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Last Call for Seconds! Read Local Everett No. 1's Anti-War Resolutions, Then Have Them Seconded at the Next Meeting of Your Local--Don't Miss This!!!

THE LAST CALL

Second the Motion

LET'S ABOLISH WAR!

We Alone Can Do It

The Washington Socialist hereby gives the last call for seconds to Local Everett No. 1's resolution against capitalist wars, defensive or offensive. We claim that for the working-class there is no "defensive" war which has for a result the continuance of the capitalist system.

No war in which one group of workers is arrayed against another group of workers, from anywhere in the world, is a "defensive war" for the workers. IT IS PER SE, UNDER ANY AND ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, A SLAUGHTER OF THE WORKERS BY THE WORKERS FOR THE CAPITALISTS.

No working man is ever called upon, or can ever be called upon, to "defend" his "home" against the VOLUNTARY INVASION of other working men. Besides, the working-class, as a class, have no HOMES to defend, from any enemy, foreign or domestic.

The working class has but ONE ENEMY, and this enemy,—persistent, ruthless, cold-blooded, murderous,—is, THE CAPITALIST CLASS. WE HAVE NO OTHER ENEMY—NO OTHER ENEMIES.

The only defensive war the workers could conceivably wage is a war to defend the working class from the constant, relentless, systematic invasions of the master-class, the capitalist class. For us there is no other "defensive war."

It is the CAPITALIST CLASS, anywhere, everywhere, foreign and domestic, who are destroying our homes, ravishing our daughters, insulting our religion, destroying our incentive, crushing out our individualism, enslaving us to the machine, or converting us into helpless, defenseless serfs of the soil, ruthlessly exploited, as land tenants, or wage-slaves in shop, mill, mine or factory.

Look your boss in the eyes when he hands you your pay-envelope, and you behold one of the workers' real enemies. Peep into your pay-envelope, and you will see where the first invasion of your "home" takes place. YOUR WAR OF DEFENSE IS FIGHTING THE CAPITALIST CLASS FOR THE FULL PRODUCT OF YOUR TOIL!

Workers of the world unite, clasp hands, present arms, and watch the capitalists of one territory kill off the capitalists of some other "market." DON'T FIGHT ONE ANOTHER! Second the resolution sent out by Local Everett No. 1, and show that the Socialist party of the United States is a real international organization.

"THE WAR IS THE CLASS WAR!"

A Measure to Assure Peace—Bring This Resolution Before Your Local

Proposal for a National Referendum On Attitude and Tactics of the Socialist Party of the United States on Militarism and War.

Adopted by Local Everett No. 1, Washington, at its regular business meeting February 28th, 1915.

Whereas, The Socialists of Europe are at this moment busily engaged in murdering one another for the benefit of their capitalist masters, with no possibility of gain to themselves; and Whereas, This slaughtering of the workers by the workers for their masters is largely due to the lack of international solidarity and preparedness; and

Whereas, The Socialists of the United States may at any time be called upon to slaughter their brother wage-slaves elsewhere for the advancement of capitalist interests; therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Socialist Party of the United States, that in case of war between the capitalists of the United States and the capitalists of some other profit-mongering nation, we, the Socialists of the United States, do hereby agree: that we shall allow the said capitalists to patriotically do all the fighting and dying for THEIR country; and we do hereby offer this pledge to them, and to one another, as Socialists, that we will under no circumstances take up arms

"WAR OF DEFENSE"

A Delusion and Snare

ONLY ONE KIND OF CAPITALIST WAR

Now comes Local No. 1, La Grande, Oregon, and declares that it is unalterably opposed to any aggressive move on the part of the capitalist "patriots" of the United States against any foreign nation. ONLY (!) in case "we" are attacked by a "foreign foe" will we take up arms in defense of "our homes," etc.

What talk is this about "invasion" by foreign capitalists and "defense of our homes"?

What do these comrades suppose a foreign power would wish to do with "our homes"? (And 90 per cent of us have no homes.) Is there any capitalist nation which denies the right of its subjects to private ownership of a home? If, for example, the German capitalists wrested the power of exploitation of the workers from the present ruling class of the United States, and our bosses were all German, how would that simple fact affect the average wage slave of this country?

What does any wage slave "patriot" suppose the "horrid" German would want to do with his shack? Root up his dirty old rotten board dwelling and pack it off to Berlin? Why bless your patriotic defensive souls, the Germans would be ashamed to use most of your "homes" for fire wood. Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Leipzig, would tolerate no such dirty, ugly, unsanitary tenements and "homes" as disgrace the richest cities of the U. S. A.

Suppose "we" were conquered by the German government, and John D. and J. P. would have to step aside, and the vermiform appendix called the senate at Washington, and the house of misrepresentatives, should have to retire from business for a while, what a blessing it would be! We would then have a chance to work under some of the advanced German labor and social legislation, much of which would be considered "too Socialist" by Mr. Samuel Gompers and the democratic party.

Comrades, with the memory of Colorado, Michigan, West Virginia, Massachusetts, California, Pennsylvania and other states in mind, and the rule of the capitalist "patriots" therein, under Old Glory, let us not worry about invasion by foreign foes. Our worst enemies are WITHIN; they have already "invaded our homes," or have prevented us from having any to be "invaded." Let the capitalists fight the capitalists. Let the workers of the world unite!

Comrade J. B. Miller, Socialist alderman in Muscatine, Ia., scene of the big button workers' strike several years ago, was re-elected at a recent election.

In defense of THEIR country, nor will we bear arms in an aggressive move on the country of any of their fellow capitalists, of Europe or elsewhere, leaving the defense of all privately-owned land, buildings, factories and machinery to their patriotic owners, who have "a legal right to do what they please with their own property."

Furthermore, be it resolved, that in case we, the Socialists, are forced to take up arms, WE DO HEREBY AGREE TO USE SAID ARMS WHOLLY IN SELF-DEFENSE, CONSIDERING AS OUR ENEMIES ONLY THOSE WHO ROB US OF THE PRODUCTS OF OUR TOIL, OR WHO ATTACK US PERSONALLY TO DO US BODILY HARM OR TO DEPRIVE US OF LIBERTY.

103 members in good standing. J. OLINGER, Chairman. HANNAH CROSBY, Secretary.

WHAT TO DO

In order to second the resolution of Local Everett No. 1, it is only necessary for the secretary of each Local to notify the national executive at Chicago that—

We, the members of Local —, with — members in good standing, second the motion of February 28 of Local Everett No. 1, state of Washington (Signed) _____ Secretary.

Chairman of Meeting.

STORY OF THE FULTON STREET CONTRACT

Why the Day-Labor Plan Was Sidetracked

WHO PULLED THE STRINGS?

