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No Wrong Can Live Long Under Free Discussion

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Hillquit Exposes Disfranchisement Fraud—Debs and 1500 Are Citizens

Administration officials in Washington for more e, a five years have wilfully misled the public rearring the disfranchisement of Eugene V. Debs and then other political offenders. They have withheld enship from these victims of war madness undiswindly.

These sensational statements are made in a letter com Morris Hillquit, eminent lawyer and author and mainter of the National Executive Committee of the so that Party, to Mr. Debs, following an exhaustive parsignition by Mr. Hillquit of this question in be-

🕆 of Mr. Debs. According to Mr. Hillquit's letter. a copy of which was mailed to the American Appeal. Debs has never been disfranchised-could not have been disfranchised under any law or section of the Constituten of the United States.

The five-year effort of two Administrations to prevent Debs from exercising his franchise in order to teat him to his knees with the club of disfranchisement, was in plain violation of the law and Constituton. The repeated statements from Administration sturies that Debs was no longer a citizen CONSTI-THE ONE OF THE MOST INSINCERE AND ATROCIOUS ATTEMPTS TO DECEIVE THE PUB-L'C AND PERPETRATE A COLOSSAL HOAX FOR D SHONEST POLITICAL PURPOSES IN THE HIS-TOPY OF OUR COUNTRY.

A Monstrous Hoax

this highly positioned authority as being to be and his 1,500 fellow victims have not or to exercise their legitimate rights as citle Il liquit presents incontrovertible facts on a process 1,500 citizens for five years, and sources ionger literally have been cheated and rights as a result of one of the most of twonstrons Administration conspiracies were the United States.

and I these hiw and order men, these east Constitution, these hundred per cent wastr publicity work, that not only were the shamefully deceived and swindled. a cepted the viewpoint put out by the the people believed it, and the lawshington resiterated it for years.

....... and has always been, a citizen. we cannot legally be prevented from returning film Bermuda to the United States. er has been apprised of his real status as a full-

fe and citizen of the United States. In a I probability, he is on his way from Bermuda

... " w York as this is being written. He will boldly and proudly return to the land of his n in, not as an alien humbly begging admission, but and a street demanding his rights.

Hillquit's Letter I then to Doles, Mr. Hillquit says:

a completed my investigations. To begin a law not forfeited your citizenship by reaare enviction under the Espionage law.

was a vote a well-defined distinction between d the right of franchise it is thout having the right to vote. This apinstance, to residents in the District of nd to residents of all states who have not . their states the requisite length of time sections. On the other hand, states may the right of suffrage to non-citizens, mostly at lave obtained their "first papers."

sights of citizenship include many things outright to vote, and among such things the and freely from and to the country.

ship is derived from the Federal authority though the status

Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution and States by Section 1 provides in part: All persons born or naturalized in the United er in and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are fittens of the United States and of the state the hin they reside. No state shall make or enin any law which shall abridge the privileges or mounities of citizens of the United States. on 1996 of the United States compiled statu-

At persons born in the United States and not get to any foreign power, excluding Indians not fixed, are declared to be citizens of the United

An Inalienable Right

covalized citizens can be deprived of their citionly through a judicial proceeding to set the order of their naturalization. It seems to very doubtful whether Congress or the courts or the power under the Constitutional provision are quoted to deprive a person born in the United ties of citizenship under any circumstances. At rate. Congress has never attempted to exercise power or to confer such power upon the courts in the exception of one possible instance that I if in the statute books.

. 1865, Congress passed a law reading as follows: All persons who deserted the military or naval rervice of the United States and did not return thereto or report themselves to a provost-marshall A thin sixty days after the issuance of the proclamain by the President, dated the 11th day of March, 365, are deemed to have voluntarily relinquished and forfeited their rights of citizenship, as well as their rights to become citizens; and such deserters shall be forever incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under the United States, or of exercising any rights of citizens thereof.

