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SOCIALIST COMMISSIONER KILLS LICENSE GRAFT! IT PAYS TO HAVE WAGE-SLAVE REPRESENTATIVES

DON'T MISS IT THE EVENT OF THE SEASON

Monster Anti-War Demonstration and
County Campaign Picnic.

Edmonds, Wash., Labor Day, Septem-
ber 7, 1914.



L. E. Katterfeld, state secretary of the Socialist party of Washington, who will be one of the anti-war speakers. Come and hear him.

Labor Day, September 7, 1914, is going down as a big mark in the history of the Socialist movement.

On Labor Day in Edmonds, Washington, the Socialists from all parts of Snohomish county are going to hold a monster anti-war demonstration and county campaign picnic. It will be the first great gathering of this kind and one that will never be forgotten.

On Labor Day the Snohomish county Socialists are going to boom the first gun in protest against the wholesale murder and slaughter of their comrades and fellow workers in the interests of capitalism. It is going to mark the grand opening of the county campaign. We have won in Everett, let's win the county. Say, why not?

L. E. Katterfeld, state secretary of the Socialist party, Mary McNamara, Socialist educator and lecturer, and Maynard Shipley, editor of the Washington Socialist and member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, a trio of the best speakers in the state, will address the anti-war demonstration. The county candidates of the party will also be introduced and will make short speeches.

Return trip fare, 40 cents; children under ten years, free. The steamer Alverne and launch Ruby Marie will handle the big crowds with ample accommodations. Bring your family, enjoy the beautiful trip upon the Sound among the scenic islands and along the picturesque mainland. Boats will leave the Everett City Dock at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 in the morning and 1:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon.

NEWS FROM LEAVENWORTH.

(From Chas. Imbleau, Secretary of Local Leavenworth, Wash., P. O. Box 521, Aug. 23, 1914.)
The Washington Socialist, Everett, Wash.:

Dear Comrades—On the 18th inst. the Socialist party of Leavenworth gave its first lecture in the Congressional campaign of 1914. An unusually large and enthusiastic gathering congregated to hear the message of Socialism. Comrade Mrs. Kate Sadler of Seattle was the speaker. Judging not only from our own observation, but from the attention and the enthusiasm of the audience during the meeting and the comment since the meeting, compels me to say that the modest, firm, simple and self-poised makes for her a characteristic of highest eminence as a public speaker, and in every way worthy of the time and attention of any intelligent audience.

I am yours in the revolution,
CHAS. IMBLEAU.

Celebrate Labor Day at Edmonds, Wash., at the MONSTER ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION AND COUNTY CAMPAIGN PICNIC.

SOCIALISM AT PUBLIC EXPENSE—WHY NOT?

In recent issues of the Yakima Daily Republic there have been eruptions of wrathful nature, emitting forth poisonous fumes. In the writing of the editorials headed "The Need for a Few More Sm's" and "Socialism at Public Expense," the writer not only shows his ignorance but ungraciously displays the meager capacity of his reasoning faculties.

The writer seems to bemoan the fact that Prof. J. Allen Smith of the State University has made Socialistic declarations and that Socialism is being taught at the expense of the public.

Now isn't it just too bad that the dear public should for once have it impressed upon their minds that there are actually men who are rendering services for which they are being paid; for how could the qualifications of a professor of political economy and social science be better demonstrated than by his Socialistic declarations.

The writer says that if the taxpayers of this state had to support a few more cultured yaps like J. Allen Smith, head of the department of economics and social science in the University of Washington, their souls would be full of sunshine all the time. Far better to have a few more Allen Smiths and less editorial writers of the Republic type, whose dirty, lying, venomous editorials are so saturated with that poisonous substance, emanating from these would-be parasites, that even a decent heathen can't read them without questioning the merits of our so-called civilization.

The writer states that he does not object to a man being a Socialist if he wants to, neither does he object to a citizen hugging delusions and spouting clap-trap if he wants to do so, and will say nothing unless occasionally to suggest easier access to the insane asylum, in which case our editorial writer should avail himself of the opportunity of getting on the inside of such an institution. Perhaps that in the near future he will be obliged to erect an institution of some kind for the accommodation of this troglodyte type, for at no time and under no consideration would such a damphool be tolerated by the inmates of an insane asylum.

However, I must say that the writer's case is not a hopeless one, for I have seen far worse cases cured and all marks of the disease eradicated, and I trust that sometime in the near future the writer may take the remedy that he stands so much in need of.

Fraternally yours,
F. A. LIVIN.

SOCIALIST COMMISSIONER GETS BUSY.

Capitalist Press Admits Salter Did Work.

Capitalist Press Says License Fee for Bartenders is Eliminated.

Members of the Bartenders' Union this morning won their point against the city in a sanguinary battle, earning a right to practice behind the mahogany without being compelled to pay an annual license fee of \$10 and another \$5 to a bonding company. The only heavy firing during the oratorical engagement at the city hall came from Attorney J. H. Naylor's camp.