"Red Hand" Stood on Platform Promise

When Mr. Clay was running for the office of commissioner of finance, against comrade Bostrom, he stood on "a free and independent platform." So he said. He wouldn't be ruled by any Socialist Local, like his opponent (Bostrom) would be. Oh, no. Not he. Joyful freedom and independence, and a heart overflowing with zeal to "serve all the people," all the same every other agent of hidden business interests. But "the people" fell for it. They most always do. Many of us knew then, as we know now, who was to "pull the string" when Clay was to "wiggle," or "take the bit in the teeth."

The Washington Socialist told the voters of Everett before election that if Bostrom was elected he would have to carry out the Socialist municipal platform, and work under control of the Socialist party of Everett. "The people" thought that would be just awful! The idea of depriving an official of his individualism, his "independence," with the "Red Hand" pulling the string. So they elected Mr. Clay, who was, so he said, free and independent, and could "serve all the people"—right. And he has.

The "Red Hand" cannot control Mr. Clay's vote.

The dear people do not interfere with Mr. Clay's individualism.

He does whatever he thinks "is best"—but for whom? Best for the First National Bank, and Mr. Clay?

Mr. Clay, in his free and independent individual platform said:

FAVORED DAY LABOR

"I favor the employment of home labor, and where it is of advantage to the city, I believe that public work should be done by day work."

So declared Mr. Clay before election, in his free and independent individual platform.

But Mr. Clay voted, the other day, against the day-labor plan in improving Fulton street. He voted for letting out the work to "free and independent" contractors.

There was no "Red Hand" Socialist Local to hold him to the express promise of his "individual platform."

The dear gullible "people" didn't want a man for commissioner who would "have to go and ask his Local what he could and what he could not do." No indeed!

So they elected a "free man" who would not have to "take orders" from a group of working-class representatives, openly discussing, in public meeting, what's best to do for the wage earning element of Everett. The wage earners voted with the First National Bank for Clay. Now Mr. J. B. Snyder has the contract to improve Fulton street. Did the First National Bank "pull the strings" when Mr. Clay "wiggled" against the day labor plan recommended by Socialist commissioner Salter?

HOW THE STORY GOES

One cannot believe everything that one hears on the streets.

But circumstances sometimes confirm as well as alter cases. And they do say that Mr. Clay is under obligations to the First National Bank. And they do say that Mr. J. B. Snyder, the contractor, owes some thousands of dollars to the First National Bank.

"Well, what's the connection?" Just this.

It is asserted that a representative of the Atlas Construction company called upon the First National Bank asking for backing in case he got the contract to improve Fulton street. It is further asserted that the bank told him that his bid was too low; that he must raise it if he wanted the F. N. B. to back him up in the undertaking. The Atlas man did so. Then what happened?

When the bids were opened the bid of the Atlas Construction company was \$64.50 higher than that of J. B. Snyder, who was now the lowest bidder. Snyder owed the bank money.

Snyder got the contract. Clay owed

SOCIALIST COMMISSIONER VOTES AGAINST CENSORSHIP OF FILM PLAYS

Local Club Women Grow Fussy Over Exposure of Social Conditions

While doing nothing to remove the causes of vice and immorality, the goo-goo feminine element of Everett have forced the two bourgeois city commissioners to vote "yes" for a local censorship of the movie films. Socialist commissioner Salter voted in opposition, of course. As Socialists, we can but approve of comrade Salter's stand.

First of all, this Local censorship will be placed in the hands of people who are in no way qualified to judge of what play is or is not a detriment to public morals. They will have neither the intelligence nor the culture requisite to such an important function. We don't know exactly who will be chosen, but we know who will do the choosing.

In the second place, any such censorship is a dangerous step in the wrong direction. It encroaches closely upon the rights granted under the principle of freedom of the press and of free speech. Under the obnoxious tyranny of such a bunch of incompetents as will, in all likelihood, be selected as censors, any play that shows up the inherent rottenness of the capitalist system, and especially which reveals the economic basis of its inevitable vice, crime, injustice and depravity, and which also points out the remedy for social ills, may be placed under the ban by a few reactionaries sitting as "censors."

This proposed board of censors is altogether superfluous, and an insult to the intelligence of Everett theatre-goers. We, the general public, prefer to do our censoring for ourselves; and the box-office is the place where we can cast our votes for or against the character of plays shown in our local houses.

When the next election day rolls around, there will be three Socialist commissioners in the city hall, and there will be no old foggie board of censors appointed by them. The people of the city of Everett, as a whole, will act as a board of censors, patronizing only those movie houses which exhibit plays that appeal to the average taste and intelligence of our citizenship.

FIVE MILLION CHILDREN WITH DEFECTIVE EYES

COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED

There are 20,000,000 public school children in the United States. At least 5,000,000 of these children suffer from eye diseases or defects which seriously impair their school progress. About 12,000,000 suffer from eye, ear, nose or throat diseases or defects, which prevent proper school advancement.

It costs about \$15,000,000 of public money to support the 30,000 blind dependents in the United States.

Most of this blindness could have been prevented by a two per cent solution of nitrate of silver dropped in the eyes at birth and by the annual, systematic examination of all school children's eyes.

This means that the lawmakers and the law enforcers of this country are not doing their duty.

Why do they not do their duty? They are doing their duty. They are so busy attending to the business of the special interests that caused them to be elected to office; they are so busy doing their duty to those who paid their campaign expenses, that they have no time to waste saving human eyesight, or caring for the health of school children. They are doing their duty toward capital, not toward humanity. Labor's representatives see their duty in bettering human conditions.

SECONDS RECEIVED AT NATIONAL OFFICE LAST WEEK

On Local Everett No. 1's Anti-War Resolutions.

WHO WILL FOLLOW?

Anacortes, Wash. Salt Lake, Utah. Marcus, Wash. Madison, No. 1, Wis. Elizabeth, W. Va. Shawnee, Okla. Plummer, Idaho. Portland, No. 1, Ore. Conisley, Ore. Birmingham, Wash. Elkhart, Ind. Sedro-Woolley, Wash. Centralia, Wash.

THE JITNEY FIGHTERS HERE THEY ARE

The following responded to our call for a "jitney attack upon capitalism." The number following the name is the number of jitneys sent in to carry our message to the Henry Dubbs: M. Larson, Everett, 11; H. H. Burleson, Edmonds, 5; C. W. Barzee, Portland, Ore., 5; Rufus Wren, Gold Bar, 2; Marion Sumner, Squamish, 2; Leona Finger, Bothel, 2; Geo. Lee, Everett, 2; John Doe, Everett, 2.

Let's have another attack this week.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION SUNDAY

Verily, the wage-slave is entitled to what he votes for.

