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IDLE STEEL MILLS PAY DIVIDENDS

As I See It

By Norman Thomas Socialist Candidate for President.

ONCE more it has been proved that President Hoover who will not give bread to workers is more than ready to give them bullets. The use of the army against unemployed veterans under direct order of the! president was criminally inexcusable. So far as order was concerned, the situation had been well handled by the men themselves. The president's action was a bad case of nervous irritation, mixed with fear, which rationalized itself as a "defense of law and order." It was wholly inexcusable and the results were tragic. It is a characteristic climax to the policy of a man who promised prosperity to all but who has fought off every dole except a dole to bankers.

Yet the results will not be wholly bad if it puts new determination into workers who are victims of so cruel a system. Let the unemployed workers everywhere, whether veterans or not, rally to demand through the Socialist party, that unemployment relief, if possible by work, which any decent

society owes to its members. I believe that it would be the part of wisdom to pay the bonus, not to all veterans, but to the unemployed vet erans, as part of a comprehensive program of unemployment relief. Such a program of relief the Socialist party will fight for in this campaign. We ask those who have the decency to be ashamed of this blot on our country. to rally to our standards.

Many minds are busy looking for a new industry that will lead us out of the depression. Some people think that they have the answer in the machine-made house. There are over 2,000,000 construction workers who will be interested in General Houses, Inc. a great new company which hopes to show the way in the movement to erect standardized houses in the spot complete in about four days to a week.

What will happen to thousands of bricklayers, carpenters, roofers, house-painters? The plans don't say.

In a Socialist state, that would be the first question. If people were to gain in terms of cheap and pleasant new homes, skilled workers would not lose in terms of a livelihood.

It would be the responsibility of the state to retain them and place them in new livelihoods.

As it is, the next decade will probably see great advances in the cheap, standard house-and great destruction in older property values and great problems for the building trades.

You will hear Socialist speakers, in the course of the campaign, criticize the capitalist "system."

The word "system" is unfortunately misleading.

The word "system" implies, in this complicated age of machines, plan-

ning a nation's work in advance; organizing industry and farming so as to provide jobs for all willing workers; planning years ahead to cut the hours of the working day and raise the wages of each worker as machines increase each man's output: thus automatically preventing unemployment, depressions and misery. But that is Socialism.

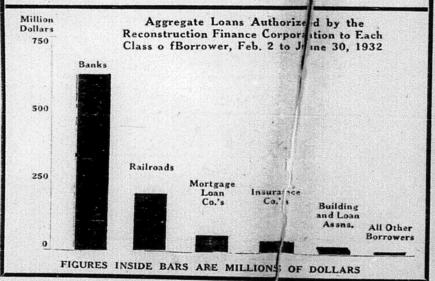
Capitalism, lacking these ideas, working haphazardly, confusedly, competitively, planlessly, through 2,000,000 separate business units, demonstrates all too clearly that it is not a "system"

The Romans used to keep the common people satisfied with "bread" and circuses. We have started on the circuses. We have had a Republican and a Democratic convention. . . . But little | Springs park in Reading, Pa. has yet been done about bread.



workers are living in frightful poverty and hung Here is a street near Gary, Ind., a steel trust city where dail there may be seen women and men rumaging among the garba for any kind of food. .

Who Got the First Billion of Reconstruction Finance Corporation Funds?



The banks got \$643,000,000 (including \$80,000,000 voted by the then president of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., Charles Gates Dawes, to his own bank, the Central Trust Co. of Illinois.

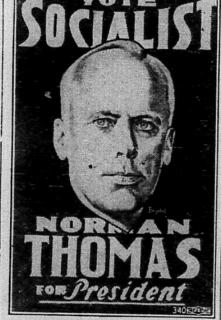
The railroads got \$214,000,000. Mortgage loan companies got \$74,000,000. Insurance companies got \$63,000,000. Building and loan associations got \$52,000,000. Unemployed workers did not get a loan of a red cent.

45,000 CHEER THOMAS. MAURER

Greeted by two tremendous audi-|gan, Repeal unemployment." ences, Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for the president, and James H. Thomas and Maurer at the Ulmer Maurer, his running mate, officially opened their campaigns Saturday and Sunday. More than 45,000 men and women cheered the Socialist standard tory. At least 10,000 persons gath- ist party as an instrument toward bearers at political picnics in Ulmer park, New York city, and Sinking 10,000 more in the park who heard Here is a schedule of Thomas and

Between 25,000 and 30,000 heard park demonstration,

The Reading picnic was the great-est political rally in the city's hisered about the speaker's stand and that end. Thomas sounded the Socialist slo- plifers affectionately greeted Maurer August:



PUT BREAD BEFORE BOOZE.-While old party politicians are professing to be all stirred up about repeal prohibition, the Socialist party and Norman Thomas, its presidential candidate, have adopted the slogan, "Repeal Unemployment." Here is a Here is a reproduction of a poster just issued by the Socialist national campaign committee, 549 Randolph st., Chicago.

in his home city and cheered Thomas to the echo.

