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## WAR MAY END IN JULY, SAYS DR. JORDAN

David Starr Jordan, formerly president of Leland Stanford, Junior University, California, gives his views on the outlook for peace—views that will be of interest to all readers. Dr. Jordan finds for a young people of the world a singular responsibility, and he points to the necessity for plain talking on the part of all. Here is what Dr. Jordan, noted advocate of peace, has to say:

By DAVID STARR JORDAN  
As to the duration of the war one can only guess. So many elements are involved that one man's guess is as good as another's. I think that it is drawing near an end; let us say in July, not risking, however, any reputation I may have as a minor prophet.

I do not believe that any sweeping victory may be expected. People may lose faith in force of arms. To force peace through starvation is abhorrent. Peace through exhaustion of money cannot be had for a year or so. The nations were all in the mire of debt when the dance of death began. I think the weakness of all these nations will come through personal distress. Every house is a house of mourning, and no political gain can compensate for the losses of today and the resultant impoverishment of the race.

The Germans must get out of Belgium, where they never had any business to be. This invasion was a blunder and a crime which every excuse and quibble has made worse. The whole Serbian affair, from the seizure of Bosnia in 1908, was foolish and wicked. Let the Balkans belong to the Balkans. The Turk is an outworn nuisance, and the Dardanelles should be wide open—Gibraltar and Dover, too, for that matter.

But the main thing is stop the slaughter. The treaty of peace is not likely to settle much. It remains for the young men of the world and the women to show their mettle. The old hoary injustices of Europe should be attacked one by one in such a way as we can, without bloodshed, and toward the final freedom of the initiative and the limitation of privilege. It would make a man's body or a woman's or a baby's as sacred as a flag.

How to begin and where, no one can say now. It is well to speak our minds plainly and to watch for a chance when our speech may take effect. The appointment of a joint official committee of neutral nations is the best thing in sight. But that has many difficulties. Such a committee should sit until the war is over. Where will they sit to advantage? And the main difficulty is that any one fit to sit on such a committee is a very busy man, and his nation needs him at home.

## INDUSTRIAL EVOLUTION AND CLASS STRUGGLE

By JOHN C. WANHOPE

In feudal times, when the noble lord dined, those not possessing the rank or title sat 'below the salt' in the lofty dining hall of the castle. Of course God assigned the guests to their respective places; He placed the nobles and knights and the honored ones at the head, and those who were not nobles and knights He seated "below the salt," which seemed to be the dividing line.

Great changes have taken place in the world since then. Industrial evolution has in a way abolished many old customs, and the march of the centuries has left them behind in the wake of human progress, to be examined by antiquarians and those who love to delve in the dust of past ages.

But a great many relics of old ideas are still doing duty in the human brain. The divinely assigned places of those of inferior station still hold good. As the descendants of those who "sat below the salt," the modern wage workers are still in the same seat the Almighty placed for them in ages gone. His decrees are irrevocable as regards inferiority, but as Taft and others say, "he works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

In those old days it was considered a slave had no soul, just as some people contended that a black man was not a human being. Most people will now concede that it was a wrong view. They will admit he had a soul and was human. The slave and serf have evolved into the present wage worker and still "sit below the salt." He occupies an inferior position; he is a work animal, who may or may not be considered, just as policy directs. But, lurking in the brain is the idea that he, the "worker" is inferior and without rank or title.

### The Exposition.

In the city of San Francisco, just inside the Golden Gate, the most beautiful and artistic of all international exhibitions is now complete. The buildings, with their domes, towers, statuary and artistic surroundings a magnificent monument to those who designed and built them; thousands of workers in the past few years have given their skill, their strength and their health. They have toiled in the sun and rain and fog. Their very lives have been sacrificed in the risky and hazardous work of climbing hundreds of feet in the air in the necessary act of erecting these structures. During all this period those who were engaged to labor were "graciously" given passes of admittance to the grounds and numerous guards were employed to see that no wage slave could get in without the necessary permission. These passes were good for two daily

admissions. Saturday, February 20, was the opening day. That date on each pass was stamped "void" which means, no free admittance for the workers on that date. In effect the promoting plutocrats says to the worker: "We bought and paid for your blood and sweat. We are not interested in you any further. You are 'below the salt.' Without the price you can't come in."

### The Modern Exploiter.

This is a powerful searchlight thrown upon the psychology of modern exploiter. There is no recognition of what the worker has contributed to the world. He erected these beautiful structures and filled them with the things necessary and useful to human society. The product of his skill and brain is gathered from all over the world that millions may come and gaze with rapture on the works of art that twentieth century science has produced.

The dollar-headed capitalist can see nothing but a money value in the worker's work. These sordid mercenary reaching out for the half dollar admission fee can only see the eagle above whose wings is stamped "In God We Trust." Organized labor has conceded to these exposition promoters many advantages. In some crafts a lower wage scale was maintained inside the fence than was paid outside, and by the agreement no strikes were to take place during the building period. But these concessions do not in any way alter the opinion of the exploiters regarding the workers. They would not even concede to them as a commodity bought and sold at its market price. When the commodity has their passes for opening day.

Few would object to the matter of fifty cents admission, but it is the principle that lies back of it. No surer evidence exists that labor power is a commodity bought and sold at its market price. When the commodity has served its purpose it is cast aside, there being always an abundant supply on hand. The message that is reverberating around the world to the workers is: "Discard forever the old idea of the slave past, that you are inferior. Show the masters of the means and sources of life, that is they who should be considered inferior. They are parasites on the world's workers and only those who have a right to exist are they who perform useful labor."

The exposition workers could have resented this insult by refusing to work the week previous to the opening and thus left the finishing of the booths and exhibits to the soft-handed exploiters of labor. This would have been the greatest lesson ever taught the plutocrats and others who occupy the high places at the table of the human family. It would have made it clear to them that without these despised workers there would be no beautiful structures to please the artistic sense of mankind.

The solution of labor's problem then rests with ourselves. Recognizing that we are the only useful class in society the old idea of inferiority will fade into the mists of an age past and dead. Let us organize with one purpose in view, the purpose that should inspire every worker, the seating of ourselves by our own aid at the table of the human family, hat table piled high with the good things of the earth, the honored seats being for those who do the world's useful work.

