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YOU'RE LOST WHEN YOU STAND ALONE!

By ADOLPH GERMER.

You, perhaps, are one who voted for President Wilson and feel that you won. You may have voted for Hughes and regret that your candidate lost. Or, you may have voted for Benson, the Socialist. In the latter event you are not disappointed for you knew that he would not be elected. You voted for what you wanted even though you knew that he could not win.

Perhaps you voted for Wilson fearing that if Hughes was elected Wall Street would rule this country with an iron hand. Most of those who voted for Hughes, feared the same thing of Wilson. Be that as it may, the prices of food stuffs are climbing up right along. Does that mean anything to you and your family? If it does, what are you going to do about it? Are you just going to grumble and stop at that? Do you think prices will come down by your growling and snarling? If you think that you can bring prices down by quarreling with the grocer or the butcher, you are mistaken. Your grocer and butcher are only the errand boys for the well organized speculators. You will have to do more than growl and quarrel. Food prices are fixed by a well organized group of food speculators. These food speculators know how valuable it is to be organized. They know that unless they are organized they will work to each others disadvantage. Being thoroughly organized they can hold us up at their will when we buy flour, sugar, potatoes, butter, eggs, meats, etc., etc. Organization spells power and advantage, for the speculators in food stuffs and other necessities of life.

Here are some comparative prices that tell you where your wages go. The prices quoted are WHOLESALE. Retail prices—those the housewife pays—are higher:

Commodities	Nov. 1914	Nov. 1915	Nov. 1916
Flour, per bbl.	\$5.10	\$5.20	\$5.50
Milk, per qt.	.06	.06	.08
Eggs, per doz. (best)	.34	.35	.50
Bams, smoked, per lb.	.16 1/2	.17	.22
Butter, creamery, per lb.	.33 1/2	.29	.40
Coffee, Rio, per lb.	.06	.07	.09
Sugar, granulated, per lb.	.05 1/2	.05	.06
Beans, per 100 lbs.	6.00	8.20	13.00
Potatoes, p. bu. (60 lbs.)	.50	.83	1.80

The above skyrocket prices are the result of organization among food speculators.

Organization means power for you. When you are organized with your fellow workers, then you have power and advantage and can do things for yourself. Don't you think it is your duty to organize and deal with these vexing problems? Let us briefly talk this matter over.

Those who raise prices support the democratic and republican parties. The Socialist party holds out the hopes of the workers. It is always on the side of the victims of organized speculators. It is the one party to which the profit mongers and speculators do not belong and contribute money.

You have undoubtedly read Socialist literature and attended Socialist meetings. You have certainly learned that the Socialist Party is the political organization to which you should belong. It may be that you agree with the Socialists and call yourself one. But are you a Party member? If not, why not?

Now, do not tell me that you do not want to be tied down to any party; that you want to be free to vote for the "best man". In the past, haven't you voted for what you considered the best man? And how have you benefitted by it? Have conditions changed for the better? Ammons, while Governor of Colorado, permitted Rockefeller's gunmen to join the militia and burn women and children to death. Don't you think that those who voted for him thought they were voting for the "best man"? Don't you think that in every instance where a despot has been elected those who voted for him did

so in the belief that he was the best man? Haven't you gone from one "good man" to another and haven't conditions remained the same so far as you are concerned? The "best man" idea is fine stuff to keep the workers divided and to keep the exploiters in power. No matter how good and lofty those "good men" are, they can do nothing so long as the system of exploitation and speculation endures. The evil elements know this and do not fail to get "best men" votes. But everyone who lives upon the labor of others, watches and fears the Socialist vote and they fear the growing Socialist Party for it beckons their doom.

Another objection that you may have is that you do not like some Socialists. This is more fine stuff for the exploiters. Do you like all the Republicans or Democrats? If not, why do you stay in their ranks? Do you like all the members of your union, your lodge, or your church? You ought to have a better reason than that for staying out of the Socialist Party. All the workers have a common purpose and must be organized before we can get any tangible results.

The manipulators of prices are not always in love with each other, but for business reasons they belong to the same organizations and work together. There are members in the Bankers' Association that hate the thought of each other. This is true of members of the Manufacturers' Associations and Citizen's Alliances—they miss no opportunity to cut each others' throats in business, but they still belong to the same organization for they know that only thru organization among themselves are they able to keep Labor down. They know that if they permitted personal dislike to disband them they would be powerless and would lose control of affairs.

Objection number three may be that Socialists pay dues. That's true. How otherwise would you expect to carry on an organization? No organization can be maintained on good intentions. The very fact that Socialists pay dues keeps the Socialist Party in the hands of its members and obviates the possibility of it becoming the instrument of the masters of our bread. Those who profit by this system of exploitation will not pay the bills of the Socialist Party. We would not permit it if they wanted to do it. If we did, we would cease to be a Party of and for the Workers. If we permitted the gamblers in food stuffs to pay our bills the Socialist Party would be of no benefit to you.

The Socialist Party relies first, last and all the time on the working class for political and financial support.

The Socialist Party stands for the abolition of the system of private ownership of the social tools of wealth-production. We want the collective ownership and democratic management of all large scale industries. The Socialist Party stands for the workers getting the full social value of their labor. What objection have you to that?

Just give this matter a moment's serious and unprejudiced thought and you will learn that all your objections fail to stand the test. Do not say that you sympathize with us, but—but—well—you simply haven't joined the Party. Why haven't you? There is nothing in all of your objections except your lack of determination to stand up and be counted. The present crisis demands men and women with stout hearts to enlist in this army for the common good. Will you do your duty?

If there is a local or branch of the Socialist Party in your community, get in touch with it. If there is none, write to the National Office, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill., and we will gladly give you any information you want on how you can organize one or become a member at large.

Watch these leaflets—they will be issued monthly and will deal with subjects of vital interest to you.

Public Ownership of R. R. Is Advocated by Fred C. Howe

Government Official Declares Private Ownership A Failure.

Public ownership of railroads was advocated as part of a program aimed at the reduction of the cost of living, by Frederick C. Howe, United States commissioner of immigration of the port of New York, in an address before the national conference on marketing and farm credits. The speaker attacked the system of privately owned roads, declared it a failure and asserted railroads had ceased to be railroads and had become "things that men gamble with."

"Private ownership is a failure here. It has been in France, in Germany, in Sweden and in the other most efficiently organized of governments in Europe."

Wants Public To Be Benefited. The speaker declared he advocated public ownership of railroads "not because of an idea that a government will make money out of running them, but because of an idea of giving service to the public."

