rights of all countries—if we have repudiated militarism and imperialism, if we have put aside the idea that the United States is to be "the policeman of the Western Hemisphere"—then this republic will have the proud privilege of leading the nations of the earth away from the blood-stained paths they have hitherto trod, leading them into the ways of mutual helpfulness.

The Democrats raise the cry that "Wilson kept us out of war." Did he? I am not so sure of that. Again and again during the last three years, the Socialists, the Trade Unions, and the Pacifists of this country have had to rally all their forces and make herculean efforts to hold Wilson's administration back when it was doing things that threatened to precipitate war either against Germany or against Mexico.

Wall Street Wants Militarism. I do not believe President Wilson has really wished for war. Neither do I believe that Wall Street has wished for actual war, just yet. What Wall Street did desire just now was militarism—and President Wilson has given Wall Street what it asked for.

I make this statement in full confidence that history will bear me out. Woodrow Wilson, within the last two years, has done more than any president before him, more than even Theodore Roosevelt, to drag this nation into courses which, if pursued much longer, will lead to war.

Republicans Just As Bad. The Republican opposition is just as bad. In its desire for militarism, as in many other things, the Republican party is at one with the Democratic party. In this state, Governor Whitman and a Republican majority in the Legislature, with the aid and approval of a Democratic minority, have foisted upon us the infamous system of military conscription in time of peace.

Vote For Social Progress. Unless two or three million Americans vote against Hughes and against Wilson, against militarism and imperialism, against the causes of war, for Socialism and peace and social progress.

Wilson On Both Sides. So Wilson is playing both sides—labor and capital. He gave the brotherhoods the eight hour day, but he has promised the railroads an increase in railroad rates, a compulsory arbitration law, and other advantages which will prove of great value to them. Wilson has not alarmed the railroads with the prospect of government ownership. He has extended the rotten regulation system, which the railroads are clinging to like leeches.

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DEAF HEAR OUR MESSAGE.

Socialists in Hartford, Conn., were given an unusual treat when a red hot deaf Socialist agitator from New York City, Albert Ballin, gave a rattling good talk in the sign language on the issues of the campaign and how Helen Keller became a Socialist. Chief among the deaf people present was Wm. H. Weeks of Hartford, 87 years old, but a live wire and intensely interested in up-to-date questions.

Mr. Ballin, the deaf speaker, said he had been formerly a Democrat but he had been fooled too often by the label. He advocated real industrial democracy and equality of opportunity and could only secure it by voting for socialism. In New York state the eagle with its cruel talons represented the Republicans, the black star of darkness was the symbol of the Democrats while the torch of labor upholding the torch of enlightenment was the emblem of the Socialists.

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Labor Has The Power.

WASHINGTON.—Labor in the United States holds the balance of power in the coming national election. Where labor throws its millions of votes, there will victory lie. Hughes knows this, and so do his managers. Wilson knows it, and so do his managers.

A HALT, must be called or great disaster will speedily overtake this country! Flour is now higher than it has been at any time since the Civil War, and it will be a great deal higher before next spring unless exports shall be prohibited.

Our wheat crop this year is short—if we keep it that, we will not have enough for ourselves. We annually need 630,000,000 bushels. We have produced this year but 611,000,000 bushels.

Yet the astounding fact remains that American exporters have already contracted to export four hundred million bushels. If these contracts be carried out, America will be left to starve!

Warning! Socialists and Sympathizers Beware! BY THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER. Attention all Socialists! In view of some of the underhanded work of the Capitalist Press it is necessary for us to warn all Socialists and all friends of the movement everywhere against eleven hour false reports about our candidates and our Party.

On October 13th the Pittsburgh Sun carried a press dispatch with a big headline stating "Socialist Leader is out for Wilson". It went on to state that Max Eastman, who it said was one of the most widely known leaders in the Socialist Party had come out openly for President Wilson.

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How about the high cost of living, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hughes?

