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DEBS!

By WALTER JUAN DAVIS
It is not his craft nor creed,
It is not the winged word
That springs from his soul to his lips,
At need,
And, flying, is felt and heard;
But something down in us all
That makes us respect the man
Who says unto great and small:
"You've a right to do what you can;
You've a right to preserve and keep
Such things as the gods gave you;
You've a right to your hours of sleep,
And the worth of the things you do,
You've a right to the million or dime
That your brain or your brawn has
won;
But not in the length of time,
In the light of the moon or sun,
Have you right to a thing
That you steal or bring
From me, or from any one."

NATURAL-BORN SLAVES

Masters Use Public Schools to Keep Workers in Ignorance.

Aristotle, one of the greatest and most humane philosophers of ancient Greece, speaking of his fellow men, said:

"The lower sort are by nature slaves, and it is better for them, as for all inferiors, that they should be under the rule of a master. The use made of slaves or of tame animals is not very different, for both with their bodies minister to the need of life. It is clear then, that some men are by nature free and others slaves, and that for these latter slavery is both expedient and right."

An educator who would voice such sentiments today would be regarded as hopelessly at variance with the spirit of our times. And yet this is precisely the condition that the mass of them are in today. Of all the factors that keep the working class occupying a position in society but little above the tame animal, and serving the masters of bread in exactly the same capacity as the chattel slave in the days of Aristotle, there is none in the United States more efficient than the public school. Of course, a part of our education makes for efficiency in production and by the spreading of scientific knowledge thereby so increases intelligence that ancient superstitions are forced to take to cover; yet the capitalistic school was called into existence to perpetuate the present system of exploitation and bolster the unstable position of the masters.

Poverty is the great crime of the twentieth century, and the greatest bulwark of poverty is ignorance. Ig-

SOCIALIST EDUCATIONAL BUREAU BEGINS WORK FOR THE YEAR

Two years ago the State Socialist Educational Bureau was founded, with J. E. Sinclair at its head.

Comrade Sinclair resigned after the work of the year was accomplished and J. M. Salter was chosen to fill the unexpired term. After the state convention of 1914, Comrade Salter was continued as secretary of the bureau.

The purpose of the bureau is to urge and aid the Socialists to participate in school elections in order to elect Socialists to school boards and to place Socialist teachers in districts where they are desired. The bureau has been a great success. Through its efforts scores of directors have been elected to school boards, and many revolutionary teachers have been placed in good positions.

This year the bureau has begun with renewed enthusiasm its campaign for renewed control of the schools. We bespeak for the bureau the hearty support of all who have at heart the continued progress of the working-class toward industrial freedom under the co-operative commonwealth.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION

Saturday, March 6th, school districts of the third class will hold their annual elections for school directors. Locals are urged to take an active part in these elections, and Socialists in unorganized localities are requested to try to place Socialists on school boards. Results of the elections should be sent to the secretary of the bureau as soon as it is possible to do so.

Any suggestions relating to the school campaign should be sent to the secretary, J. M. Salter, 1901 Rainier avenue, Everett, Wash.

This matter will be brought before the state executive committee at its next meeting, January 24, 1915, with the hope that the whole state organization will give support to the bureau.

None of the economic truths that will forever abolish poverty is carefully fostered in our public schools.

Comrades, let us make a mighty onslaught on ignorance; a victory that will be an inspiration to the rest of the world. Let us begin our advance now. Capture the schools of the state and educate our children for a co-operative commonwealth; for an industrial democracy instead of a competitive hell, and the Iron Heel of oligarchy.

DEBS IN THE FAMOUS GREEK THEATRE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

When comrade Debs was making his memorable campaign in California in 1908, the present writer was editor of *The World*, a weekly paper owned by Branch Oakland, but which functioned at that time as a state paper. Representing the Socialist press, it was our good fortune to be seated in the evast amphitheatre close to the speaker, our 'Gene,—

"—A man 'at stands, And jest holds out his two hands; As warm a heart as ever beat Betwixt here and the judgment seat."

Although it was a week-day afternoon meeting, between five and six thousand people had laid off work to go hear the great orator of the social revolution. It was a great meeting! At the conclusion of Debs' splendid speech, the president of the university, Dr. B. I. Wheeler, came to our comrade and warmly shook hands with him, congratulating him on his powerful address. For this honest recognition of true worth, Dr. Wheeler was severely criticised by the reactionary press, and a movement was started to have him ousted from the university. But the "movement" did not move very far. "Academic freedom" has not yet become so glaring a joke.

HOW DEBS JARRED

A DEVOUT DEMOCRAT

In the course of his stirring address, comrade Debs took occasion to show where the different capitalist parties "stood,"—and why they didn't move forward. Commenting on the democratic platform and principles, Debs called attention to the fact, well understood by all Socialists, that the "party of Jefferson" stands for an individualism and competition in trade which are out of harmony with modern industrial development. Said Debs on this point:

Centralization and co-operation are the great forces of the age; they are steadily paving the way to the new social order that is evolving.

At the beginning of this system competition was the natural order of things. Every man could compete upon equal terms with every other. Every man could virtually employ himself, since work was done with simple, cheap and primitive tools, and these as a rule were owned and controlled by the man who used them. Man is a tool-using animal, and without tools he is helpless, and soon relapses into savagery.

So when every man used the tool by which he was living, competition was the natural order. It was then a constructive principle, and it was properly said that "competition is the life of trade." Competition has run its course since the machine took the place of the hand tool. This marks the greatest change in the world's history. When the machine supplanted the hand tool a new principle was introduced.

This principle was co-operation instead of competition. When the machine took the place of the hand tool the individual worker had to discard his little shop where he worked for himself and where he lived the life of the individualist on a low plane. He had to desert his little shop, throw aside his individual tool and be recruited into an army—a co-operative industrial army. At this time the small employer became the capitalist as we understand him today. It was at this point that the modern capitalist was born and the exploitation of the working class began in its new form. In this process the worker lost control of the tools with which he worked. It was then that his

economic dependence began; it has been intensifying from that time down to the present.

ECONOMIC CLASSES

Another very important change took place; there began the division of modern society into two distinct opposing economic classes: the class of tool-owners and the class of tool-users. Up to this time the employer had himself been the working man. Then he became the exploiter, and journeymen no longer worked side by side with the workers but became the owner of the machine and the oppressor of the labor power. This development is about complete. A large number of the smaller capitalists are struggling in vain for their existence.

Can You Prevent Socialism?