"We've given away the railroads of the country," he continued, "and the street railways of our cities and everything else worth while. But the circulatory system of the state must be the state's and for the people. We can no more give away the circulatory system of our country and our cities to somebody else than we can give away the circulatory and nervous systems of our bodies to someone else to run for us."

Gamble With Roads, Charge. "The railroads in the United States have ceased to be railroads and have become things that men gamble with and speculate with on the stock markets, our banking houses in the east control almost our entire railroad system, or the sake of our democracy, to save our politics and to save our agriculture, we must eliminate these conditions."

Government ownership of slaughterhouses also were advocated by Mr. Howe, as was a tax on unimproved land that would be higher than that on cleared and improved tracts, in order to break up vast holdings by individuals. He was heckled considerably on this latter point by land dealers and owners in the audience.

A delegate asked Mr. Howe if the railroads did not have something to do with the failure of the "back-to-the-land" movement. Mr. Howe replied: "The failure of the 'back-to-the-land' movement is due to nothing but the fact that we have private ownership of public utilities. The man from the city who might be inclined to go back to the land is deterred because he knows that if he goes he will forever be at the mercy of the railroads and the land boomer. Government ownership would solve this evil."

Public Ownership Of Coal Mines Predicted

Government ownership and operation of coal mines as a remedy for the high cost of coal is predicted by Dr. George Otis Smith, director of the United States Geological Survey.

Speaking before the American Mining Congress in Chicago, he said that in the whole field of productive business it seemed to him that the coal business is the one that is most likely to come under government ownership. In a striking manner Smith explained that the coal mine owners are able to collect from the coal-burning public, not for digging the coal, but simply for allowing the mining company to dig it.

"One of the latest leases by a large coal land owner," he says, "provides for the payment of 27 per cent of the selling price of the coal at the breaker. This percentage, therefore, is not only a royalty, figured on the mineral resource, but also a commission, based on the miner's wage."

How this reward for land ownership works out is illustrated by Director Smith in the case of the Girard estate of Philadelphia.

"Figured on the output from the Girard lands," he says, "which is nearly 3 per cent of the total production, the gross return to the estate from its coal lands is over 50 cents a ton."

The people of the United States, says Smith, cannot afford to allow private interests to obtain control of coal resources, because future generations cannot afford to pay the price that would be necessary.

Another Socialist Mayor

After one of the hardest political battles ever pulled off in Traverse City, Mich., a Socialist Mayor and Commissioner were elected Monday, Dec. 4. The city is at present under a Commission Form of Government and the non-partisan plan is in evidence. This made it a difficult proposition for the Socialists at first to designate their candidates. The parties in power, consisting of Democrats and Republicans, made this easier, however, by using the slogan "Down with the Socialists" as their battle cry. The Red organization has been hard at it for a year and succeeded in changing almost two to one adverse vote at the Primaries to a victory at the regular election. There were only three Socialist candidates on the whole ticket and they succeeded in electing two out of the three of them. Edward Lautner for Mayor was elected by a majority of 27 votes; William T. Roxburgh was elected Commissioner by a lead of 49 votes

Heading For Internationalism

By LUCIEN SAINT.

WASHINGTON.—Trust-busting as a political pastime is now a thing of the past, and the United States Government is about to enter upon an era of encouraging the trusts. Business has won over the national government completely.

Practical schemes for the consolidation of corporations into gigantic monopolies are now recommended by the Federal Trade Commission in a monumental report, just made public for the benefit of Congress and business. Under the plea that America must enter the world-wide war of the exporting nations, business is urged to get together for the more scientific exploitation of the nations. Legislation permitting business to do this has been drafted and will be pressed on Congress. The agencies of publicity are being harnessed to the aim. It is world conquest or downfall!

Capitalism, whether German or American, is precisely the same the world over.

The irony of it all is apparent when the recommendations of the commission relative to coal are read. Today in the eastern states of this prosperous nation, coal is selling at anywhere from eight to twelve dollars a ton. Yet the Trade Commission, created by Congress for the alleged purpose of "curbing" business, urges that the coal operators get together for foreign exploitation!

Incidentally it is shown that the coal for which American consumers are paying more than \$10 a ton can be laid down at Atlantic tidewater for from \$3 to \$4.50 a ton. Doubtless this coal could be shipped across the Atlantic ocean and sold to foreign consumers for less than it is sold to American consumers. If the plans of the Wilson Administration are carried out as now prepared, this will happen as certainly as the day

follows the night. The people of this nation are in for a long period of international competition. As usual the people will pay the bills—the wage workers will carry the burden of "prosperity" on their shoulders.

International business is barely touched on in this report of the high and mighty trade commission. Yet international business is the next forward step. With business internationalized and cut throat competition among nations eliminated, the world will have taken a long step toward industrial peace and democracy. But today, with wars raging throughout the globe, each government is emphasizing nationalism. Internationalism is forgotten. Yet the slow, economic processes are advancing onward and onward, and the new world-state is growing out of the ruins of the old.

For example, international combinations exist in many industries, among which may be mentioned the following:

Chemicals: Example, the Borax Consolidated, owning properties in the United States, Chile, Peru and Asia Minor, and factories in the United States, France, and Great Britain.

Iron and Steel: International combinations in such products as steel rails, galvanized steel, pipe, rods, wire nails, enamel ware, pig iron, etc.

Zinc, aluminum, lead and nickel. Plate glass and bottles.

And many others. Capital, in short, is becoming internationalized. Labor in a degree is internationalized. It must be more so. Its chance is NOW, when capital is fighting capital, and when this Government is encouraging American capital to combine for capturing the foreign markets. Let labor combine to capture capital!

Oklahoma Socialists Defy Election Board

OKLAHOMA CITY.—Socialist Secretary-Treasurer H. M. Sinclair told the state election board to "hop to it" if it wanted to prosecute him for not filing expense account of the Socialist Party covering the recent campaign.

He declared he would recognize only an election board organized under the fair election law, which, he said, was adopted Nov. 7. The state election board declared the election law defeated.

"Your letter signed as chief clerk of the state election board has been duly received," wrote Sinclair to C. L. Cardwell, chief clerk of the Democratic machine election board. "In reply I will say that I do not recognize your board."

"The fair election law was approved by a majority of the votes cast at November election and section 23 of this law states that 'concurrently with the adoption of this amendment the office, powers and duties of all election boards, existing under and by virtue of the statute laws of this state shall terminate', and a board organized under that law is the only one I will recognize."

"Hop To It." "In reply to your threat to prosecute me for not filing expense account—hop to it."