By ALLAN L. BENSON Socialist Candidate For President.

THE HOUR for action is about to strike! Only a great vote for the Socialist Party on November 7th can prevent this nation from speeding on toward disaster.

THE Socialist Party cannot win this year, but a great vote this year will enable it to win in 1920, and a great vote for the Socialist Party this year will reduce the cost of living at once, compel the repeal of the Draft Law, and stop our headlong rush toward militarism.

THE steadily and rapidly increasing cost of living has become a great national peril. If I were president of the United States at the present moment, and could accomplish my purpose in no other way, I would use the United States navy to blockade every American port thru which food is being exported that the American people need.

It is a scandal and crime that the people of this country, having great abundance of food, are compelled to sit idly by while a few great speculators are stripping the country of its food and exporting it for their own private profit.

PRESIDENT Wilson knows what is going on, but does nothing about it. Mr. Hughes knows what is going on, but says nothing about it nor does he criticize Mr. Wilson for doing nothing about it.

Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hughes represent the class that believes in stripping America of its food for the benefit of certain great members of that class.

IF Mr. Wilson be re-elected, the stripping will go on, unless a great socialist vote shall warn him to call upon Congress for an embargo upon food exports.

IF Mr. Hughes be elected, nothing except a great socialist vote will cause him to call a halt.

AND remember this: Wall Street is not seriously concerned as to whether Mr. Hughes or Mr. Wilson shall be the next president. Wall Street knows that with either of them in the White House the old game of robbing the people for the benefit of a few, will go on.

THIS great banking house would not have made that statement if it had believed I were going to be the next president.

MAKE NO MISTAKE—the cost of living, before next spring, will become so high that

millions will suffer from lack of food, and every workingman's family will be hard pressed to pay for it's living. The only way to prevent this calamity is to roll up a Socialist vote so great that Wall Street will understand that it will continue to proceed along present lines at its peril.

THREE million Socialist votes will stop food exports! Three million Socialist votes will compel the Democratic and Republican parties to go about it at once to repeal the draft law that both parties smuggled thru Congress last Spring, and which the President signed on June 3rd.

IF IT be the last thing you are to do on this Earth, vote the Socialist ticket this year. In attempting to vote the Socialist ticket, be sure it is the Socialist ticket that you vote.

Vote the ticket that has at its head my name and the name of George R. Kirkpatrick, the Socialist candidate for Vice-president.

I SOUND this warning because Democratic politicians are already trying to turn back the Democratic votes that they know are going to the Socialist ticket by circulating that this, or that prominent Socialist has come out for Mr. Wilson.

Never fear—I shall "Stay put". I shall never desert or betray those who have trusted me. I would die first. I mean business, and I am in this fight to stay, not merely until the end of this campaign, but until the end of my life.

There is nothing in the presidential election for business men to become alarmed over.

To paraphrase the words of Nelson, when he was going into battle at Trafalgar: "The grave perils of the hour make it imperative that on election day every man—and every woman who can vote—shall do their duty."

Reaching The Masses. BY FLORENCE WATTLES. The campaign for the ballot is on in full swing in West Virginia. Some say the amendment will carry without a doubt. Others are not so sure.

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1860—Voted For Lincoln; 1915—Votes For Benson!

By MAX SHEROVER. Staff Writer, The American Socialist. Los Angeles, Cal.—“I took great pride in voting for Lincoln over fifty years ago, but it will give me a great deal more joy to vote for you and the rest of the Socialist ticket,” was the enthusiastic expression of a gray-haired man as he limped his way, leaning on a cane, to the platform and shook hands with Allan L. Benson, Socialist candidate for President, after the meeting at Fresno, Cal.



**PRESIDENT WILSON:** Don't notice those monsters of my administration, but look at this wonderful Military Appropriation I have given you!

This and other expressions are typical of the general sentiment aroused by Benson. Everywhere when we reached the halls we found them filled, and in numerous places hundreds were turned away. This notwithstanding the fact that admission fees from 25 to 50 cents were charged in most places.

