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## A Tree Is Known by Its Fruits: The Fruits of Capitalism Are Work, Worry, Want and War! Socialism Means Abundant Production, Peace, Plenty and Protection for All Who Labor It Means More Abundant Life! Join the Socialist Party, NOW! Give Its Press Your Support!

### LIZZIE JONES TAKES BIT IN TEETH A-LA-CLAY

#### WHAT'S THE LAW BETWEEN FRIENDS?

#### CAPITALIST POLITICS IN MALTYBY SCHOOL AFFAIRS

When the city ordinance stood between the Shull Mill Co. and what they wanted of the city council, commissioner Clay suggested that he and the other capitalist-class commissioner "take the bit in the teeth" and ignore the law. And they did. You know it! That's what they were put in office for.

Now comes Mrs. Lizzie Jones, county superintendent of schools, and shows what she can do toward lawlessness in high places. Also "taking the bit in the teeth," Mrs. Jones set out to oust the Socialist school teacher, R. M. Wolfe, at Maltby by fair or lawless means. She preferred the latter, however, as becomes a "law and order" patriot.

In our issue of March 18th, we called attention to the fact that the pay check of comrade Wolfe had been arbitrarily held up, much to the inconvenience of comrade Wolfe's family. Busy Lizzie had been butting in on Wolfe's province in divers ways for some time, performing such petty-persecution stunts as visiting the school and promoting ill-prepared pupils over the teacher's decision, and in other ways trying to discredit and humiliate Wolfe in the eyes of parents and pupils.

She also demanded of the Socialist teacher that he employ certain books as pupils' text books, when, as a matter of fact, the school laws require that the teacher should own the said text books, which are to be used as the basis for discussion in class work. It was never intended that these books should be placed in the hands of pupils, nor does busy Lizzie make any such ruling in the other schools under her control. Under no circumstances would it fall within the legal powers of the county superintendent to penalize a teacher by holding up his warrant for his failure to carry out the provisions of the law regarding course of study, etc. In such cases it is the local school board which is empowered by law to act, not the county superintendent (R. and B. Code, 4407; 4546 and 4550).

Despite these express provisions of the code, and notwithstanding the fact that comrade Wolfe had actually violated none of its requirements, busy Lizzie lawlessly held up his January and February teacher's warrant, through the county auditor. She also ordered (!) the county treasurer to hold up the district money. Such holding up of funds can be legally done only with reference to a teacher's last month's salary of the school term, pending the receipt of his annual report. Also warrants for globes, maps and charts may be held up for the county superintendent's approval. But power to penalize a teacher for failure, or alleged failure, to follow the prescribed course of study is nowhere vested by law in the county superintendent. Such action can be taken only against the school board, not against the teacher.

#### WHAT'S THE PURPOSE?

It may well be asked, "Why this persecution of R. M. Wolfe?" As already stated, Wolfe is a Socialist. And Lizzie Jones is determined that nothing but capitalist politics shall be taught in the public schools. Democrats and republicans are never molested.

There is reason to believe that the hand of the church, also, is in this persecution. A certain member of the school board was heard to ask Mrs. Jones this question: "How are you making out?" Lizzie replied, "I will get him out as soon as I can."

This illuminating dialogue was overheard by some children, at Maltby, March 24th.

This is how the bosses keep religion and politics out of the public schools. Comrade Carl Melmgren, of Everett, brought in a dollar for the Henry Dubb list. We need another \$99.00. Who'll be next?

### JITNEY ATTACK ON CAPITALISM

#### Hit Them at the Psychological Moment

#### THAT'S RIGHT NOW!

If ever there was a time in the history of the United States when the masses were more willing to consider the Socialist route out of the present industrial wilderness than RIGHT NOW, the annals failed to record it. A few words right now, "the psychological moment," have more weight with the non-Socialist than a pamphlet had a few months ago. The terrible devastation in Europe, obviously all to no purpose, so far as the working-class is concerned, the failure of the democratic administration to pass any laws calculated to reduce unemployment or to increase wages or shorten the work-day, together with the chronic industrial depression, with no relief in sight at the hands of the capitalist class, all these conditions make it apparent, even to the most perverse and stubborn, that **The Remedy Is To Be Found In Socialism Or Is Not To Be Found At All!** Anyone who is not deaf, dumb and blind can and does apprehend this fact now upon presentation of the facts.

#### IT'S UP TO US!

It's up to us Socialists to see to it that the message of Socialism is brought to each and every man and woman in Washington while the need is greatest and the moment opportune.