## CELEBRATE MAY DAY

Make up your mind now that you will attend the international Labor Day celebration to be held at Socialist Party Headquarters, Sunday, May 2nd, at 8 o'clock.

Plans for speakers, music, etc., are under way, and full program will be announced in next week's issue.

It is hoped that each one who reads this, will do his or her share toward making this event the biggest one of the year.

## DOUBLY ENSLAVED

Though whipt, though shackled though in bondage pent,  
No slave is he who struggles to be free;  
But slave indeed—aye, twice enslaved is he—  
Who bears his servitude in dull content!

### ATTENTION, COMRADES!

There will be a distribution of literature on next Sunday, April 25th. All hands and the cook are expected to get their packages at the Headquarters Saturday evening. Volunteers are wanted. Turn out and do your share.  
F. G. CROSBY,  
City Organizer.

"I confess without shame that I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. Even success the most brilliant, is over dead and mangled bodies; the anguish and lamentations of distant families appealing to me for missing sons, husbands and fathers. It is only those who have not heard a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded and lacerated, that cry aloud for more blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell!"—William Tecumseh Sherman.

## SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM

By J. C. HARKENESS

The four cardinal principles upon which Socialism is founded are:  
1. Materialist conception of history or remote economic determinism.  
2. Surplus value.  
3. The class struggle.  
4. Collectiveness with democratic management.

### First Cardinal Principle.

If the people could get to understand these four great principles thoroughly, it would be only a short time before the great majority would become genuine Socialists, work and vote for Socialism, until the co-operative commonwealth is fully established.  
It seems the first of these principles is not understood by the people for the reason so many of them seem to construe it as meaning antagonism to the spiritual idea. No such things is intended. It simply means that the method by which society is fed, clothed, housed and educated, determines the prosperity, health, ethics, spirituality and happiness of the individual members of society as a collective whole. It has nothing against religion, morality, ethics or spirituality, but, if true, the religion, morality, ethics and spirituality of the people depends on the fact whether society as a whole is well fed, clothed, housed and educated. If the people suffer religiously, ethically and spiritually.

### Second Cardinal Principle

The second of these cardinal principles above stated, surplus value, is simply the difference between what a laborer produces and what he receives for doing the work. For instance, our statisticians, many of them at least, have agreed, that the average production of wealth per person, working on an average of ten hours per day is \$10 of wealth, while the average wages paid is less than \$2 per day. The difference between the amount received or \$2 per day and the amount produced \$10 per day is \$8 or the surplus value of each worker, which the employer receives and thus concentrates in the hands of fewer and fewer persons. The Socialist simply says that what is now surplus value would be distributed back to the laborers who produce the wealth and hence there would not be a small class of very wealthy and a large class who are constantly near the line of actual want. All would have the necessary material things desired and all would be happy.

### Third Cardinal Principle

The third cardinal principle on which Socialism is based, as above stated is the class struggle. We Socialists do not teach that there is a class struggle because we desire such a condition in society but rather, because we desire to arouse the laboring producing classes to a condition of class consciousness, so that they will arise and remove the causes which impel the class struggle. What are the causes which impel the class struggle? The principal cause is the surplus value which labor creates but which the capitalist or employer gets. The laborer desires a larger portion of this surplus value which he creates or larger wages. The capitalist desires to retain that which he is already getting and hence he opposes any increase of wages and even fights for lower and lower wages so that he may retain the surplus value he is now getting, and this class struggle now getting and thus class struggle ever goes on and ever will go on so long as the capitalist system continues in operation: The Socialist says this surplus value should all go to the laboring class that creates it. That the way to do that is for the laborers to become class conscious, unite on the political field and on the industrial field, take charge and control of the political state and of the industries so that the laborer who produces the wealth shall get the full social product of his toil and thereby wipe out the causes of the class struggle.

### Fourth Cardinal Principle

Which Socialism is based, as above stated is collectivism, with democratic management. Not collectivism as of today which is managed by the plutocrats or the few capitalists for the few capitalists but a collectivism in which every member of society shall have an equal ownership in the social tools of production and distribution and therefore an equal power to make all the laws, rules and regulations of the political state and of the industries and therefore with the power to make every member of society equal beneficiaries of all the laws, rules and regulations of society.

Thus we see that Socialism is based on scientific principles and with an ultimate aim in view that society shall own and operate democratically all the social tools of production and distribution for use and not for profit so as to give the laborer the full social product of his toil.

"War is the devil's own game."—George Fox.

## DE PROFUNDIS

(Out of the Depths.)

Here are the brave twenty that stood forth—their homes crumbling into ruins, the walls of their world tottering around them—who so valorously laid down their lives on the altar of unionism, justice and the right of the common people. Born in obscurity, working in the lowly places, these heroic souls, on their last day, arose to great heights. Verily, the head is well chosen, for they came out of the depths.

- LOUIS TIKAS.
- PRIMO LARESE, age 18 years.
- RODERLO PEDROGONE, age 6 years.
- CLOIRVA PEDROGONE, age 4 years.
- LUCY COSTA.
- PEDELINA COSTA.
- ONAFRIO COSTA, age 6 years.
- CHARLES COSTA.
- JAMES FYLER.
- FRANK RUBINO.
- JOHN BARTOLOTTI.
- FRANK W. SNYDER, age 11 years.
- PATRIA VALDEZ.
- EULALA VALDEZ, age 8 years.
- MARY VALDEZ, age 7 years.
- ELVIRA VALDEZ, age 3 months.
- RUDOLPH VALDEZ, age 9 years.
- FRANK PETRUCCI, age 3 years.
- LUCY PETRUCCI, age 3 years.
- JOE PETRUCCI, age 4 years.

Warm summer sun, shine kindly here,  
Warm southern wind blow softly here,  
Green sod above, lie light, lie light,  
Good night, dear hearts, good night,  
good night.

## LUDLOW

(By James Morgan)

Ludlow and April 29th—What fearful memories it recalls, the day on which the blackest page in American industrial history was written.