Can you prevent Socialism? Can you suspend the law of gravitation? Can you prevent the rivers from finding their way to the sea? Capitalism under which we live evolved from feudalism. Socialism is evolving from capitalism. Why the fallen capitalists are the chief propagandists for the Socialists' movement! Every time Rockefeller puts one of you little fellows out of business he furnishes us with a recruit. You only change as you are compelled to change. As long as you thrive in capitalism you are a capitalist—you are opposed to change. You are not even open to conviction. You would not even entertain a suggestion. Now then, I am here to say that even if you are getting along in capitalism you are not living. You are engaging in a fierce, remorseless and savage warfare. Competition that was a constructive principle has become a destructive principle. If you are a capitalist and you are competing against other capitalists you are trying to put them out of business. This is the basis of your alleged Christianity. After you try all week to strangle your competitor and put his wife and children on the street, you go to church on Sunday to be told that you must love your fellow-men as yourself. How much can you love the man you are trying to devour? How much can he love you?

HE WANTED TO KNOW DEBS TOLD HIM

And so Debs continued to show the more or less bourgeois crowd present as to just "where they were at," until a leading democrat, from Oakland, a lawyer, jumped up from his seat and asked permission to put several questions for Debs to answer. Contrary to the methods of old party candidates, comrade Debs cheerfully granted the questions. Our note book shows the following:

ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. Jones: "If you find the constitution of the United States stands in the way of carrying out the Socialist plan, how will you get around it?"
"That is easy. In the simplest manner possible. We will not be bound by a constitution adopted a century and a half ago to begin with. When Socialism comes into power we will cease being governed by the dead. When Socialism comes into power we are going to abolish absolutely the capitalistic state. We are going to substitute for the government of men the domination of things. I am not certain whether we will have a supreme court at all. Ninety-nine per cent of the litigation that is in progress is traceable directly or indirectly to the private ownership of the sources and means of life!"

DR. MANNING'S QUACK REMEDIES GIVEN FREE

Rotten Mass of Fallacies and Misrepresentations Offered the Gullible.

A certain Dr. Manning abused the privileges of the High school auditorium last night with an hour and a half of the most putrid mass of glaring fallacies and either deliberate or ignorant misrepresentations of facts

and principles that ever insulted the intelligence of an Everett audience. The editor of this paper called him to account for his stupid or malicious misrepresentation of Marx, and challenged him to debate with a representative of the Socialist party. The "doctor" declined and "beat it" off the stage.

"There are thousands hacking at branches of evil, to one who is striking at the root."—Henry Thoreau.

Mr. Jones: "I want to ask one more question. I am here seeking light. Inasmuch as the constitution must come from the people as the sovereign power, must there not first be a change of the constitution before there can become a Socialistic administration of the government?"

SOCIALISM A REVOLUTION

"In answer to the gentleman's question I have to say that the Socialist movement expresses the spirit and purpose of the slavery revolution, and revolutions make very short work of existing institutions. Now the gentleman must bear in mind that it is not any reform work we are seeking to inaugurate—we are not going to patch up the existing system. We are going to abolish it entirely, and if the constitution stands in the way we will wipe that out. I do not in the least doubt that when the Socialist party sweeps into power it will be confronted by very grave problems. I have not the least doubt that it will solve them all. These same questions were asked Lincoln and the men who led in the movement against chattel slavery and they were asked in the spirit of anxiousness. All sorts of theories were advanced, all kinds of explanations were made, but men like Phillips and Garrison and others of that time said: 'These are all secondary questions—the one supreme issue is that of chattel slavery. We are going to wipe that out and we will trust the rest.'

SOCIALISTS DO NOT WORRY

"The Socialist movement says: 'We do not care anything about what lies beyond. We do know that wage slavery is a crime, and we do know that at certain times the workers produce more than their masters can sell they are idle by thousands.' There are millions of tramps the products of capitalism in this country. Our jails and penitentiaries are crowded with them. There are 800,000 fallen women in the United States. Under the capitalistic system prostitution is a fixed factor. Four millions of children are working, and if there is a crime that should bring to the cheek of capitalistic society the crimson of shame, it is child labor. And woman! Under this system, if she is the daughter of toil we know that she is an economic menial. We know, too, that she is a political nonentity. She is speechless, so far as citizenship is concerned.

ABOLITION OF WAGE SLAVERY THE ISSUE

"At the bottom of all this lies wage slavery. We do not care anything about the minor questions they are asking; what we have our minds centered upon is wage slavery, and when we have swept into power politically, as we are going to do, just as sure as I stand in your presence, capitalism will fall, never to rise again. We will transfer the title of overseer from the Rockefeller, the Goulds and the Vanderbilts to the people in their collective capacity. Industry will be organized upon a co-operative basis. We will take possession of the social means of production—in other words, we workers will employ ourselves. The chief function of the capitalistic government is to keep the worker in subjection. That is why—

"I have just been notified that my train is about to leave and I must stop. But I hope, my friends, to be able to return here sometime in the not far distant future and finish this speech in Berkeley.

"And now let me say, you can hasten this change, or retard it if you will, but it is coming just as sure as the rivers find their way to the sea. It is coming and nothing in the world can stop it. How soon it comes lies principally with you."

REAL SOURCE OF RICHES

Success (by law of competition), signifies always so much victory over your neighbor as to obtain the direction of his work and take the profits of it. This is the real source of all great riches.—Ruskin.

Gorky says, "In order to triumph in the struggle for existence one ought to have much wisdom, or the heart of a beast."

PEACE ON EARTH

By EUGENE V. DEBS

(The hundred daily papers of the Scripps League embraced in the Newspaper Enterprise Association recently asked "the fifty most representative persons in the United States to give their opinion—to tell in what way they think we Americans can be of most service in bringing back peace on earth and good will toward men." The following is Eugene V. Debs' contribution to the symposium):

There never has been "peace on earth and good will toward men," and we shall have to go forward and not backward to realize that ideal. Civilization is still in a primitive, rudimentary state. It has taken countless ages to bring us from the brute, the cave-man and the savage to where we are today. The development has been painfully slow, but steady, and will continue to the farthest stretches of time.

"Thou shalt not kill," is now the law. But it applies only to individuals—not yet to nations. To slay your neighbor is murder, unless you are in uniform. But when the nation slays its neighbors and the killings amount into the thousands, it is not murder, but patriotism to be proud of, glorify and rejoice over.

When shall peace come to earth? When the brute and savage shall have died in us and we have become human. In a word, peace will come to earth when humanity has been humanized, civilization civilized, and Christianity Christianized.

WAR HAD TO COME

The war in Europe is a crime against civilization, but it had to come. It did not come by chance. Every war has its cause. Modern wars are between rival nations for commercial supremacy.

It is of little use to cry out against war while we tolerate a social system that breeds war.