**A JITNEY ATTACK**  
Now what we propose is this: Each reader of these words send five one-cent stamps to The Washington Socialist, with, or without, the name of some Henry Dubb; we will then put the name you send in, or one from our own list of hundreds of them, on our mailing list for three weeks, beginning with the second issue in April. This issue will contain a few columns of matter prepared especially for the purpose in view, making a deep impression in three issues, and urging the new readers to subscribe for a period of three months. If they do this, we'll have them. A five cent jitney attack on capitalism! Will you, reader, help us carry out this plan? Of course you will. Now sit right down and sign the form below and put in your five one-cent stamps. We'll do the rest.

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#### THE REAL HEROES

No Socialist minds helping the cause when it doesn't cost either time or labor. Some are anxious to do their share of the work at no matter what cost of time or money, within their power or means. Often one finds a comrade who will do quite a hard task or undergo much physical discomfort for the cause if the ordeal is sufficiently spectacular and well advertised.

But the real heroes of the movement are the unassuming, noiseless comrades who habitually peg away at the little things that help the paper and the organization immensely, but don't get much space in the news columns.

These are the kind of Socialists that lay the sound basis of a clear-cut revolutionary working-class party.

Now there is no good reason why every reader of this paper should not join this silent, tireless, persistent brigade of foundation builders.

And a good way to begin this epoch-making service will be to join our Jitney Attack on Capitalism. BEGIN NOW!

#### GET THIS!

Comrade Katherine H. Hodgins is competing with a number of others for an automobile that is being given away by the Grand and Princess Theatres to the person who is given the highest number of votes. Boost for Kate Hodgins.

### THE POWER OF THE PRESS

#### By ROBERT HUNTER

Have you ever thought of the power of the press? This thing you have in your hands has cost many a precious life.

Battles have been fought that you might read it tonight peacefully by your fireside.

It is one of the "rights" won by blood and sacrifice. It and the ballot are the two most important rights that mankind has wrung from tyranny.

Think of it! This thing you have in your hands—this Socialist paper—is one of the greatest powers in the world.

And now ask yourself what use you are making of it.

With it you can do anything; without it you can do nothing. Mark that! This is no poetry or fine writing. This is "a terrible God's fact."

"The interests" have great newspapers—some one or more in every city, town and hamlet in this great country—but have the working-class newspapers?

The thing you have in your hand is something of that kind. It is anaemic, underfed, half starved. It is ragged and out at the toes. It shuffles along but, my stone-blind friend, it is the promise of everything. Give nourishment, it may yet split rails; it may yet become the great emancipator.

It was born of Labor in a dirty basement, mothered and fathered by hungry parents. It was at birth little more than a shriek, ungainly and hideous, yet Luther in his hovel or Lincoln in his cabin was no more.

If anything in this world is great, this thing in your hand is great!

It is the beginning of a new world power that will one day shape the destiny of man.

Its eyes and ears are social eyes and ears. Its voice is a social voice. The eyes and ears search throughout the world for what you want to know, and the voice carries to every part of the world the news.

Through this thing, and only through this thing, can you know the truth about politics and business, about science, industry and art, about freedom, justice and democracy, about Colorado, West Virginia and every great strike. And it is the truth, my friend, and the truth alone shall make you free.

You are now fed on lies. You know only what the enemy want you to know or what escapes from them when they quarrel among themselves. By controlling the press the capitalists control the sources of our information, as John D. Rockefeller controls the sources of oil, and we must buy the kind of product they want to sell and at their price.

Think of this thing, more precious, more powerful, more enlightening than all else, owned by the enemy—at least, all but owned by the enemy!

You have this poor thing, this Socialist paper, in your hands. It depends upon you whether it will live or die, whether it is to reach one million or ten million. It depends upon you whether it will become a great instrument for fighting our battles. Poor as it is, it is a symbol of that which is our sole security as a sovereign people.

It must be on guard. It must watch out for us. It must report the truth to us. It must warn us of danger and, when need be, call us to action.

**WILL IT FAIL? THAT IS INCONCEIVABLE, FOR IF THIS THING FAILS, THEN ALL ELSE FAILS.**

**Charles H. Maurer, Socialist member of the Pennsylvania legislature, has presented bills for mothers' pensions, one day rest in seven, and also to prohibit operations of any factory of mercantile establishment more than six days a week, unless a schedule is filed with the state labor bureau. The bill is aimed principally at the iron and steel barons who operate on Sundays while they sit in front pews of the churches.**

In ten years over 50,000 trespassers upon railway rights of way were killed in the United States.