Yesterday the question of fairness was thrashed out before the city commissioners, and the final adjustment of the case was then promised for this morning. The commissioners acquiesced today to a plea from the bartenders out of a spirit of fairness to the working class, as they explained it, though the superior court sanctioned the annual license fee and the bonding.

Commissioner Salter offered a resolution to repeal a section of the ordinance under which the friendly action was brought, eliminating the \$10 yearly fee heretofore paid by most of the bartenders, and acting on City Attorney Davis' recommendation, also inserted in his resolution directions that instead of being forced to give the city a surety bond they would only be asked to file a personal bond with the city clerk. The resolution carried without a dissenting vote. Bartenders will still be compelled to appear before the commissioners for examination before being given permits to work in Everett's saloons.

WANTS GOVERNMENT TO SEIZE INDUSTRIES

To the American People:
A desperate situation confronts the people of America.

Unscrupulous capitalists, using the European war as a pretext, are increasing the cost of food so that millions are threatened with starvation.

The president of the United States has ordered an investigation of the increase in food prices, and the prosecution of those responsible for it. Such investigations and prosecutions have brought no results whatsoever in the past and are not likely to do so now.

European governments, when confronted with a similar situation, realized that there is only one measure that can be depended upon to bring relief—the seizure of all plants and industries responsible for the increase in prices and their operation by the government for the benefit of the people.

We demand that the same action be taken immediately in the United States.

We demand that the government, as an emergency measure, seize the packing houses, cold storage warehouses, granaries, flour mills and such other plants and industries as may be necessary to safeguard the food of the people.

Such seizure will not only benefit the people of the United States but also the people of Europe.

When the government controls the industries, the exportation of foods to Europe can be prevented. The rulers of Europe, unable to secure food for their armies, will be forced to call off their soldiers.

We also demand that the exportation of money and of munitions of war to the European nations be prohibited. The United States must not aid the powers of Europe to continue their fratricidal strife. We call upon the people everywhere to hold mass meetings and to send resolutions to the president and congress demanding immediate and decisive action.

The need is urgent. We must act. By order of the national committee on immediate action.

WALTER LANFERSIEK,
Executive Secretary.
August 14, 1914.

WAR IS HELL! If the master class want blood let them cut their own throats. Let's tell them so at the MONSTER ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION AND COUNTY CAMPAIGN PICNIC, Labor Day, September 7, at Edmonds, Wash. Fare by boat from Everett 40 cents round trip.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS IN WAR TO HALT RUSSIANS

Morris Hillquit Gets Word by Way of Holland—Says They'll Seek Peace Early.

That the Socialists of Germany decided to cast their lot for war when it became certain that Germany faced a Russian invasion, was the statement made yesterday by Morris Hillquit, who said that the information had come to him through Socialists by way of Holland.

"When it was seen that the general war could not be prevented," he said, "the Socialists decided to fight along with Germany, rather than risk Russia getting a foothold. Just at the time war was declared the Socialist members of the reichstag had a conference with the German chancellor over the menace of Russian ascendancy. Russia is the most reactionary power in the world and because of the situation created by Russia being at war with Germany, the Socialist members of the reichstag afterwards voted for war appropriation. The Socialists are as a matter of principle opposed to war, but it was a choice of evils and anything was better than an invasion by Russia."

"While our comrades are aiding to fight reactionary Russia," he continued, "at the same time our comrades in the reichstag will take the first opportunity of urging a cessation of hostilities, if there is any chance of ending the war by mediation or arbitration. The fact that they are aiding Germany against Russia does not militate against the continuance of their efforts to bring about Socialism."

ORGANIZED TOILERS CAN HIT BIG BLOW AT MURDEROUS CAPITALISM.

(By Walter Lanfersiek, National Secretary S. P.)

The United States is the only great nation on this planet today where unrelenting war is not carrying on its deadly work.

No one knows how long America will remain at peace with the world. But while that peace endures, American Socialists should unanimously muster every ounce of strength to bulwark their movement against the powers of capitalism.

The Socialist party national committee has set aside the first week in September, starting September 6, called it "Socialist Week," and dedicated it to the building up of the party organization and the party press.

Socialist week can be made a big success. Thousands of new members can be brought into the party. Tens of thousands of subscriptions can be secured for party publications. All that is needed is a little work.

Every one of the Socialist party's 6,000 local branches should start now to prepare for Socialist week.

Murderous capitalism supplied us with a slogan for Socialist week, when it plunged all of Europe into a death struggle. Let that slogan be, "Down With War!" Only when the Socialist party becomes strong enough to put an end to it, will war cease. Therefore, the party organization must be strengthened, its press must be bulwarked and made powerful against the press of the capitalist foe.

Arrange for anti-war protest meetings and protest parades on Sunday, September 6. If you have held one already, then make plans for another. Join with the trade unions on Labor Day, September 7, in celebration of this annual event. Millions of workers can be reached on these two days. Take advantage of every opportunity.