BIG MEETING AT HIGH SCHOOL NEXT WEDNESDAY EVE.

Will Discuss Bills Proposed for Referendum

WILL BE NON-PARTISAN

ALL CITIZENS ARE INVITED

The legislative committee of the Everett Trades Council announces a mass meeting of the citizens of Everett to be held next Wednesday, April 14th, at 8 p. m., in the High school auditorium. The purpose of the meeting, which will be non-partisan, will be the discussion of eight important bills proposed for referendum, all of which affect direct legislation and home rule.

An attack on popular rights was made by the reactionary legislature recently adjourned, and it is proposed that all voters of Everett who are in favor of majority rule come together to discuss the merits of the eight bills for which signatures on petitions will be urged. It is a question of majority rule against mis-rule, and all voters should turn out next Wednesday evening to hear the various measures discussed.

GOOD CROWD TURNS OUT TO HEAR 'Red' Commissioner

The editor was out of town Sunday night, and therefore did not hear comrade Salter's talk on "The Collapse of Capitalism." Sorry, but couldn't help it. Everybody tells us we missed hearing the best talk that has been heard around here for a long time.

Anyway, there was a good audience present to hear our "Red" commissioner of public works, and his address was so well received that Salter has been prevailed upon to give us some more just like it Sunday evening, April 18th.

All right, we'll be there! It's not "an exclusive affair." You're all invited. BE THERE! No collection, and no admission charge.

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Modern Socialism demands collective management of each industry, and it demands that all the industries should be associated together, in order thereby to secure perfect system, harmony, and unity of effort.

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APRIL 11, 2:30 P. M.—SOCIALIST HEADQUARTERS

1612 California St., Bet. Colby and Wetmore

ADMISSION 15c. DON'T MISS THIS TREAT!

SULTAN SOURCE MEETS GENERAL APPROVAL

Colonel Hartley Works in Interest of Stone and Webster

That the Sultan river as a source of water supply for Everett's projected municipal water plant is the unanimous choice of the people of Everett was made evident at a meeting held at the city hall last Monday evening. One gentleman who is interested in "private property" in the Boulder creek region naturally preferred said stream as a source of water supply.

Colonel R. H. Hartley, the spokesman of Big Business (Stone and Webster) in this neck of the woods, also naturally, contended that more money would need to be spent in purchasing "rights" in the Sultan basin than the municipality could afford. Sure thing, Colonel; only it "ain't" so. Run along now, Hartley, and play with your gubernatorial toys. "The people" of Everett will take care of their water "rights," while you look after the Stone and Webster interests, and play standpat politics. Ta-ta!

SALTER SCORES HEAVILY

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

WILL YOU JOIN THEATRE BUNCH?

Here's the How of It

LET'S ALL GET IN ON THIS PROPOSITION

Every evening at about 7:45, there is to be seen a bunch of pleasure seekers at headquarters, 1613 California street, boys, girls, men and women. "What's going on?" Well, it's a good thing you asked. It's this way. As you, faithful reader, already know, comrade Katherine H. Hodgins has been induced to allow her name to go up for the \$800 automobile prize to be given away April 21st, by the Grand and Princess theatre management; to be given to the man or woman who receives the highest number of votes in the popularity contest now being waged.

Of course the Socialists of Everett will every one vote for Katherine H. Hodgins, as faithfully as though she were running for a political office. And why not? Also, the boys down at the Labor Temple are voting for our comrade. Again, why not? Is there any woman in Everett who has given more of her time and talents to the cause of Labor during the past five years than has Katherine H. Hodgins? Well, not that anyone can call to mind readily. Why should we workers, all of us, unionists and Socialists, not take advantage of this occasion to tender her a token of our appreciation of her work in our Cause by voting and working for her in this auto contest?

THIS IS THE SECRET

Now here's the secret of the stream of folks, young and old, pouring into headquarters every evening just before 8 o'clock. We're forming theatre parties, and together we go to spend an hour and a half at the Grand, or the Princess theatre, buying a dollar coupon between us, or several of them, with 1500 votes per coupon!

Instead of wandering around town idly, or straying in here or there, we meet at headquarters, get into "the bunch," and off we go for a good time, and 1500 coupons for every dollar spent! Can you beat that? Buy a single ticket, you get only five votes for your 10 or 15 cents. With our "bunch" you get 150 votes with each ticket. Some class to our theatre parties!

GET IN ON THIS!

Now, gentle reader, come out of your shell; dig down into your pocket after that 10 or 15 cents, and meet us any night at 1612 California street, just before the 8 o'clock performance begins, and we'll all go together and have an evening of sociability and the class A shows that the Grand and Princess always put over.

ARE YOU WITH US?

HOW IT HAPPENED AT LOCAL LYMAN

Lyman, Wash., April 1, 1915.
Dear Comrades:
Emil Herman has come, given his message to one hundred or more of the workers of this one man's town, and gone on his way to the next place; and, judging from the manner of those in attendance, said message must have struck home. Also who shall say "A prophet hath not honor in his own country." For Emil has spent many years of his life "in this neck of the woods," and we used to have a hard time to get thirty out to hear a Socialist lecture. But one hundred? Whoop-ee-ree!

And this in spite of the fact that the hall remained in pitchy darkness up till the time appointed for the lecture to begin; and thereby hangs a tale. Having been assured the hall would be all heated and lighted in readiness by those in charge, we speaker in just about time to get there for the lecture to begin. The excuse given was they had heard we were not going to use it; so no telling how many went away thinking there was nothing doing.

Yours for an awakened working class,
ELIZA LAMKIN.

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NEWS FROM EDMONDS

Edmonds, Wash., April 3, 1915.

The capitalist class in Edmonds, smarting from the opposition offered by the Socialists, are becoming desperate; for they have resorted to law-breaking again. L. P. Arp, illegitimate school director, and road boss, has refused to hire a man on the road because he is a Socialist; which is nothing but a black list, pure and simple; and contrary to the labor statute of Washington. But, "what is law between friends."

Law, it must be remembered, is a product of the system; consequently it is a commodity, like wheat, oats, potatoes, or labor-power, of any sort, bought and sold in the open market according to the supply and demand. It is for those that have the price.

The working class being the slaves, and not the masters, of course, are not entitled to such luxuries as the protection of law—"To him that hath, shall be given; and to him that hath not, shall be taken away even that which he has."

Of course we must not blame Mr. Arp, for he is only a tool in the hands of the capitalist class. He stands high in local brotherly love (?) organizations, and is quite a patriot. He is also in favor of religion being taught in the schools; especially the Catholic religion. The children celebrated holy week so you see his intentions are good. He is only a slave driver himself. "Slaves obey your master;" if you don't he will tie on the tinware; nor you understand where he is.