### THE EXTERMINATOR

#### By LEE ROY HENRY

War is still playing its terrible act upon the stage in Europe and its attributes death, disease, poverty and crime are still ravaging humanity. The red spray of working-class blood still darkens the sun of civilization and liberty has been sacrificed to the might of ignorance.

The jaws of the exterminator, war, are grinding relentlessly and this whirlpool of manhood continues to be drawn to the center, being swallowed up in destruction. The man made volcanoes, flashing forth in the hideous spectral gloom a wild lava-like lightning, deal death to the human walls of cannon-flesh. These wild lightnings, throwing their terrible projectiles are accomplishing the hope of the master-class, they are agents of the exterminator.

In a maddening rush thousands charge through pools of life-blood in a slow, spattering it in a thousand directions. The gore so prized by the loved ones at home has become a scarlet mist making momentary hideous rainbows in the flashings of man's chained lightning and falling in the crash that follows.

In the night the machinery of murder (operated with the blessings of the clergy) belches forth its death dealing fire. The flashes light the woods; each twig bearing for a moment the crimson of blood on one side while the other side remains a death-like black. War the exterminator has taken into its fold every possible means of murder and butchery. The men with good capitalistic zeal hear their masters voice and face machinery of murder, with its counterpart, always expecting the poor working-men on the other side will be the ones slain instead of themselves. Then with the mental picture of few pieces of bronzed tin, to be awarded them for their heroic bravery, they plunge forward baring their breast for the enemy's bayonet.

The winter has come and gone, and the producers are at the front; the parasites remain at home to consume all that remains. Women and children will face the exterminator with hungry mouths and chilled, half clothed limbs.

Poverty will give their lives to the fierce savage fiend, war. Oh! Sacrifices so unnecessary; so useless; so cold blooded and so terrible! But in the meanwhile the capitalists in Berlin, Paris, St. Petersburg, Constantinople, Vienna and London are battling their passions in the wine glass and the silken rustle of pleasure. They have regained the absolute powers they were losing; the workers are dead, or dying!

### BARZEE-BOSTROM CONTROVERSY WILL BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

For several good reasons the discussion being carried on through these columns between comrades Barzee and Bostrom will appear every other week, instead of weekly. By this arrangement the two articles will appear side by side. It is well that we give these questions of party tactics our most thoughtful and impartial consideration.

### "THE COLLAPSE OF CAPITALISM"

#### Subject of Talk by Commissioner Salter Sunday, April 4

Next Sunday evening, at 8:15, comrade J. M. Salter, commissioner of public works, will speak at Socialist hall, 1612 California street, his subject being "The Collapse of Capitalism."

Perhaps no question is more frequently asked at this time than this: "When will normal business conditions be restored?" Or, as many are beginning to ask, "Has the capitalist system collapsed for good?"

In discussing this very live issue Sunday evening, comrade Salter will attempt to give an unbiased statement of the known facts in the case, and will give a Socialist answer to the absorbing question, "Has the Capitalist System Collapsed?"

Admission will be free, no collection. Everybody is invited!

### THE QUESTION THAT WILL NOT REST UNSETTLED

#### Socialism and Nationalism

#### CAN A SOCIALIST BE A PATRIOT?

#### By H. W. WATTS

The time is drawing near when "American Socialism" will be given the acid test as has the German, French, English, Russian and Belgian and we are of the opinion that unless we throw overboard the peddlers of adulterated Socialism we will receive the same thrashing at the hands of the capitalist henchmen as is now being served out to the European Socialists (?)

We have a bunch of Socialist (?) politicians in our midst that corrupt the movement with the 57 varieties of Socialism and at the same time tell the wage slaves that their Socialism is the pure brand, yet almost every speech they make or article they write is of the sloppy, sentimental, reform guff that simply gets the hearers or readers into a mass of entanglements.

If some of them attempted to teach revolutionary Socialism they would break a blood vessel and if they hear of anyone teaching it they do their best to throttle them.

Yet today European Socialists (?) are being used as pawns at the behest of the capitalist class and the time is not far off when our same Socialists will be used as the pawns of the John D.'s, J. P. Morgan's et al. and we fully agree with the writer of the following, that, had the revolutionary Socialism of Marx and Engels been taught in Germany the present war could hardly have happened, and we will go further and say that, if Marxian Socialism is not taught on a greater scale in this country our movement will be used by the capitalist class to back them up in a similar slaughter.

Austin Harrison, editor of the "English Review," a monthly magazine, who has had a sound German education and is well equipped to write upon matters Teutonic, pointed out in an article in the November issue that Socialism had collapsed, referring to the German S. D. P.