"Yours in a finish fight for free ballot and fair count." Sinclair said his report of receipts and expenditures was ready and open for public inspection. His letter to Cardwell makes it likely that thru his refusal to recognize the election board, the status of the election law will be determined.

ITALIAN SOCIALISTS AGAIN DEMAND PEACE

ROME.—A motion introduced by the socialists in the chamber of deputies urging peace was defeated by a vote of 343 to 47. Those who voted in the minority were mostly socialists.

AUSTRALIAN LABOR BODY EXPELS CONSCRIPTIONISTS.

LONDON, England.—Bitter feeling against conscription was manifested among delegates to the Australian interstate labor conference, a Reuter dispatch from Melbourne reports. Senator Lynch and Mr. Burchell, a member of the house of representatives, favored Australian delegates who favored conscription, were expelled. The conference also decided to remove from the Australian labor movement all federal members who supported conscription.

The man or group of men who destroy food in order to keep up the price deserve hanging. They are worse than murderers.

Now is the time to work for the Spring elections. More can be converted to Socialism now than after the old party campaign ends.

Some one suggests that the high cost of living has come to stay. Wait till the war ends and the panic ends, and you will find out.

It would be interesting to know just how many representatives in congress the people have and how many the trusts have. Which do you think is in the majority?

over his nearest opponent; and T. H. Coxe for Justice of the Peace was beaten by a margin of only 37 votes. The vote was not a strictly class conscious one but was a blow at special privileges and is an evidence that the word Socialist does not strike terror to the hearts of voters as of yore, but on the contrary Socialism is being considered as the only solution to the problem on which the people can depend.

J. H. COXE
County and City Political Chairman.

Food Prices Higher In U. S. Than In Belligerent England—Says Charles E. Russell

PHILADELPHIA.—The cost of living is higher in the United States, which is at peace, than it is in England and France, which are at war.

This declaration is made by Charles Edward Russell, writing in The Public Ledger on prices of foodstuffs in this country and abroad.

"Meat is generally dearer in the United States, where it is produced, than in England, where it is imported, even in war times," writes Russell.

Meat Varies Little. "Meat prices have not risen much in France since the war began. We have known meat prices to climb more in two years of peace in the United States than they have risen in two years of war in France."

In attempting to discover the reason for this condition, Russell discovered that while meat is cheap in France, there are no financial "melons" cut for the benefit of stockholders in packing houses. No firm has declared a stock dividend of \$80,000,000 from accrued profits of the meat business, as the Armour company did in October, nor has any French packing house corporation issued \$25,000,000 in nice, fresh, new stock for its stockholders along with a 25 per cent dividend which exactly pays for the stock, as did the Swift company recently.

Government Kills Animals. The reason for low meat prices and absence of juicy "melons" for packing house stockholders, according to Russell, is because in France the government does all the slaughtering of animals for food; does it at cost and for all comers. The French cattle raisers send their cattle to the government and the government kills them under the highest scientific conditions and turns the meat over to the retailer, who can sell it only at a price fixed by the government.

As a result, Russell finds that in France there are no packing house problems or profits; nobody stands between producer and consumer, taking toll from both.

Good Meat Certain. "Suppose, for instance, the government of Illinois was to undertake all the meat slaughtering done in that state," writes Russell. "It would, of course, erect the most sanitary slaughterhouse, adopt and follow the most scientific precautions, and carefully inspect all animals it killed. We should then be sure we were not eating lumpy jaw, tuberculosis or trichinosis would slaughter for all comers at cost, and the producers of the west would send in their herds, assured that they would get the actual returns without deductions for melons or stock issues. All retailers would get their meat at cost price and with-

out discrimination, standing upon exactly the same footing.

Melons Would Buy Plant. "The amount of the melons recently cut by two packing concerns in Chicago would provide the state with the greatest and best slaughtering establishment in the world. Under our present system, this money has been taken from producer and consumer. No one can suggest any return producer and consumer have had from it or ever will have—except the satisfaction of knowing now where it has gone to."

READERS, ATTENTION! When you are thru with this paper take it along on your way and leave it on the car seat. Hand a copy to your acquaintances now and then. Among your friends and fellow workers are many who would appreciate a certain article. Mark the item for them; they will enjoy reading it. Tens of thousands never had a copy of this paper to read. You can place every copy where it will find new readers. Don't destroy this copy, but pass it on.

EARLY FIGURES CONFIRMED. The official canvass of the vote in Milwaukee county shows a large increase in the Socialist vote for the offices where the party had a fighting chance. The vote was not only larger in numbers, but there was a marked increase in its percentage of the total vote.

The figures show that the county and legislative candidates ran stronger than the county and legislative candidates in former elections. The same is true of the congressional candidates. The canvass shows that in the Fourth district W. R. Gaylord received 11,830 votes, or 31.75 per cent of the total vote. In the Fifth district Mr. Berger's vote reached the unprecedented high level of 15,973. He received 37.09 per cent of the total vote—a proportion sufficiently large to insure his election by a safe plurality had the Democrats voted for their own candidate instead of the Republican candidate.

The official returns confirm the newspaper reports. The Socialists have made the best showing, especially the candidates for legislative and congressional office, that they have ever made.—The Milwaukee Leader.

The Socialists who voted for Wilson are not fools. They were merely fooled. They will know better next time. The action of the majority in the late election proves that Socialist education is more needed than ever before.

Deerwood, Minn., Dec. 2nd, 1916.

To whom it may concern: On the morning of November 6th, 1916, when we entered the Deerwood post office to get the mail for distribution, we noticed a package of mail matter which we learned later was 100 copies of The American Socialist addressed to local people. On the morning of the 8th of November, the day after election, the papers were distributed.

CLARENCE C. WHEELER,
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Deputy mail carrier, route No. one.

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Debs and Germer On Wilson's Anti-Strike Law

The Literary Digest wired Eugene V. Debs, after President Wilson delivered his annual message to congress at its recent opening, asking for an expression of his views upon the anti-strike law recommended to congress by the president. Debs wired the following statement:

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 6th, 1916
Editor Literary Digest,
New York, N. Y.

The anti-strike amendment recommended to congress by President Wilson, if enacted and enforced, would practically outlaw the strike and paralyze the striking machinery of the labor movement. It is wholly to the advantage of the employing class. A threatened strike could be held up indefinitely, or at least until its force was spent in watchful waiting. Under this amendment a strike, if lawfully possible at all, would be robbed of its strategic advantages and doomed to inevitable defeat. A strike held up becomes as futile as a

charge held up on a field of battle. But such a law could not be enforced against the will of the labor movement. All the laws and all the courts and governments on earth could not prevent a million organized workers from striking.