In Seattle, Wash., we found what might in some respects be termed the best meeting of the entire tour. Here over six thousand men and women paid admissions of 25 and 50c, gave a collection of \$110 and bought \$75 worth of literature. I was advised that this was the greatest political gathering of any party in the history of Seattle.

Meetings Everywhere Succeeded. Equal in success from every point of view were the meetings at Everett and Bellingham, Wash., San Francisco, Oakland and Fresno, Cal. Local Fresno might well be complimented on its energetic and efficient manner of arranging a meeting. Within ten minutes after eight o'clock this little town had its auditorium filled to the doors, with 2,200 men and women greeting George H. Goebel when he called the meeting to order. And here the hotel proprietor who is an ardent Republican told me that he had never seen anything like it before. They had Hiram Johnson, the erstwhile progressive and the running partner of the "man with the teeth", as he is known out here, and Johnson and his lieutenants attempted to hold a four day "political revival" here and line up votes. Notwithstanding the fact that the people had attended meetings for several successive nights just previous to Benson's arrival they turned out and broke records for attendance at any political meeting in the history of this city. At this Fresno meeting the Local secured a collection of \$116 with about 850 more in book sales.

No less praiseworthy is the Everett, Wash., meeting. This Local deserves special commendation for the thorough manner in which the arranged and elaborate program was adhered to in a highly efficient manner. It was because of their attention to detail that the capitalist press of that city had as complete and as accurate an account of Benson's speech as any capitalist paper has given these meetings.

The sentiment all along the coast line shows a wonderful tendency towards Socialism, and if the spirit demonstrated at the Benson meetings is any criterion to go by, the West may be expected to render a good account of itself on November 7.

Surprise Of The Campaign. Benson as a speaker is one of the surprises of this campaign. Less than three months ago Comrade Benson hesitated to offer to make more than thirty speeches because he regarded speaking as an ordeal and felt that he could accomplish a great deal more with his writings. It was with reluctance that he consented to make thirty addresses. A little later after he had an opportunity to hear himself speak he, of his own initiative, doubled the number of dates. After he had been out on the road but a few days he cancelled all of his open dates and wanted them filled.

Today Benson is easily one of the ablest speakers that this movement can pride itself on. His eloquent utterances containing vitally important facts rouse the people's interest and enthusiasm to the highest pitch. He is convincing because he states the facts as they are, without any flowery phrases. He uses the simplest of words and his sentences are short and to the point. He knows the value of effective climaxes and uses them judiciously. At Oakland, for instance, he had already spoken for over an hour and a quarter and while it was a literal avalanche of truths, important truths that he was conveying to the brains of his auditors, he pulled out his watch and realized that it was after ten o'clock. He attempted to apologize to the audience for having detained them but he hardly uttered the sentence when from all parts of the house came shouts, of "Keep it up!" "It's the real stuff you are giving us!" "We'll stay here all night if necessary and listen to you!"

Benson thereupon continued and with his enervating flow of language, with his admirable accumulation of facts he went on to show up the true capitalist character of both the Democratic and Republican parties. Wilson's chameleonic political quick changes. He showed up the real motives behind Wilson's apparently recently born interest in the railroad workers. He cited facts to show that

the years of the Wilson regime were the most prosperous for the capitalist class, and drove home the real purpose of Wilsonian militarism which he indicated as being an echo of the command that Wall Street had uttered.

Tells About Foreign Markets. Never before, it is conceded, by all who heard him, has the question of foreign markets been set forth as clearly as Benson does it.

Comrade Goebel is largely responsible for the financial success of these meetings. Not only that but it is he who prepares the stage, it is he who with his inimitable wit places the audiences in a receptive mood. Again and again I saw audiences literally reel with laughter and good naturedly buying books and generously contributing to the collections as a result of Goebel's suggestive and pointed address.