Capitalism makes war inevitable. Capitalist nations not only exploit their workers, but ruthlessly invade, plunder and ravage one another. The profit system is responsible for it all. Abolish that, establish industrial democracy, produce for use, and the incentive to war vanishes. Until then men may talk about "peace on earth," but it will be a myth—or sarcasm. But there is no cause for despair.

The world is awaking and we are approaching the sunrise.

We cannot stop the European war. We can and will intervene when the time comes and do all in our power to restore peace. To end the war prematurely, were that possible, would simply mean another and perhaps even a bloodier catastrophe.

Let us show the people the true cause of war. Let us arouse a sentiment against war. Let us teach the children to abhor war.

WHAT SOCIALISTS SAID FORTY YEARS AGO

More than forty years ago the Socialists of Europe declared:

"We are against all wars, and especially against dynastic wars. With sincerest regret do we accept the unavoidable evils of a defensive war, and we demand that the recurrence of such a social calamity be made impossible for all time to come by vesting in the people themselves the power to decide over war and peace."

The proposition is here made to put an end to war by democratizing war. In all the history of the world the people have never declared a war.

A constitutional amendment providing that no war shall be declared except by a vote of the people, and that, as Allan Benson has suggested, if war is declared they who voted for it shall be the first to go to the front, would put an end to war forever in this country.

Women Will Help Abolish War
Woman, although the most vital factor in war and its most keenly suffering victim, has always been contemptuously ignored when war has been declared. Give woman the ballot on equal terms with man in every state of this union and a mighty advance will have been made toward driving the horrible scourge of war from the face of the earth.

The earth is filled with its bounties, there is light in every brain and good in every heart; let us rejoice that we live at a time when old wrongs are being uprooted and new rights being proclaimed; when the night is passing and the better day is dawning when all shall join rapturously in the divine anthem—

"PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."

TROUBLE FOR "CONTRACT" BRIDGE TENDERS

The bridge tenders on the Everett avenue bridge are in more trouble again. They evidently are sick of the job. It appears that Mr. Kelley promised one of them at least a house in which to live. But the house he was to have was the property of one of the former tenders. Last week the bridge was held up 40 minutes.

The tenders had the matter brought before the council, and Commissioner Salter was ordered to get a load of scrap iron with which to balance the bridge.

Engineer Hoover thoroughly examined the bridge and found the alignment perfect. The bridge was opened by hand, and by motor several times. No evidence was found that it was out of balance.

Commissioner Salter's appointees had no trouble in operating the bridge. But the "majority" took the bridge from Salter's control.

The politicians of Everett would rather ruin the bridge than have it

SCHOOL BOARD NEGLECTS TO PROTECT CHILDREN

Anything endangering life or health near school buildings in the city, has heretofore received prompt attention from the school board.

The city engineer has always been freely called upon to remedy any defect that was inimical to the welfare of the pupils of our schools.

For several months a most dangerous condition has existed near the Jackson school. A deep unfilled sewer that during heavy rains fills to overflowing, varying in depth from 2 to 10 feet, flows dangerously near the school house. Several parents have made complaint but not a word from the board.

Some people are ungenerous enough to connect the facts that Mr. Miley, who, as a contractor, is interested in the construction of the trunk sewer, is also a member of the school board.

perfectly operated under a Socialist commissioner.

Will You Help Rivet the Chains?

Do you want to boost for the capitalist class? Do you wish to fasten tighter the manacles of wage slavery upon the wrists of the workers? Then there is one certain way to do it. Neglect your own press, and invest your occasional nickel in some Bull Moose reform capitalist sheet. Or knock your own press.

Watch for defects with a magnifying glass, while forgetting that whatever be the shortcomings of the Socialist press as a whole, it is the one big factor that is undermining the system of wage-slavery and exposing the fallacies offered in defense of capitalism.

We must turn upon this so-called "civilization" the strong light of our Socialist logic. We must treat it with

the contempt, ridicule and criticism it so well merits.

Will YOU, reader, help to do your share? Yes? Then roll up your sleeves and get, at least, one subscription for the Birthday Number.

The response to this plan is meeting with the most encouraging results. Remember that no one else will do anything for YOU. you must do it for yourself.

"The world's life hangs on your right hand!

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

DOINGS OF LOCAL EVERETT NO. 1

Local Everett No. 1, at their regular meeting last Sunday night, took in two new members. Quite a discussion took place over the desirability of having a propaganda meeting every other Sunday night. It was finally put to a vote and carried, with the proviso, "If we can get outside speakers."
A collection was taken up to purchase an electrolyte head for The Washington Socialist, as a birthday gift from Local Everett No. 1.

Comrade A. B. Davy was elected organizer; comrade E. Haines, literature agent, and Edith Haines was elected as a delegate to the C. C. C.

LOCAL NO. 1 TO GIVE BASKET SOCIAL

Washington Socialist Birthday party to be given Sunday, February 7th.

Following the plan as suggested in previous issues of the Washington Socialist Local Everett No. 1 will give a basket social at the party headquarters, 1612 California street, on Sunday evening, February 7th.

It was hoped that it could be held a week earlier, but several matters have made an earlier date unfeasible. However, the receipts have been pledged to the Birthday Number, and Local No. 1 will be on the list when the result of the campaign is published.

Good Time Promised

The usual good time is promised. It is over ten years since this local has given a basket social, and the change from the usual way of serving refreshments will be a pleasant one.

There will be an interesting program and a good time generally. So watch for further announcements. Tell your friends, and get as many of them to plan for bringing baskets as possible.

Let's make our first entertainment of the year 1915 a success—a standard by which to measure all our subsequent efforts as a local!

BIRTHDAY GRATULATIONS

Arlington, Wash., Jan. 17, 1915.

Mrs. Katherine H. Hodgins:
Dear Comrade: Please find enclosed \$5.00 money order from our Shadow Social, given on Saturday 9, 1915, to aid the Washington Socialist in their great work.

Yours for Socialism,
MAUD D. KINNICK,
Trafton Sec.

Colville, Wash., Jan. 17, 1915.
The Washington Socialist,
Everett, Wash.

Dear Comrades: Here is 25 cents in stamps for the sub. card you sent the local.

My expiration number is 214, please extend it six months for the two cards enclosed.

The other card has the name of a man that I believe is coming over on our side. Long live the Washington Socialist. Yours in the fight,
A. L. HULL.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

Gold Bar, Wash., Jan. 16, 1915.

Washington Socialist,
Everett, Wash.

Dear Comrades:
Birthday greetings. Here are subscriptions for two would-be Socialists. Just went gunning with a few sample copies, and this is the result.

Yours for a big circulation,
RUFUS WREN.

GUEST FOR A YEAR

Snohomish, Wash., Jan. 16, 1915.