Thomas spoke in York, Pennsylvania, on Monday. He was the first presidential candidate to visit the city since Buchanan spoke there in 1856. An enthusiastic audience of over 1,000 jammed the arena. The Socialist candidate pointed to some similarity of issues in 1856, when chattel slavery was breaking, and today when the system of wage slavery is being shattered. Here again Thomas sounded the slogan of "repeal unemployment" and urged the building of the Social-

the speeches through electrical am- Maurer dates for the early part of

U.S. STEEL VOTES STOCKHOLDERS OVER 12 MILLIONS

The United States Steel Corp., despite the depression, is a paying industry.

Though the industry is operating at less than 30 per cent of normal, the corporation continues to pay dividends on its preferred stock. Last week the board of directors announced payment of \$1.75 a share on its preferred stock, or a total of \$6,304,919. It paid a similar dividend for the first three months of the year.

In fact, the United States Steel Corp. in good times and bad, has never skipped, a dividend on its preferred. Except for three periods since 1901, when the corporation was organized, it has never skipped payments on common stock either.

The United States Steel Corp. pays -but not to its workers.

While the holders of preferred stock have received a total of over \$12,000, 000 this year—and the year is still young—more than 140,000 of the steel trust's 200,000 employes are dut o. work, and haven't received a penny, many of them for more than a year. And 60,000 lucky employes of the corporation are working on reduced pay schedules—most of them on part-time employment.

The pay reductions make possible the continued payment of dividends to the stockholders.

The steel corporation cut wages 10 per cent on Oct. 1, 1931. It slashed wages again on May 5 of this year, to the tune of another 15 per cent. Making a 25 per cent cut in all. The hourly wage for those who can get work in the steel industry, is now 34c. If one is fortunate enough to get 48 hours of work a week, he gets the great sum of \$16.31 for his labor.

The employes get unemployment, or reduced wages, or a combination of both, and the stockholders get dividends as usual.

How does an industry which is 70 per cent idle pay dividends? The steel trust pays out of "surplus." At the end of 1930, the steel corporation had a surplus of \$126,000,000. The surplus was accumulated during rich years, after payment on dividends had been

The owners of United States Steel stored up for a rainy day-for themselves. For their employes, there is the breadline or starvation.

WHERE YOU CAN HEAR THOMAS Aug. 6-Kearny, N. J.

Aug. 7-Weschester county, N. Y. Aug. 12-New York city. New York University Christian Assn.; dinner at

New York university, 6:30 p. m. Aug. 13-Easthampton, Mass. Robbins Grove picnic grounds, 5:30 p. m. Holyoke, Mass., city hall, 7:30 p. m.

Chicopee, Mass., city hall, 8:30 p. m. Aug. 14—Framingham, Mass. Workmen's Circle Camp, 2 p. m. Worces-

ter, Mass., 8 p. m. Aug. 15-Bennington, Vt. Rut-

Aug. 16—Barre, Vt. Aug. 17—Lewiston, Me. Aug. 18—Bangor, Me.

Aug. 19-Portland, Me.

Aug. 21-Providence, R. I., 3 p. m.

New Bedford, Mass., 8 p. m. WHERE YOU CAN HEAR MAURER Aug. 7—Johnstown, Pa., 2 p. m. Blairsville, Pa., 8 p. m.

Aug. 8—Newcastle, Pa. Aug. 9—Toledo, O. Aug. 10 to 13—Michigan.

Aug. 14—Milwaukee, Wis. Picnia, Pleasant Valley park, 2 p. m. Aug. 15—Kenosha, Wis.

Aug. 16—Sheboygan, Wis. Aug. 17—Green Bay, Wis. Aug. 18—Oshkosh, Wis. Aug. 19—Fond du Lac, Wis.

Aug. 20-Madison, Wis.

The Socialist Way Out

Make Industry Work for All the People-Put the Jobless to Work, Feed the Hungryand Lift the Farmers' Debt Burdens

By NORMAN THOMAS

modern world is man's economic

failure. He has developed marvelous powers of production and then proceeds to starve himself in the midst of actual, or at least potential, plenty, Four years ago, my Socialist candidacy for president seemed to most an

amiable bit of idealism in a country which doubtless had its problems and its injustices, but was, notwithstanding, on the high-road to everlasting prosperity. No one could have believed that the process of dissolution of a dying capitalism could go so far In four years. It would be difficult to match in history so great a change.

Wall st, could develop an amazing degree of concentration of credit but It could not or would not prevent the failure of 10 per cent of our banks in the single year, 1931, The Insults could build up a mighty empire in electric power. They could make a single dollar invested in a holding company control \$1,750 of basic capital in one of the operating companies. They could not protect this swellen and unsound empire from collapse. The Mississippi bubble and the tulip mania for the way in which Ivar Krueger pleyed upon the gullibility and cupid My of Americans, including one of our most respected of banking houses, South American loans have shrunk to 25 per cent or less than their former value, but the shrinkage has not been greater than in a great many demestic securities. Even gentleman like Mr. Raskob, holder of the first mortgage on the democratic party, found that there came a time when money could not be made by sheer manipulation in the stock market

The Real Tragedy

I have been writing in terms sings. The real tragedy of this celis written in human suffering: in the fear for tomorrow's bread for their children which haunts the sleep of parents; in the abject and bitter misery of the coal fields; in the hunger which gnaws at the vigor of mer women and children in the overcrowded tenements of cities.