EUGENE V. DEBS
It seems quite clear that this law, if put into force, will make labor unions as harmless as could be wished by the railroads, the manufacturers' association and other kindred philanthropic institutions which President Wilson is now bent upon serving to show that, now that the election is over, he bears them no malice but only good will.

There appears in this proposed legislation the shadowy outline of what looks very much like the beginning of what the great majority of union men voted for in the late campaign.

Germer's Opinion.
In giving his views on Wilson's strike plan, Adolph Germer, national secretary of the Socialist Party, wired The Literary Digest as follows:

"President Wilson's anti-strike plan is a blow at the vitals of organized labor. It denies the right of independent action which labor cannot afford to surrender. To abolish the right of independent action is to establish in this country a form of involuntary servitude and go back to the time when it was a criminal offense to belong to a union. It is against the highest precepts of a people that boasts of its liberties."

"The Socialist Party will give its full support to the union forces in opposition to crushing out the life of organized labor."

Hardly is the election over before the United States seizes San Domingo, in order to collect the interest for the pluties. Why is the United States? This is the answer.

Congressional investigation is child's play. It is seeking to postpone a remedy until the people forget about their misery. It is a crime against humanity when instead of action is needed.

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A Converted Converter

By WILLIAM F. KRUSE.

There was once an Old Geezer who bragged of carrying a Red Card ever since the day that the color had been discovered. He used to wheel Charlie arx around in a baby-carriage and remembers distinctly the day when he taught "Gene Debs how to pitch an this Old Geezer couldn't learn anything about Socialism. Nope.

He had two kids, and they were bright and smart in lots of other ways but they wouldn't have none of his Socialism. He tried to beat it into them with a poker but that wouldn't work. So he gave up the job in that direction and tried to change his tactics. Every night when he came home he would pick out the best chair, and open up his paper, his tobacco bag, his vest, and his mouth. He would start talking Socialism. And for the rest of the night there was nothing else to it. The only way out was to blow over to the movies, which everybody did, and the Old Geezer had to pay for eye-glasses.

But one night a Big Change came in. The Old Geezer started to unwind according to custom, when all of a sudden something happened. The Young One butted in and asked: "Say, Pop, what do you mean by Socialism anyway?"

The Old Geezer snorted with rage at this unseasonable interruption. He'd show 'em. "Why, I've been a Social-ist for twenty years," he said. "Sure, but what is Socialism?" "I remember when we didn't have any S. P. at all."

"Sure, but what is Socialism? Explain it to me, will you?" "Young fellow, I carried a Red Card before you were born."

"That may be, pop, but I want to know just why you are a Socialist and what you mean by the word." "That is easy. A Socialist is one who wants to take the property of the rich away from them and give the Bowers Hang-outs a look-in on Morgan's job."

"Forget it, pop, that's not a socialist, that's a second-story man. Here's what socialism is, get this straight: Socialism is a social philosophy founded on historical and economic facts and administered through an inter-nationally organized movement that aims to remedy existing conditions so as to establish a new order of society in which the socially necessary tools of social life shall be socially owned and operated for the benefit of those who perform useful labor. That's what socialism is, pop, better learn the definition."

"I won't have any kid of mine try to tell me anything about Socialism," said the Old Geezer. "Why, I remember— But say, where did you learn all that stuff?"

"I've been a member of the YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE for the past six months now, and it took me almost that long to get your bunk about the subject out of my head. was going to find out about the matter and I did, and when I once understood the proposition as it really was, why of course I took to it right away. Now I have joined the Party and have been elected on the Dues Collecting Committee. I find that you are ten months in arrears with your dues, and as a good socialist you believe in paying up. I've got the stamps right along with me now, so cough up \$2.50 and I'll make your red card presentable."

"Why what the—" "Come on now and kick in with that two and a half."

He did, and the stamps were affixed. "Now, pop," said the Young One, "don't forget that there's a local meeting next Sunday afternoon and that means that there will be no pinocchio club for you on that day. Furthermore you have an engagement with me for Sunday morning, leave the house seven a. m. to cover this pre-cinct with literature regularly after this. It hasn't been done in ten years."

"Good Night," groaned the Old Geezer.

But he did as he was told.

So would you.

Moral: Don't get gay making converts unless you are willing to take your own medicine.

It Was Ever Thus

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

Many revolutionary spirits are wont to lose heart and become discouraged over the seeming apathy and indifference if not bitter opposition of the ultra-conservatives to every movement intended for the good of mankind. But the whole history of the human race reveals the fact that every step made in advancement has met with obstacles. Every new truth discovered in the realm of science or philosophy has had to fight its way for recognition. And our own age is no exception to times gone by. But dauntless souls will press on and on and on.

LET THE PLUTES RULE!

NOTE.—Under this heading will be published each week brief accounts of how the people are being done by the financial, commercial and industrial magnates. News from Wall street generally not intended for the knowledge of the masses will also be given.

By MAX SHEROVER

WHY WE ARE CONDUCTING THIS COLUMN.

"Finance, instead of avoiding publicity in all of its aspects, should welcome it and seek it. Publicity won't hurt its dignity. A dignity which can be preserved only by seclusion, which cannot hold its own in the market place, is not worth having. We must more and more get out of the seclusion of our offices, out into the rough-and-tumble of democracy."—Otto Kahn.

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Strows In The Wind.

England's war debt reached the sum of \$13,730,000,000. Don't worry about the interest. It ain't goin' to be paid.

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Yes, And Maybe The Guillotine Will Be Popular Again.

Says Earl Loreburn in the House of Lords: "Unless the collective common sense of mankind prevails before the worst comes, Europe will be little better than a wilderness peopled by old men, women and children. It is no exaggeration to say that if the war continues indefinitely revolution and anarchy may well follow."

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And now upspeaks Sir George Paish: "If we go on spending money as we are now we shall see another break in American exchange, accompanied by a break in Canadian, Argentine, Australian and Indian exchanges. This probably will mean the suspension of specie payments, AND WE SHOULD HAVE TO TELL THE WORLD WE WERE UNABLE TO PAY OUR DEBTS."

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Premier Asquith just says: "The financial situation of Great Britain is SERIOUS."

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WANTED—A Nation to Go to War.

England went into the war to "avenge" Belgium. Now, who will enter the war to "avenge" Greece?

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The Why of the H. C. of L.