Washington Socialist:
Dear Comrades: You will pardon me for the privilege I have taken in giving a friend an invitation to your birthday party. He wishes to be a guest at your table for one year.

Yours for a big circulation,
CHAS. SINCLAIR.

SOMETHING QUEER

The Bank Teller—Have that woman shadowed. I think she's a second Cassie Chadwick!

The Detective—On what do you base your suspicions?

The Teller—She indorsed a check at the proper end!—Cleveland Leader.

All for ourselves and nothing for other people seems in all ages to have been the vile maxim of the masters of mankind.—Adam Smyth.

THE RETORT UNCONSCIOUS

Magistrate (discharging prisoner)—Now, then, I would advise you to keep away from bad company.

Prisoner (feelingly)—Thank you, sir. You won't see me here again.—Lippincott's.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

NEWS AND NOTES

CARL ULONSKA, Sec.-Treas.

A NEW ONE

A new one has joined our midst. Local Home Acres is now with us. Organized January 10 with nine charter members. Comrade Charles J. Jurgas was elected organizer and comrade W. J. Fortson secretary. Comrades Coburn and Ulonska were present at the ceremonies.

THE CAMPAIGN REPORT

A complete itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the recent county campaign will be published next week. The report is an important one. See that it is read before your local.

THE BULLETIN BOARDS

Bulletin boards reach everybody. Ever try putting one up on the front fence and keeping it well posted with radical cartoons, clippings, etc.? It's worth while. Try it.

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD JAN. 10, 1915

Morning

In the absence of the chairman the meeting was called to order by the county secretary at 11 a. m. Present, Jensen, McCormick and Morrison. Absent, Zietz and Coburn. Coburn arrived later.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Letter from Bertha Zietz stating that on account of sickness she was unable to attend meeting. Letter filed on motion.

Secretary reported that he had Debs meeting and Lyceum course under way. County membership discussed. Suggestions regarding Debs meeting were offered. Matter of securing ushers, sellers, etc., at Debs meeting was left to discretion of secretary.

Lyceum course discussed. Motion that the course be started as soon as fifteen locals have signed for the Lyceum. Carried.

On motion the committee adjourned until 1 p. m.

Afternoon

Meeting called to order at 1:15. Roll call showed the following members present: McCormick, Coburn and Morrison. Absent, Jensen and Zietz. Discussion of the Lyceum course was continued.

On motion the following speakers on the course were assigned various subjects: First speakers, A. H. Coburn and R. W. Thompson, subjects, "Farming and Being Farmed" and "Do You Want a Job?" Second speakers, J. M. Salter and Carl Ulonska, subjects, "Socialists at Work" and "Bullets or Bullets;" third speakers, R. J. Olinger and F. G. Crosby, subjects, "The Class War" and "What Shall We Do?"

Motion that each speaker be asked to prepare material for one hour's lecture. Carried.

Matter of Party Builder and state owned paper was fully discussed. Motion made that county secretary be instructed to communicate with State Secretary Katterfield regarding his intentions and plans for the Party Builder and that the secretary also be instructed to ask the press committee of The Washington Socialist to meet with the C. E. C. at its next regular meeting.

Roll call vote on this motion ordered. Voting yes: Morrison, McCormick and Coburn, no members voting no. Jensen and Zietz absent. Motion carried.

Bill of A. H. Coburn for sign material and painting done during campaign allowed, amount \$8.50. Bills for mileage, A. H. Coburn, four meetings, \$7.20; Thomas Jensen, four meetings, \$4.40, allowed on motion. Books of secretary audited and found correct.

The committee adjourned at 5:15 p. m.
Fraternally,
CARL ULONSKA,
Secretary-Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1914

Receipts	
M. A. L. Dues	\$ 1.00
Local Dues	55.90
Supplies	.45
Literature	.30
Organization Receipts	\$57.65
November Balance	31.13
Total	\$88.78
Expenditures	
Dues Stamps	\$18.00
Postage	.50
Organization	3.10
Office Expenses	3.75
Printing, Supplies, Miscel.	1.95
Organization Expenditures	\$27.30
Campaign Expenditures	17.95

UNEMPLOYED ARMY IN ACTION

The books kept by the secretary of the Unemployed Army of Everett, which are open for inspection, show that the following goods have been received and distributed:

Three hundred dozen eggs from the Coast Ice & Storage Co., 205 doz. of which have been distributed and 95 doz. used in their headquarters at 3218 McDougal avenue; 22,000 lbs. of potatoes collected and 12,065 lbs. distributed and 235 lbs. used at headquarters; 400 lbs. of vegetables collected, 310 distributed and 90 lbs. used at headquarters; 200 lbs. of flour collected, 150 lbs. distributed, 50 lbs. used at headquarters; 80 lbs. of sugar collected, 61 distributed, 19 used at headquarters; 45 jars of fruit collected, 30 distributed, 15 used at headquarters. A small quantity of canned vegetables, meat, fish and bread collected and distributed and 55 orders of clothing collected and filled and 11 pairs of shoes.

Fifty-one families have been supplied with food and clothing, 15 single men received food and clothing and 50 men supplied with food and lodging in the headquarters. Over 500 meals have been served and an average of 10 men a day have received lodging in the headquarters which are now self-supporting as the men who stay there go out and cut wood and sell it at \$2.50 a load of two ricks.

The total cash receipts are \$50.58, \$5 of which came from the Electrical Workers union, \$5.00 from the butter-maker employed by the Coast Ice & Cold Storage Co., \$13.75 from the sale of wood, being at the rate of 75 cents a load over expenses and the balance in small sums. Expenditures amount to \$49.73 paid out in rent of headquarters, medicine, groceries and rent of unemployed families, leaving a balance of 85 cents on hand. There are some outstanding debts to be paid and these can be met by the sale of wood. If you feel like buying a load of wood or helping in any way drop a post card stating your intentions to C. Berg, 3218 McDougal avenue, or to the Socialist party headquarters, 1612 California street.

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Men have to be helped out after having worked clearing the park land, they having been compelled to wait several days for their pay. One family who was evicted from the shack they were existing in for non-payment of rent and applied to the Associated Charities for help and were refused, but told the man that he would get work on the park. They then applied at the unemployed headquarters and a shack was rented for them and a stove, furniture and utensils supplied by Commissioner Salter. Up to date the man has not received any work from the Associated Charities and is dependent on the Unemployed Army.
C. BERG.

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COMRADES SANFORD TAKE OVER "WORLD ISSUE"

Our exchange from Santa Cruz, Cal., "The World Issue," has become converted into the Santa Cruz Free Press, under the joint editorship of comrades Deforest and Marvin Sanford (father and son.) Without wishing to cast any reflections on the previous publication, we are bound to offer congratulations to the comrades of Santa Cruz county in being able to secure the services of such well-grounded Socialists, and able writers, as the Sanfords.