What's wrong? To the Socialist the answer seems simple. The system on which we manage the whole business of production and distribution is wrong, not in detail but in essence. What is that system? It is a system in which all natural resources which no man made are nevertheless privately owned, usually by absentee owners. It is a system in which great aggregations of machinery are owned and managed not by the workers who made them or who use them but by absentee stock holders, speculators in paper stocks, usually utterly ignorant of the nature of the industry and compelled to empley hired technicians as the real managers. It is a system in which land which no man made is held not on terms of occupancy and use but by virture or title deeds. In our churches we say: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," but He doesn't collect the rent. That belongs to landare tenants and in many of our great agricultural states tenant farming has passed the 50 per cent mark.

The Clash of Interests

Now these owners may be good people personally, but their interests are in sharp contrast with those of the this immense machinery for their profit first rather than on a carefully planned system of production and distribution for use.

Haphazard private ownership of what is necessary to the common life; a complete absence of general plan; a wellnigh complete absorption in private acquisition-the marvel is not that we are so badly off but that we aren't worse off under such a system. and the principle means of production end distribution and the management of them according to use and not profit-which is Socialism-is so reasonable that one wonders why it is not instantly adopted.

American socialists by their platform and principles are committed to the possibility of bringing about this essential revolution without catastrophic war and without ruthless dictatorship It is at this point that our chief difference from communists is to be found. Moreover we believe that since men are hungry and cold now they have a right to ask immediate relief without waiting until the achievement of a new social order. Hence we have

Socialist Candidate for President of the United States hopes for a change of society and in line with it. We do not, however, regard discussions of that immediate pregram-for instance, of trusts and trust legislation, or even of the details of unemployment relief as of the first and greatest importance. The Socialist position is clearly stated in the Socialist platform which can be had on application. I shall outline it briefly on three or four more important mat

Tax the Wealthy

We are not interested in the problen of unscrambling the eggs; that is, breaking up trusts. Breaking up the Standard Oil Co., for instance, had as its principal result enormous wastes of the present competitive system of distributing gasoline and the even greater wastes of competitive everproduction in the oil fields. Nevertheless not all private monopolles are better than competition. A great many holding companies are simply predatory corporations, and we see no advantange in hastily scrapping the Sherman Anti-Trust act unless and until we can swap it for greater measures of social control or rather social

2. In the matter of farm relief the main thing is not to lend the farmer more money but to help him out of debt. In general there is no escape from the general depression until the whole load of debt has been lightened. and this is particularly true of farmers. I believe that we must come to a publie control of the whole marketing process and that we must get rid of dlordism both in city and in country. This, you will see, does not mean that we Socialists intend to take farms away from working farmers. We shall encourage volunteer co-operatives. We do intend to use land value taxation and, if and where necessary, the acc outright socialization of land to abolish private landlordism which is one of the most unjustifiable forms of modern

d that the leakage of Into tax exempt bonds and bit me tax had been stopped. Relief the Great Issue evading it 3. Unemployment relief. This is the ot make a halfway degreatest immediate issue of our day. stop this leakage. Of Both old parties slowly, reluctantly. taxes aren't pleasant and inadequately have accepted the to those who h re incomes to pay them, position always held by the Socialists and such peo are politically influfor the necessity of federal relief in a ential because hey control the press national emergency. This relief is of and contribute campaign funds, It vital importance. The death rate from falsest kind of ecohowever, th starvation or rioting is a higher connomics to say the t heavy income taxes sideration than the tax rate. Amounts paralyze busines recovery. We do of money spent on relief which might westment capital in have been effective early in 1930, today a country over quipped with capital are completely ineffective. We need goods. Working capital is a function to wage war against starvation as ends on the resumpof credit and der vigorously as we would wage it against tion of purchasing. Working capital a foreign enemy. This means a \$10,-600,000,000 dollar program, some of not derived Heavy income tax es do not effect purwhich must go to immediate relief or chasing much. They might effect persubsidising consumption, but most manent investme of which should go to useful work and greatly need, or at present hoarding, the creation of social wealth. Partiwhich is an unmit gated social calamcularly, we Socialists insist on a pro-The case for very steep inheritgram not only of road building but a ance taxes is overwhelming both as very large scale program of reforestaa matter of justice, and expediency. tion and of housing under public au-Of course, such taxes should be gradtherities to conquer our slums. Both reforestation, for instance, on the ex-For Socialist Add that we So-cialists believe that if income and in-heritance taxes are imadequate to govhausted lands of the south, and housing would be ultimately remunerative,

It is quite likely that a proper program both for farmers and unemployed ernmental needs, including the need vorkers must be attended by some for lightening the burden of non-prodegree of inflation. Indeed, I believe ductive debts and the need for unemthat a controlled inflation, connected ployment relief, then a capital levy is with public works calculated if nossigreatly to be preferred to an indefinite ble to bring back, let us say the comcontinuance of depression or to exten-sive sales taxes which mean the conmodity-price level of 1926 or '27 would be positively beneficial. Uncontrolled tinuance of depression inflation, however, would be disastrous as it has always been in every counnomic issues I can not try, and for no one more disastrous sist that while we believe in the measthan the wage and salary worker. Soures I have advocated as well as in cialists always protest vehemently an emergency five-day week law, onagainst two illusions: (1) That any employment insurance and other program of inflation can be a substiremedial measures, we do not for a minute believe in letting the system run along as is in the hope of retution for drastic taxation of land values, incomes and inheritances; and dressing its evils by a combination of taxation and social legislation. We (2) that simply by tinkering with money our capitalist system can be cured of the evils of private control are concerned with the achievement of

system, and the planlessness of the profit system. Not Trust-busters

of real wealth, including the banking

4. Taxation. It follows from what I have said that we Socialists consider that the only good thing that can be claimed for the present federal tax laws, for which both the Republicans and Democrats are equally responsible, is that it might have been worse if a general sales tax had been adopted. All sales taxes are a hindrance to the resumption of purchasing, and on that resumption any return to prosperity consumers of coal and workers in the