Cudahy Packing Co's net plunder for the year exceeds \$3,000,000. Let the Plutes Rule!

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In Oklahoma alone the wheat acreage increased by 15,000 acres, with wheat reserves of 4,000,000 bushels. And the "kept ladies" of the press tell us that crop shortage is the cause of the H. C. of L.

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Bradstreet's Exports.

Bradstreet's reports exports of grain for last week as follows: Wheat 5,587,000 bushels, last week, 7,026 bushels; since July 1, 162,839,000 bushels. Corn 578,000 bushels, last week 260,000 bushels, last year 419,000 bushels; since July 1, 22,391,000 bushels, last year 4,632,000 bushels.

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Which Means A Lie in its "proper" Use.

The truth in its proper use.—Motto of the Wall Street Journal.

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In Memoriam of the Ludlow Massacre.

Denver—Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. declared a dividend of 30 per cent on the preferred stock.

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The Measure of Exploitation.

Paige-Detroit Motor Co. 1916 dividends amount to 190 per cent.

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Why We Must Raise Our Sub Price.

International Paper Co.—"Earned" more than \$2,000,000 in past four months. The company will soon renew contracts for the greater part of its 1917 output of newsprint, at a price, which is understood to be 1 1/4 more than last year's contract prices.

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American Tel. & Tel. (Bell Phone System)—Nine months' net* boodle shows the insignificant sum of \$6,830,395.

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Baltimore Convention Demonstrates Solidarity

By CHESTER M. WRIGHT.

NOT IN twenty years has there been a convention of so great importance as the convention of the American Federation of Labor just held here.

This convention has made history. It has struck out boldly and clearly and tackled the problems of today in a statesman-like manner that must compel the attention of the nation.

There was courage in this convention—courage and intelligence, and that is a bad combination for plutocracy to go up against.

I have attended three conventions of the American Federation of Labor. This convention, in point of average ability of delegates, in point of constructive work, in point of bold action and harmony is far ahead of the others. Delegates who have attended as many as twenty conventions said that the same statement applies to the twenty.

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Here are some of the big things that were done:

The convention decided that labor injunctions and the judges issuing them must be defied. Disobey the injunctions and get the judges impeached, was the stand taken.

There must be no military training in public schools and no militarism in the nation.

The work done toward bringing into being a Pan-American Federation of Labor must be pushed with vigor.

The work of uniting the workers of all countries through organized labor must be prosecuted with diligence.

There can be no sympathy with the Constitutional government of Mexico, so long as it retains the decree of August 1, fixing the death penalty for those who strike or agitate for strikes.

The Federation stands for the eight-hour principle, but postpones decision as to the advisability of using legislative methods, pending the outcome of the fight of the railroad brotherhoods. This was a plain case of giving first consideration to the men on the firing line and avoiding anything that might be prejudicial to their struggle.

There must be an embargo on exportation of foodstuffs, providing that can be secured without violation of international law.

There is to be continuance of efforts looking toward an international labor peace congress when the war ends, despite the discouraging results of last year's work.

These are the high lights, the things that stand out big in the work of two weeks.

But these formal decisions do not reveal the splendid spirit of solidarity that was evident all through the convention. Here were men met to plan battle against the common foe. And they looked it. Every inch.

During the convention the powers of wealth met in New York and formed a league, backed by eight billion dollars, with the purpose of crushing labor. The spirit shown here in Baltimore was the best answer that could be given to Wall Street. It was the answer that said:

"If you want fight you will get it—and plenty of it. We will pit our strength and our solidarity against your dollars."

More encouragement than usual was given to pleas for help in organization work and much less time than usual was spent in solving jurisdictional troubles. There were but two extended debates on the floor in jurisdiction cases. Many were settled off the floor.

There was encouragement for humanity in the proceedings of each day. It was a wonderful convention and an inspiring convention.

Oh, yes, America will have war. War is the only thing that will enable capitalism to exist for five years longer.

Some day America will have to fight for the land, just as Mexico is doing today, unless Socialism comes in to curb the rapacity of the masters.

They tell us we ought to intervene in Mexico because the government there is unable to cope with the situation. Mexico has been at war for three years. At one time the United States was a war for twelve years before she was at a to quell Indian uprisings. What if some European power had intervened then?

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Fighting For No Man's Land

By JOSEPH E. COHEN.

THERE IS no sign that a decision will soon be made in the war. There is only fighting, the endless procession of strong men to the trenches and of broken bodies and shattered minds and charred corpses out of the trenches. The third winter falls upon the crumbling of European civilization, with no promise that spring will bring anything but a renewal of the destruction and death.

The river of calamity flows on into the homes of the contending nations, flooding the land with the tidings of fathers and sons lost, families ruined and hearts broken. The treadmill turns ceaselessly, thousands and tens of thousands daily paying the price of the militaristic frenzy. Now and then there is a quickening of the carousal of death, as when Verdun is stormed, or the Somme is crossed, or Roumania throws her handful of men upon the bleeding block.

And the longer the war lasts the more does it become plain that they who are grappling in the trenches take a minor part in the war. More surely it is true now than ever before that the cause of the war and its conclusion are in no way bound up with the blind devotion of those who are doing the fighting.

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Across No Man's Land.

The man who marches off to the front for the sake of his loved ones and his fatherland has an eye solely to duty, the duty of a loyal citizen in a common cause. In some strange hole in the ground he slings his rifle toward where a line of popping flashes tell him the enemy is to be found. Between the two lies what is called No Man's Land.

It is accurately it has been named! It indeed belongs to no son of man. Hideous scarrows of decaying human bodies tell where some few, bolder than their comrades, have invaded the strip of dirt between the two armies and tried to make it their own. Is not that?

And when after hurling a storm of shot and shell upon the enemy, the men rush forward and cross the boundary, sooner or later they come to another halt, drop down into a new trench and again watch the popping flashes beyond No Man's Land.

It is No Man's Land, that the two armies are fighting for, and no man's land it will remain.

For while they are engaged in the actual struggle, the war is really being fought elsewhere. It is being fought far from the scene of carnage and desolation. It is being fought in the various capitals of the contending nations.

It is the gentlemen who occupy the high places in diplomacy who are engaging their armies in the crash upon Verdun, in the ride over the Somme, and in the descent upon Roumania. It is they who sweep an army of ten thousand and fifty thousand into a wild charge and the resulting massacre. And they do so because they are busy with political deals, with commercial measures and with dynastic powers.

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Glimpsing the Future.

Who but these gentlemen can tell what the outcome will be? Who can guess whether it is to last a year or ten? Who knows but they whether the cards have not already been dealt for a conclusion that will be only an armistice before a greater war?