No Federal Disfranchisement

In 1912 the provision was extended to all persons to may hereafter desert the military or naval ser-. but also expressly limited to desertions in time

The Espionage Law under which you were concted contains no provision for forfeiture of citizenhip and the judge who sentenced you did not prene to impose that penalty upon you. Nor is there any general statute depriving persons con-



Attorney General John G. Sargen.

victed of a felony or of any violation of the law of the

right of citizenship. "it is thus elect that you have not been deprived tice of your citizenship by any Pederal Law or act and the inquiry narrows itself down to the question whether your citizenship has been forfelted under the laws of the state of Indiana, of which you are a rest-

No State Disfranchisement

"The question must be answered emphatically in the negative. States have no passer to masser allens with the rights of United States cuiz rship or to deprive citizens of such rights. Oddly enough this doctrine has been most emphatically asserted in the infumous Dred Scott decision, but that doctrine has never been questioned or claused by constitutional amendment, or subsequent judicial decisions. The state of Indiana, furthermore, has never attempted by statute or otherwise to deprive citizens residing within its bounds of the rights of United States citizen-

"The state has limited by law certain political rights of its citizens. The constitution of the state of Indiana empowers the General Assembly to deprive of the right of suffrage and to render ineligible any person, corvicted of an infamous crime, and the General Assembly has exercised this power in several ways. In fixing the penalties for various crimes, the laws of Indiana in numerous instances provide that the defendant upon conviction may be disfranchised and declared incapable of holding office. There are very few instances in which such penalty is made mandatory. In fact, I believe that automatic disfranchisement and in ligibility for office applies only to the crime of relibery in its various forms. In practically all other cases the penalty of and and inclinitely bey la part of the sentence imposed by the judge upon conviction and may be so imposed for any determined period?

No Automatic Disfranchisement

There is no general statute automatically disfrenchising any person upon conviction of a crime, but such distranchisement can only-take place upon conviction of a crime defined in the criminal laws of the state of Indiana, after trial in the state cours and is part of the sentence pronounced by the judge presiding at such court.

"Since you were never convicted under the criminal laws of the state of Indiana and no sentence of disfranchisement was imposed upon you, you have not forfeited the right to vote in the state of Indiana, and I feel confident that if any attempt is made by the local election authorities to prevent you from voting at public elections, you can successfully frustrate such attempts by an application to the courts for the pro-

"Your only political disability relates to holding of-

"By the Act of 1881, a General Assembly of your state provided that an election may be contested on the ground, among other things, that the contestee prior to such election has been convicted of an "infamous crime". It might have been questioned whether that provision applied to your case, both because the statutory wartime offense under which you were convicted could be held not to be an inlamous crime within the meaning and intent of that provision and because you were not convicted of any crime recognized as such on the statute books of

"It was probably that doubt that the General Assembly had in mind when in 1921 it enacted an additional law on the subject, which seems to have been framed largely to cover your particular case which reads as follows:

Only Barred from State Offices

That it shall hereafter be deemed an indique sable qualification for persons to hold any-office within the state of Indiana either by election or appointment, that such persons shall never have evaded or have been convicted of evading the selective service act of the United States or any conspiracy or attempt to defraud the government of the United States, or of any seditious utterances in violation of the laws of the United States or of any other crime against the laws of the United States where the sentence imposed therefor exceeded six

"I am of the opinion that the law is a valid exercise of the constitutional powers of the Indiana legislature, and that you are thus barred from holding office in the state of Indiana. This, however, in my opinion would not apply to Federal office, such as niember of the House of Representatives, United States Senator, President and Vice-President of the

United States. "If you accept my views on the subject, it seems Hillquit's Question

On what authority of law does your Department rely to deprive Mr. Debs of citizenship?

Sargent's Reply This Department has not expressed an opinion on the subject.

to me that it would be well to shift the base of your

campaign from Congress to the Department of Jus-

"The United States Attorney Ceneral has pub-

new oath of allegiance. This attitude is without

warrant in law and may be challenged with all the

"Sincerely yours,

Let Them Answer

These facts are a clear and ringing challenge to

They demand a reply. The Administration is obli-

On the face of these facts it unquestionably fol-

Without warrant of legal authority they simply

The court in which Debs was tried and convicted

assumed no such power and even if it had, there is

to be found nothing in the Constitution or laws of the

fand that would sustain or justify such a moustrous

It is thus made quite clear that the confiscation

of Debs' rights as a citizen, as well as the citizenship

of the 1,500 other victims, was fraudulent on its face.