But this should be only the beginning of the big task that awaits every Socialist for the five days remaining. Divide your city precincts among your party workers. Do the same in the country districts.

See that every worker is approached personally with an application blank for membership in the Socialist party, and a subscription blank for some party publication. Let no one escape.

The task is an easy one. There are 100,000 Socialist party dues-paying members in the United States. They should put the 1,000,000 Socialist voters to work. And surely it would not be a difficult task for this million to reach the 100,000,000 men, women and children in the nation with one entire week in which to do it.

But plans must be made and perfected now. Hard work during Socialist week will start that Socialist delegation well on its way toward congress in November. It will mean a crushing blow at the gods of war that continually seek to keep the workers in subjection. It will mean a big step forward in the long struggle to emancipate the world's toiling masses. Do your part, and others will surely do theirs.

FIRST MOVE IS MADE TO WARD A MUNICIPAL WATER PLANT.

We predict that the result of the trip of our city commissioners to investigate Boulder river as a source of our city water supply will be to tell the people we don't want it.

It was never seriously intended that it might be the proper source. The only object in considering it was for the purpose of delay until the interests could perfect their lease on the Sultan river supply.

You know, there is more money in it for some people, not to have the city own its water system. However, we feel assured that under the present administration every effort possible will be put forth to bring about some definite results.

FRANK CORT.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

If you fail to receive the Washington Socialist regularly, notify us, giving details. We want every one who is entitled to the paper, to get it every week. By notifying us of failure to do so, you protect us, as well as yourself, as it gives us an opportunity to trace up the matter, thus locating the difficulty.

ELECTRIC WORKERS DEPLORE WAR

Everett, Wash., Aug. 12, 1914.
Everett Trades Council Bldg., Trades Council Officers and Members:

Greeting—A resolution we earnestly request that you adopt:

Whereas, the powers that be in Europe have decided to establish butcher shops at any and all convenient places wherever brothers and sisters may be slaughtered for the express purpose of satisfying their thirst for blood and profit; and

Whereas, we, a patriotic and God-loving people, believe that the pen is mightier than the sword, are of the opinion that the existing grievances could and should be settled by arbitration; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we shall not engage ourselves in any occupation to produce for or transport to the munitions of war; and be it further

Resolved, that we protest against the advance in price of foodstuffs here at home, as we are told by our secretary of agriculture that the yield of grain in this, our glorious U. S. A., will exceed all previous years.

Yours for industrial freedom,
LOCAL UNION 191, I. B. E. W.
Endorsed by Local No. 191, I. B. E. W., at their regular meeting of August 13, 1914.

JOHN WORSWICK,
Secretary.

FROM A COMRADE WHO KNOWS.

Vancouver, July, 1914.

Dear Comrades—I thought I might open the eyes of some Henry Dubs by giving my experience with this army business. Some fifteen years ago I came to Vancouver, Wash., and being a steam engineer I got two months work at the government pumping station during the dry weather as they had to run twenty-four hours a day during the dry weather. I have worked more or less every year and in a good many other capacities with the exception of three years I was boycotted because I brought to the attention of the quartermaster some irregularities going on in the wood and coal department which caused an investigation and some two or three men went over the road for it. They got rid of me before the investigation and I could not get anything to do for the government as long as Captain Craig was quartermaster. In May, 1913, the chief engineer at the pumping station resigned and the assistant was put in charge and I was put in his place, and according to all customs of the government it ought to have been permanent if I filled it competently, but in eight months, without any notice, they sent a soldier who belonged to what they call the service corps to take my place, and I, at the age of 60 years, am kicked out to make my living the best I can, but still have to help pay the soldier who took my position. Teddy the Terrible is the man who recommended the service corps in the army but it is under Wilson when the army is putting it in practice. The Democrats always do what the Republicans recommend, and how long are you fool workmen going to stand for it and vote for it? Why is it so many working men turn down Socialism when it is the only thing that will help the working man? The old parties tell you plainly they want no change. The Socialist party is the only party that advocates a change, and the only party that represents the working class.

Yours for the co-operative commonwealth,
B. F. PEYTON.

SOME WELCOME VISITORS.

Comrades H. O. Shebeck and W. J. Goldsmith of Bay View, Island county, were over on the 19th with an application for a charter for Local Useless Bay, with fifteen members. Incidentally they signed up for the Washington Socialist.

Comrade Chas. Wallace of South Bellingham was in town Wednesday the 19th checking up the nominations for state offices with the state secretary. The Gold Dust Twins were in town last week.

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A VALUABLE RECORD.

(Socialist Party Press Service.)
Washington Letter.

An exposure of the records of every representative in congress on forty-four important roll calls is the feature of a bulletin of the non-partisan National Voters' League, just issued in this city. The inner history of the slimy McDermott case and McDermott's connection with the National Manufacturers' association, by Lynn Haines, secretary of the league, is a feature of the bulletin.