The name brings vividly to mind the screams of dying women, of little children burned and smothered, of men murdered in cold blood while prisoners of the state militia. And we wonder if after all it was not a hideous nightmare for it seems incredible that such things could have taken place in a country which boasts of its freedom; a country that says to the oppressed and downtrodden of all nations: Come, here you will find freedom and equality, the chance to live and labor, for here in this great republic, founded by those who revolted against tyranny and oppression every person is guaranteed certain inalienable rights and among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Gathered in the little tented city of Ludlow were representatives of many nationalities, who had listened to the cry of the new world and answered the call, with visions of their new home where man was free, the awakening came and they found no freedom under conditions that existed in the mining camp industry of Colorado and the same desire for freedom and a better and happier life for themselves and their loved ones, which caused them to leave their native lands, also caused them to revolt against the conditions of life and labor which obtained in that field and as the people in the early days of our country organized to secure rights to themselves that were God given, so these children of many lands organized to protect themselves and obtain the same rights and treatment accorded to their fellows in organized industry, and the power of government instead of protecting and guaranteeing these rights, rights that are fundamental if the Declaration of Independence means anything, used or permitted the strong arm of the state to be used against them, and the bloody history of Ludlow was written by men wearing the uniform of a great state.

### Causes Have Not Been Removed

Deplorable and terrible as was the loss of life, there were vital principles at stake, principles for which rivers of blood had been shed and thousands of men had laid down their lives to establish and defend and while the slaughter of women and children stirred the country from one end to the other, it remains to be seen whether proper significance has been attached to what occurred in Colorado. If it has, then the people will take steps that will prevent the growth of conditions that make a Ludlow possible. However, what has transpired since that memorable day does not fill one with the hope that this phase of the matter has received much attention from the public at large. The horror of the Ludlow massacre is less in the public mind and the causes that led up to it have not been rectified. The great Lincoln said: "No nation could long exist half slave and half free," and no republic can exist and be a government of the people, that fails to not only rectify the abuses which lead to such scenes as were enacted in Colorado or that refuses or fails to remove the causes which lie behind industrial disturbances and industrial unrest. On this, the first anniversary of the death of the Ludlow martyrs, while we grieve with those who lost their loved ones, let us hope their deaths have not been in vain.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BOY SCOUTS

By J. C. MCKEE.

The Boy Scout movement: Is it in the interests of militarism or not, that is the question. The daily papers of this state would have the mothers of the boys believe there is no militarism about it. I came across some proof today that I think will pretty effectually settle the controversy for all time. In "Farm Life Reader," book 4, page 318, (this is the adopted reading circle books for the state) I find these words under the subject of "Boy Scouts":

"And how did these laddies behave? why, they answered that call. Uniformed and drilled like soldiers; they became men indeed. As messengers they carried dispatches from fort to fort under fire of shot and shell and faced death as bravely as their fathers did it. As sentinels and orderlies they lived up to the last requirements of duty. At whatever post of service they were placed they behaved like soldiers. So conspicuous was the service of these boy soldiers of England that the editor of the London Daily Express wrote of them:

"Throughout the hall of Boer bullets these young heroes mounted mostly on bicycles, carried on their duties without wavering. At the end of the war they received their medals like the grown-up soldiers."

"The behavior of these British lads at Mafeking prepared English ground for the seeds of the Boy Scout movement, which were to be sown some years later.

"While the English lads were risking their young lives in the defense of the South African city, Ernest Thompson-Seton, great nature lover, was banding American boys together to play at the man's game that they, too, might answer nobly when duty called."

So you see the movement stands condemned by its own friends.

## 'Twas YOU WHO RAISED YOUR BOY TO BE A SOLDIER

(By Gerald G. Lively.)

O! Mothers of the world I hear you weeping  
My heart has caught the echo of your pain,  
The fruit of what you sowed you now are reaping  
When you read your loved ones' name among the slain.  
'Twas you who taught your boy to be a soldier,  
You lifted him when soldiers passed your way,  
You first gave him a gun—I know 'twas only fun—  
But it trained his baby fingers for the fray.  
Take down the general's picture in the parlor,  
Tear down the gaudy butchers from the wall,  
'Tis time to teach your boy life's wider meaning  
That he may understand a brother's call.  
Don't give your boy a toy-gun for a plaything  
'Twill only teach the little hands to slay.  
Hide away the screeching fife that whistles for your life.  
Burn the drum and throw the wretched sword away.  
'Twas you who gave the box of books of 'heroes,'  
That showed in gaudy tints the soldier's life,  
You thrilled his baby-mind with empty "glory,"  
That tinsell'd lie which is the soul of strife.  
'Twas you who gave the box of wooden soldiers,  
'Twas you who gave the little sword of tin,  
'Twas you who raised your boy to be a soldier,  
And mothers, you are paying for your sin.

## MAKING POLITICAL ACTION DIFFICULT

By CARL D. THOMPSON

In his recent book on American Syndicalism, John Graham Brooks has the following to say about Socialism in the United States:  
"Socialism steadily wins its way underneath all differences. Language, religion, forms of government sent no barrier to its growth, because the causes of Socialism underlie all these. "The causes have their roots in the discovered excesses of a competitive system that fails to meet the minimum of equality which powerful sections in these communitages now demand. In no part of the world have these excesses been more riotous than in the United States. Nowhere have they been brought so widely or more directly home to the masses than in this country. The magnitude of our area and of our economic resources have concealed and delayed the exposure. With the opening of the twentieth century the exposure has come.

"After three decades of obscure and fitful struggle Socialism becomes part and parcel of our political and social structure. It no longer stammers exclusively in a tongue half learned. It is at home in every American dialect. It no longer apologizes, it defies. Almost suddenly it wins a congressman, fifty mayors, and nearly a thousand elected officials.

"One of our most commanding figures in the railroad world says that the only practical issue now is to 'stave Socialism off as long as possible.' He is convinced that the first chill of the shadow has fallen upon us. There is much reason to believe that Socialism in its more revolutionary character is from now on to have its most fruitful field in the United States."

## "BUSINESS"

"Commerce has set the mark of selfishness,  
The signet of its all-enslaving power  
Upon a shining ore, and called it gold:  
Before whose image bows the vulgar great,  
The vainly rich, the miserably proud,  
The mob of peasants, nobles, priests  
and kings,  
And with blind feelings reverence the power  
That grinds them to the dust of misery,  
But in the temple of their hireling's hearts  
Gold is a living God, and rules in scorn  
All earthly things but virtue."  
—Shelley.

## REFERENDUM ON WAR

Following are the locals that have seconded local Everett No. 1's referendum on war since last week's report.