Deforest Sanford and Mrs. Sanford are well known in Everett as pioneer Socialists in what was then literally "this neck of the woods." Their son, Marvin, who is also editor of the High school paper in Santa Cruz, has been for some years editor and publisher of The Searchlight, by far the most brilliant of the juvenile publications in this country. Mrs. Sanford is well known both here and in California as a worker for and lecturer on Socialism.

The ruling class of Santa Cruz has a strong combination to buck from now on. Long live the Free Press!

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Q. In 1913 we organized a farmers' telephone company, and in due time made arrangements with a certain telephone company for exchange service. Shortly after a representative of the said company called upon a few members in our company and got them to sign a contract, naming a rate of \$3 per year for central service. A majority of the members in our company were not given a chance to sign the contract but have since been charged \$3.60 per year for exchange service. We protested to the officials of the said company against this discrimination in rates, but were informed that the rate is fixed by the public service commission. Will you kindly inform us through the Washington Socialist whether or not the Sherman anti-trust law prohibits the granting of rebates and preferential rates by any corporation handling a public utility?
 —E. H. E.

A. The Sherman anti-trust law does not touch this case at all. However, the laws of this state make the giving of such rebates and preferential rates a gross misdemeanor.

Q. Will you please tell me if the law can prevent a fellow from catching fish for his own use with a set net in a closed river, or is this river (the Stillaguamish) closed so we are not allowed to catch fish with a net at all?
 —J. H.

A. In the fish code we find the following: "Provided, that nothing in this act or any other act shall prevent any person residing in this state from taking salmon or other fish by any means at any time for consumption by himself and family." But, lo and behold, now comes the city sports game law and says: "Nets of any description being used in any of the fresh waters of this state above tide water are hereby declared and are a public nuisance, etc." Also the supreme court has handed down a decision upholding this provision of the game law. However, this law does not prevent you from taking salmon with a net for your own use as far up the river as the tide makes itself felt. Further up than that it is a misdemeanor, under the game law.

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No. 4608
 In the Justice Court Before Noah Shakespeare, Justice of the Peace, in and for Everett Precinct, Snohomish County, Washington.
 John Barlow, Plaintiff, vs. Bert Anderson, Defendant.
 TO BERT ANDERSON:
 In the name of the State of Washington you are hereby notified that John Barlow has filed a complaint against you in said court, which will come on to be heard at the Justice's court room, in the court house annex, in Everett, Snohomish county, Washington, on the 5th day of February, 1915, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and unless you appear and then and there answer, the same will be taken as confessed, and the demand of the plaintiff granted.

The object and demand of the complaint is to recover the sum of Ten Dollars with interest for money loaned to you by the plaintiff.
 You are further notified that the Great Northern Railway company, a corporation, has been made garnishee defendant herein, and that certain money belonging to you has been garnished.
 Complaint filed January 4th, 1915
 NOAH SHAKESPEARE,
 Justice of the Peace.
 First publication January 14th, 1915.
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No. 4609
 In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, for Snohomish County.
 Mary Johnson, Plaintiff, vs. John B. Johnson, Defendant.
 The State of Washington to the above named defendant, John B. Johnson:
 You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication of this summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 10th day of December, 1914, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff, at his office below stated, and in case of your failure so to do judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of the said court.
 The object of this action is to obtain a decree of divorce against the defendant, upon the grounds of desertion and non-support.
 PETER HUSBY,
 Attorney for Plaintiff.
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'BETTER CLASS' WOMAN WAGE SLAVE TIRED OF TALK ABOUT 'IMMORALITY'

Testifying before the state factory investigation commission, holding sessions last week in New York city, a Mrs. Maud Flowerton denounced "so-called reformers, economists and sociologists for shouting about immorality among saleswomen."

"The better class saleswoman," said Mrs. Flowerton, "are pretty hot because of the criticism of them and the talk about immorality and all that sort of thing. These so-called social workers who make breaks about the poor, downtrodden shop girl mostly don't know what they are talking about. Such talk has a very bad moral effect."

All of which amounts to about this: There are many girls and women working in retail stores in New York, as elsewhere, who are either wholly or in part supported by members of their own family, their own wages going mostly for the purchase of fashionable clothing and befeathered "creations" for their hats. These constitute the "swell dressers" of the department stores, and other shops where stylish apparel lends dignity to the establishment at no extra expense to the boss. These "ladies" who work only for pin money, finery, etc., are "the better class saleswomen" referred to by Mrs. Maud Flowerton. To lump these darlings of fortune in with the "worse" class of saleswomen, they who work to earn bread and coal-oil, is indeed outrageous! Why should the question of "immorality" be raised in connection with their "low wages"? Why, indeed! If any such are given to fornication, it's not a question of low wages with them, but more likely of high living, or flying, not of necessity. Besides, it's no business of those interfering "reformers, economists and sociologists," anyway. Such talk about low wages and the temptation to supplement the weekly wage of \$6 by other means should be discouraged. It may be all right as applied to the "lower class of saleswomen," they who work for bread rather than feathers, but the investigation is too inclusive; it falls to take account of the "better class," the voluntary wage slaves, for revenue only. It's positively shocking, and may have had effect on the (marriage) market.

DOESN'T LIKE MINIMUM WAGE LAW NEITHER

Mrs. Flowerton said she was opposed to a minimum wage law, also. Any woman who has to be even a "better class" saleswoman and bear up under the name of Flowerton, even if it is Maud Flowerton, might well shrink from a cruel minimum wage law.

Gracious! If poor girls who have to work to keep from starving, and therefore can't keep their wardrobe up to "the latest effect" are to be paid as much as the "better class of saleswomen" who have some one to feed and shelter them, in what will the superiority of "the better class" consist? It's really too horrible, all too horrible to contemplate, these "breaks" made by meddling investigators, reformers, etc.

HOW THE LOWER CLASS SALESWOMEN FEEL ABOUT MINIMUM WAGE LAW

Letters from girls employed in stores and shops describing their wage conditions were read at the hearing. One girl wrote:

"I am a clerk in one of those stores which give \$20,000 to charity at a time. I have been working three years, and never got an increase."

Another girl wrote: "I am without father, mother, or brother to give me a helping hand, and am living on \$5 a week. I pay \$3 for my board, \$1 for lunch and carfare and have one whole dollar left to dress on and keep up appearances."

Rome G. Brown, of Minneapolis, testified that low wages were not responsible for immorality among working girls. He held that immorality was due solely to individual character. Of course, why should Rome G. Brown "hold" otherwise?