Well, comrades, under the circumstances, if you can't get work, let George pay your store bills; if you can there are some great bargains in Seattle and Everett.

WALTER REECE,
Press Committee.

LOCAL MONROE IS VERY BUSY—ARE YOU?

Monroe, Wash., April 3, 1915.
The Washington Socialist.

Comrades: Local Monroe pulled off a basket social April 2nd as a winner.

Had a full hall, and the program was better than you get in many of the theatres, and was all local talent; but you know the workers have no talent or ability. If one will only stop to think, he will find that all the talent worth while comes from the working class.

About thirty-five baskets were sold, which cleared the Local \$19.65. About one hundred present.

The army of rustlers brought in seven applications for action who were admitted as members.

The team of Captain Monroe is five members ahead in the contest, while the Keller team are bringing up the reserves, and a lively battle is pending for supremacy.

Yours for the revolution,
PRESS COMMITTEE,
Local Monroe.

DON'T LIKE CLASS LINES

BUT ADMIRES HONEST OFFICIAL

The Better Promise
The commissioner of public works in the city of Everett is a Socialist. Business men and property owners have thus far found him fair, courteous and reasonable—so different, apparently, from what they had expected that some of their surprise and pleasure has been reflected by comment in the conservative newspapers of their city.

The Washington Socialist, published in Everett, naturally sees no occasion for this surprise, although conceding that "it is a strange experience for the bourgeois to do business with a city official who wants neither graft, nor votes, nor implied obligations, in transacting the business of his office." The Socialist goes on to pledge satisfactory service by the commissioner "as long as Socialism's opponents do not attempt to put something over that is detrimental to the interests of the working-class," but no assurance is conveyed as to what may happen when the working-class attempts to put something over that is detrimental to the interests of Socialism's opponents. In this lop-sided pledge is discovered the old prejudice, so much played up in Socialist journalism and so effective against the spread of understanding of the better purposes of true Socialism. The ranks of Socialism are not entirely filled from the working-class; on the contrary many thousands of working-people are the most bitter of Socialism's opponents.

Would it not have been enough, and better, to say for the Everett commissioner that he would continue to be fair and square in his dealings with everyone, and that he would see to it, so far as he was concerned, that nothing was put over detrimental to the interests of any class?—The Town Crier (Seattle.)

SOCIALISTS ELECT THIRD COUNCILMAN IN ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN, April 7.—Judge J. M. Phillips, republican primary nominee, was elected mayor yesterday over Ash, socialist, by over 1,000 majority.

With the promise of a light vote through the day socialist success was feared, but the voters rallied in the afternoon and evening. The socialists, who have two members of the council, elected a third member from the First ward, which was carried by Anton Pista over H. B. Strong, republican, by five votes. In the Second ward, another socialist strong-hold, the socialist candidate for councilman lost by thirty votes.

Mrs. Rose Damitio, the only woman candidate, and a socialist, lost in the Sixth ward for councilman by about ninety votes. Republican candidates for clerk, treasurer and police judge were elected.

THE ELECTIONS WEDNESDAY

CHICAGO.—For the first time in history, a negro, Oscar de Priest, was elected city councilman. The council will be made up of 33 democrats, 31 republicans, two progressives, three independents and one socialist. Three new counties voted dry, making 55 dry out of 102 in Illinois.

OH YOU SHINGLE TARIFF!

VANCOUVER JOBLESS RIOT
VANCOUVER, B. C., April 2.—Fifteen hundred men who had yesterday been refused relief work in Vancouver by the city council last night attacked restaurants and fruit stands on Cordova street, breaking the windows and carrying off fruit. The police promptly arrested five of the participants and the mounted force dispersed the remainder with little trouble.

WILL DISCUSS BILLS WHICH THE REFERENDUM SEEKS TO NULLIFY

One or more capable speakers here engaged to discuss the laws passed by the recent legislature now being attacked by the referendum, for Everett people interested, at the high school auditorium next Wednesday night. E. P. Marsh, president of the State Federation of Labor, is corresponding with Corporation Counsel James E. Bradford and Assistant Corporation Counsel Howard Hanson, of Seattle, to have one or both attend the session at which the merits or demerits of the seven bills involved will be discussed.

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By FREDERIC W. RAPER
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 offer.

Q. If a man has a contract with
 the county to operate a county ferry,
 has he a right to keep political papers
 or literature to hand out to the travel-
 ing public on the ferry boat? There
 is nothing mentioned in the contract
 about literature of any kind. This
 from a Red Card Socialist and sub-
 scriber to our valuable paper, The
 Washington Socialist. —J. K. B.
 A. There is nothing to prevent you
 from handing out papers or literature
 to the traveling public on the ferry.
 You are to be commended for your
 activity, and it is to be hoped that
 others will do likewise, whenever and
 wherever they have opportunity.

**WE MUST WRITE ALL THE
 LAWS**

Look! The earth is fruitful, the
 harvests abundant, the flocks and
 herds countless, the waters teeming,
 the bowels of the earth strewn with
 mineral. Our labor is the most pro-
 ductive ever known or conceived. By
 the aid of giant machines we can pro-
 duce wealth as never before could man
 produce; all the good things of life,
 till the storehouses are full to burst-
 ing. More than sufficient to supply
 the every need of every man, woman
 and child alive. And what have we?
 What have you got?

Of all that wealth, produced by us
 and ours, we can touch nothing but
 the meager price of our toil; the mess
 of pottage and childhood. Between
 you and that wealth stands a class,
 mortals like yourselves, but invested
 with the magic vesture of ownership.

The earth that you have made fruit-
 ful, the powers of nature you have
 harnessed; the mighty machinery you
 have devised and built, they own.
 And by virtue of that ownership they
 can compel you to pay to them toll in
 the coined product of your sweat and
 blood that they may live in luxury and
 idleness. At their hands you must
 seek a job. By their leave you labor
 and so by their leave you live. And
 you are not slaves?

Before them and between them and
 us stands the law, guarding and pro-
 tecting them in their ownership that
 we touch it not. Seek ye redress of
 the law? Not against them. It is
 their law. Made by those who obey
 their behest.

Hence if we are to achieve aught,
 we must write the law. By sending
 men of our own class to the legisla-
 tures, bearing our mandate; obeying
 only our behest. When we know this
 we can do it. We are many, they are
 few, and our need is greater than
 theirs.