Messrs. Hyndman and Bax, two have-been Socialists (?) who are now working hand and glove with the British government for the "crushing of Germany," replied to him in the December issue, wherein the Marxian theory was "remolded" to suit the Jingoistic spirit of both these gentlemen. They made just as good a defense of Socialism as would a Catholic priest or some of our Chicago officials, and naturally gave the editor all the show that he needed for a comeback which he did in the January issue in an interesting article on "Marx and Materialism."

He says that his object in writing of the collapse of German Socialism was to show:

1. "That the rigid doctrinaire theory of Marx, with its laws of class warfare and automatic necessity, had, in Germany, degenerated into a mere parliamentary party of opposition and opportunism characterized by the very national and imperialistic tendencies that Marx sought to destroy in his philosophy of revolution which was to bring about a Collectivist State. (Emphasis mine.)"

2. "That the moment social democracy had so broken away, Socialism as the implacable antagonist of bourgeois civilization in whatever form—military, capitalistic, liberal, commercial or monarchical—forfeited its inherent truth and purpose, the sole concern of which lay in the freedom of the wage earning classes."

He then expresses quite a refreshing sentence. He refers to what he did write and says Mr. Hyndman did not answer it. Our Chicago politicians would do the same. This is the quotation:

"The words I wrote were: 'German Socialism has drifted away from Marx into a slough of German Imperialism, as far from the ideal it had set itself to win as Ecclesiasticism has drifted away from Christianity.'"

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### JUDGE LINDSEY'S EYES OPENED

#### By EUGENE V. DEBS

When Judge Ben Lindsey went to Washington to see President Wilson in behalf of the striking miners of Colorado, he innocently believed that as soon as the president knew the facts he would promptly set the powerful machinery of state in operation to bring Rockefeller and the rest of the buccaneers to time. But alas! President Wilson dared not offend King Rockefeller, and when the king sat down on him he looked sad and said he hadn't the "legal" right to do a thing.

Now Judge Lindsey says that we're ruled from Wall street, and that King John is a good deal bigger than President Woodrow, all of which is an old story with every one not as deficient in gray matter as a shellfish. Judge Lindsey also says that "Our civilization is a conspiracy against nature as well as against justice." Right again, judge! But what are you going to do about it?

Capitalism is the thing Judge Lindsey so fiercely denounces and if he is opposed to it, then what reason has he for not being a Socialist? The Socialists are the only ones who have a definite program for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of industrial democracy.

### AN IMPORTANT RULING

#### CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES MAY JOIN S. P.

After hundreds of United States civil service employees have given up their membership in the Socialist party, fearing that if they did not do so they would lose their jobs under the anti-political proclamation of the civil service commission, a ruling has been secured from the commission declaring that government employees may be dues paying Socialist party members.

This is the first victory in the campaign to secure political justice for the government employees who are now intimidated by the democratic administration under Wilson, as they were previously oppressed by the republican administrations of Taft and Roosevelt.

The next step will be to prevent the persecution and discharging of civil service employees who happen to take active part in the work of the Socialist movement, men and women who are the candidates of the Socialist party in campaigns, or hold official positions within the party organization, for, as The American Socialist has shown, there are numbers of cases where Socialists have been discriminated against, and old party politicians favored under the civil service rules.

In the age when Socialism is admittedly shaking the foundation of politics the world over and penetrating our science and literature, I am unable to appreciate the moral and intellectual outlook of any person who does not take an intelligent interest in Socialism."—Prof. C. A. Beard, of Columbia University.

Henry Stolz, Jr., Socialist mayor of Manitowoc, Wis., has been re-elected to that office.

### CAPITALIST CONTROL OF COUNTRY SCHOOL

#### By SETH CROSBY

In the last school election at Greenbank, Island county, there was considerable excitement felt among the retainers of the capitalist class as represented by the Calvin-Phillips real estate firm; or, more strictly speaking, by their lackey, Mr. Guy Richards, who is their farm superintendent and all around slave-driver and political boss.

And the reason is easily seen, when the fact that Mr. Richards is clerk of the school board, and had as running mates previous to election Mr. Barton (foreman under Richards), and Mr. Jackson, a mechanic in the employ of the same company. Mr. Richards, by virtue of his office, was enabled to employ his daughter as teacher in that district, though this is in direct violation of the school laws.

Previous to election there was a rumor circulated that the horrible Socialists were going to run a man for school director to take the place of Mr. Barton, who had moved away. Now to lose the control of that seat on the school board might cause complications, and, worse yet, to have a Socialist on the board would be gall and worm-wood to the capitalistically-minded set; so a campaign was launched to keep the control of the school board safely in their hands.