Russia, now more than ever, holds the advantage over Germany and England. Will she overrun the Balkans with her hordes, snatch lower Austria and strangle Turkey, only to find that England stands over her shoulder ready to drive her back, as happened in the last struggle between Russia and Turkey? Or will Germany make truce with the Slav and join with Japan to form a land empire extending from the North Sea to the Pacific?

What have the men in the trenches to do with such questions as these? The men in the trenches are fighting the battles. But the war is being fought elsewhere.

The men in the trenches are fighting for no man's land. And the men who are fighting the war are fighting for every man's land.

The men in the trenches had nothing to say about making the war. They will have nothing to say about the terms of peace. The men who brought the war will have everything to say.

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Price Of Paper Endangering Our Existence

By MAX SHEROVER.

During the past six months The American Socialist has silently borne a number of merciless blows from the paper trust. The general rise in the price of white news print paper did not escape us. It has hit us hard and heavy—and we have kept quiet. During the campaign we conserved our valuable space to campaign and propaganda matter. The five, ten and fifteen cent short term subscriptions represented not merely an actual loss but because of the cost of paper was a critical venture for us. However, we felt that the business of The American Socialist was to spread the message of Socialism and not to make a profit. We do not expect to make a profit in publishing The American Socialist. The moment we do we shall put that in improving and increasing the paper. What we must do, however, is to avoid a deficit. We must break even. We cannot do it now—with the present cost of production and the low subscription price we are charging.

Just glance at our paper bills reproduced here. In looking at the figures under the "price" column you will see the whole story in a nut shell. On January 10 of this year we paid \$2.20 per 100 pounds of paper—on October 30, we paid \$5.75 per 100 pounds—an increase of \$3.55 on 100 pounds. This increase spells an additional and un-

provided for extra expenditure of several hundred dollars every month. And indications are that the price of paper is going higher still. The paper trust feels that they can squeeze and crush the press with impunity.

The paper trust's last report shows that their profits for the past four months exceeded the sum of TWO MILLION DOLLARS. Still its greed is not appeased. It wants more. And what alternative have we? We either pay the price demanded or go without paper.

Since the upward climb in the price of paper began hundreds of Socialist and Labor papers as well as small capitalist papers have been driven to the wall and put out of business. Those publications that managed to hold out during the critical period have now resorted to the inevitable—they raised the subscription price. The penny paper is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. The two and three-cent paper takes its place. And the big metropolitan papers which, for circulation reasons, refuse to raise the selling price of the paper are compelled to pass the increased cost on to the advertiser. This means giving the advertiser greater and more control over the policy of the paper. This means suppression, adulteration and coloring of labor news—our news—on a larger scale. This means continuously greater poisoning of the minds of the workers and

therefore making our attempts to clarify their minds all the harder.

The Appeal to Reason, The Rip Saw and other Socialist publications as a matter of self-preservation were compelled to raise their subscription price. The Chicago Day Book—a paper without advertising—just raised its price to two cents. The New York Call found it necessary not to accept any returns. Pearson's raised its price to \$1.50 a year straight. Small town dailies throughout the country have raised their price. The Association of National Advertisers at its annual meeting held in Boston a few days ago adopted resolutions approving "reasonable increases in the selling price of periodicals and newspapers."

The American Socialist is seriously affected by this situation, but we shall not raise the subscription price just yet. This is an inevitable outcome, we are trying to postpone the inevitable. We first want to hear from you as to how you feel about this matter. We have taken you into our confidence—we have pointed out the situation to you—and now we want a word from you. What do you think? Let us hear from you. You are an essential part of this paper. We want your opinion and your advice. In the meantime, however, bear in mind that the price of paper has gone up in a straight skyward line and that it continues on its climb.

The President's Program

In commenting on President Wilson's railroad program, the Omaha World-Herald said recently: "It is not proposed to abrogate the right of railroad employes to strike. But it is proposed that the right shall not be exercised until after full and fair investigation with a view to preventing such action if possible."

In other words, strikes will continue to be legal, but only after enough time has elapsed to enable the railroad managers to defeat any strike that might be called. So far as Labor is concerned, this is liberty with a vengeance; it is a right shorn of all but the name. From prohibiting railroad strikes for a certain period it will be but a short step to prohibiting strikes for all time and in every department of industry.

The masters seem to be bent on precipitating a bloody revolution, for just this will result if the railroad program is carried out. Let us hope that the masters will not succeed. Violence is often all that is needed to stop all progress and make tyranny complete. Sometimes, however, violence is a vital factor in further improvement. One thing is sure: the workers will not always stand for being footstools of parasites. Even peace will be put aside by them, if peace involves continued subjection. The world-wide ascendancy of Labor will be ushered in calmly and quietly, if possible; but it is going to be, even tho it can only come thru blood and tears.

E. R. B.

The Way The Steel Trust Keeps It

By HARRISON GEORGE.

Eight billion dollar combine of CAPITAL to fight organized LABOR! Such is the weight of the oppressive forces headed by the U. S. Steel Corporation. To realize what such oppression means to the American people we shall examine a district where Steel Trust control is absolute; i. e., the Mesaba Range.

The writer has before shown "How the Steel Trust Got It." This deals with how the trust keeps it. We shall summarize its local control of social and political forces. The part it plays nationally is well known.

Look first at the federal judge of this district, Page Morris. Judge Morris has denounced from the bench the range town councils who wanted the Steel Trust to pay proper taxes. The Judge owns steel stock. How he got it has not been explained. Next, Bruce McDonald, Immigration Inspector at Duluth, in recommending deportation of Geo. Anderytchine, a striker, said, "He is dangerous because he is smart, having acquired a remarkable English vocabulary in less than three years."

I introduce for the state—Governor Beengal. It is his who sent the now famous telegram to the sheriff ordering the arrest of strike leaders and the taking of them "before magistrate, preferable at Duluth" where Burquist was apparently sure of the judge. Burquist it was who gave sanction to the importation of an army of thugs to over-awe the strikers.

Next is Sheriff Meining of St. Louis County, who deputized this private army of the Trust and gave it full power to deny constitutional rights of speech and assembly. These so-called guards left company grounds to attack strikers on the streets and in their homes. This crew arrested over six hundred people. District Atty. Greene is the one who saw that the victims escaped no penalty that his subordinates could fix upon them with the aid of gunman testimony.