a usurpation of power not granted by any stretch or

twist of legal authority-a lawless act committed by

Evidence of Guilt

scous of this fraud is in mortal terror of an ex-

posure of its atterly unteratly and undefensible posi-

tion "was strongly indicated by its recent reply to a

letter of inquiry from Mr. Hulquit asking on March

11, whether or not Debs had legally been deprived

of cirizenship. The following is Mr. Hillquit's letter:

"Mr Debs informs me that the Department of

Justice on one or two previous occasions express-

ed the opinion that his conviction has operated to

deprive him of his rights of citizenship and that he

can only be restored to such rights by a pardon is-

sued by the President. In behalf of Mr. Debs I re-

thority in law it relies for support of the same."

its own acts, the United States Department of Jus-

ment of Justice should reply. It did not attempt to

ustriy its stand. It did not say one word in its own

IT CRAWLED, IT BEGGED THE QUESTION.

"Replying to your letter of March 11, 1926, you

IT DODGED THE ISSUE. IT SIDESTEPPED IN

are informed that so far as I am advised this de-

partment has not expressed an opinion on the sub-

ject of whether the conviction of Eugene V. Debs

operated to deprive him of his rights of citizen-

Why did not the Attorney General attempt to quote

There is but one answer--if there were any legal

ATTORNEY GENERAL SARGENT'S EVASION,

HIS FAILURE TO TRY TO JUSTIFY THE ADMIN-

ISTRATION OR ANSWER MR. HILLQUIT, IS

CLEARLY A CONFESSION OF GUILT BY THE DE-

The Department of Justice confesses that it has

never expressed a legal opinion on Debs' disfranchise

ment-FOR FIVE YEARS IT NOT ONLY EX-

PRESSED A PUBLIC OPINION THAT DEBS WAS

NOT A CITIZEN, BUT IT COUNTENANCED AND

CLEARLY ENCOURAGED THIS FICTION, UNTIL

IT WAS ACCEPTED AS THE TRUTH THROUGH-

Illuminating History

on, he made it clear that he had not pardoned Debs

and stated as the opinion of the Administration that

Debs had forfeited his citizenship. At the time of

"The question of your citizenship will be left to

When President Harding released Debs from pris-

justification for this monstrous outrage, it would be

he law and constitution in justification for the dis-

'ranchisement of 1,500 citizens?

PARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

OUT THE COUNTRY.

Debs' release he told Debs:

THIS WEAK AND PITIABLE FASHION:

That the Administration at Washington is con-

selves authority, power, not granted by the Constitu-

gated on its honor to point out who rein these facts are

the Department of Justice, to President Collidge and

to the entire Administration in Washington.

the Espionage Act, or by any other law.

declared their citizenship forfeited.

political bandits.

"MORRIS HILLQUIT."

emphasis at our command.



Morris Hillquit, Socialist Attorney

This view was sustained and reiterated by Attorney General Phagherty, by Daugherty's successor, Attorney General Stone; by the present Attorney General, Sarvent, and by Courresamen and Senators. Ficty-announced that you will not be restored to citi-On Marc's 10, following the introduction of the Berzership unless you petition for pardon and take a ger resolution in Congress, Congressman Berger callest upon the President in behalf of the restoration of Theis citizenship. President Coolidge, without definitely committing himself, referred Representative Berger to Attorney General Sargent and the Department of Justice. The attitude of this department is thus raide the attitude of the I resident.

On March II Berrer visited Attorney General Sargent and asked for the restoration of Debs citizenship. When Mr. Berner explained that Debs would not ask pere bally for a pardon and the restoration of his citionship, Attorney General Sargent is quoted in the frees of the country as saying:

in error- wherein they are justified in the position "Until a man is ready to say that he will abide that the 1,500 men converted for violation of the by the laws governing every one else, it is my In-Espionage and other war time acts are not citizens. formal opinion that he is not entitled to clemency." Later, Attorney General Sargent stated that if lows that Harding and Daugherty arrogated to them-Teebs would apply in the regular way for a pardon and the restoration of his civil rights, AND WOULD tion of the United States, by Congress. by TAKE A NEW OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, his application would be considered. multired the constitutional rights of 1,500 citizens and

Consider such homiliating demands from a man whom the Department must have known all the time was a full fledged citizen!