It was announced that Louis D. Brandeis, who opposed Mr. Brown before the supreme court, would be called by the commission on January 22.

BOSSSES NOT OPPOSED TO POLITICAL ACTION

Joe Ettor Goes to Jail
 Declaring war against war and against capitalism, the cause of wars, Joseph Ettor, who believes only in "direct action," was treated to a little of both "direct" and "political" action last Tuesday by the bosses of Bellaire, O. Joe is in jail.

The charge against Ettor comes under the head of political action, namely, "treason." Wonder if Joe can beat this with "striking on the job."

Some of our readers will remember Joe as the revolutionist who gave such a nice reading here in Everett during what was intended to be a debate with the editor of The Washington Socialist.

CITY'S LURE OF VICE BECKONS TO JOBLESS, HUNGERING WOMEN

(By NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH
 (In the New York Daily Call))

There are just three times as many women on the brink of starvation in this city as ever before in its history of famine and despair.

"More women are unemployed and looking vainly for work in New York than at any past time—that I can say. But figures are impossible to get," replied Miss Melinda Scott, president of the Women's Trade Union League, when I asked her to tell me how many women are out of work here.

"I know there are 15,000 idle waist makers alone; that there are thousands of white goods workers, garment workers and women bookbinders seeking employment. But how many thousands? Ask the Russell Sage Foundation. They've got the time and the money to collect such facts. Why don't they?"

I had asked the Russell Sage Foundation and they didn't know. Nobody knows accurately. From one source I gathered that there are 20,000 women stenographers out of work in this city. From another that there are 18,000 girl clerks of department stores walking New York's grim pavements in search of work.

Elizabeth Dutcher, of the Retail Clerks' Union, had this to say:

"In normal times 100,000 clerks are employed in New York city. Many of these are idle now, as the stores laid off hundreds of employees in November. In the union we get only the most ambitious, intelligent girls. Thousands of girl clerks are too indifferent or too thriftless or poor to pay union dues. In normal years in New York 20,000 extra clerks are employed for the holiday season. This year only 2,000 were employed, leaving 18,000 without work."

SEES EVIL IN LOW WAGES

Miss Josephine Goldmark, of the National Consumers' league, said that it was a matter beyond question that the low wages undermined the morals of the workers. She said that she was surprised when she saw so many of them good under the circumstances. She thought it was foolish to talk of efficient living on \$6 a week.

Dr. Henry Seager, professor of political economy in Columbia university, believed that if there was to be a minimum wage law it should apply to men as well as women and minors.

Dr. Edward T. Devine, of the school of philanthropy, was on the stand for a short time and was followed by Miss Mary Van Kleeck, who made an investigation for the commission a short time ago. She advocated the establishment by law or otherwise of minimum wage boards. She thought a woman should not be paid less than \$9 a week. Very low wages led to a lower moral tone among the workers, she said.

At the request of Miss Charlotte Bangs, a writer, a girl was put on the stand who said she had been for many years working in a store at \$6.50 a week, sometimes working 10 and 12 hours a day. Girls were insulted at times, she said, and the conditions tended to bring about immorality.

APROPOS OF LOW WAGES AND MORALS

While it would never do for the ruling and befuddling class to admit that the system that favors them ruins the workers whom they miseducate and exploit, nevertheless, their bluffs at "fair-mindedness" and "honest investigation" often result in turning the light of knowledge into some pretty dark regions. Here are some examples; think them over.

On page 28, the report of the Pittsburgh Morals Efficiency Commission says:

Too great emphasis is usually laid upon the influence of women's low wages in promoting the tendency to vice. Then figures are furnished to prove that the vast majority of prostitutes received low wages and come from poor parents.

Next the report (page 30) says: "No woman can sincerely say she was driven to a life of shame by low wages and the high cost of living, when there are hundreds of homes unable to secure help, where she could have earned board and lodging and \$5 to \$8 a week besides." Yet (page 29) figures are given to show that out of 506 prostitutes, 169, or a full third, had been in domestic service.

And later, on pages 39-40, the rescue homes are mentioned which fit fallen women for domestic service. Have reformers no sense of humor?

Finally out of 531 prostitutes there were only two freethinkers! Doesn't it beat all how free thought fosters immorality?

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TO ABOLISH JUDICIAL MURDER IN CALIFORNIA

Socialists and Reformers to Bring Anti-Capital Punishment Bill Before Legislature

While the effort to abolish wholesale murder (war) will be futile so long as the capitalist system exists, the crusade of certain advanced groups against retail murder (capital punishment) has met with success in many states, both in the Americas and in Europe.

As the gallows and the electric chair are reserved solely for working class offenders, and are merely survivals, juridically considered, from an age that placed ALL responsibility for crime on the individual, as "a free moral agent," it is not surprising that all forward looking elements in present day society should unite with the Socialists in working for the abolition of judicial murder in all forms.

But, strange to say, many Socialists, some of whom are well grounded in Marxian economics, the principle of the class struggle, etc., still adhere to the exploded theory that the death penalty is necessary as a safe-guard against potential murderers.

DEBATE ON DEATH PENALTY

Two weeks ago, there was an interesting debate held at our headquarters on capital punishment, under auspices of the Young People's league, as part of their educational program. The vote on winners was given to the team indicating the death penalty. They said it was given on the merits of the team as debaters, not because the judges favored capital punishment.

Subsequent open discussion revealed the fact that, as stated above, some well informed Socialists were lined up with the forces of reaction in support of this form of terrorization and vindictiveness, both of which rests, in the last analysis, on the stupid theological dogma of "free will," the most cruel doctrine ever expounded by ignorance and hate.

A MUCH-DISCUSSED QUESTION

In response to letters of inquiry from many states, asking for data with which to fight the death penalty in legislatures, we shall deal in our next issue at considerable length on this question, and we earnestly request that each reader of The Washington Socialist send one or more copies of this special edition to relatives and friends living in states where the gallows or the electric chair still claim many victims of capitalist misrule.

That authoritative data on the subject is much desired is attested by the specimen letters printed below. It is, of course, impossible for us to answer all the letters of inquiry received, so we shall answer through the paper next week, as fully as our limited space will permit.

A SPECIMEN LETTER OF INQUIRY

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 21, 1914. Mr. Maynard Shipley, Everett, Wash.

I am secretly collecting data and statistics on the subject of capital punishment, with a view to having a bill introduced in our next legislature abolishing the capital punishment. My attention was called to your article on the subject in the "American Law Review," for May-June, 1909, and I must say that this was the most thorough and complete discourse on the subject that I was able to get hold of, and therefore I want to get in touch with you hoping that you may be able to further aid me in the cause.