A PICTURE AMERICA

By Charles Cross

I comera looks at America. And the astounding result's are set down in a book called "A Picture of America." Here is a picture study of capitalismand of its remedy, Socialism. By kind permission of the publishers, Simon and Schnister, New York, we present a series book, arranged by its based on the anthor, Mr. Cross.

I._THE PICTURE

What a straige country it is! Here are tall buildings, taller than any on earth. Here are mills and mines mightier than any that and factories, man has built before. Here are farms over-flowing with foodstuffs. Here are the government's granaries bursting with more than a hundred million bushels of wh rat. Here are more coal and copper, more oil and gas, more iron and steel, more other raw materials than in any other country. Here are one of which may do the work of a hy indred or a thousand men. But what a strange country it is.

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industry. This and similarly socialized

industries must, of course, be subject

to a general economic planning board

There is no reason on earth to believe

that planning can satisfactorily be

eapitalism. The question of purpose:

for whom and for what do we plan?

comes ahead of the question of tech-

nique. But once we have decided on

achieving the Socialist goal of the Co-

operative Commonwealth economic

planning becomes essential and feas

The Alternative to Fascism

What I have been trying to argue

is that Socialism is the hope, and the

only hope, of a world intent upon

avolding desperate insecurity, wars

and catastrophe. It is a hope which

may well cause not only idealists but

far-seeing men of the owning or the

middle class to forsake their imme-

diate class interests for the larger

good of plenty, peace and freedom for

mankind. Nevertheless Socialism can

not be achieved without a struggle.

It can not suddenly be voted in by an

electorate which sinks again to slum-

ber. It requires organization, edu-

cation and planning. It is utterly in-

consistent with racial and national

prejudice which condemn whole

groups to an arbitrary and perma-

nent inferiority. While the achieve-

ment of Socialism means abundance

for all, the inevitable transition period

will require sacrifice. These sacri-

ghastly sacrifices imposed by the pres-

ent chaos, or which may be demanded

in the new world war toward which

Today, we Americans, if we escape

immediate catastrophe, must come to

a vigorous and bold planning which

is not now to be found in Washing-

ion or in any place of power. The

capitalist version of planning is fas-

cism. We have most of the elements

which makes for fascism in Italy and

Germany except the particular dema-

gogue to put them together. But

fascism essentially solves no prob-

lem. It keeps in essence the profit

system and the iniquities of distribu-

tion which characterize that system.

It accentuates nationalism, thereby

making greater the danger of war.

It is at best the Indian summer of

capitalism, to be followed by a long

The alternative to fascism is So-

cialism. The immediate alternative

is the building of a strong Socialist

party and the piling up of a great

Socialist vote. It is the inauguration

of a great crusade for the reinterpre-

tation of brotherhood in terms of eco-

nomics. The more complete is the rev-

olution in thought, in will and in de-

sire, the more rapid, orderly and con-

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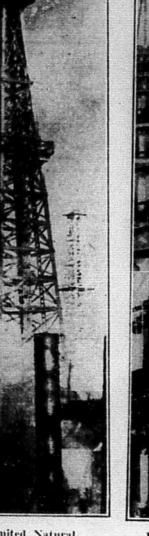
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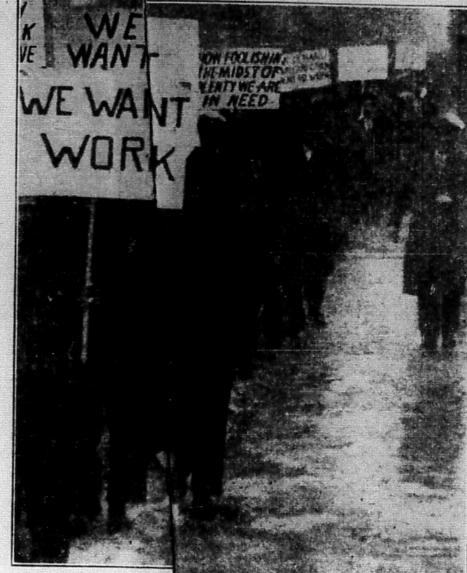


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The Forgotten Man Turns Up

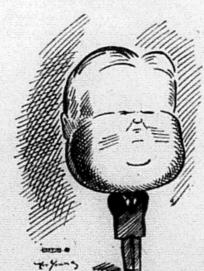
Dear Mr. Editer I wuz wonderin' if you could find some place in yore paper for the Fergotten Man to do some talkin, so many people been talkin for me I'd .kinda like to talk for myself for a change.