Clearly, these officials are learning nothing as the time approaches of their exposure and humiliation. The Appeal has a letter dated as late as April 8, reiterating this fletion of Debs' distranchisement. It was wrotten to an Oklahoma reader of the American Appeal by James A. Finch, United States Pardon Atform v. It says:

"Your letter of March 31, 1926, addressed

President, has been referred to this Department. In reply thereto, you are advised that Mr. Debs has not applied for a pardon to restore his civil rights. Should he do so, his application will receive careful consideration."

The Appeal's Challenge

"In view of the continuation of this fraud by the Administration, the American Appeal challenges the Department of Justice to justify this alleged disfranchisement of 1,500 citizens of the United States by a single item of the Constitution; by any amendment of the Constitution; by any law or enactment, state or national; by any decision of any court.

The sincerity and honor of the Administration has been seriously challenged by the facts presented by Mr. Hillquit.

The Administration is honor-bound and duty bound to show wherein these facts presented by Mr. Hillquit are wrong, to point out some justification in the law and the Constitution for its position.

it owes this explanation to itself, to the good name of this country, to the people it is supposed to serve, to the 1,500 victims of a policy of persecution it has

tollowed remorselessly for years. IF THERE IS NO ANSWER UNDER THESE SUPREMELY IMPERATIVE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PEOPLE MAY WELL KNOW THERE CAN

BE NO ANSWER OTHER THAN THE WEAK AND TIMID EVASION ALREADY EXPRESSED IN AT-TORNEY GENERAL SARGENT'S LETTER TO MR. HILLQUIT.

A Splendid Victory

The Appeal is so certain there can and will be no satisfactory unewer or explanation that it does not he situte to announce splendid victory.

To Merris Hilligate, a member of the governing ourt of the American Appeal, and the Socialist tharry, more than to any other individual, credit is me for this victory.

When others were accepting without question the r poated statements of the Administration that these 1 500 non had lost their citizenship. Mr. Haliquit was string for weeks and months the national and state laws and amendments, the Constitution of the United tes; the decisions of courts.

tto did not fire his tremendous broadside of evidesce until he had made it complete and invincible. NOTHING BUT FURTHER VIOLATION OF THE LAW AND CONSTITUTION BY THE ADMINIS-TRATION CAN PREVENT THESE 1.500 VICTIMS FROM SPEEDILY REALIZING THEIR RIGHTS AS FULL-FLEDGED CITIZENS.

To Mr. Hillquit and the American Appeal, and the Appeal Army, and to thousands of readers of the Appeal supporting the Debs' Drive is due great credit for this splendid victory that will explode the monstrous myth that has stood between these men and the past enjoyment of their civil rights for years. The publicity work of the Appeal and the Appeal Army has been of incalculable value in this great crusade and should not be relaxed until the government is forced to formally recognize the citizenship of all these war victims.

Fight Must Go On For Official Admission of These Men's Rights

bey of government officials to cheat 1.500 citizens out licity, than we have yet contemplated. of their rights as citizens.

Don't think because the truth is known that the battle is all over but shouting and going home to

spectfully inquire whether your Department still The keypote of that battle is sounded by Congressadheres to this proposition and, if so, on what auman Berger on the next page NOW THAT WE HAVE EXPOSED THE OFFI-Boldly faced with the question of the legality of CIALS OF THE ADMINISTRATION WE HAVE GOT TO STICK TOGETHER AND FIGHT UNTIL tice, did not reply as a just and law-abiding Depart-THEY ARE FORCED TO ADMIT THE TRUTH AND PERMIT THEIR VICTIMS TO ENJOY ALL

> MOLESTATION. Men who will go the lengths these officials have gone-men who will countenance for five, six and seven years a palpable disfranchisement fiction involving the sacred rights of 1,500 citizens-will go a long way to save themselves from humiliation, dis-

THEIR CIVIL RIGHT WITHOUT OPPOSITION OR

grace and perhaps political disaster. Publicity is the weapon that will do the job.