The publication of these records is causing consternation among congressmen who are up for re-election and who have trusted to the fact that their constituents do not know what they have been doing in Washington. Haines shows how many roll calls each member dodged, how many times each member tried to save his neck by answering "present" instead of "yea" or "nay," and how often members, for purely political reasons, voted one way one year and exactly the opposite way the next year.

The bulletin throws a searchlight on congress such as congress has never experienced in its existence of 125 years. It is an epitome and review of the important legislative history of recent sessions of the house. Membership in the league costs \$1.00 a year and is well worth the price for prospective candidates, political clubs, locals, schools and debating societies. This correspondent can vouch for the absolute reliability of the league. Its address is Woodward Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24, 1914.—

Marriage between white persons and persons of negro descent is to be prohibited in the District of Columbia, as it is already forbidden in most of the Southern states, if a bill now on the calendar of the house, strongly supported by the southern negro-baiting Democrats and boosted by Big Business, becomes law. Chances favor its passage in the house, but the senate is inclined to shelve it for political reasons. The Democratic senators do not all come from the South.

The economic value of this sort of legislation to the ruling business caste in the South is that it tends to break the spirit of modernism that has come to the "nigger" along with the public school and the trade union. Colored people are becoming conscious of their human dignity, and their responsibility to develop toward the white man's plane of social value. They are raising their standards of living, and are demanding better wages, while the trade union is slowly making its way into their confidence. These facts worry the big business interests in the South of today, which is the South turned over by the landowner to the factory owner and railroad manager. Something must be done to humble the black laborer, and to prevent his children from wanting to become anything less than laborers. The anti-inter-marriage law is the latest scheme. Self-respecting negroes do not want to marry whites, of course. They would not be allowed to do so if they did wish it. But the ban of law

has the special effect—the "psychological depression"—that will react upon the spirit of the whole race. It will make the negro more tractable, and cheaper.

Incidentally, the mixture of the races does not stop in the Southern states which prohibit marriage between whites and negroes. White men do not observe "the color line." They merely avoid responsibility at law for their acts. The negro girl bears the illegitimate child. The presence of these illegitimate children still further weakens the hope of the negro. He becomes morally numbed. Then he is ready to be made a scab. Big Business is strong for "racial purity."

MAKING WAR PROFITABLE

(Socialist Party Press Service.)
Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20, 1914.— On the eve of the passage of the Wilson trust bills, the Wall street interests, taking advantage of the European war which has closed the stock exchange, are quietly buying up stocks and bonds in order to strengthen and consolidate their control of capital and credit. Information of this underground movement has come to Washington through undeniably responsible channels.

While discouraging the reopening of the stock exchange, and thereby depreciating the value of stocks held by small investors, the big powers in Wall street are understood to be buying up at private sales blocks of securities which will give them control of strategic points of the big industrial corporations which have thus far held out against them. Only when their campaign of private purchase or control has been completed will these bankers allow the Exchange to be reopened. The Exchange will not be reopened until the masters of capital shall have sucked the juice out of the war and have secured so strong a hold that the Wilson anti-trust bills, always a joke, will be seen to be utterly ridiculous.

Meanwhile, of course, the small fry of investors and business men will be still further reduced to dependence on the big chaps.

The same group of Wall Streeters engaged in this movement has been lobbying in Washington for ship subsidy and "emergency" currency graft. Capital in America is making hay while the war clouds hang over Europe.

A KINDLY WORD.

Bremerton, Wash., Aug. 22, 1914.

Editor Washington Socialist:
Dear Comrade—Find enclosed M. O. for one dollar to pay for those trial subscription cards. The W. S., like whiskey, grows better with age.

Yours for the revolution,
W. L. WAKEFIELD.

LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 7th, WILL BE CELEBRATED IN
EDMONDS, WASH.

Monster Anti-War Demonstration and County Campaign Picnic

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MARY McNAMARA, Socialist educator and lecturer.
MAYNARD SHIPLEY, editor of the Washington Socialist and member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.
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FREE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE WASHINGTON SOCIALIST
Conducted by Comrade Peter Husby, Attorney-at-Law.

Q. Please make clear to me in the columns of the Washington Socialist the legal points of the following situation:

When the county opened the road here, they ran a line but didn't get it right. The S. W. corner is right but the N. W. is all on my land. I would like to put my fence on the line. It would come to the grade of the road but would not close up the road. The road has been built eight or nine years.

W. H. B.

A. It is too late to do anything now. The law provides that the public working and use of a road for seven years shall constitute it a public road even though it had not been surveyed and paid for by the county.

WAGE EARNERS INCREASE TOO FAST.

Astonishing industrial changes have taken place during the past relatively few years. These changes have brought about laws governing shop conditions, such as ventilation, exhaust systems, sanitation, lead poisoning, cleanliness and lighting.