Did you know that R. I. has reinstated capital punishment? They claim that the rate of homicides in Maine and R. I. is much greater than that of other northeast states. What do you suppose causes it? Did, to your notion, abolishing of the death penalty have anything to do with it? What would you think of the law that

SOCIETY FORMS TO FIGHT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT LAW

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—An anti-capital punishment society has been incorporated for the purpose of abolishing capital punishment in New York state.

Some of the members of this society are prominent public men and women, who have for a long time agitated that life imprisonment be substituted for the barbarous death penalty.

The results of a recent election were: George Foster Peabody, president; Jacob H. Schiff, Bishop David H. Greer, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Mrs. H. Fairchild Osborn, Rabbi Jacob Goldstein and Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing prison, vice presidents; Miss Joanna Gleed Strange, secretary.

Miss Strange stated that the members of the society maintained that capital punishment is not only wrong in principle, but unfair to the individual, and that it injured the public. The society will make a great effort to persuade the legislature to modify the law so that capital punishment might be abolished.

Socialists of all countries work for abolition of the death penalty, as capital punishment is nothing more nor less than part of the system of terrorization adopted by the ruling class of each nation.

The states which do least to remove the causes of crime are precisely those which insist upon retention of capital punishment for a number of crimes for which their own negligence and cruelty are responsible. "Let the causes remain; punish the victims," should be the motto of all who advocate retention of the death penalty in their penal codes.

They who advocate the necessity for capital punishment evince the least aversion to homicide.

They are morally not far removed from their victims.

Everyone may be a worker of the "better class" under Socialism.

Only the lazy man who would try to live on the labor of women and children, like many of the "better class" do under capitalism, would be looked down upon. In that good day "the best society" will be composed of the most useful and high-minded members of the social group.

"The lazy man who wont work" under Socialism will be kindly cared for in the State Hospital, until a permanent cure is effected.

CALIFORNIA SOLON SEEKS INFORMATION

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE Sacramento Cal., Jan. 11, 1915.

Dear Shipley:

While I do not know your exact address I am in hopes this letter will be delivered to you right speedily. I have just introduced in the California legislature a bill providing for the abolition of the death penalty. I am gathering such data as I am able in the limited time before this bill will come up for passage. Have probably a month. I wish you would at the earliest date that you can, supply me with such data as you have immediately available on this subject. Shall not undertake to suggest what I want. Will leave that to you. Suffice to say I want material which can be used as argument before a legislative committee and in debate on the floor of the legislature. I know of no one who is able to supply such information better than yourself.

Your friend, W. W. HARRIS.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INTERESTED

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Hanford, Cal., Jan. 1, 1915. Mr. Maynard Shipley, Everett, Wash.

Your name was handed me from the California state library as one who is authority on the question of capital punishment, and as I am making an effort to secure material, for our High school boys, on the affirmative side of the following question: Resolved, that capital punishment should be abolished, I am taking the liberty of writing to ascertain if you will send us something upon the question.

Any courtesy you may extend will be highly appreciated by the boys of our High school senate and by Very truly yours, MARGARET DOLD.

would forbid pardoning of the life prisoners? Would that not equal our death penalty, only being more humane?

I will be very glad to hear from you, anything that you may have to say on this subject and thanking you in advance, I remain Respectfully yours,

—J. L. P.

Tribune Wrong Again

Those Socialists who believe that editors of capitalist organs really know what Socialism is and what its demands are, but hide their light under a bushel basket, offering their mind and pen for a price, in a sort of intellectual prostitution, as an unfortunate victim of capitalism offers her body, may have to abandon their position. We believe that the average editor on a profit-mongering sheet is sincerely ignorant of the essential aims and philosophy of Socialism, just as are most college professors, and all capitalist politicians. WE HAVE YET TO COME INTO PERSONAL CONTACT WITH A NON-SOCIALIST WHO THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD SOCIALISM. WE ADMIT OF NO SINGLE EXCEPTION!

The foregoing statements are not made with the intent to convey the idea that if a man or woman thoroughly understood the Socialist philosophy and economics, he or she would thereupon become an avowed Socialist. A closed mouth might be the result. Class interests, or "economic determinism," might come forcefully into play. But of those indiscreet enough to write about or talk about Socialism who are not themselves Socialists, every single one shows clearly either that he does not know what he is talking about, or else that he is a mental prostitute. We prefer to take the more charitable view.

SEVERAL OTHER RIFTS

No, brother, there are several other rifts in the lute.

First of all, if it were not for the large export trade (about \$2,000,000,000 annually) the thirty-four billion dollars spent in domestic trade would have to give way to a hundred and thirty-four-billion-dollar civil war—or else a peaceful adoption of the Socialist regime. And the two billion dollars of exports can be continued (and they must be constantly increased to avert civil war or Socialism) only on condition that about an equal amount of goods are purchased by "patriotic" Americans which are not "made in America."

AN EXAMPLE IN POINT

As an example of how a capitalist editor will put his foot in his mouth—so to speak—when opening his head to talk on or about what he calls "Socialism," or "Socialistic," we quote the following misconception from the Morning Tribune of last Friday:

Thomas Edison, metaphorically standing in the ashes of his great factory, pulls the switch and turns this upon the country:

"It has surprised me to see how Americans have become weakened over this war. They seem to be stricken with a sort of commercial paralysis. They ought to get out and do something; now is the opportune time."

Of course Mr. Edison directs this impeachment only at those that have money. Those that haven't the money always have been eager to build or make other investments but couldn't. What the country needs is to reverse the case. A socialistic enactment that would compel the capitalist to lend his money to those that would invest it would be the thing.

NOT "SOCIALISTIC"

Please, Mr. Editor, an "enactment that would compel the capitalist to lend his money to those that would invest it" might be "the thing," all right, as you say; we don't know about that; BUT IT WOULD NOT BE "SOCIALISTIC." It would be the antithesis of Socialism. And if there is any noun that would carry it farther away, we mean that.

The Tribune's proposal violates the principles of Socialism by suggesting that money that is used as an investment, i. e., for extracting rent, interest, or profit, or any proposal to obtain money for the purpose of securing unearned income, for making money breed, as it were, could be "socialistic" in any way. Socialism is opposed to rewarding any individual or group of profit mongers for owning something.

We Socialists propose to reward a man only for producing wealth, or for doing socially necessary work (including the production of beautiful as well as of useful things.) We shall steadfastly refuse to urge any man to "lend his money to those that would invest it" in something that can be used to gouge some one else out of any part of the product of his labor. If the people need a new building, bridge, fire department, school or factory, let them build it on their own credit. Their credit is good with themselves, only some of them don't know it. If they're just daft on paying themselves interest, rent or profit on their own property, why let them go ahead and do it. One can't rob oneself by taking money out of one's pants pocket and placing it in the other.