Municipal Judge Carey, during the strike, gained the sobriquet of "Old Ninety Days"—his usual sentence to strikers. The mayors of the range towns are the one bright spot. Headed by Victor Power and Mike Boylan they exerted every effort to bring operators and strikers into conference. The strikers welcomed this but the operators refused. These mayors have been attacked by the trust press and Power roused the ire of the trust by becoming attorney for the strikers. As a consequence he has been indicted for alleged graft.

The press deserves dishonorable mention. The Duluth News-Tribune has bitterly denounced the strike and verbally damned the strikers, vilifying the leaders. There may be a more degraded daily elsewhere, but the Tribune holds the laurels for Minnesota.

The Biwabik, Minn., Times runs a close second. As an example of what it means to organize in a trust town I quote from the Times about organizers: "If these men are allowed freedom of action and speech they will precipitate another strike. There is but one way to stop this outrage, that is to do as did the citizens of Everett, Wash." Readers will remember that an "Open Shop" posse shot down five peaceful workers at Everett Nov. 5th. The Times says, an organizer "hates to get the deserved bat over the head with a stout club by a strong man." That the people should make the situation in their own hands, county officers cannot be depended on. The situation should be controlled as it is in the South. The Mesaba Ore is the one local paper taking the side of the labor. As a result its editor, C. M. Atkinson, has been indicted on some petty charge connected with the local administration.

For the trust, you may safely advocate lynching and murder. You may, as company gunman, shoot strikers under authority of the county and with sanction from the state. Yet if, as striker, you assemble with your fellows; or, as organizer, you teach labor its power as did Scarlett, Schmidt and Tresca; if you stand for labor in any way, you face the vengeance of all those forces which reflect the industrial control of organized capital. That is why all labor is watching Minnesota, where the big legal battle, now postponed to the 18th, will soon begin.

The angry citizen puffed into the office of the city editor. "See here, sir," he yelled, "what do you mean by publishing my resignation from my political office in this way?"

"You gave the story out yourself, didn't you?" asked the editor.

"Of course I did," replied the angry citizen. "But your paper prints it under the head of 'Public Improvements.'"—New York Call.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

Organization — Education — Solidarity.

WILLIAM Z. KRUSE - - - Director

To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialist Leagues. Address all communications to: Socialist Party Young People's Dept., 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

ALL JEWISH SPEAKING Y. P. S. L's are hereby notified that their special "Language Education Due Stamp" are to be bought in the future at the same place where the regular stamps are bought. Circles in organized counties will buy them from the county secretary, in organized states from the state office, and in unorganized states from the National Office. Please bear in mind that the price of these is 2c per stamp higher than for the regular stamp, this representing the per capita tax paid to the Jewish Socialist Federation. Accept only stamps on which the words "Lang. Fed'n" have been surcharged, as only these certify that the Party dues have been paid. County and state secretaries please take notice.

Constitutional amendment on election of national secretary was adopted by Circle Englewood, Chicago, Ill. 17 members in good standing. Other rumors of action on this matter have reached the office here but no confirmation has been received. The second convention in OFFICIALLY. If your league has taken action on the matter please send it in at once.

New leagues have been organized at Ellwood, Ind., with 14 members, and at Colorado, Colo., with a start of 40 charter members. Cincinnati, O., reports that it was successful in starting of Dayton when half a dozen live-wire Yipies are organizing. The charter application has not yet been received.

Because there are not yet enough circles in the state of Connecticut they will not be able to hold a regular convention at this time, nor can they form a bona-fide state organization. But they will hold a state-wide conference and expect soon to have things going.

MORE RECOGNITION.

A motion carried and put on the books of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Minnesota reads that they "go on record as heartily favoring the second work carried on by the YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIALIST LEAGUE and asking all comrades to co-operate and as a start in the way to closer co-operation and better organization the State Secretary has been asked to co-operate in circulating all the locals of his state on behalf of the league."

And Comrade Jennie McGehe, State Sec'y of the Socialist Party of Colorado is plugging away just as hard as the rest. In reporting an organization meeting of the circle at Denver, noted above, she says, "It is going to be 'some league' they are surely the finest, cleanest, brightest bunch you ever saw. I am so enthusiastic about this league." That is quite some recommendation for I have seen many a bunch that never got up. In reporting a clean—but it certainly shows the right spirit. If all party comrades would only get into the work in this spirit we would soon have a league all over this country that would be the pride and joy of the movement—and the hope of our future endeavors. There is no reason why every local in the country should not take up organization work among the young. Write to the National Office for particulars.

WHOOOP *EE!

Are you curious? How about this National Champ business? Huh? You'll find out in a couple of days now. Watch this space and all N. O. letters.

'Round The Yipsel Standard

(Tune: "International")

Arise, ye youths of all the nation, Arise and show the world your might; In one great Yipsel celebration, Let all of us unite!

Chorus: 'Round the Yipsel standard, Let us rally each day; The rising Social Yipsel members, Shall guide us on our way.

Let's make our own proclamation, 'Unto the world let's all proclaim: 'The Working Class' Emancipation Is our hope and aim."

Chorus: 'Round, etc.

Let's make our motto: Organization, And also; Solidarity; Then add to these two: Education—The three will make us free!

Chorus: 'Round, etc.

Let each of us stand firm and steady, Prepared to battle for the right; Let all of us be ever ready, 'Thro'out the day and night.

Chorus: 'Round, etc.

—Louis Levick, Circle 2, Brooklyn. —From The Young Socialists Magazine.

OUR VOTE IN 16 STATES.

The total vote cast for Benson in the following States was:

State	Benson	Debs
California	42,615	72,201
Florida	7,894	4,866
Connecticut	5,000	10,647
Kentucky	10,000	11,647
Massachusetts	9,500	12,662
New Hampshire	1,090	1,980
Oregon	10,000	18,343
Kansas	24,000	26,692
Wisconsin	26,621	33,471
Minnesota	20,271	27,505
Indiana	20,721	86,931
Oklahoma	45,190	42,282
Rhode Island	2,483	2,493
Delaware	1,068	556
Virginia	1,243	800
Mississippi	1,484	2,017

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Attempt To Get Scabs Fails

By WM. F. KRUSE.

A ruse to get strikebreakers for the coal fields of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, would have succeeded but for one little fact. That fact was the manliness of the men that were shipped down to work there, and the indomitable courage of the strikers.

Ever since last April 1500 coal miners have been out on strike in this district. It is newly organized territory for the Mine Workers and the only demand that has been made thus far is for honest weight. Heretofore the men were robbed of as high as 50 per cent of their just earnings even under the miserable pay per ton they were getting. All over this country it takes 2000 pounds of coal to make a ton, but in the Hooversville mines it takes 3000 or more. It was this demand that brought on the strike more than eight months ago.