A feller was tellin me he's goin to vote democrat on account of them promisin more'n the republicans promised. He sure is right. You got to hand it to the democrats. They outpromised the republicans this year. Personally I'd feel a lot better if we got some collateral to back up them prom> ises. All we got now is an unsecured platform note, renewable every four years. This feller sez he likes the socialist idea, but he would rather vote republican or democrat because half a loaf is better than none. But half a loaf ain't no better than none if you don't get the half a loaf.

I see where the American soldiers had to go to the nation's capitol to git their first lickin. They oughta knowd better anyhow. Don't they know politicians is the only ones kin go to Washington an live off the gov'ment. I'll write you paper. Yours,

MIKE WHITE, The Forgotten Man.

MOSTLY CHEEK



country, that is production and distribution of commodities, is on 5 sound and prosperous basis." - President Hoover, Oct. 25th, 1929 (the day & FR

249 Socialist Branches Formed Since Jan. 1: Women Heads Ia. Ticket

New Socialist party branches organized since Jan, 1 brought to 249 with 12 additions last week. . . . Louis Waldman, N. Y. Socialist gubernatorial nominee, raked Roosevelt over the coals last week for "turning his back on New York unemployed in order to get a better look at Washington," Roosevelt had refused request of state committee of mayors to call special legislative session to aid Jobless. . . . Iowa Socialist state convention named Mrs. Letitia Moon Conard, Grinnell professor, for governor. E. O. Weik, new Iowa state secretary, . . . Mrs. Victor L. Berger becomes

chairman of national woman's committee to boost Socialist campaign in nation, . . . Forty-four Thomas for President clubs have been organized in colleges and universities, . . . William W. Busick, starts southeastern tour for Socialist campaigning and organizing Aug. 5th. Arizona, Texas, New Mexico on his route. . . . Wyoming Socialists to gather at picnic in Cheyenne, Aug. 7. . . . N. Y. C. Socialists holding anti-war rallies all this week . Notes from the field organizers: Glen Trimble (Mass.)—seven new locals in Connecticut valley; Amicus Most (N. D.) four locals organized; (S. D.) presidential ticket goes on ballot; Paul Porter and Nathaniel Weyl (lowa) six new locals. Dr. R. B. Green, Chicago, left July 31 for month Socialist tour of nine states, including Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington.

For information about any state, speaker or meeting mentioned here, write Socialist party, 549 Randelph et., Chicago, Ill.

WE CAN CHANGE IT. "There is ne immutable law which decrees more than enough for some; too little for others. God's step-children are created by society. The unemployed man today, who sits idle and hungry in this land of plenty, of more than plenty, while certain cupboards groan, and more than enough of everything is within the land, is a victim of manmade society."-Fannie Hurst, famous

CUTTING TAXES. Over 65 cities, towns and villages in the United States have no local taxes to pay because of the surplus earnings of their unleipally-owned utilities. A Socialist local administration would strive to ease the tax burden on workers and home-owners. It would also take funds saved through municipal ownership and return it to the workers of the elty through unemployment relief and screased social services.

My Race for Congress

By Heywood Broun

(Heywood Bronn's brilliant fight for congress on the Socialist ticket in 1930 made political history. The issues he fought on confinue the dominant questions today. AMERICA FOR ALL is glad to present a series of excerpis from Heywood Broun's daybook-written during his campaign.)

I am glad to accept the designation of the Socialist party as a congressional candidate in the 17th district of

It will give me a chance to call attention to the fact of unemployment and the basic remedies which must be applied to relieve it. Last winter I did some work in running a free employment agency in this district and I found that it is wholly impos sible to do more than patch things paign. up, no matter how hard any private of the community,

There were any number of employment agencies being run by the Y. M. C. A., Salvation Army and various college alumni associations, and the net result was they were all getting in each other's way. I am in favor of private individuals doing all they can. It would be silly to say "because I can't help everybody I won't help anybody at all," but nobody can touch unemployment without realizing that its causes are deeply rooted, and that the only practical way to cure it is to set the government to work on the problem.

Can't Wait for Snow We are the government-or at least we ought to be. Obviously, this isn't true at the present time. In New Mayor Walker waited until the disease of unemployment was at its height before he lifted a finger. And as a matter of fact, he didn't lift a finger. He opened his mouth, after being prompted by Norman Thomas from the wings.

The only friendly thing that could have happened would have been a blizzard. The mayor's slogan seemed to be "No snow, no work."

Another winter is coming on and we must do something more than appoint a day of prayer in all the churches for snow. As for President Hoover everybody

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no "camel in a Needle Eye" affair. can helpanybody can join; everybody This is and you can all hang around just a / not an escapade. I am not This fiomic columnist out for a lark, tht is going on and it won't be nowil we win. It might as well