- Local Bryant, Wash.
- Local Mt. Angeles, Wash.
- Local North Yakima, Wash.
- Local Albany, Oregon.
- Local Columbus, Kans.
- Local Ft. Worth, Tex.
- Local Eugene, Ore.
- Local Curlew, Wash.
- Local Fox, Oregon.
- Local Roseburg, Oregon.
- Local Tacoma No. 4, Wash.
- Local LaGrande, Oregon.
- Local Elgin, Ill.

If your local has not already seconded it, see to it right away.

## TO CONTRIBUTORS

Articles written on both sides of the paper will not be read. If type-written, double-space your copy. Use paper about 6x8 inches. Inclose stamps if you wish non-available mss. returned. We have too much poetry on hand. Make your contributions short and to the point.

## COMMISSIONER SALTER SHOWS NECESSITY FOR SCIENTIFIC TEACHING

The speaker last Sunday evening, at Socialist headquarters, 1612, California, was Comrade J. M. Salter, and his address was listened to with rapt attention from start to finish.

Comrade Salter declared that the great issue before Socialists is how we as individuals, and as an organization, become more efficient and potent factors for the realization of the aims for which we are organized. He then proceeded to point out that we were Socialists because we desired a better life and knew that we could not escape from the wage system of today as individuals, but only as a class. It was shown that conditions had reached a point where 98 per cent. of the people would be benefited by the abolishment of the wage system, and that the Socialist movement was the conscious, intelligent force of social evolution; that the best we could hope for was to be able to guide and direct these forces in order to usher in, if possible, a peaceful transition from capitalism to Socialism.

**THE NEXT ISSUE**  
OF THE WASHINGTON SOCIALIST WILL BE A HUMDINGER. IT  
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and will be full of short, snappy articles dealing with the different phases of Socialism. Just the kind to make the average plug sit up and take notice.

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You will have missed a golden opportunity to bring the Socialist philosophy before those who need it most.

We have mentioned this issue before and if you have not already ordered a bundle and it is your intention to do so, you will have to do it now, as no bundle orders will be accepted after April 28th.

THE BUNDLE RATES FOR THIS ISSUE ONLY ARE  
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**"Not a Military Body," Say Scouts; Read This**

The following letter throws some definite light on the subject of whether the Boy Scout movement is nonmilitaristic or strongly militaristic.

The song mentioned in the letter is an attempted answer to that unanswerable song, "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier."

The letter follows:

March 3, 1915.  
Shapiro, Bernstein & Co., 224-226 West 47th Street,  
New York City,  
Gentlemen—Please convey to Mr. Charles A. Bayha the best wishes of Maj.-Gen. Edwin A. McAlpin, Chief Scout of the United States Boy Scouts, for his conception of the patriotic song, "I'd be Proud to be the Mother of a Soldier."

General McAlpin also desires me to say it is his hope that Mr. Bayha's song will be sung in every United States Boy Scout's home throughout the Union.

Yours very truly,  
L. E. TRUMON,  
Quartermaster U. S. B. A.

This official letter definitely places the Boy Scout movement as a militaristic organization. A copy of the letter was exhibited in the window of one of the five and ten-cent stores of Pittsburg.

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# ORGANIZATION NEWS

## SNOHOMISH CO NEWS AND NOTES

Carl Ulonska, Secretary-Treasurer

### How About Red Week?

Has your local made preparations to start Red Week which starts on May 1st with a big Labor Day Celebration? If you haven't then begin preparations now for a big Red Week celebration—one that will bring in new members and encourage the weak-kneed ones. Every live local in the county reported for March. Let's keep up this record. Pay your dues the first of the month so that your local secretary can send in his report by the tenth.

Local Monroe—Up and Doing  
Up in Monroe they do things and well, too. Comrade Thompson reports that the local held a big basket social which was a success in every way, nearly a hundred present and seven new members were admitted. Reports from other locals are now in order.

### NEW WASHINGTON LOCALS

Locals have been organized at the following places since the last report.  
Local Lynden, Whatcom, county, 13 members.

Local Montevista, Whatcom, county, 12 members.

Local Hanle, Whatcom, county, 9 members.

Local Ferndale, Whatcom, county, 6 members.

Local Blaine, Whatcom, County, re-organized.

All these locals have been organized by Organizer Emil Herman. Comrade Herman is getting almost one local a day.

### STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING

The State Executive Committee will meet Sunday May 2nd in Nicholas Schmidt's office, room 302 Pacific block, Second and Yesler, Seattle at 10:30 a. m.

All communications intended for this meeting should be sent direct to the State Secretary at his office in Everett prior to the meeting.

### FIVE DOLLARS A LOCAL

The state office offers five dollars to any member that organizes a local and keeps that local in existence for three months. Get busy and organize a local in your burg. If there is already one there take a trip to the next burg and get one started there. The state secretary will furnish you with the names of all the readers of Socialist papers in the place you want to organize. Write for them.

### NAT. COMMITTEE ELECTION RETURNS

State Referendum C, 1915, the final ballot on the election of National Committeemen from the Socialist party of Washington, resulted as follows: A. H. Barth, 472; Frans Bostrom, 616; L. E. Katterfeld, 688; Kate Sadler, 675.

L. E. Katterfeld and Kate Sadler have therefore been elected and will serve as National Committeemen for the year. The National Committee meeting will be held this year in Chicago, beginning May 9th.

### NO PARTY OWNED PRESS

By a vote of 461 yes to 562 no the membership has just decided not to establish a state owned party press at this time on the plan proposed in state referendum "D."

The other provisions of referendum "D" were also defeated. A detailed table of the vote by locals on the National Committee and the Party Press referendums is being published this week in the party builder.

### ABOUT PRESS COMMITTEES

Several locals in the county are awakening to the importance of a press committee and have elected such. A press committee should be a permanent committee in every local to report the local activities. If your local has not elected a press committee bring the matter up at the next meeting and have one elected.

### COUNTY OFFICIALS ELECTED

Results of county referendum A, show the following comrades elected: County secretary-treasurer, Carl Ulonska; county executive committee, J. M. Hoover, C. P. Morrison, R. W. Thompson, A. H. Coburn, and Ole Larson. For county board of trustees: Peter Husby and Thomas Jensen. Official reports are being sent to the locals; see that the report is read at your next local meeting.