BENSON ANSWERS ROOSEVELT. Phoenix, Ariz.—Allan L. Benson, Socialist candidate for President and Theodore Roosevelt, the Judas of the Progressive party, spoke here on the same day. It was a big day in Phoenix. Ranchers and miners within a radius of 120 miles came to town to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the two men. Roosevelt spoke in the afternoon and Benson spoke in the evening.

The Socialists here seriously suspect that Roosevelt was deliberately brought to town in an effort to forestall a hearing to the Socialist candidate for President. It is a fact that more than two months ago the Socialists of this city had arranged for a Benson rally. The meeting had been widely advertised and the large Y. M. C. A. stadium engaged for the occasion. Ten days before the date of the Benson meeting it became known that arrangements had been completed by the local Republican politicians to bring Roosevelt into Phoenix for the same date and hour that Benson was advertised to speak.

Some quick action became necessary if the Socialists were not to be outwitted. Some delay, however, became unavoidable, but notwithstanding this the Socialists finally adopted a strategic plan which won the day for the Socialists and made the Benson meeting a great success and an unusually great attendance greeted Benson when he stepped up on the platform. An ovation lasting two minutes greeted his introduction by the chairman.

Advertise Benson Meeting. Upon comparatively short notice the Socialists had printed several thousand circulars, explaining the nature of the draft law, and advertising the Benson meeting. These circulars were distributed by a squad of Socialists at every possible approach to the grounds where the Roosevelt meeting was being held. This circular urged the members of the Roosevelt audience to see whether Roosevelt will dare refer to the draft law or the increasing cost of food-stuffs. The circular stated that Allan L. Benson would be in Mr. Roosevelt's audience and that he would refer to Roosevelt's speech in his address that evening. The size of Benson's audience

at night proved that this circular was effective. Hundreds, who otherwise probably would not have come, made an early appearance at Benson's meeting.

The main burden of Roosevelt's speech was a satirical criticism of Wilson's position on the Mexican situation without once referring to the burning problems at home, without once advancing a reason for Hughes' election. The audience, with the exception of a number of ex-rough riders and a number of Republican politicians did not respond. Evidently this lack of enthusiasm on the part of the audience drove him to ask himself the question aloud: "What would you have done about Mexico if you were in power?" And to this he replied: "We would have behaved just as we did in Cuba. I know it—because I was there, and I did it myself!" This time he did not tell how he had shot two fleeing Spaniards in the back in the vicinity of San Juan hill.

Benson Tells About Mexico. "Mexico, for some time been," he said, "in a state of Civil War. We here, once also had a Civil War. Between the years 1861 and 1865 it would have been a risky thing for a Mexican or for anyone else to run a business in the vicinity of the two warring armies. It would have been dangerous for a Mexican to try and do some farming somewhere in the valley of Gettysburg.

"Mexico's national wealth," continued Benson, "is seven billion dollars, and her population is 15,000,000. Three billions of Mexico's wealth is owned by American capitalists, two billions are owned by other foreign capitalists, fourteen and a half million of Mexico's people are homeless, landless and exploited. Their endurance has reached its limit—hence the revolution.

"What would you have done," Benson asked, "if the order were reversed? I'd like to say this to Mr. Roosevelt: In France they have Foreign Legions. If Mr. Roosevelt is half as heated up about Mexico as he pretends to be then let him organize a foreign legion of ONE and go across the border and start to stop the revolution.

"I too grieve," Benson said, "because some Americans were killed in Mexico. But I grieve more because Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hughes stand for an economic system that is killing thousands of children, women and men right in America. Did you hear Mr. Roosevelt express one regret that the laws that have made a few so very rich have made many so very poor?"

"After hearing Mr. Roosevelt submitting issues upon which he asked you to decide this election, I must state that not for one moment did he submit any issue that concerns you. He submitted issues that had nothing to do with your issues.