THE ONLY SCHOOL

The school of experience is said to
 be a dear school, but it is the only
 one in which mauling will or can
 learn anything. With the average
 man the experience must be bitter in
 the extreme and long continued before
 he will abandon his previous habits
 or depart from old established cus-
 toms. Just now the working class is
 receiving the most drastic lesson in
 the school of experience. Hundreds
 of thousands of them are out of em-
 ployment, and suffering the many
 privations and discomforts that im-
 ply, because the present masters of
 industry cannot see their way clear
 to profitably employ them. This con-
 dition arises solely from the present
 system of private property in the
 means of wealth production, and out
 of the purpose for which production
 must be carried on under it. The pur-
 pose of capitalist production is profit.
 The products must be disposed of at
 a price in advance of their cost. This
 implies a market in which they may
 be sold. If at any time the market
 should fall short of the requirements
 a halt must be called in production.
 This means that the labor force must
 be reduced by laying off some of the
 workers. Then the most pronounced
 and glaring evil of capitalist rule ex-
 presses itself in the misery and suf-
 fering that spreads like a plague
 throughout the ranks of the workers.
 A cry of distress is heard through-
 out the length and breadth of the land.
 Though they were actuated by the
 best motives it is absolutely impos-
 sible for capitalists and their defend-
 ers to offer a solution for the diffi-
 culty, without destroying their own
 system of property and overturning
 in their entirety those social institu-
 tions which conserve and defend it.

Bargreen's Golden Drip Coffee, Im-
 perial Tea Co.

NEWS IN BRIEF

**NEW LOCALS ORGANIZED IN
 STATE**

Comrade Katterfeld organized a Local
 of 14 members at Colokoum, Che-
 lan county, and at Mansfield, Douglas
 county, with 7 members.

Comrade Mary Geffs organized a
 Local of 6 members at Othello, Adams
 county, and reorganized Local Opportu-
 nity, Spokane county.

Comrade Emil Herman organized a
 Local of 6 members at McMurray,
 Skagit county, and a Local of 8 mem-
 bers at Lake Campbell, Skagit coun-
 ty, and reorganized Local Sauk, Skagit
 county.

Comrade Ulonska reorganized Local
 Hartford, Snohomish county.

If you want to start a Local of the
 Socialist party in your district write
 to the state secretary, L. E. Katter-
 field, 314 Commerce Bldg., Everett,
 Wash. Comrade Katterfeld has the
 names of most all the Socialists in
 your district and with your help he
 will organize them.

Socialists made big gains at the
 primary elections in Butte, Mont.
 They cast 1,578 votes which exceeds
 the vote cast in the primary last Aug-
 ust by 500.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Be on hand for the distribution of
 leaflets next Sunday. Call at the
 headquarters Saturday and get your
 bundle.

**ENGLISH "BREEDING MACHINES"
 KICKING**

Mary MacArthur, Socialist, and sec-
 retary of the Woman's Trade Union
 League, is at the head of an organi-
 zation of women who are fighting the
 effort of the British government to
 mobilize the women to replace the
 men needed for war service. There
 are 40,000 union women unemployed
 and Mary MacArthur thinks that
 these ought to be put to work first
 and that they should also receive the
 same wages as the men received who
 have gone to the war.

**HOW A SCHOLAR
 PRESIDENT DOES IT**

**ROGERS NAMED CENSUS
 DIRECTOR**

The appointment of W. H. Harris,
 lately director of the census, to the
 newly created trade commission has
 brought about another political ap-
 pointment; namely, that of S. L.
 Rogers, of North Carolina, to succeed
 Harris as census director. Harris
 succeeded E. Dana Durand, a statisti-
 cal expert, who was formerly com-
 missioner of corporations.

Harris is an expert in Georgia poli-
 tics. Now he is succeeded by an ex-
 pert in North Carolina politics, who
 is equally unqualified, so far as the
 technical labors of taking a census are
 concerned. The civil service idea has
 been knocked into a cocked hat as a
 result of the insistent demands of
 "deserving democrats."

WHO GETS THE JOB?

The machinery for the production
 of all social necessities is in the pos-
 session of a small minority of human
 society—the capitalist class. They do
 not make that machinery, they do not
 operate it. In the case of the typical
 capitalist concern of today—the trust
 —the owners may never have seen it.
 Still, they own it. How they became
 possessed of it is not the purpose at
 this time to inquire. Being owners
 they naturally claim the benefit ac-
 cruing from the operation of that ma-
 chinery. The workers, the wealth
 producers, being a propertyless class,
 i. e., without property in the machin-
 ery of wealth production, are com-
 pelled to go to the owners for permis-
 sion to get access to the means of life.
 Permission is granted, sometimes, but
 the owners, the capitalist class, con-
 fident in the knowledge of their su-
 perior position, impose conditions.
 Shortly they are these: "All the
 wealth that you produce over and
 above the cost of your subsistence be-
 belongs to us. The cheapest man gets
 the job."

WAR—WHAT FOR?

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK
 Sent to any address on receipt of
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GET READY FOR "RED WEEK"

The first week in May has been an-
 nounced as "Red Week," during
 which every energy of the Socialist
 party, national and local, is to be
 used in an effort to increase the mem-
 bership and extend the circulation of
 the Socialist press. Bring this up
 at your Local meeting.

Because women have been found
 to be cheaper, the American Express
 company is replacing a large number
 of men clerks in the main offices in
 New York. Over 160 men were dis-
 placed last month.

**UNDER THE STARS AND
 STRIPES**

The Finnish Socialists of Michigan
 are protesting vigorously to Gov. Fer-
 ris to stop the deportation of Social-
 ists and union men from the copper
 country.

Bring along a friend to the Salter
 lecture next Sunday evening. Don't
 forget the Geffs meeting in the after-
 noon at headquarters.

John D. Rockefeller, jr., has an-
 nounced that the Rockefeller Founda-
 tion will donate \$100,000 to the starv-
 ing Colorado miners and their families.

Order a bundle of Washington So-
 cialists for distribution during "Red
 Week." There will be special propa-
 ganda articles in that issue and an
 appeal to Socialists to join the party.
 Order your bundle right away. Six
 dollars a thousand.

If you can't afford to renew your
 sub. let us know and we will keep you
 on the list until you can. Drop us a
 post card or phone us.

"DENOUNCED"

Karl Liebknecht and Herr Kuehle
 have been "denounced" by the Social-
 ists party reichstag members for their
 "breach of discipline" when they failed
 to vote as a unit on the war bud-
 get.

A committee of the Socialist party
 of Switzerland has requested the In-
 ternational Socialist bureau at The
 Hague to call a meeting of Socialists
 of neutral countries to discuss in
 what way they can best begin an agi-
 tation in favor of peace.

Ten copies of the Washington So-
 cialist for ten weeks will cost you \$1.
 Let us send you a bundle so that you
 can build up the Socialist movement
 in your locality. Get your local inter-
 est in this.