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(LISTENING IN ON THE WORLD)

A World Court Referendum It is pretty clear that the defeat of United States Senator McKinley of Honalistic Brebrand Mussolini. Mus-Illinois by practically an unknown solini arose to power amid the plaudnamed Smith; who describes himself its of the capitalistic press on the enas a ward heeler, gives an accurate tire world, because he had found a test of the popularity of the World way, no matter how, to smash a So-Court idea. Senator McKinley made cialist movement that had become a this the issue He "pointed with menace to capitalism. The universal Brookhart of fowa is that the linepride" to his vote in the Senate for capitalistic horror against a dictatorthe World Court His opponent was ship vanished in thin air the moment as outspoken in his opposition to a dictatorship appeared that was dithe World Court. When the Illinois rected against the workers, instead of Republican voters went into the pri- in their behalt. In the general relief has ceased to mean anything at all. maries they chose the unknown op- at the rapid crumbling of the Social did not appear.

overwhelming majority international affairs. There is every four the worldthat might save it

Another Case in Point

ponent of the World Court by an ist movement of Italy the club, the torch, the bomb, castor oil, private facts and reason, the men who wanted of American and German war claims This is the first definite referendum cossassinate a organized rudianism and Brookhart to stay in the Senate could on this usue and it is significant in murd r lost most of their horrors to plainly see that he had been elected. the present dangerous condition of the defenders of capitalism through-

reason to believe that these conserva- Now Mussolim, the pet and product had been elected. tive and reactionary Republican voters of capitalism, is turning out to be a ! These apposing groups represented them They are the products of a so-called Locarno start out of which triotism, and row when capitalism erise. I is intrigues in the recent ses thinks yere his ly in Chicago. Lukas finds that an international organiza- sion of the Council of the League of Comrades Watkatskis and Alex Mat ! well taught slaves. Such is the aronic more than any other agency to put fate of the present industrial system. Europe back on the pre-war basis of i It is destroyed by its own contradice balance of power alliances, intrizves, tions. The nationalism upon which ermament races and war plots. His it founded its power now prevents it latest exploit is a secret treaty with from attaining the internationalism Greece against Turkes which threat cens the peace of the world

Appeal Army Column

the National Office is working at top jaind D.J. Thomas Punkatiwhey, two: speed to take care of the spring doods. Jos. V. Bratz. Export and C. Yerant, Comrade Reed of Shelbarn Falls, 25 Buddle or iers are pling up with every Aliquippe, three; and F. J. Rappold, mail. The patient work of long weeks. Erie four. O it Smith sends in a is hearing from in regular so scrope, bunch of five from West Newton tions which will form the steady re-Hable basis of organization. Keep it up, comrades. Be sure to follow up two or three each are scattered all your distribution of bundles and over the country Most of the follows wike up Missouri Another 100 goes sample copies with a campoun for inc are repeaters who send in their to J.T. Barboe, Monticello, Ark. subscribers and party members. Do reports every week. Edw F. Chirli, not be a fire of enthusiasm which Hereford, Coan . Comrad McCosh, burns itself out in flomes. Be, rather, | Exten. Cele., J. Olala, Atlanta, Ga ; a glowing furnace which with con- Comrade Miller's Home Club, Southstant care, forms a steady never-fall, west City, Mo.; J. D. Graham, Living,

eration, Fitchburg, Mass., writes, of Oregon O E Kint, Rockford, Ohio Watertown' B Faction of Woodam sending you today, under so sarute S. V. Kenneson. Charlesten, S. C. reige is going to take eare of a bundle erver, 13) yearlies and 22s half-year school Kanton, Yankton, S. D., O. S. or too. Box" The le good follow up work | Greasert, Secrete, Wash | Karl De-This errier briegs the total for the Souther Medit ad. Wis. A. J. Sprawne, j. New Jersey is going to do her share Finnish Federation to \$552 for sales

de, for 18 yearlies and 8 sexuenith, system and The Appeld appreciates Sew Jersey Comrades make sure that following up their by bundles with an of them that it is impossible to list they are needed. A Steffich, Hobeken, active surap earl for sals. Other Cover, their manes fand comme at a re-tooping they down ; G. Weller sends tures new subsection of T. Stoney, S.d. Lake city sends for a year Tan ek sords four tiek ones in oddis rule Glasgew, Fairmount, West Virster Still (100 ing the hor shots in from tion a consider two benefits, the first given, goes him one better total Six Color Nick Weitlich, Massillen, wants port of Lat week

end of ten weeks a mass convention bonds two each is to be held and those who have been i receiving The American Appeal are of the convention is to device ways t and reans of building up the move. ment in the state". This plan of work ! is so good we hope other organiza | Zagacagacagacagacagagagaga tions will try it

new ones to his list. Roy F. Boyd, right alone "la y can't come too tion Madison, III., adds four mere to his lively to say as Calcornia starts off Home town Club Old Reliable Come with an order for 1200 from the Los rade Carnella of Gillespie went fishing | Angeles | Central | Committee, R. W. again. This time he caught six Bet. Milers in Secretary. That wight to 100, and W. G. Hellerman, 50 Mrs ter all get some of his bait