"Why did not Mr. Roosevelt speak of the draft law this afternoon? He took two hours to tell what the present administration did or did not do about Mexico, but never once did he criticize President Wilson nor the Democratic and Republican members of Congress for having passed a draft law.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will vote for unemployment, and for more bonds.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will vote for women suffrage with a string to it.

If you don't vote for Benson you will vote for the bankers to use your money and refuse to let you use it unless you pay them interest.

If you don't vote for Benson, you will vote for Rockefeller's private army to shoot down women and children in labor's war.

To the "get something now" Socialist-Democrats we can only say: "You have got something now; do you like it?"

If you don't vote for Benson, you will give your consent to a system that has made the workers of the world poor and the shirkers of the world rich.

It is the duty of every Comrade to do all in his power to run up the Socialist ticket—that is, everything but vote twice.

Moving pictures have become a feature in the contest to elect Debs to Congress in the Terre Haute district. Stereopticon views are also used by speakers to illustrate their lectures and jam home facts that are more easily absorbed when flashed on a screen.

The enthusiasm of German-Americans for Hughes has suffered a setback with the announcement, official or unofficial, that Roosevelt is to be Secretary of State in case the Republicans win. With this "frying pan or fire" prospect ahead of them, thinking Americans with German sympathies are going to support the Socialist candidates.

Are there any stay-at-home citizens among the Socialists? We trust not. The Democrats think they are going to win. The Republicans expect to win. We Socialists KNOW we are going to win. Every vote we make is a victory for the Cause and the number of votes we poll more than we polled in 1912 is our plurality.

The Masses, the radical monthly publication printed in New York City, is hitting the financial rocks and may have to suspend. The Masses was blacklisted by news distributing agencies and sued for damages by the Associated Press manager, Melville W. Stone. Max Eastman, its editor, is said to have declared for Wilson. So they are having a bit of hard luck all around.

"Prices of staple food products in this country have risen 50 per cent in two years. That is not a Socialist claim, but the statement of the Chicago American—a paper which is supporting Wilson. The Hearst sheet does not include this in the record of Wilson's achievements but lays it to the war. At the same time it says our much-touted 'prosperity' is due to Wilson and not to the war. Quite some logic, we claim.

Prices are determined by supply and demand. Our exports have increased \$600,000,000 worth in two years. What else could result from the diminished supply but higher prices? This is the "prosperity" the Democrats offer to get them one better. They would raise the tariff and thus diminish imports. This further reduction in supply cannot help but send prices up with a big jump.

IS HE CRAZY? The owner of a large plantation in Mississippi, where the fine figs grow, is giving away a few five-acre fruit tracts. The only condition is that figs be planted. The owner wants enough figs raised to supply a co-operative canning factory. You can secure five acres and an interest in the canning factory by writing the Eubank Farms Company, 1169 Keystone, Pittsburg, Pa. They will plant and care for your trees for \$6 a month. Your profit should be \$1,000 per year. Some think this man is crazy for giving away such valuable land, but there may be method in his madness.

stereopticon lecture. The members of the Chicago Junior Yipsels are doing their best to carry a certain High School in which many of them are students for Benson and Kirkpatrick. They are going at it under the leadership of some of the older members like seasoned campaigners. Several thousand leaflets and cards were distributed, and Socialist buttons are a very common sight among the students. It stands to reason that the Y. P. S. L. is to realize its mission we must reach out ever further and further for the young. The present membership of the league will soon be too old for the work at hand and there must be a younger element to take its place. An amendment has been offered to our constitution to the end of taking definite action on the matter, and this office awaits the pleasure of the league membership before proceeding any further. The question is: "Shall we form a Junior Auxiliary of the Y. P. S. L., and if so, how shall it be done?" Anyone having ideas on the subject is invited to send them in.

GENERAL ACTIVITY. The Reading, Pa., Yipsels have found a way of combining business with pleasure that is worthy of imitation. They go off on Autumn hikes every Sunday and take along bars filled with literature which is distributed to the dozens along the route. The bars on the homeward trip are filled with nuts and fruit which they have confiscated as their payment for the work.