### MRS. GEFFS LECTURE IS APPRECIATED

Richmond Precinct, April 19.  
The Washington Socialist:  
Dear Comrades:—Comrade Jeffs spoke to a very enthusiastic crowd in the school auditorium at Richmond. We organized a local there with her help and were well satisfied with her. She is the first lecturer to speak in Richmond, and, therefore, did not confine herself to one subject. She made Socialism clear to those who did not know much about it. Richmond is a good field for a local and I expect to see a big membership there before long.

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### DID YOU NOTICE IT?

Did you notice some typographical errors in last week's paper? Of course you did. And you also noticed that you were getting a larger and all-around better paper, too. We've moved; forward. We're in a new printery—the Bond Print Shop, on Rucker, south of Hewitt, West side. Mr. Bond moved his establishment down from Arlington, where he was owner and editor of The Chronicle. Arlington's loss is our gain. Bond is full of the co-operative spirit; so is C. W. Semmes, his genial and efficient foreman. We're going to build the paper way up, together. An editor can only produce the best results when he has the proper spirit behind his work in the print shop. Now we have it. And after this our readers will see a continued upward tendency, all around, mechanically, artistically, and editorially. So never mind the little errors; the work had to be done in a rush, before the shop could be properly organized. Two papers had to be entirely reset, assembled and published on the same day. So there you are. Wasn't so bad, at that, no?

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### EDMONDS PASSES RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Edmonds, Wash., April 19 1915.  
The Washington Socialist:  
Comrade Editor:—You will please give space in our paper to the following resolutions adopted by Local Edmonds, Third Ward:

"Whereas: There has been removed from among us one of our most worthy and esteemed comrades, Geo. E. Boomer; and, whereas, the long and intimate relations held within in the faithful discharge of his duties in this organization makes it eminent-ly befitting that we record our appreciation of him.

Therefore, Be it Resolved; that the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the aid of our organization, and for service and counsel rendered, he will be held in grateful remembrance by us.

Resolved; That the removal of such a life from among us leaves a vacancy that will be deeply felt by the members and friends of this organization.

Resolved: That we do hereby express our deepest sympathy to the family of our deceased comrade.

Resolved; That these resolutions be spread on the records of this organization, a copy sent to our press and to the family of our deceased comrade.

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### GUNMEN KILL STRIKERS

Eight gunmen, declared to have been hired for the bloody act, fired a revolver fusillade pointblank into a peaceful gathering of striking furriers of Newark, N. J., killing two and wounding one.

# SOCIALISM AND THE COLORED RACE

## ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE NEGRO

By HUBERT HARRISON

The ten million Negroes of America form a group that is more essentially proletarian than any other American group. In the first place the ancestors of this group were brought here with the very definite understanding that they were to be ruthlessly exploited. And they were not allowed any choice in the matter. Since they were brought here as chattels their social status was fixed by that fact. In every case that we know of where a group has lived by exploiting another group, it has despised that group which it has put under subjection. And the degree of contempt has always been in direct proportion to the degree of exploitation.

Inasmuch, then, as the Negro was at one period the most thoroughly exploited of the American proletariat, he was the most thoroughly despised. That group which exploited and despised him, being the most powerful section of the ruling class, was able to diffuse its own necessary contempt of the Negro first among the other sections of the ruling class, and afterwards among all other classes of Americans. For the ruling class has always determined what the social ideas and moral ideas of society should be; and this explains how race prejudice was disseminated until all Americans are supposed to be saturated with it. Race prejudice, then, is the fruit for economic status. It is the reflex of a social caste system. That caste system in America today is what we roughly refer to as the Race Problem, and it is thus seen that the Negro problem is essentially an economic problem with its roots in slavery past and present.

Notwithstanding the fact that it is usually kept out of public discussion, the bread-and-butter side of this problem is easily the most important. The Negro worker gets less for his work—thanks to exclusion from the craft unions—than any other worker; he works longer hours as a rule and under worse conditions than any other worker; and his rent in any large city is much higher than that which the white worker pays for the same tenement. In short, the exploitation of the Negro worker is keener than that of any group of white workers in America. Now, the mission of the Socialist Party is to free the working class from exploitation, and since the Negro is the most ruthlessly exploited working class group in America, the duty of the party to champion his cause is as clear as day. This is the crucial test of Socialism's sincerity and therein lies the value of this point of view—Socialism and the Negro.

The Need of Socialist Propaganda  
So far, no particular effort has been made to carry the message of Socialism to these people. All the rest of the poor have had the gospel preached to them, for the party has carried on special propaganda work among the Poles, Slovaks, Finns, Hungarians and Lithuanians. Here are ten million Americans, all proletarians, hanging on the ragged edge of the impending class conflict. Lest to themselves they may become as great a menace to our advancing army as is the army of the unemployed, and for precisely the same reason: they can be used against us, as the craft unions have begun to find out. Surely we should make some effort to enlist them under our banner that they may swell our ranks and help make us invincible. And we must do this for the same reason that is impelling organized labor to adopt an all-inclusive policy; because the other policy results in the artificial breeding of scabs. On grounds of common sense and enlightened self-interest it would be well for the socialist party to begin to organize the Negroes of America in reference to the class struggle. You may depend on it, comrades, the capitalists of America are not waiting. Already they have subsidized Negro leaders, Negro editors, preachers and politicians to build up in the breasts of black people those sentiments which will make them subservient to their will. For they recognize the value (to them) of cheap labor power and they know that if they can succeed in keeping one section of the working class down they can use that section to keep other sections down too.

The Negro's Attitude Toward Socialism  
If the Socialist propaganda among Negroes is to be effectively carried on the members and leaders of the party must first understand the Negro's attitude toward Socialism. That attitude finds its first expression in ignorance. The mass of the Negro people in America are ignorant of what Socialism means. For this they are not much to blame. Behind the veil of the color line none of the great world-movements for social betterment have been able to penetrate. Since it is not yet the easiest task to get the white American worker—with all his superior (?) intellect—to see Socialism, it is but natural to expect that these darker workers to whom America denies knowledge should still be in ignorance as to its aims and objects.

Besides, the Negroes of America—those of them think who think—are suspicious of Socialism as of everything that comes from the white people of America. They have seen that every movement for the extension of democracy here has broken down as

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**WAGES**

Laws Socialists Have Made.