LIVING COSTS DROP 15 PER CENT—BUT WAGES COME DOWN 40

Ethelbert Stewart, recently fired by the Republican administration after 45 years as compiler of labor statistics for the department of labor, was no joy to President Hoover and his staff or ballyhoo artists. In the spring of this year Sec. of Labor Doak gave out a statement saying official statistics showed employment was again on the upgrade. Fooled before by Hoover's yes men, reporters went to Stewart, who had compiled the original figures, to check up. Stewart said Doak's interpretation was wrong, Thereupon Doak summoned 75 yearold Stewart before him and in front

ing to contradict his boss. Last month Stewart was let out. It is easy to understand why Stewart was no comfort to Hoover. October of last year Stewart gave out authentic figures showing that, while food costs had dropped 15 per cent since 1925, the pay roll totals of the nation's workers had taken a dive of 40 per cent. Clothing costs went flown 14 per cent, rents 15 per cent, fuel and light 12 per cent, house furnishings 18 per cent—and

of a corps of newspaper men admin-

istered a humiliating rebuke for dar-

YOUNG SOCIALISTS MOBILIZE FOR FIGHT

with the problems of the day are offered an opportunity for serious political work in the ranks of the Young People's Socialist league. The sixth national convention of the league met in Cleveland last month, the biggest convention in its history. More than 600 delegates and visitors attended. Plans were made to put the league's entire energy behind Thomas and Maurer and to build up the league and the Socialist party to a position where they can give effective battle for the working people of America. All interested in the league's work are cordially invited to communicate with National Sec. George A. Smerkin, 549 Randolph st., Chicago, Ill.

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FOOLED IN '28, VOTERS OF 1932 THINKING HARD

By McALISTER COLEMAN

SO FOLLOW with uncensured the campaign of Norman Thomas is

him in person from the sand strewn lets of Ulmer Park to the wide onen spaces of Little Book, Ark, and I am ered" a candidate so unfailinely are pealing to all sorts of conditions, of people, so genuine in his every much once, so unflinching in the face of disheartening odds. And I've covered plenty of candidates, T. R. and Wilson and Taft (considerable coverage there) and La Fellette and, on one or two never-to-be-forgotten occusions, the beloved Gene Debs,

Mumbling a bit in my controvent beard, I think back four years ago when Thomas went out from just such a great crowd, 20,000, as gave him a tend off at New York's Ulmer Park last Saturday. Then with the wealth of a phoney "prosperity" riding at our shoulders we went into communities where Socialism was still as strange and terrifying a thing as atheism, anarchism and free love, all combined, and men came to us under cover of darkness to tell us that their jobs would be in jeopardy if they were

The Workers Want to Know

Well, it won't be so hard this year, though I realize well enough that there will be plenty of rough going, But at any rate that "prosperity" graith has gone with the jeopardized jobs of yesteryear. The grim fact of the class struggle, veiled then by the chicken-in-the-pot propaganda, is cut in the open today. No need now for cajoling the workers into attends ance at Socialist meetings. The recent gatherings which Thomas has addressed are sufficient proof of that, They want to know, these hardpressed railroadmen, coal-diggers, steel-puddlers, clothing-workers and Thomas is magnificently capable of elling them.

No, that's not the tough part of this ssignment. It's to follow the other candidates that has me stumped. Who can follow the twisted trail of the gulvering Hoover or cover with any certainty the meanderings of the 'liberal' Mr. Roosevelt?

The Trail of the G. O. P.

staming in the interior of Arthur Brisbane, he once wrote of District Attorney Jerome, "He followed the slimy trail of corruption clear to the deers of the Third ave. railroad-ond never came back." I am but a weak and easily corruptible mortal and you won't ask me to follow Mr. Hoover to the back doors of the National Electric Light Assn., the inner sanctum of J. P. Morgan's offices, the hidecuts of the railway presidents and all the other dressed-up yeggs who are running the republican show.

Nor is Roosevelt much easier. How do you go about following a man who ears up and says that from top to bottom our whole set-up is very much on the blink and then solemnly concludes, "But the present economic system of the United States is everlasting?"

In Case of Accident

Of course, Mr. Garner is easier. At any rate Mrs. Garner is. She says that while Mr. G. goes fishing, she is going out in the back-yard of her place down in Texas and say: "How do you do. Mrs. Chicken?" At any rate the New York Times says that is what she is going to do. From now on we can look for a lot more of this sort of apple-sauce that mother used to make. Mrs. Roosevelt, for example, is going to edit a magazine called whimsically, "Babies: Just Babies." Apparently this is going to be used as a campaign document addressed to the mentalities of democratic ward-heelers.

All I can guarantee is that if you will trail along with me from week to week in this space, I will do my best to follow what is humorously entitled the Presidential Campaign, same being fancy language for a four-year choice between capitalist epilepsy and capitalist apoplexy. If I fall down any Democratic sewers or Republican manholes in the course of this job I' can be identified by the eviction notice in my upper left-hand pocket.

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X-Rays

By JOHN M. WORK

FOR the information of new readers I will say that I made my debut as a writer on Socialism by writing X Rays for several-Socialist papers which published them simultaneously. Since that series closed I have occasionally written under the same heading-and here I go again.

I am a Socialist because I believe in the upward evolution of the human race and want to assist in the process of conscious evolution.

If I believed in the inevitable degeneracy of the human race, I would no doubt be a capitalist, a cynic, or an adherent of the philosophy of futility whose spokesmen are so nau seatingly vocal.

The next step in the upward evolution of the race is the socialization of industry, so as to provide a better environment for human beings.

The industries of this country are dead ripe for socialization.

They have passed through the period of handicraft and the period of growth from small industry into great industry. Machinery has developed from hand tools into the marvels now in use. Ownership has passed from the individual to the big corporations. Management has passed out of the hands of the owners into the hands of hired managers. The work is no longer done by one person or by a few. but by large numbers of workers co-

All this makes the industries dead ripe for collective ownership and operation, in order that they may no longer be operated for the private profit of a few but may be operated for the benefit of all.