**MIGHTY GOOD SHOWING
 TEXAS-OKLAHOMA VOTE**

Below we publish the official vote
 of the Socialist party of Texas and
 Oklahoma since the birth of organiza-
 tion in these states in 1900:

Oklahoma	
1900	815
1902	1,963
1904	4,443
1906	4,042
1908	21,279
1910	24,707
1912	41,424
1914	52,963

Texas	
1900	498
1902	838
1904	2,457
1906	2,758
1908	8,100
1910	11,538
1912	25,275
1914 (estimated)	28,000

ALWAYS JOBS—ELSEWHERE

Many people seem to be under the
 impression that if there was a sys-
 tematized way of getting workers to
 the jobs everything would be lovely.
 They forget that everywhere there
 are men out of work. If every city in
 the state has its unemployed, and
 nowhere is there any difficulty in
 getting men, then even a thorough
 employment system could not accom-
 plish anything.

But there's one thing it could do,
 and that is to prove that it cannot do
 everything, and that some other re-
 forms must come looking to the al-
 leviation of the CAUSE of unemploy-
 ment.

Some Fresno people think if the
 unemployed would only go to Chico
 they could get work. Up there they
 recommend that the men go to Mo-
 desto. And so it goes. City people
 say, "Why don't they go to the coun-
 try? There's always plenty of work
 in the country. At least a man can
 get along somehow." And out in the
 country they say to the job hunters,
 "There is no work at this time of the
 year. Why don't you stay in the city
 where there is always something be-
 ing done?"—Fresno Labor News.

**FLAGRANT CASE OF
 JUDICIAL PERSECUTION**

Act—And Do It Now

By CHAS. W. ERVIN.

The punishment of Pat Quinlan for
 daring to take part in a struggle of a
 group of toilers in Paterson for a lit-
 tle less poverty, is uniquely diabolical.
 Unique in the fact that it has
 taken place in a republic. Unique in
 its frank brutality. Every one who
 read; every one who heard the evi-
 dence knows that the only offense
 committed by Quinlan was having
 what Justice Minturn termed "an or-
 strated economic faith which labored
 for the abolition of the present wage
 system." Having this faith Quinlan
 had the courage to do everything in
 his power to further its spread. Had
 the courage to carry his message even
 to Darkest Paterson. Since the in-
 famous Judge Jeffreys moved through
 England meting out punishment to ev-
 ery one who dared even to protest
 against the tyranny of the governing
 power, no English speaking judge has
 as frankly and brutally sought to
 spread a reign of judicial terror as
 has been witnessed in parts of New
 Jersey during the last two years. This
 reign of judicial terror has had but
 one object in view—the beating down
 of every movement to help the toilers
 in their struggles for a little better
 wages and a little better conditions
 for themselves and those dependent
 upon their earnings. Quinlan, Boyd,
 Scott, Haywood and others, all felt
 the sting of the judicial lash. It mat-
 tered not who they were. It mattered
 only that they were working in the
 interests of the class that was being
 robbed through our present wage sys-
 tem. Let another struggle take place
 and it will be another group who will
 feel the heavy hand of judicial injus-
 tice upon them. This is YOUR fight
 for his liberty. It is YOUR fight for
 YOUR liberty. What happened to
 Quinlan and the rest may happen to
 YOU any day in any state, unless the
 workers of this country serve notice
 in no uncertain words that they are
 not going to be over-awed by a few
 men who happen to have the adminis-
 tration of the laws in their hands and
 who use this power in the interest of
 the employing-class. Are we going
 to stand idly by and allow our com-
 rades to lose their liberty because
 having seen their duty in dangerous
 places they have dared to do it. See
 them rot in jail while we enjoy at
 least, some degree of liberty? It is
 Quinlan in the east and Holt in the
 west and what have we done in the
 way of organized effort to set them
 free? To talk about it means nothing
 and to write about it means less un-
 less it results in the use of ORGANIZ-
 ED POWER to force the lords of MIS-
 rule to open the prison doors to these
 brave and faithful soldiers of the com-
 mon good. Every day that they stay
 in jail is a day of shame to the work-
 ers of the United States. Every day
 that they stay in jail is an indictment
 against the manhood and womanhood
 of the class in whose interests these
 comrades lost their liberty. Get busy
 in every UNION, in every LOCAL.
 Our forefathers formed a League of
 Sacred Defense against the tyranny
 of England. Formed it before the re-
 volution. Let us do the same. Let us
 form a League of Defense Against Jud-
 icial Tyranny. Hardly a day passes
 but that some act of judicial tyranny
 takes place somewhere in this land
 which should be our land. Tell the
 story of the crime against Quinlan to
 every one you meet. Tell the story
 of the crimes against other workers.
 The people will act when they know
 the truth. Let a demand signed by
 millions go, not only to the courts of
 New Jersey for the undoing of this
 crime committed against Quinlan, but
 to every court that has meted out the
 same brand of injustice to every cham-
 pion of the working-class now endur-
 ing the torture of a capitalist jail. Get
 busy—GET BUSY and GET BUSY
 NOW. Write this paper as soon as
 YOU have organized for this purpose.
 Every moment is precious. Our com-
 rades' faithfulness cries aloud to us.
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WHO WANTS A FARM?
 Here's a Good One—Will Ex-
 change for City Property.

Illa, Wash., March 14, 1915.
 Editor Washington Socialist:
 Dear Comrade: I have been a So-
 cialist for twenty years, and will be
 seventy next September. For this rea-
 son I want to sell my place here and
 go to Everett to live among the So-
 cialists there. I am too old and crippled
 to work, but I could help swell your
 vote.

I have 160 acres of homestead land;
 80 under plow; 10 in alfalfa, and 20
 more good for same. Balance will
 raise wheat, barley, corn, potatoes,
 melons, vegetables, etc. Plenty of
 water for irrigation. Well of fine wa-
 ter at house; also spring on opposite
 end of place. Mild winters; new
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 landing one-fourth mile; depot at Al-
 mota, three miles; store and black-
 smith shop, 4 1/4 miles; house 30x14,
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 one or two small houses in Everett,
 at from \$1,000 to \$1,500, balance part
 cash and long-time payments on re-
 mainder.

For more definite information, write
 me at the above address. If I make a
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The One Prerequisite

We publish in this issue a reply to Local Republic's communication regarding money and the banking monopoly, from comrade "Proletaria Bill." It is well that this issue has been raised. The principle that the radical forces of labor should concentrate their efforts on one big issue, is worthy of serious consideration. But not all rebels, either within or without the Red Card group, are agreed on the question of what the one big issue should be. "Proletaria Bill" emphasizes the necessity for concentration of our efforts on the attainment of Power. But we must have something more concrete, more specific. What is it? In our judgment, it is not the money question. The ruling class would not recognize as "constitutional," or even legal, any action that the working class would take depriving them of the power to exploit them, whether it be through the banking system or through the pay envelope.