The Anderson, Ind., league, who but recently organized itself, has already brought another league to our standard. This is organized with 14 charter members at Elwood, Ind. The Anderson Yipsels have a sign that says "welcome" over their headquarters and folks roundabout are taking the invitation. They are heavy on social affairs of all kinds and have a fine debating society that is taking care of all comers—regardless of their politics.

Peoria, Ill., Y. P. S. L. is soon to celebrate its second anniversary and will give a play that is to be an even bigger success than that which was given last spring. They have recently organized a fine mixed quartette of which they are very proud. They now meet in a fine hall and are growing rapidly.

Colorado Springs, Colo., is another league that believes that "the world is yours" and has an orchestra of their very own, and it is a big success too.

YOU FELLOWS who are bashful about sending your reports in, or lazy about making a card for yourselves. If you are making good we want to know it, and if you are not, there is all the more reason for sending a list of your troubles this way. Come out of your shell.

"I feel sorry for any Socialist who has turned Democrat," said Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, the noted electrical wizard and engineering expert of the General Electric Co. in an interview at Schenectady, N. Y. Dr. Steinmetz is a Socialist, and was elected President of the Common Council. Steinmetz went on to say that industrial and economic conditions are now so shaping themselves as a result of the European war that capitalism the world over is playing into the hands of socialism. A book entitled "America and the New Epoch," written by Dr. Steinmetz, will soon be published by Harper Brothers. It deals principally with the reorganization of the industries of this country following the world war.

"Rattling" is the ugly term that the Laborites in Australia use to reproach members of Parliament who have gone boughsome on patriotism and advocate conscription. Extreme bitterness has been aroused by the issue, and if the Labor party is not split over the question it will be almost a miracle.

The bigger the vote we poll this fall the bigger it will be multiplied by two in 1920.

All True Socialists T Vote Straight Ticket

By ADOLPH GERMER National Secretary Socialist Party. Interviews have appeared in print from William English Walling, Max Eastman and others in which they favor the re-election of Woodrow Wilson. In these interviews it is also stated that the Socialists will support Wilson in the coming election.

If these reported interviews are correct, they do not express the facts concerning the American Socialist Movement. Neither William English Walling nor Max Eastman have ever been commanding figures in the Socialist Party affairs. They are entirely out of harmony with the organized Socialists of America, and cannot authoritatively speak for the Socialists.

The Socialists in this campaign, as in all previous campaigns, will loyally support their own candidates in this election—Benson and Kirkpatrick. They regard both Wilson and Hughes as the candidates of big business.

No Socialist will support Wilson, who according to Judge Lovett, President of the Union Pacific, Underwood of the Erie and other railroad presidents, is entirely satisfactory to the Railroads, with the eight-hour law. Neither will the Socialists support Hughes, whose anti-labor record was so clearly manifested in the Danbury Hatters case.

In spite of all of the claims of some self-styled Socialist leaders, the Socialists will not waver from their true path—they will vote for Benson and Kirkpatrick.

It is also reported that Allan L. Benson, the Socialist presidential candidate, has predicted the re-election of Pres. Wilson. This is far from an endorsement of Wilson and his administration. Benson has severely arraigned Pres. Wilson, and has continuously given reasons why workmen should not support him.

Single Taxers of New York State have formed the Land party and will endeavor to secure the election of members to the Legislature who will smash the land hogs. A statement issued by the new party says there are no issues of consequence considered by the old parties, that elections have degenerated into a contest for office and patronage, that labor and industry are being taxed to death, that privileged classes have secured control of all valuable land and franchises, and that "if this is allowed to go on, present conditions will grow worse and this country will become the theater of bloody revolutions."

Do you want to develop the best that is in you? Would you like to spend a year in a WORKERS' UNIVERSITY? Would you like to be trained for bigger things, that will pave the way to constructive, useful work for humanity and yourself?

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