Socialism does not contemplate compelling "the capitalist to lend his money" under any circumstances; 'cause these "ain't goin' to be no capitalist" to lend it. Again: Socialists are not concerned with what a capitalist does with the money in his possession; what we're interested in is, how the capitalist gets the money. If he earns it by useful labor or social service (as doctor, architect, engineer, etc.) then what he gets is wages, not profit, rent, or interest. He is paid for what he does, not for what he owns. If the problem

Rifts In The Lute

We dislike to hit a man when he's down, but there's a good teaching point in the following break of "our morning contemporary":

Thirty-four billion dollars is what the domestic trade of the United States amounts to annually. This, we are told, is just about seventeen times what the export trade amounts to.

The women of this country have started a "Made in America" movement which contemplates the ultimate practice of buying only those things which bear the label indicating that they were manufactured in the United States. In itself this is a wise and a patriotic movement and it can be made to contribute greatly to the prosperity of the entire country and need not work hardship upon any purchaser. The only rift in the lute is the matter of tariff.

CAUSE OF THE RIFTS

In a previous issue of this very instructive journal, we called attention to the fact that whereas the annual average value of manufactured product per patriot in this land of the unfree, and home of the E. Z. Marks, is \$3,124, the average wage of these efficient is—\$518. In other words, while the total value of the worked workers' product in 1909 was \$20,672,052,000, if sold at cost at the factory gate, the total wages paid was but \$3,427,038,000; which leaves the neat little product of \$17,245,014,000 worth of values which these doleful patriots put on the market and can't buy. The "hands" in other industries and in agriculture showed about the same "efficiency"; so that the total wealth production in this country yearly stands at about \$38,000,000,000 and the total wages paid less than \$8,000,000,000. This leaves about \$30,000,000,000 of wealth to be used, sold, or stored up, in some way, by those who didn't produce it. All other capitalist nations are enjoying the same kind of patriotic prosperity.

So the "made in America" movement, if it succeeds, will succeed only in throwing more millions of men, women and children out of work; so they would not have the coins to buy goods "made in America" or anywhere else. In fact, this is partly what "alls" us right now.

As there is no rational answer to society's problems under the modern system of production of wealth by the many for the exclusive enrichment of the few, the imbeciles on both sides of the ledger get out into the trenches and shoot each other's fool heads off as the only solution possible to a bunch of rummies who would either desire or tolerate the continuance of wage-slavery and production for private graft for the few and hard labor, poverty and war for the many.

WORKERS MURDERED AT RAILROAD DEPOT IN NEW JERSEY

A bunch of murderers wearing "deputy" badges ruthlessly attacked a crowd of unarmed strikers at Roosevelt, N. J., Tuesday, killing one on the spot and filling a number of others with more or less buckshot. Steven Dodd, a wage-slave, 52 years of age, has 50 buckshot in his back and a revolver wound.

Street Commissioner Crane, testifying at the inquiry immediately held, said the strikers were unarmed and were attacked by the deputies. The police officers, the prosecuting attorney said, agreed with the strikers that the deputies began the firing, pursuing the strikers into the marshes.

The strikers voted for the same political representatives as did the owners of the American Agricultural & Chemical Co., and also the blood-thirsty deputies. Having voted for buckshot, it is no more than poetic justice that they got what they voted for. They wouldn't vote for the Socialists candidates, because they wanted "something now." They got it.

Some "rifts," these!

She makes me feel so small when she begins to talk about her ancestors. And we have no ancestors. "Never mind, my dear. Come back at her with the pedigree of your dog."

try to shift the burden onto the backs of the Socialists. When we begin our confiscatory processes, it will not be a dabbling with money some one already has, but with the means whereby one man grows rich off of the sweat of his neighbor's face. Our decree will be like that of Eden; we shall say to the capitalist then, "In the sweat of thine own face shalt thou eat bread." We shall not give a damn what he does with his money.

News In Brief

By H. W. WATTS

A Chicago man who stole two hams has been sentenced to imprisonment for life. He has served several terms of imprisonment for stealing.

Nine men committed suicide in Chicago in 12 hours recently. Two of these went via the bullet route, one with the aid of his razor, and six by gas.

A young woman of Colorado Springs, Colo., apparently driven to desperation by poverty, has offered to sell her body to the medical department of Boulder university.

Eight hundred strikers of coal companies in West Virginia have been served with eviction notices. One company has moved its machinery into another coal region.

Send in your local activities care of the writer and let us publish a line or two of what you are doing. Appoint a member at your next business meeting to take charge of this matter.

The Western Clarion, official organ of the Socialist party of Canada, is to cut out all its advertising matter as the support given by its readers does not necessitate outside assistance.

"Jimmy" Simpson, well known Socialist of Toronto, Canada, who has always been certain of election on the board of education was defeated in the recent election by a combination of other candidates and a most unscrupulous manipulation of election machinery.

Winfield R. Gaylord, Socialist candidate for congress in Milwaukee district at the recent elections, has served notice of contest on Congressman Cary in Washington. Comrade Gaylord has preferred several charges and claims a plurality of 364 votes.

New York City's unemployed list totals 562,700 persons. The number of people who have not the price of a shelter is estimated at 60,000. About 125,000 of the total unemployed are women and immorality is increasing.

About 50 per cent of the locomotive firemen in the West die with their boots on, according to A. H. Hawley, grand secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, who is testifying at the western wage arbitration hearing.

By a decision of the immediate action committee of the Socialist party, Lincoln's birthday, February 12, has been appointed a special "Unemployed Day" on which all Socialist and union organizations are especially urged to hold demonstrations to urge action in relief of the unemployed.

Is your wife a member of the Socialist party local in your district? Do you know that married couples can obtain a dual stamp that entitles man and wife to membership for the payment of 35c a month? If you are a member bring your wife along and let her be one also. If neither of you are members attend the next business meeting of the local and get acquainted with the organization then if you feel like joining ask for an application card.

RUSSELL SAYS BIG BUSINESS HAS ADDED

Control of Moving Pictures to Its Equipment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—At a recent session of the National Popular Government League in this city, Charles Edward Russell made a talk in which he charged that the magazines are now quite thoroughly under the control of the system. He included also moving pictures in the system's control, and expressed a gloomy outlook as to methods for letting the people know how their liberties are being taken from them. Discussing the magazine situation he spoke of two prominent former disciples of the expose who, since their magazine was taken over, are devoting themselves to spreading the gospel of contentment, and explaining how big business is now really operating almost exclusively along the lines of the Golden Rule.

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