It is of interest to note that the gross population of this country has increased from 5,000,000 in 1890 to 92,000,000 in 1910. The total population has doubled in the past thirty years.

The question now naturally arises as to how manufacturing has kept pace with the growth in total population. In the past thirty years the wage earners have increased nearly 300 per cent, while the total population has merely doubled. The increased proportion of wage earners to the gross population was only 4 per cent in 1850 against 7 per cent in 1900.

Looking in another direction we find that the gross value of the manufactured products has quadrupled in the past thirty years; that is, it has increased from a little more than \$5,000,000,000 in 1880 to more than \$20,000,000,000 in 1910. Finally, the capital invested has increased from \$2,000,000,000 in 1870 to \$10,000,000,000 in 1900, or nearly 500 per cent in thirty years.

A summary of these changes shows a most striking condition of affairs. We find that the number of wage earners is increasing annually considerably faster than the total population of the country, and the gross value of the manufactured product as well as the total capital invested is increasing out of proportion to the increases in the gross population. On the face of these facts, an unusual development in the industrial world becomes clearly apparent. This development, in the light of definite figures, stands out as a large factor in the industrial situation of today as compared with that of say thirty years ago.—American Machinist.

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The employers want to inculcate discipline in their employes, and they know that obedience to a superior officer will do it. They want effective slaves. Military drill will give them what they want. They want hired murderers to kill for the protection of their holy profits. They either hire thugs and gunmen, such as in Colorado, and dress them up as militiamen, or they seduce the workers to do the dirty work for them.

There is a love for tinsel latent in all of us. We like the glitter and the music of the soldiers. We are not hungry enough to join the army. We have work. We have serious things to do. So we play at being soldiers. We join the so-called National Guard, as citizen soldiers. We go through the motions, we march and countermarch, we camp, and we think it great fun. Until—

Until there is dirty work to be done. Then the citizen soldiers are called upon to do the dirty work, and they find that they are all soldier and no citizen.

Said Tommy Atkins:
"I went into a public 'ouse to get a pint o' beer,
The publican, 'e up and said: 'We serve no redcoats 'ere.'"
But
"It's thin red line o' 'eroes, when the band begins to play."
And it's the same with the militia. They are business men, they are workers, they are thoroughly respectable, until the band begins to play, until the working class tries to improve its lot, until a strike breaks out.

There they are, on Memorial Day, dressed in fine uniforms, marching faultlessly, happy at the appearance that they are making. And behind each smiling face is grinning a death's head, a death's head for the working class should it attempt to cry for more bread, sorrow and death for wives and children.

The enlightened working class therefore shuns the militia with a thoroughness that is only matched by the zeal of the master class in pushing it.—The Call (N. Y.)

Lunch Baskets, Coin Purses at Everett Trunk Factory, 2815 Rockefeller.

In Massachusetts a legislator can not appear for official duty without a coat. In New York he can work in any kind of a costume so long as he wears the right sort of a collar.—New York American.

The battle for bread is a real battle under capitalism, the bloodiest battle ever fought. Every year there are 25,000 fatalities in industry in the United States, and 300,000 workers are seriously injured.—Appeal.

I feel sure that the time will come when people will find it difficult to believe that a rich community such as ours, having such command over external nature, could have submitted to live such a mean, shabby, dirty life as we do.—William Morris.

Traveling Goods repaired at Everett Trunk Factory, 2815 Rockefeller.

LABOR AND TRUSTS.

Organizations of laborers exist because of human needs. They seek human welfare and betterment. They control only human labor power, one inseparable from their very life.

Commercial and industrial associations are organized for profits. They seek industrial control, supremacy over competitors. They deal in material things—the products of labor.

Labor power is a part of human beings. It is throbbing, pulsating life.

Material things are for the service of human beings. They are external and appropriable.

To classify organizations of human laborers who possess only the power to labor with organizations which deal in the products of that labor and to place both kinds of organizations under the same regulation establishes conditions that can result only in injustice.

It is against the injustice of interpreting the Sherman anti-trust act to apply to organizations of workingmen organized not for profit that the workers have made their protest.—American Federationist.

MISUSE OF PRISON LABOR.

Exploitation of Convicts to Cease in Chicago's Bridewell.

The announcement that after May 1 the contract system of disposing of the prison labor in the bridewell will be abolished, and that earnings of a man serving a sentence, after maintenance charges have been deducted, will go to his dependents, is encouraging. The misuse of prison labor has long been a blot upon the community. It thrived not because there was any merit or justice in it, but because certain politicians and their friends had to make easy money at the expense of the public some way.

There is much work to be done for the city that can be done by the prisoners in the bridewell. They can manufacture a number of articles and materials for which the city now goes to private employers.

Aside for the financial saving to the community, however, the abolition of prison labor contracts is certain to elevate the tone of the prisoner. He is likely to come out a better man after his term in the bridewell has expired. The self respect which comes from being employed at useful labor and of getting the prevailing rate of wages is incalculable. It has proved so in other states.—Chicago Tribune.