Obviously, our first step is conquest by the workers of the political powers of government. We wage laws must get into our own hands the law-making, police, and military powers of the government. Meddling with the banking system, or with any other system, will be of no practical advantage to the working class until they shall have wrested the legal and police machinery from the hands of the master-class.

Again, our secondary objective, it seems to us, should be, abolition not of the banking monopoly, but of wage slavery! This cannot be accomplished sooner by round-a-bout methods. Let us have for our battle cry, "Abolition of wage slavery!" Then naturally follows the means of carrying this into effect. And, again, this is not through agitation and legislation on money and banking, but, by concentrating our efforts on abolition of private property in things socially necessary and co-operatively used. In brief, abolition of privately owned capital—i. e., abolition of privately owned land and machinery, and public utilities, which are now operated for profits instead of for use. This accomplished, the banking and money question will be automatically settled.

Moreover,—and perhaps more important a consideration,—no emancipatory settlement, or adjustment, of the money and banking system can possibly be effected until the ruling-class is deprived of its present hold on the nation's political and police powers.

This then is the one and fundamental issue: CONQUEST OF THE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT BY THE WORKING CLASS.

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ANY DAY, ANYWHERE

"Socialism? I should say not! Look what the present (capitalist) system is doing for me. If they hadn't 'ave imported that cheap labor and let the work out to contractors I was going to get a few days work on the street. Socialism? Not for mub! If I'm out of a job it's my own fault. Can't expect the taxpayers to get the job done by day-labor when it might cost as much as by contract, can ye? Course not. Say, what's the chance for a job down there where you're at? None! Ah hell!"

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A Joint Discussion of Party Affairs and Platform Immediate Demands Between C. W. Barzee, of Portland, Ore., and Frans Bostrom, of Tacoma, Washington.

OUR IMMEDIATE DEMANDS Second Contribution.

BY C. W. BARZEE.

That food, shelter, raiment, culture and the enjoyment of life are NOT common requirements of "society," as asserted by Comrade Bostrom in his denial of our homogeneous interests, is too absurd, too unsocialistic, too technically contentions to receive further comment in this discussion. Let those who wish to agree with him do so at the peril of contradicting all socialist declarations, written or spoken. Readers must decide this for themselves.

The word "state" may be used to represent society only when it refers to internationalism. The plural of the word—societies—does not enter the socialist program or the science of Marxian socialism. We leave this also with our readers.

To be a socialist is to be revolutionary. There is not and cannot be any other brand of socialists. Their program includes "equal opportunities to earn a living," and absolute certainty of a job, impossibility of "letting out," no "compromise," and the emancipation of the whole working class, which in turn will eliminate classes and emancipate ALL.

It is not through a desire for "fairness," "justice," "generosity" or "mercy"—but through a political revolution backed by industrial revolution, which is already here, that the socialist party must succeed. This revolution must not be born of the stomach—"Jimmy Higgins" type—if it was it would fall when the stomach was filled), but of mentally evolved individual minds. These individuals must come from those now affiliated with capitalist political parties. The plan under discussion is how best to reach them. We find by demonstration immediate demands that are best suited to a possible common (though not all inclusive, on account of the workers' inability to grasp it) interest of the workers.

His statement that correct relations between the units of society is not the aim of the socialist party, and that the interests of individual members thereof "never can be identical," is common capitalist argument that socialism is impossible. No more euphonic capitalist statement could be parroted by anyone.

His course of knocking possible immediate demands and his implied single demand for present impossible things ONLY impedes the progress of the party. While not failing to demand ALL, we must work for things of present possible attainment if we are to interest non-Socialists in our propaganda. Since Comrade Bostrom fails to squarely meet the issue of immediate demands, set forth in my former letter relating to the "Industrial Department," we pass on to the Stitt Wilson letter—the basis of this discussion—and take a glance at his inconsistency.

Socialism is growing in France in spite of the war. The party membership is on the increase and the circulation of Socialist party publications is mounting higher.

Say, honest now, hasn't the easy party just made things easy for the horny-headed sons of toll with that Clayton anti-injunction bill? And, oh, you elastic currency! Learn anything? Not by a d— sight! Wait until 1916 and watch them swing back to the G. O. P. Learn nothin'!

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SAYS BOSTROM FAILED TO MEET ISSUE

Comrade Bostrom says "were all party members working men and working women, then there could be no other fault to find with immediate demands but their uselessness." Does he take into consideration that ALL working men and working women are not SOCIALISTS? That they do not understand working class psychology? That they must be educated before they will desert their masters and other political parties of their class? A corrected statement would be this—That were all working men and working women socialists, there would be no use for immediate demands. This we made plain in our former letter. Does comrade Bostrom mean to say an exclusive insignificant body of working class men and women can usher in the co-operative commonwealth with the great masses against them? If this is his conclusion he should unite his efforts with our friends, the I. W. W., and reap the vanity of his expectancy.

He intimated in that letter also that the only immediate demand he endorsed was a shorter work day; and he no doubt did work for the 8-hour day in the late election. A comparison of the two measures—the 8-hour day and the industrial department—will prove which is the more socialistic and revolutionary.

THE OREGON MEASURE

The eight-hour day does not guarantee a job. It leaves the capitalist employer in complete control of the product, subject to a lockout. It does not fix prices, which will always be raised to correspond with hours and wages, and the worker is not one whit ahead in the final ending; while the industrial department, as proposed by the Oregon measure, supplies all with a job and leaves the product in the hands of the state. If this measure is opportunism, please give us enough opportunism to feed, clothe and house us until mental evolution can bring the working class to a collective ownership of the earth. Let us not draw our cloak of mental "holier than thou" self-righteousness about us to the exclusion of offering a plan leading to a comprehensive understanding of socialism by lesser evolved minds—even though our works may not be altogether scientifically socialistic. Sky-rockets may light up the heavens, but they are of no account on earth. We must teach those we would reach. Let visionaries dwell among the clouds; but let socialists deal with conditions on earth—just as we find them, just where we find them, and let that manner of dealing be within the political comprehensiveness of those with whom we deal. Practicable workable facts, not fine spun theories, are what socialists must present if they accomplish anything. Shall socialists demand present impossible things that get the attention of the workers? Was the department of industry and public works measure initiated by the socialist party of Oregon for or against the advancement of socialism?

C. W. BARZEE.

Why does civilization advance so slowly? Because, acting under the impulse of the instinct of self-preservation, men, when superior weapons were invented, used them, not for the benefit of all mankind, but for their own welfare.