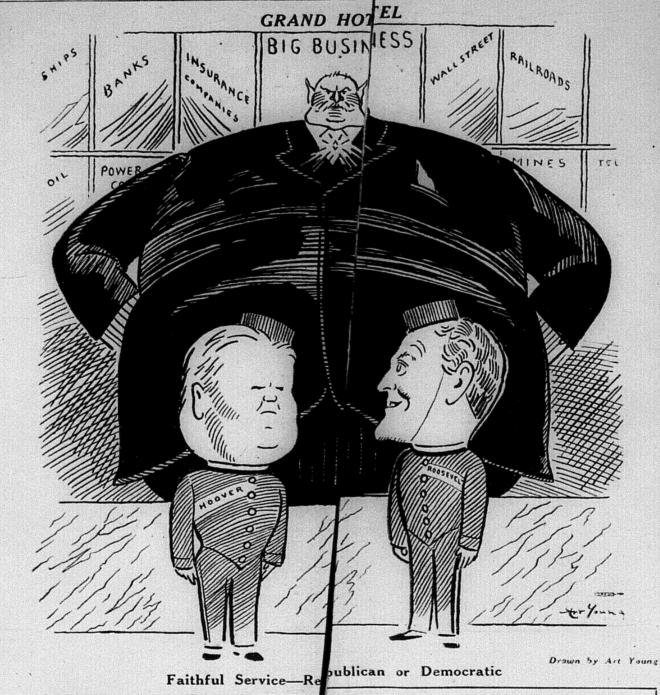
Unfortunately the minds of the people have not developed as fast as the industries. They have lagged along behind. Hence, the majority of the people do not as yet realize what has happened. They do not know that the industries are ripe for Socialism. They do not know what Socialism is. They gives you a job are floundering in ignorance. Their and keeps clothes trials and tribulations are the logical on your back and result. For, the social ills, such as poverty and joblessness, are due to the fact that the industries have not been socialized.

A minority of the people have kept their minds up to date. Their intellects have developed side by side with the development of industry. They realize exactly what the situation is. They know that the way out of the present difficulty is through the collective ownership and operation of the great industries.

This minority is known as the So-

Because they are a minority they cannot emancipate themselves from the evils of capitalism without persuading the rest of the people to do the same, Besides, the Socialists have the missionary spirit: they love to work for the cause of Socialism. It is their great joy and their great task to help evolve the minds of the masses to the point where they will realize that the trouble lies in the socialization of industry.

This is a tremendous job-for the selfish interests, which own most of the newspapers and other methods of publicity, try to keep the people ignorant. The Socialists want the assistance of all who understand. If you are one of these, do not hang back; the producer and the consumer. come with us and help.



False Claims and Truths About Capitalism

By W. E. WOODWARD Author of "George Washington"

FOR 100 years the final argument of Capitalism has been that it makes good. Say what you please about theories and ideals, but after

all, what makes the clock tick? Capitalism. What holds civilization together and inspires progress? Capitalism. Who food on your table? Why, a capitalist, of course. Who pays the divi-



When that is said often enough, and in many different ways, millions and millions of people acquire a conviction that if it were not for Capitalism-its foresight and its brains-the whole world would live in one-room shacks and eatch fish for a living.

The trouble with that argument is that there is not one word of truth in it. Such progress as the world has made-and much of it is false and misleading - has been accomplished in spite of Capitalism, and not because of it.

Capitalism's God-Profit

Your capitalist boss does not create one job that he gives you in his factory, yet, if you are an unthinking person, you may believe he does. No; your job-like his factory-has been created by the needs of human society. The capitalist stands where the need meets the demand, like a highwayman at a cross-road, taking toll from both

He hires you because he can make

a profit from your no profit coming you are worth-he to pay you all of giving you a would never drea

job. ne way he exploits In exactly the sa does not sell his the consumer. He the consumer. Hely are worth; no, goods for what the all. He must sell that wouldn't do at they are worth them for more than profit on which in order to make the he had to sell Capitalism exists. alue he would not them for their real v he would be no remain in business; longer interested. Tvalue and their tween their actual rofit. ne difference beselling value is his

The Myth Abou

were abolished Yet, if the capitalist and furniture the demand for shoe other products and automobiles-and ng as ever; and -would be just as str rired to fill the the labor and skill required to Interest then, demand would still blist come in? list come in? where does the capitaim?

"Risks"

What is the need of h

Well, why should there a sane civi-all? There wouldn't be in is planned lization, where production It is easy for use instead of profit. figure out enough—for instance—to shoes the exactly how many pairs of the course American people need in pairs could of a year. That number of isk. Why be produced without any isn't that done?

The Risk Labor Rulit cannot

The true answer is that ety. The be done in a capitalistic socked. The essence of Capitalism is griller in a capitalist producer is a gaming about game. He doesn't care anythivants to the needs of society; all he sprices, do is to sell his goods, raise higher the and—in some way or other of the better of his competitors and public.

And there is the assumption that the capitalist takes all the risks risk? bunk! How about the worker's, some There isn't any, eh? Nevertheles, erican 10,000,000 or 12,000,000 of Autoday. workers are out of employment Evidently they were taking risk, too, and in a game over which the no control.