The Socialists elected their first legislative representative in 1898, when James Carey went into the Massachusetts legislature. After four years, during part of which F. O. MacCartney was also in the Massachusetts lower house, the Socialist party dropped out of all American legislative bodies until 1903, when Charles H. Morrill was elected in Massachusetts.

After that the increase was swift until in 1913 there were twenty-two Socialists in nine state legislatures.

What these men were able to do, although everywhere in a hopeless minority, is told by Carl D. Thompson in the first bulletin of the Information Department of the National Socialist party. It is a remarkable story.

These Socialist legislators introduced 825 measures. Every field of legislation affecting the welfare of labor was covered. Not a platform pledge that was not put into the form of a proposed law.

Most striking is the fact that 141 of these measures became law. Here is a direct accomplishment of a political minority many times greater than has been gained in a half century of lobbying. When to this is added the tremendous influence which twenty-two Socialists, speaking on the floor and not in the corners of the lobby, had upon legislation the answer to those who would work indirectly for political power is crushing.

This pamphlet of sixty-four pages is also a complete answer to those who ask what the Socialists will do if they get power. This shows what they did do with what power they obtained. It answers those who assert that nothing effective could be done. It gives the lie to those who assert that something terrible would be attempted.

There are measures to shorten hours, increase wages, give greater safety in industry, extend the suffrage to women, take the child out of the factory and provide for the unemployed. There are no proposals of laws to "break up the family," "abolish religion" or "tear down the flag."

This pamphlet and the one by Daniel W. Hoan on "Regulation" are a type of the new sort of effective literature that the national office of the Socialist party is publishing.

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When anybody kicks and tells the truth he is put down as a fanatic or a dreamer. If the kick is strong enough and attracts the attention of the "plain people," Judge Gray, Mr. Hill, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Gould and other lofty patriots come out with interviews in the papers, in which they say that an era of prosperity is bearing down so hard on us as to bring the tears of joy to all eyes.—Life.

**POVERTY MAKES ALL UNHAPPY**

By JOHN RUSKIN

I have listened to many ingenious persons who say we are better off now than we ever were before. I do not know how well off we were before; but I know positively that many deserving persons of my acquaintance have great difficulty in living under these improved circumstances; also that my desk is full of begging letters, eloquently written either by distressed or dishonest people; and that we cannot be called, as a nation, well off, while so many of us are living either in honest or villainous beggary. For my own part, I will put up with this state of things passively, not an hour longer. I am not an unselfish person, nor an evangelical one; I have no particular pleasure in doing good; neither do I dislike doing it so much as to expect to be rewarded for it in another world. But I simply cannot paint, nor read, nor look at minerals, nor do anything else I like, and the very light of the morning sky has become hateful to me, because of the misery that I know of, and see signs of where I know it not, and see signs of where I know it not, too which no imagination can interpret too bitterly.

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A man who voted twenty-one times in Terre Haute complains that he was paid for only twenty votes. It beats all what crooks these vote-buyers are.—New York World.

The New York health commissioner reports that germs in clothing are not killed in the laundry process, which shows that a germ has more vitality than a shirt.—Boston Transcript.

One Terre Haute man confesses that he voted twelve times in one precinct last fall. No wonder that for ten years the United States census held that the center of population was near Terre Haute.—Grand Rapids Press.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**MONSTER FUNERAL DEMONSTRATION**

Fifteen thousand working men and women took part in the funeral of the two Newark strikers who were killed by gunmen. It was the greatest funeral demonstration Newark ever had.

**STRIKER GUILTY OF MURDER**

Louis Zaccanelli, a striker in the recent coal mine war in Colorado, has been found guilty of the murder of G. W. Belcher, a Baldwin-Felsa detective, who was shot in Trinidad in November 1913. This was the verdict of a jury handpicked by the Rockefeller interests. The case is to be fought in other courts.

**JOHN D. SPURNS STARVING MINERS**

The starving miners and their families will not get any of the \$100,000 of the Rockefeller charity fund except as they work on the roads for it along with convicts building automobile highways for the capitalists of Colorado.

**FINNISH SOCIALISTS BEING CRUSHED**

The Finnish Socialist miners of Michigan are gradually being driven out of Michigan. The Finns who have taken the places of the strikers are being compelled to drive their fellow countrymen out of the state. Every striker is blacklisted and cannot get a job in the copper mines of that country.

**THE CAPITALISTS WANT WAR**

Keir Hardie, British Socialist, says the war will add at least \$300,000,000 a year to the already swollen incomes of the great banking and financial interests. The present war may cost England \$10,000,000,000. The bulk of this colossal sum is to be raised by a war loan carrying 4 per cent interest; and 4 per cent would make an addition of \$300,000,000 a year to the incomes of "patriots."

Every letter sent out of Canada must have an additional one cent stamp on it. This is the war tax.

**BRITISH SUBJECTS MUTINY**

An uprising of several native soldiers of Singapore, India, has been suppressed. Allied forces were used and six hundred and fourteen of the mutineers were captured and fifty two killed.

**GERMAN SOCIALIST MINORITY WANTS PEACE**

A minority of the German Socialists is distributing pamphlets in Holland signed by Dr. Liebknecht, Dr. Ledebor, Harren Ruhle and Mehring and Rosa Luxemburg, declaring that the German proletariat is opposed to the pro war section of the party and protests against the continuation of the war.

A collegiate anti-militarist league has been formed in several eastern universities, in order to set before the men in all colleges in the country, the need of direct and forceful agitation against militarist tendencies and propaganda.

A general strike has been launched of all the laborers in Milan, Italy, as a protest against the killing of a Socialist by a policeman in an anti-war demonstration.

**SOCIALISTS ARE GETTING CONTROL**

A Socialist has been elected to the city council of Stevens Point, Wis.

The Socialists of Canton, Ill., have elected their entire township ticket by a large majority.

The Socialists of LaCrosse, Wis., re-elected Joseph Verchota as supervisor.

The Socialists of Homestead, Mich., have elected a supervisor and highway commissioner.

Four Socialist candidates have been elected in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. There being two aldermen, an assessor and a school commissioner.

G. G. Taylor, Socialist, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been re-elected a member of the school board.

Election returns from the recent city elections of St. Louis, show that the Socialists vote increased.

A constable and village trustee have been elected to office by the Socialists of Red Granite, Wisc.