Because, when natures forces became more or less clear to some men, they, instead of enlightening their fellows, utilized their knowledge for the mystification and mental enslavement of mankind, and thus became the priesthood and parasites of the world, following the lines of least resistance. Because, when tools and machinery were invented, the great mass permitted the possessors to use these inventions as a means for its own enslavement. The law of the strongest alone can settle the problem. Will the giant, labor, strike the mosquito, that is sucking its life blood? Comrade Barzee appeals to the mosquito to refrain from making its living in its natural way. I appeal to the working class to strike the pest before all strength has oozed out of the arm. That is the difference between Utopian and Revolutionary Socialism. Comrade Barzee believes in the community of interests between the insect and the man, homogeneity of the exploiter and the exploited. I do not. Government is the rule of the club. We must swing the club. Our forefathers, captured in battle by their tribal enemies were made slaves. Given a chance, they would without hesitation have killed their masters to gain freedom. Our freedom can no longer be gained in so simple a manner. But that fact and that alone should be our only reason for not using the means. It doesn't pay. But any one who hesitates to use the means that will work, whose superstitious scruples are stronger than his love of emancipation, is a traitor to the cause. Opportunism is the idea that the elevation of some of us to the office of "trustee" to watch the other slaves, is a gain to all, a step in the right direction. Is it?

C. W. BARZEE.

NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY PLEASE DO BETTER

While the plan for a jitney attack is meeting with an encouraging response, we feel that it should be made a still more effective means of taking the message of Socialism into the wilderness. Remember, comrades, that the only excuse for the existence of a Socialist paper is to teach and preach Socialism. So we must let no opportunity escape to the petty Dobb element of at least Snohomish county. It is a reflection upon us as an organization, that there are some living in this county who have never heard of Socialism. We have a list of some of these unfortunate, and it is up to you to see to it that a jitney's worth (three copies) of The Washington Socialist is put into each home, where the gospel of Socialism is a stranger. LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

BACK TO EARTH

"Just wait till 1916!" said the man who has sudden spells of enthusiasm. "What'll happen then?" "Well, come to think of it, I suppose we'll have a few brief months of exhilaration and then we'll settle down and wait for 1920."

UTOPIAN VERSUS REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM.

BY FRANS BOSTROM.

Man, and every other animal, and perhaps also every vegetable organism, is to himself a pivot around which the whole rest of the universe moves. To each there is first and foremost but one thing to consider, namely "I" (the EGO). Everything surrounding him has a value exactly in proportion to its usefulness to HIM. In natural condition his first instinct is self-preservation at any price. To the best of his understanding he will steer clear of situations that may endanger his existence or make his life uncomfortable and miserable. In all the world he can expect no other consideration from any other organism than what is conceded to him for the usefulness he renders to each respectively. No one can afford to give more. All sentiments and ideals are but manifestations of material needs or their gratifications. In satisfying his needs he economizes with his energy, follows the lines of least resistance, just as a drop of water spilled on a dusty table finds its way along the lowest depression and rolls along until it falls to the floor. In his dealings with other beings he finds the law of the strongest, the survival of the fittest, operating absolutely and mercilessly. He found it to his advantage to co-operate with men of his own race and standard of advancement against other races and other degrees of civilization. He found it advantageous to invite with his neighbors to resist invasions of strangers and so founded tribes and nations. And finally he combines within the nation with men of similar interests for the protection of mutual interests. At no time will he (if he understands his interests) enter into any combination, unless it promises a greater return than individual effort can bring. In other words, individualism is his natural, animal, condition, collectivism is his advancement, his experience, civilization.

WHY PROGRESS IS SLOW

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The Socialist party is blessed with a varied assortment of exponents of the practicability of as many different contrivances for bringing about a premature birth of, what many term as, the co-operative commonwealth.

One shouts "we must organize democratically." Another joins with the inharmonious chorus and chants that "the government should buy the industries." Another is just as certain that "there is no other way but by voting as we are taught" (vote and disappear until time to vote again, as they did in Germany.) Another simply knows that "we must demonetize the dollar and issue labor currency."

The latter contrivance has been endorsed by Local Republic as the pre-eminent pill for our uplift. The preamble to the resolutions passed by that Local and published in the March 25th issue of the Washington Socialist is similar to, if not identical with, a doctrine that emanates from a little burg in Illinois. They say:

"Pass a law to demonetize every dollar in existence and substitute therefor a government issue of currency based on labor, to be paid direct to the people for labor performed. This would shift the standard of value to where it naturally belonged. The price of any article on the market would depend on the days, hours and minutes necessary to its production. Let us therefore kill the old money goose that lays all the rotten eggs that hatch out into the rotten system that are a festering sore on the body politic and thus stop the breed at once and forever."

Some science that. Who ever knew of rotten eggs hatching out?

To be serious, it is strikingly certain that it is the labor "goose" that is laying the eggs,—and they are good eggs. They are so good that labor's master takes all of them except what the "goose" needs to keep in laying condition and perpetuate its race.

Labor is a slave to capital. The proof is certain. The present system of (freedom to buy and sell) slavery evolved from a more primitive form of slavery called serfdom, where the slave (serf bound to the soil) simply divided up his product with his master without the incumbrance of the deceptive process of receiving "money" wages, or keep. Serfdom evolved from absolute chattel slavery, which preceded it as a quite universal institution.

"GO TO THE BOTTOM"

Who has the hardihood to contend that the chattel slavery of ancient Egypt, Palestine, Greece and the Roman Empire was based upon whether or not they used as an exchange medium, silver, copper, leather or traded commodity for commodity? Those countries were the cradle of our "civilization" which we now have, and which was nursed on the milk that was milked from the slave. Go to the bottom for the cause or we prove our inability to get the cause of anything.

Ancient slavery has simply evolved, as was necessary, to keep pace with the development of the tools and modes of production. As the tools and modes of production are now of the gigantic power-driven machines, the old form of slavery that produced with the hoe and the spinning wheel will not and cannot fit it.

The slave of today gets just enough of his product to keep him in working order and to reproduce himself with—provided he can find a master who can use him. The ancient slave received the same portion first hand and did not have to hunt his master. Therefore the economic feature, which is the trunk feature, is essentially the same in the present slavery as it was in ancient slavery. Who will say that "money" in any form was the cause of it all?

"POWER" THE KEY

The workers of the world have never yet developed the organized power and intelligence with which to free THEMSELVES from any kind of slavery. This organized power and class intelligence is now developing to keep pace with the modern tools of production and will throw off the curse of economic bondage when the time is ripe for revolution. Therefore POWER is the "key."

We can fix any kind of contrivance we need to effect exchange with when we have developed the power to keep the world freed from masters and master classes.

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