The argument that Capitalism but constructive genius is nothing estinonsense which cannot stand in ood, gation. It has appeared to make ince I'll grant you that, but the appear is deceptive. Its apparent su with out of an electorate of 45,000. over three or four generations-

labor; if there were | occasional lapses into panics and de rom you-if he had pressions-has been due to new inventions, for one thing; to the vast increased productive capacity of labor; and to the opening up of new lands; to the exploitation of primitive races

Greed Is Destructive

Every great invention that I ever heard of was made by a worker or a scientist. When the invention is perfected, when it has been proved to have enormous possibilities, then the capitalist steps in and acquires con-

But there had to come a day of reckoning. Greed defeats itself-always and invariably. Not only is greed for money self-de-structive; every kind of greedand in that I include greed for power and fame and successeventually destroys itself.

The new lands have been occupied, the primitive peoples of the world tion in town and country affairs. A have been exploited, the public has society based upon the principle of lost its buying power, the nations of The economists of C wer to these what they call an anst the capital-questions. They say the as initiative ist takes the risk; he ablishes the and enterprise. He esty, and if it business risks his monder.

They cannot organize these elements of the nation of the people still exists, their talent and skill. The land is here, as fertile as ever, and the machinery of the factories. But the machinery of the factories. But the national property of the factories are the spirit. Other countries have developed to suit our frontier spirit. Other countries have developed to spirit. the world have been smothered by ments of production, and it stands weak and powerless beside them. Why? Because it can organize only for profit—and when profit fails, then the capitalistic genius expires

The Parasite of the World

Capitalism is a parasite of the work ing world. It has eaten its way to the heart of labor, like some poisonous germ. Through its stupidities it has destroyed the sources of human wellbeing; and now, in the midst of the world-wide disaster which it has invoked Capitalism stands like a frightened child surrounded by broken dishes. It has no remedy, nothing helpful to suggest; not even has it a good excuse.

Mankind can be saved only by Socialism. It is plain to all men of perception that the sun is setting on this capitalist civilization. Socialism must furnish the foundation for a new order of society.

It will be a long, hard battle-for we must build from the ground up. The time to begin is NOW-

The way to begin is by voting for Norman Thomas—and the entire Socialist ticket—in November.

THE TIDE TURNS-.The British labor party has recaptured the parliamentary seat in Wednesburg from they will be able to usher in a period cess the tories, by a turnover of 7.937 votes of prosperity.

The Woman's **Point** of View

By HARRIOT STANTON BLATCH STICK to it. Those words were

the keynote of Mrs. Stanley Baldwin's message to the women of Canada at the time the imperial conference opened at Ottawa. The women were to stick to keeping self-respect alive in their men-folk suffering the tragic effects of unemployment. "Stick to it" is part of the game of optimism-suggesting a vision of roast beef for the hard crust of reality.

In my humble opinion Canadian women would do better to stick it in a new way rather than in the old. Let them put their minds right on that imperial conference, and get husband to do the same. The few days of conferring has revealed there is nothing imperial about the assem-

bly. Its spirit is petty provincialisf. "Buy British" is the slogan of one set of delegates, "Buy Australian" of another, "Buy South African" is of a third set. Each group will ward off the attack of the others. The one agreement of all factions will be to keep the truth hidden. After weeks of hedging, they will reach unanimity on some small and temporary matters and postpone consideration of the pith of their problem to a conference "at some future date." Then the conference will adjourn sine die:

Women of Canada, women of the world wake up. Watch by all means but don't wait. You have waited too long in giving your economic contribution to civilization. Every country has reached a time when ideals, objectives must be changed if our civilization is to last. The experience in family life-if you women will have faith in the nation's need of youwill show the way out of our eco-nomic difficulties.

If you saw a family run on the system of economic life today, you would say it was composed of insane creatures What sort of family would it be with competition the order of the day, each child for itself, each moved by rugged individualism to get his own particular feet in the trough and guzzle most of the family income. A successful home is not run that way, is it?

Warning comes down the ages that a house divided against itself can not stand. The economic system reigning in your sphere is no little, noaccount matter to be set up as a museum piece and merely gazed at. Your system is fundamental-from each according to his ability to each according to his need is the rule upon which your family is run.

You have seen the disastrous effects of a house divided against itself in some neighbors family, of competieach man for himself is doomed.

Of all nations America has embraced schemes of co-operation. To us it seems but an admission of individual weakness.

Unlike your family idea, our national economic doctrine is each man for himself and the devil take the hindmost. In the mad race some 10,000,000 of us seem to by hindmost. His Satanic Majesty has claimed us as his

Did You Hear The News?

We dreamed it last night so it must

In South America, down on the Amazon river, the monkeys had unanimously declared their belief in evolution. That monkeys were descendants of human beings had long been a disputed question among them. The opposition to this theory was sponsored by those who claimed that the gap between those two animal kingdoms was too great, that a missing link would have to be found to substantiate the theory.

Happily now they claim to have discovered this missing link in a country called the United States, located in North America They have discovered males and females of the human family who believe that by voiing the democrat or republican ticket

Are you a missing link?

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How the Disarmament Conference Almost Started a New War — By JAMES H. MAURER —

The Spider Web of Wall Street - By Louis Stanley And articles by Norman Thomas, Heywood Broun, Harriot Stanton Blatch, McAlister Coleman, W. E. Woodward, John M. Work. New cartoons by Art Young.