GRAND THEATER
"The House of Features"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

The Trey O'Hearts
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Wouldn't it be feasible for the American colleges to institute a course leading to, say the degree of D.P.C., that is, Doctor of Partical Construction?—Corr. of the New York Evening Post.

LEFT OUT.

Honest Agriculturist—We don't need you women to help us run things. Didn't we men pass the compensation law, protecting everybody except the farm-hands and domestic servants?

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EVENING HERALD TAKES A SLAM AT CAPITALISM.

Thinks System Destroys Incentive to Higher Forms of Art and Literature.

Profit System Destroys Taste for the Things Worth While.

It is not often that the editor of this paper can agree with the Evening Herald. In the issue of August 19, the Herald contains a leading editorial which expresses very well one of the counts made by Socialists against capitalist society, namely, that it destroys all incentive to things fine and noble, and fosters the banal, vulgar and sordid.

We had not thought that the Herald's editor agreed with the Socialists on this point. We quote below the editorial in question:

"The Century magazine, it is announced, has been unprofitable for a number of years and now that publication is involved in litigation, and in dispute between stockholders and its sale has been negotiated. It is stated that the magazine not only has paid no dividends for several years, but has actually lost almost one hundred thousand dollars in less than three years. The sale of the magazine, if consummated, of course will not mean its discontinuance; but it will mean a change in management and tradition.

"The Century long has been the standard 'literary' magazine of America. It has represented the highest in current literature and art. It has fostered many of our geniuses of the pen, of the brush and the graver's tool. It is a pity that, with its high ideals, it cannot live.

"But the Century made some grievous mistakes. It made the mistake of refraining from muckracking. It didn't assail those in high places. It didn't preach widespread corruption. It didn't realize there was money in telling the people how rotten the world is. And then it has failed to print the proper kind of stories. The writers of its fiction haven't gone into the underworld for their heroines; they have kept clear of the borderland between questionable decency and gross indecency. The estimable Century failed to learn the lesson of the 'circulation-bigger-than-ever' magazines and now it must pay the penalty for its lack of enterprise and its decency. Perhaps the literary taste of America also will suffer."

A LESSON FOR SOCIALISTS.

(By W. H. Stackhouse.)

Benjamin Franklin was undoubtedly one of the most marked characters this country has ever produced. No man since the establishment of the first colony on this continent has impressed his personality on his contemporaries as has Franklin. His long life was one continual success in introducing new ideas of a progressive nature. This wonderful success should cause Socialists to study his life and endeavor to cultivate the talents that made him so successful. As a young man he followed a systematic course of training with a view of making himself efficient in public life. The following taken from his auto-biography is an illuminating example of his system and should be carefully studied and followed out by all Socialists who are endeavoring to propagate socialist philosophy.

What Franklin Discovered. My list of virtues contained at first but twelve; but a Quaker friend having kindly informed me that I was generally thought proud, that my pride showed itself frequently in conversation, that I was not content with being right when discussing any point, but was overbearing and rather insolent, of which he convinced me by mentioning several instances, I determined to cure myself, if I could, of this vice or folly among the rest; and I added humility to my list, giving an extensive meaning to the word.

I cannot boast of much success in acquiring the REALITY of this virtue, but I had a good deal with regard to the appearance of it. I made it a rule to forbear all direct contradiction to the sentiments of others and all positive assertion of my own. I even forbade myself, agreeably to the old laws of our Junto, the use of every word or expression in the language that imported a fixed opinion, such as certainly, undoubtedly, etc., and I adopted

The Intellect Alone A Poor Guide

(By Geo. D. Herron.)

Despite the paradoxical and deathful nature of our capitalist civilization, despite the industrial insanity and spiritual chaos, a new world is surely forming; dimly way we discern the white pinnacles and the green gardens of the gathering city of man. There is approaching—and it is not so far off as it seems—a world arranged by the wisdom hid in the human heart; a world that is the organization of a strong and universal kindness; a world redeemed from the fear of institutions and of poverty. Even now, derided and discouraged as it is, socially untrained and inexperienced as it is, if the instinctual and repressed kindness of mankind were suddenly let loose upon the earth, sooner than we think would it enphere itself; sooner than we think would it reconstitute society; sooner than we think would we be members one of another, sitting around one family hearthstone and singing the song of the new humanity.