Two hundred arrests have recently been made in Lisbon, Spain, as the result of a discovery of a revolutionary conspiracy.

A Russian Socialist daily, the Mysl, published in Paris, has been suppressed by the French authorities.

The New York Call, a Socialist daily, is to be made an afternoon paper from the first of May. This gives them a better field for advertisements and subscriptions.

**SOLDIERS USED TO BREAK STRIKE**

Gasworkers of Birkenhead, England are out on strike because the city council refused to make concessions to the men to meet the high cost of living. Soldiers have taken their places and are working four-hour shifts and marching in and out of the works with fixed bayonets.

More than 7000 new employees have begun work at the Bethlehem steel works within the last few weeks because of the foreign orders for munitions of war. The Federal Pressed Steel company have had to build an addition to their plant in order to fill foreign munition orders.

**NOT HUSTLING FOR SUSB**

The National Civic Federation have purchased 24 Appeal to Reason sub cards in order to get the Appeal's arsenal of facts.

**CONVICTS WILL BE USEFUL TO CORPORATIONS**

The superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company admits that the company pays some of its employees and extra \$5.00 or \$10.00 monthly to squeal on the other employees. The company has also had telegraph instruments installed in prisons and thousands of convicts are being taught the use of the instruments.

One of the candidates of the Socialist party of Aberdeen has been elected to the city council, making three Socialist members of that body.

The cause combated for is yours; the efforts and sacrifices made to win it ought, therefore, to be yours.—Mazzini.

**WHAT SOCIALISTS STAND FOR**

Socialists, like social reformers, recognize the existence of serious evils in society. While the social reformer, however, accounts for these evils by various causes and attempts to destroy them one by one, the Socialist ascribes them chiefly to one cause—the present economic organization of society.

This economic system puts all the principal means of production and distribution into the control of a small portion of the people—the capitalists—under conditions which virtually compel them to use their power in ways prejudicial to the interests of the rest of the people. The workers receive in wages only a portion of the value their labor creates, while the remainder goes to the capitalists as rent, interest and profit. This keeps the workers in poverty, deprives them of true liberty and prevents their full physical, mental and spiritual development. Competition among capitalists and among working people and the antagonism of interests between capitalist and working classes result in economic oppression, political corruption, strife among individuals, struggles between classes and wars between nations.

Socialists hold that to abolish these evils society must take possession of the socially used means of production and distribution, managing them democratically for the benefit of the entire people. They regard this as the inevitable outcome of the evolution which society is now undergoing, and they strive to hasten this evolution and guide it in peaceful channels by educational propaganda and by economic and political organization.

Since the older political parties have repeatedly ignored the interest of the workers and are openly supported by the beneficiaries of the capitalist system, Socialists hold that nothing is to be hoped from these parties, but that it is necessary to build up an independent party of the working class with the aid of all earnest opponents of capitalism.

As means to the improvement of the conditions of labor, the strengthening of real democracy and the ultimate inauguration of the Co-operative Commonwealth this Socialist party works for certain immediate demands, among which are: Shortening of the workday, abolition of child labor, insurance of workers against sickness and old age, compensation for industrial accidents and public relief for the unemployed; woman suffrage, initiative and referendum and right of recall; progressive income and inheritance tax and collective ownership of railroads, telegraphs, mines and other great monopolies. Yet it regards these and similar reforms only as means to the end.

Socialists emphasize the recognition of the actual facts of the class struggle—the fundamental antagonism between the economic interests of the capitalist and working classes. Only through the recognition of these facts and the victory of the workers in this struggle can the struggle itself be ended.

With the inauguration of the Co-operative Commonwealth, however, the causes of social discord will disappear, mutual aid will take the place of struggle among individuals and between classes and nations, and a spirit of brotherhood will result from the harmony of social interests, permitting men to develop each as best he can for his own happiness and the welfare of the whole.

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**HUMANITY PLAINLY OPPOSED TO PROFIT**

Destructive Social Effect of Competition For Gain.

**CAPITALIST A PARASITE.**

By F. B. CLARK.

The bourgeois, forever dreaming and talking of profits, rarely attempts an analysis of his position on this (to him) all important topic.

During the anthracite strike of 1902, when coal in some American cities was selling at \$20 per ton, it was not unusual to hear the small business man and other defenders of the profit system characterize as highway robbery the excessive prices demanded for this important commodity.

Little do these advocates of the system realize the contradictions involved in their position. Little do they seem to suspect that the 20, 30 or 50 per cent profit to which they are accustomed, their right to which they regard as a principle having all the permanence of a natural law, is fully as iniquitous as any other percentage, no matter how high. For the bourgeois mind does not hesitate to clothe a mere custom, nowhere uniform in practice, with all the prestige of an eternal verity, utterly unconscious that profits differ only in degree, and that 1 per cent is in principle as criminal as 10,000.

Those who defend the profit system are estopped by the logic of their position from assuming that profit, as a principle is sacred and absolute when they have commodities to sell and non-existent or subject to exceptions when they wish to buy. For the buyer of a commodity, though ever seeking bargains from which all profit has been squeezed, usually favors a low and fixed rate of profit, while the seller prefers a sliding scale, or an "all the traffic will bear" profit. So that here within the heart of capitalism itself there is an anarchy of conflicting interests independent of the warfare which the profit mongers in common carry on against the working class. A house divided against itself cannot stand.

The impossibility of capitalism as an enduring system is here shown by the never ending effort within its own ranks to evade the profit which it is insisted may be rightfully imposed on others, but which each endeavors to escape if he can. If it is right to levy a profit on the buyer it is wrong to evade payment thereof, and the advocates of the system are logically bound to concede to others whatever rate of returns they claim for themselves. That the public is keenly interested in defending itself against profit is manifest in its rush to attend bargain and mark down sales from which it is usually alleged all profit has been eliminated; also in the effort which every individual makes both in private and business life to buy cheap to avoid all middlemen's profit by purchasing direct from the wholesaler or producer, if possible.

Profit, though not decreed by statute law, has frequently been sanctioned by judicial decision in the interest of corporations. A law protecting the profits of corporations, which must be the outcome of government regulation as advocated by Gary of the steel trust and others, may reasonably be followed by a demand from the workers that a profit on labor beyond the subsistence point be also assured them. Already the agitation for a minimum wage would seem to be a recognition of the fact that the state in behalf of a higher standard of living for its citizens may properly interfere with the destructive social effect of competition for profit.