One of the old time hands of the company, at least, was solicited to stay there until after the election; the company team, with the foreman as coachman, was put into service to haul the adherents of the capitalist system to the school house.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 1 o'clock, or possibly a little before by correct time. The judges appointed Mrs. Guy Richards and Mrs. Jackson (wives of the two directors). The meeting was then thrown open to balloting, in spite of the fact that it is customary to have nominations made previous to balloting.

On the question being raised, the names of Wm. Day, the company's choice, and Lillian Marshal were put on the black board, and the balloting carried on; incidentally the count showed Wm. Day receiving 28, and Mrs. Marshal 16 votes.

The question as to the district furnishing the school books was raised, and Mr. Richards was asked as to the means to be employed to secure them. He stated that he, personally, did not believe in it, and therefore he did not consider that it was up to him to give out the information unless directly asked; but, in his opinion, a petition for a special election would be necessary; this petition was started and signed by 38 legal voters of the district, including the two directors. This was forwarded to the county superintendent of schools and returned by her with the statement that it was up to the school board to settle this book question. Mr. Richards in an interview stated that they would fight it. Now as two of the board have signified their approval of the measure, it remains to be seen what means Mr. Richards will use to guard his master's interests.

Over 700,000 miners are expected to go on strike in Great Britain unless they receive a raise in wages to offset the increased cost of living.

**REMEMBER, ITS FRIDAY EVE.**  
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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. Jurges 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.

### "Associated Charities" Would Not Assist

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.

### 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!

Under capitalism men get rich, not by working but by getting in the way of those who do work, by controlling or owning the tools of production, and collecting toll, like the robber barons of old. Socialism will give you an opportunity to get rich by your own efforts, and will keep you from getting poor by any one else's efforts.—Exchange.

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As when 'tis in a wrong belief.  
—Butler's Hudibras.

Total \$45.25  
Balance on hand December, 1914 43.53  
Fraternally submitted,  
CARL ULONSKA,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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All kinds best Calicoes	5c
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10c Percales	8c
10c Outing	8c
12 1/2c White Twill Outing, yard	10c
12 1/2c Gingham, 32 inches wide, yard	10c
15c Curtain Swiss, yard	10c
18c Galatea Cloth, yard	15c
15c dark Flannelette, yard	10c
20c Robe Flannels, yard	22c
25c Turkish Towels	19c
12 1/2c Huck Towels	8 1/2c
Best Table Oilcloth, yard	17c
Shelf Oilcloth, yard	5c
\$1.25 wide Sheet Blankets	95c
\$2.49 Woolnap Blankets	\$1.79
\$2.98 Woolnap Plaid Blankets	\$2.00
\$1.25 Comforters	\$1.00
\$2.00 Bed Comforters	\$1.49
\$1.00 Ladies' fine Union Suits	95c
\$2.00 Ladies' House Dresses	75c
\$1.00 Ladies' House Dresses	75c
\$1.25 Ladies' House Dresses	95c
\$1.25 soiled colored Petticoats	39c
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Editor's Note: Free legal advice on any subject is given in this column to Washington Socialist subscribers. Are not fifty-two copies of this paper and a legal adviser for a year worth \$1.00? Tell your neighbors about this great offer.

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.  
 Office and Postoffice address: Rooms 215-16 Stokes Bldg., Everett, Snohomish County, Washington.  
 Date of first publication December 10th, 1914.

**'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 to 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.

Surely there is need for a whole lot of education, even among avowed Socialists, along those lines. We shall not progress very far toward moral and intellectual freedom whilst the dogma of free moral agency poisons the minds of men, and stupid vindictiveness is permitted to masquerade under the guise of "social protection."

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. We ask, especially, that as many copies as possible be sent into California, as the question comes up for debate in the legislature there at an early date, some time next month.

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. My dear Mr. Shipley:

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 weak-kneed 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 worth 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.

Some "rifts," these!

does not deal with the origin and nature of "capital," it is not "Socialistic." Given the present system of capitalism and wage slavery, supported by the terrible, unintelligent majority, the capitalist should be permitted to do what he pleases with "his" capital. If our undistinguished contemporary believes that the said "capital" belongs of right to its holder, or possessor, then he has no legal or moral right to dictate to the owner as to what he should do with it. It would certainly be wholly contrary to the Socialist philosophy and teaching to interfere with a man's honestly acquired property. What a man really earns belongs wholly and unqualifiedly to him, and it would be anything but "Socialistic" for anyone else to rob him of it, even though the confiscators needed it in their business. Bear your sins and confiscatory morals on your own shoulders, brother, and don't

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.

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.

"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 dabling 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 d— what he does with his money.

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