The Socialist philosophy, and more especially the recent philosophy of the Syndicalist, is sending us to a re-examination of the sources and organs of such human wisdom as we have. And the voices thereof are older than we think. Bergson, who has wrought so needful and profound a revolution in philosophical approach and procedure, was by no means the first to place the intelligence of the instinct above the intelligence of the intellect; to prefer the wisdom of the onward will to the builded conclusions of the brooding mind. Long before Bergson, before William James, had Lao-tze and Buddha, had Jesus and Plotinus, proclaimed that enlightenment proceeds from feeling and action rather than from thinking. Also the mystical philosophy of Fichte, and the political idealism of Mazzini, with the early Socialism of Etienne Cabet, preceded the Pragmatists with the principle that truth is experience; is whatever helps man on; is response to spiritual attitudes; is the path that opens unto free and adventuring faith; is the vision that forms before the advancing determination to reach and to do the good. It is true that neither the newer philosophers nor their forerunners have gotten themselves quite clearly into language. Indeed, Bergson seems to admit that he does not himself know what he finally means. Yet it all comes to this—if we dig to the substance of what they say: that if mankind is to get anywhere worth going to, it will be through forsaking the bungling counsels of the concealed brain, and through following the unshamed and unhindered wisdom of the heart—even the heart that knows not letters in preference to the lettered intellect that knows not the heart.

SOCIALISM AND ETHICS.

Pity for poverty, enthusiasm for equality and freedom, recognition of social injustice and a desire to remove it, is not Socialism. Condemnation of wealth and respect for poverty, such as we find in Christianity and other religions, is not Socialism. The communism of early times, as it was before the existence of private property, and as it has at all times and among all people been the elusive dream of some enthusiasts, is not Socialism.

In all these appearances there is lacking the real foundation of capitalist society with its class antagonisms. Modern Socialism is the child of capitalist society and its class antagonism. Without these it could not be. Socialism and ethics are two separate things. This fact must be kept in mind.—Wilhelm Liebnicht.

WE CERTAINLY SHALL.

"And they shall build houses and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them; they shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat."—Isiah 58: 21-22.

instead of them, I conceive, I comprehend, or I imagine, a thing to be so or not so; or it so appears to me at present. When another asserted something that I thought an error, I denied myself the pleasure of contradicting him abruptly and of showing immediately some absurdity in his proposition; and in answering I began by observing that in certain cases or circumstances his opinion would be right, but in the present case there appeared or seemed to me some difference, etc. I soon found the advantage of this change in my manners; the conversations I engaged in went in more pleasantly. The modest way in which I proposed my opinions procured them a readier reception and less contradiction; I had less mortification when I was found to be in the wrong; and I more easily prevailed with others to give up their mistakes and join with me when I happened to be in the right.

And this mode, which I at first put on with some violence to natural inclination, became at length easy and so habitual to me that perhaps for the last fifty years no one has ever heard a dogmatical expression escape me. And to this habit (after my character of integrity) I think it principally owing that I had early so much weight with my fellow citizens when I proposed new institutions or alterations in the old; and so much influence in public councils when I became a member; for I was but a bad speaker, never eloquent, subject to much hesitation in my choice of words, hardly correct in language, and yet I generally carried my point.

In reality there is, perhaps, no one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Disguise it, struggle with it, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases, it is still alive and will every now and then peep out and show itself; you will see it, perhaps, often in this history. For even if I could conceive that I had completely overcome it, I should probably be proud of my humility.

The above contains a lesson well worth learning. The entire book is extremely interesting, but unfortunately Franklin closes with the year 1757. It would have been an extremely valuable contribution to his posterity if Franklin had carried out his auto-biography to cover the period of the revolution and constitutional convention.

Mere Thinker a False Guide. No; we cannot intellectually plot our way into social health and happiness. The mere thinker is forever the false prophet, the blind guide. He neither knows nor deserves the truth. His search is in the land where truth does not dwell—the land of the mind's curiosity! and it is in the derided land of the heart's desire, after all, that truth goes in and out and finds pasture. It is comparatively little, if we only knew it, that sheer intellect has accomplished. Every movement that has advanced the world has proceeded from the kindling and the uniting of men in a common passion and purpose—from the heart rather than the brain. And revolutionist and philosopher are alike emerging from the exaggerated esteem in which the intellect has been held. From Plato to the political economists—so apart in their concepts and so together in their presumptive methods—are the mind's acrobatics being put in their proper and subordinate place; they are no longer counted as wisdom. By its Fruits Ye Shall Know it. The system that divided society into classes can bring forth no true knowledge, no living truth, no industrial competence, no fundamental social decency. It can only continue the desolation of labor and increase the blindness and depravity of the privileged. So long as some people own the tools upon which others depend for bread, so long as the few possess themselves of the fruits of the labor of the many, so long as the arts and the institutions and the sciences are built upon exploited workers, just so long will our so-called progress be through the perennial exhaustion of generations and races; just so long will successive civilizations be but voracious parasites upon the spirit and body of mankind. And it is to destroy the dominance of the privileged class, to eliminate classes from society, that the Socialist movement comes; and, if it be true to itself, it will make no compromise with the superstitions and institutions of privilege. It will affirm an effectual faith in the self-governing capacity of the workers—in the wisdom hid in the heart of the co-operative man.

The True Motive Factor.

Though it expresses itself in material terms, though it demands intel-

SOCIALISM.

(By Algernon Lee.)