As the power to labor is the only capital possessed by the workers, their labor is ethically entitled to a profit or returns above the mere cost of living. Just as money capital demands a return above the cost of reproducing itself. It is profit or returns beyond the subsistence point that make possible the accumulation of money capital and ultimately enable the capitalist to become a parasite by withdrawing his labor power from productive work, while the labor power of the proletariat, rarely compensated beyond the point of reproducing itself, making the accumulation of money capital impossible, forces him into productive work to escape starvation.

In this view money capital functions in two ways, both vicious in their effect. To pay returns on investments it extracts to the point of impoverishment the surplus value from the product of those who labor productively and creates a class whose labor, if they labor at all, is without social value.

Condemned not only by Moses and the prophets, not only by Christ and the Christian fathers and impliedly not only by its advocates when they resist paying to others the tribute which they claim for themselves, profit, the excess of real value, as its very name implies, is yet condemned by the race in that the human individual, instinctively sensing the iniquity of an unfair exchange, evades where possible on all occasions the exactions of an unholy system.

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Yours for the revolution,  
J. M. BOHFORD,  
Ila, Washington.

Germany is laboring under a delusion, thinks the University Daily Kansan. It is impossible to win "pronounced" victories in Russian Poland—Kansas City Star.

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THE SHARE OF LABOR

Carnegie's View.

Mr. Carnegie's attitude on the proper share of labor in its own product is clearly shown in his remarks...

That the Cooper Institute, and similar institutions, are doing excellent work for the bourgeois in turning out skilled labor in abundance...

Care of the Race

It is characteristic of the bourgeois apologetic that it should abound in high-sounding phrases, suggestive of boundless love for "the race," while scorning the welfare of the average individual...

Mr. Carnegie, being an agnostic, has adopted the care of the race as a substitute for the care of individual souls...

Carnegie's Antidote for Poverty

Mr. Carnegie contends that if the multi-millionaire would but administer his superfluous wealth during his own life-time on such benefactions as are represented by the gifts of Peter Cooper, the Fratts, Senator Stanford, and others, we would then have "the true antidote for the temporary unequal distribution of wealth..."

Obviously, an industrial regime (it could not be accurately described as a "system") which produces such fruits as have herein been alluded to, must be "hewn down," root and branch.

The Question of Party Tactics and Platform Discussed by Two Ex-State Secretaries---Barzee of Oregon and Bostrom of Washington

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

OUR IMMEDIATE DEMANDS

Third Contribution

WHO IS A SOCIALIST?

The repeated failure of Comrade Bostrom to meet criticism of his objections to immediate demands and discuss them on their merits makes his part of the discussion a farce.

Neither are we arguing whether some other organization is better or worse. We are not called upon to say whether the I. W. W. will lend support to, or succeed ahead of the socialist party...

From Comrade Bostrom's own writings it appears that he is not a socialist. That he does not understand the working program written out by the socialist party...

It would present more reasonable, not to say honest argument, if those not in agreement with proscribed socialist party tactics and program would affiliate with other organizations operating along their own peculiar line of ideas.

eradicable. Once a necessary step in economic evolution, the bourgeois civilization and industrial regime are no longer adapted to the needs of society. The absurdity of socialized production and individual, capitalistic appropriation; of co-operation in the workshop and anarchy in the market; of poverty, ugliness, and idleness in a land of boundless wealth and ineffable beauty, infinite in resources, physical, moral, and esthetic, can not much longer maintain.

Rumblings are Heard

At the present moment a very large number of what were until recently contented and submissive wage-slaves are keenly alive to the wholly unnecessary poverty, ignorance, disease, suffering and moral degradation of the masses involved in the capitalistic system of production and distribution of wealth.

The industrial despots who are attempting to crush out the right of labor to organize in its own protection are but adding fuel to the flame of social unrest. The Socialists have no better aids than the "practical" union-smashers.

WHAT IS OPPORTUNISM?

(By Frans Bostrom)

Nothing can better illustrate the difference between revolutionary Socialism and that remnant of Populism known in the party as opportunism, than the style of argument pursued by Comrade Barzee in his letter in the Washington Socialist of April 8th.

Another instance: He quotes me as saying that "correct relations between the units of society is NOT the aim of the Socialist party," where I said that "the RE-ESTABLISHMENT of correct relations, etc."

There are other instances in Comrade Barzee's letter of similar kind. This style is what is called opportunism, which is a polite name for humbug.

That Industrial Department Bill. Comrade Barzee says that the Oregon party tried to get passed a bill to employ all the unemployed, and asks if this immediate demand would not have been a benefit, even more so than the eight hour bill.

The purpose of immediate demands is solely to catch votes. With few exceptions they would do the working class no good, in most cases they would do positive harm.

In conclusion let us say that opposition to educational immediate demands, which opposition always comes from disorganization, is the enemy of all progress in the movement.

For the third time we ask: did party advancement come of the "immediate demand" contained in the Oregon measure? C. W. BARZEE.

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MAN ON TWO LEGS

(Ernest M. Shipley)

Man on two legs, everywhere, Quit that tearing of your hair! Got enough of sweat and grind? Got enough of groping blind? Hanging round away behind Man that do and dare?

Think some one will bear your pain? Build your shelter in the rain? Think they're going to think for you, Take the "rinky-dink" for you, Snatch you from the brink? You do? Better guess again!

Man with two eyes, gazing out Over issues thick about, Think that things materialize Just by using legs and eyes Searching for them in the skies, While you tret and pout?

Don't sit 'round and weep and groan, Nay, the masters must be shown. Better step up and subscribe! Better write a diatribe! Better vote without the bribe, When you want your own.

Men with two hands, wherefore pause, Idle in the grand old cause. Want some one to grind your ax? Think the "gent" that lays the tax Isn't "comfy" on your backs, While he made the laws?

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MAN'S RIGHT TO WORK By EDWIN MARKHAM They ask but the leave to labor, to toil in the endless night, For a little salt to savor their bread, for houses waeright.

Illustration of a man carrying a large sack labeled 'CONGRESS' and another man pointing towards it. Text: CAUTION Don't touch BY ORDER OF PROGRESS ECONOMY