The first step taken by the mine owners was to evict the strikers from the company property. But that was met by the generosity of the people of Hooversville, for to a man, merchants and all, the people there back up the justice of the miners' claim. After some time a few of the smaller independent mines gave in to the demands and the men started working again. But Mr. Telford Lewis, Superintendent of Knickerbocker Mines No. 1 and No. 2, refused to have anything to do with them. He was ready to fight and tried to get on with scabs. Most of the few men that he could get were not miners, and the production, according to the information given by the strikers, did not average much more than 5 per cent of the normal output. The mines were completely crippled.

Then came the attempt to bring in out-of-town scabs. Word was sent to the West Madison Street employment agencies at Chicago, and to other cities, that a lot of men were wanted in the coal mines of Pennsylvania. The laws of the State of Illinois require that employment agencies give an accurate statement of the conditions in each out-of-town job, especially with regard to strikes and other troubles. But laws mean nothing to the greed of the master class. Brooks Agency shipped a load of sixty-four men down in their first batch. Before they were hired they were assured that there was no strike and that everything was all right. It was explained that the only reason why men were being shipped all the way from Chicago was that workers were scarce in that region on account of "prosperity," and because many of coal people were moving south for the winter. This is very true, in part, at least, for several big coal barons will spend their winters at Palm Beach as usual, but no miners will be found there. The men that were picked up in Chicago were mostly foreigners and they were assured that they would get good jobs and that after a few days work they would be taken into the union and that they could pay their initiation fees out of their wages and that everything would be done to get them right in with the boys.

Chicago is not a pleasant place to bum around in winter, so most of the men fell for the story. No sooner had they pulled into the station at Hooversville, to which town their tickets read, than they began to suspect that something was wrong. They were not permitted to leave the train at the station and were told to

109 IMPRISONED IN EVERETT FIGHT

EVERETT.—As a final result of the weeding-out process among the men imprisoned because of their activities in the attempt to secure the rights of Free Speech in Everett, Wash., there are now 74 in jail in Everett charged with first-degree murder and 35 in the King County jail in Seattle charged with unlawful assemblage. The 35 men are the passengers on the "Calista" which never reached Everett, but turned back half way when warned by the returning "Verona."

Attorney Fred H. Moore, of Los Angeles, Cal., famous in many Labor cases, is on the job acting for the men in Seattle and Everett. Colonel S. E. S. Wood, of Portland, Ore., is also acting in the case in an advisory capacity.

The men in jail in Everett are being constantly subjected to petty persecution. They have all been photographed and finger-printed by officials of the State Board of Prison, although as yet unconvicted! This was made the excuse for not allowing Attorney Moore into the jail on Friday, the 24th. He was not allowed to see his own clients! Prosecutor Webb tried to get Moore into the jail but Sheriff McRae was implacable.

This same Sheriff also refused to allow any dainties to be sent into the jail for the boys on Thanksgiving. Friends of the men and local sympathizers had planned to send them in a Thanksgiving dinner. But, out of sheer malice and gratuitous brutality, the Sheriff forbade the food being given to the men. This has but added to the growing sentiment in Everett against the Sheriff and the prosecution. The daily press of Everett is completely under the sway of the lumber interests, it seems. For instance, the "Everett Herald" of Nov. 29th, says that Attorney Fred Moore tasted the prison food and praised it highly. This article actually states that Moore said that the prisoners were "given as good food and as

much of it as they could wish."

When Moore saw this "interview" in the paper, he was astounded. The story was a deliberate piece of misrepresentation. Disclaimers have been sent to the Everett papers; but whether they will be printed is questionable.

Oscar Carlson, the passenger on the "Verona" who was shot in nine places when the Everett thugs poured their volleys into the crowded decks of the steamer, has had action for damages brought against the steamship company, the Everett Dock Company, Sheriff Donald McRae and several other leaders of the Commercial Club mob. He claims compensation to the extent of \$50,000, for the damage done by the anti-free-speech thugs.

Seventy-four murder cases, thirty-five unlawful assemblage cases, and the case of Edith Fernetto, a free speech sympathizer charged with assault and intent to kill,—such is the full tale of the legal battles looming in the near future. It was for the rights of the working class to express its views and to organize that five men met their deaths so nobly on Bloody Sunday, Nov. 5th. It is for the same cause that these men are now in prison. The masters will try to railroad them. We must defend our own! Shall these men be railroaded to the penitentiary for life, because they said that Labor should not be gagged? Workers, it is for YOU to say!

Protests and resolutions should be sent to Pres. Wilson and to Gov. Lister, Olympia, Wash. Send a demand to your congressmen and senators, for a congressional investigation into the battle of Everett, Nov. 5th, 1916.

Socialism is forcing itself on an unwilling world, because it is the only thing that will meet the terrible situation brought on us by exploitation.

The developing cooperative movement is merely an attempt to et rid of exploitation. But at best it can be only partial. The cooperative commonwealth will be a necessity, growing out of the same need that is forcing partial cooperation.

Gun In Every Home In Swiss Republic But No Free Speech Or Assemblage.

Little Switzerland keeps right on giving us fine demonstrations of the fact that its "democratic" militarism is just as brutal and oppressive as is the militaristic rule of any other capitalist nation. Some time ago, the Young People's Socialist League in Zurich called a mass meeting to protest against the war-mongering that has turned Europe into a living hell, and it was intended to hold a parade.

No sooner was the parade called to order than an official stepped forward and informed the chairman that no parade would be permitted and that 50 police were present to see that his orders were obeyed. The chairman then announced that the people present would take a "pleasure stroll" thru the streets to a certain park, as is done in imperialistic Berlin when the common herd are forbidden to parade.

When the crowd started and had walked some distance they were suddenly set upon by a platoon of police who smashed into men, women and children with their clubs and showed no mercy. While the people were dispersed many continued their walk to the park, where they were again attacked by about 40 police, who were reinforced by three companies of "democratic" militia and the place was cleared.

Over a score of the demonstrators were arrested, while many others were taken to their homes by friends to nurse their wounds. Intense indignation was created by the unprovoked brutality and to a man the working people of Zurich are renouncing the outrage, but that is about all they can do.

Capitalism is in the saddle, and if every man is a soldier in Switzerland and owns his gun and cartridges, they don't seem to be of any use in protecting the right of free speech and public assemblage. Military discipline and oppression have trodden the principles down to democracy into the dirt.—Cleveland Citizen.

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