The Socialist movement dates from the revolutionary period of 1848. Karl Marx and Frederick Engels then wrote the "Communist Manifesto," which still serves, with some slight qualification, as an authoritative statement of Socialist principles and purposes. Socialist theory begins with a critical analysis of the existing economic system, in which the means of production (land, mines, railways, factories) are operated chiefly by the joint labor of many nonpossessing wage workers, but are owned as private property by other persons, known as capitalists. The workers' wages are determined by competition in the labor market, and generally tend down to the level of the cost of subsistence. The net value of their product, however, is determined by the amount of their labor, and vastly exceeds their wages. The excess of the net product over wages falls to the capitalists, solely by reason of their ownership of things which other men must have in order to work and live. The workers are thus automatically exploited and kept in poverty, while wealth accumulates in the hands of the capitalists. The economic interests of capitalists and wage workers are diametrically opposed. The former desire, at the minimum expense to themselves, to get the maximum of labor from the workers; the latter desire less labor and a larger return for it.

The Class Struggle.

This conflict of interests shows itself in the organization of labor unions and employers' associations; in strikes, lockouts, boycotts and blacklists; in the struggle for laws and judicial decisions favorable to one class or the other. From the economic field the struggle extends itself to that of politics, and the Socialist party expresses the revolt of class conscious wage workers against the capitalist system. While promoting immediately practicable reforms, the Socialist movement also aims at an ultimate reorganization of the economic system which shall put an end to the private appropriation of profit, interest and rent, and to the distinction between capitalists and workers. Socialists regard such a reorganization as a necessary outcome of the economic and social evolution now actually taking place—an outcome which their scientific analysis enables them to foresee and which their conscious efforts may facilitate. The increasing organization of industry relieves the capitalists from their original functions of management and superintendence, which are now performed chiefly by the hired workers. In the competitive market, large capital has an advantage over small capital; thus competition among capitalists tends to bring about concentration and virtual monopoly. Capitalism, itself, on its full development, thus renders capitalists unnecessary; it creates the antagonistic force of the wage working class; it trains these into habits of joint action and administration; it points to public ownership of the means of production as the only alternative to private monopoly; and it prepares for the socialization of industry by organizing it on a national or international scale. Socialism, as an ideal of social reorganization, does not involve regulation of the peoples' private lives nor interference with private ownership of "consumption goods" and individually used means of production. It involves public ownership and democratic control of only such means of production as are socially necessary and require the joint labor of many persons to operate them. The Socialist movement seeks to educate and organize the working classes for political action to use the powers of legislation, taxation and jurisdiction in establishing such public ownership. It regards labor unions and co-operative societies as valuable allies.—From American Year Book, Appleton's, 1910.

Where there is no hope, there can be no endeavor.—Johnson.

lectual understanding, yet the force which makes for the Socialist coming is an intelligence of the heart rather than of the brain. It is well. Ever is the intellect an imposter when it is other than the heart's servant. And it is time the intellect be put in its proper place. It is time that it be humbled from its high pretensions. It is time that the infinitely better wisdom of the instinct and the will be given their place in the forefront of human evolution. Of the Dead Sea fruit of philosophy we have had enough; and of the conceit of latter-day science. We no longer think to penetrate or compass the universe by the mind's intriguery. We turn to action now. We see that in the self-discovery and self-development of the working-class, in its dynamical sympathy for the least of its members, in its instinctual revolt against economic tyranny, in its will to be free, is the seed of social intelligence to be found. We know that the mind is untrustworthy; but, dimly, we begin to discern that the heart, once it has its social way, is the good shepherd that shall lead us into the earthly paradise.

A WARNING AGAINST BLOOD-SHED.

(By Anna Sholberg Haugen.)

The "Reds" will not carry guns today. The time is not yet ripe. Mother Jones, please wait with this advice

Until it is time for strife. There's a time to act. And a time to wait silent. Evolution takes time. But when the time is ripe, With might we'll fight In every land and clime. A people too highly civilized are we to stir up war.

We will not take our neighbor's blood. Let that from us be far. Our enemies have turned their guns on us. We turn the ballot on them. Revolutionists, surely we are not for fun, But we'll fight with ballot and not with gun.

The worker's brain is weary and dull With the toil of a thousand years, Too long they have slaved, Too long they have fought, But not long enough been taught The science that teaches in a peaceful way

The tools of production to take. A lot of ignorant men with gun in hand Behind them would leave a bloody wake. Like flowers we all would be cut down;

With victims our streets would be filled,

Your friends and loved ones There we would find numbered among those killed, Sans militia and navy extinguished we would be,

And no Socialistic advance on earth you would see.

For ages this earth has been steeped in blood

By brutes while in search of food. If your souls have expanded, then know for "God's sake"

You life cannot give— And you life shall not take

We'll not learn from brutes to murder down men,

But the tools of production we'll take if we can.

Labor's solidarity means the union of many peoples now weakened and divided.—Peter E. Burrows.

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