Another Holee town Club that is growing right along is that of Auburn, I can't Couragle Wood of La Verne, Ind W. G. Magginis sends five new Bubs. Emma Henry sends three from Nock Phillip Bernstein, Santa Ana is Indianapolis, and A. T. Klingebiel, a four from Richmond

Local New Rochelle, R. Bolton, Sec. sends in a list of fifty new subs all in a bunch. Let us hope that they will all come into the local, Comrade Bolton. It must be fun to be in a live local like New Rochelle.

Here's a bunch brought down by the anipers of Kansas. The Kansas Leader, Salina, four, Matt Semple, Ottawa, three; Geo. W. Snyder, Columbus, and L. L. Hale, Minneapolis, two each. Geo. Buickwood, Portland, Okla., landed 12 new ones, and W. J. Hawthorne, Anadarko, two.

Comrade Calmer, Black Lick, Pa., has added ten new ones to his score.

T. P. getting busy again. He was a week of the drive with determination Others from Pennsylvania who are great worker some years ago when and enthusiasm.

The big rush is on. Everybody in a hitting the last are These A. Williams, a

ston, Mont.: A. K. Zametkiu, Jamaica, Comrade Beave of the Finnish Fed Oregon H. J. Larsen, Warrenton, Stephens Point Many good workers Nerv time A. H. Beardsley, Berlin here formed the babit of dropping an juriors, ten, and Robi Loomans of M. Weinerein, of The lew de Poly, under ton a new sub-months post office for ory. City Societist Party wants 200 Forward, Cleveland, Ohio, sends an over a come as they get it. That is a fine of the leebs Specials. Besides this the subs. Cleveland is right on the pale their promptness. There are so many their regular bundles go out where

his order for tity Dobs sponals. Herry in another list of, 5 yearh . Com-

More a P. Prankett, State Secretory one coming in hit and heavy and in of the Soundest Party of Connecticut, addition, they are gathering in new Connectic, Ohio, are going to handle has the full wing plan for organizar subscribers, all the time I, W. Conrecaution that state Executive Committee, Pratter sends the from Lynnood and voted to and The American Appeal to Upton Shelbir, four from Long Book ten expenders for ten weeks on E E Benne's Fresno, A T Siver, twents unor suized towns. At the and Satah E. Arnold, Los Angeles,

The Bundle Brigade \$

R C Densmore, Chicago, adds four are contine in levely this week. Come | pears his for 250 for regular distribusor up the "City of Angels," Besides the Central Committee's order T A. Standiter and A. Levin want fitty Central Branch orders 200, fifty a Zonng to distribute 100. Kate A. Gard. ner, Long Beach, wants fifty and Jos. Andereng Morced, twenty, Ethel Lynn and H. Koblik both of Son Francisco, F. L. Claud, Wilmington, and J. N. Dole, Pasadena order 100 each.

> Mary Rozoza, New Haven, Conn. orders 100 to be sent tensa week and W. E. Davis wants fifty May Day Specials. Just to liven up Connecticut, Comrade Bergquist sends for 50 for stamford and R. S. Baldwin 50 for

Capitalism cannot survive another world war. Guns by the millions placed once more in the hands of the masses will surely be used against the war-makers. Even if this did not happen, the destruction, exhaustion and bankruptcy would finish the present system. It may be that Mussolini, whose whole purpose is to perpetuate toric destroyer. Let us hope, however, that its end may come in some less destructive way.

Ousting of Brookhart

The most significant thing about nomic interests, the ousting of Senator Smith W. up for him was progressive, while the line up against him was reactionary. The artificial division between Demograts and Republicans, which

In spite of all the pretense about while the men who wanted him Mills and at least twenty-tive other ousted, could see plainly that Steck industrious promotors of the measure

expressed this revalsion against the verifiede Franceistem threatening a di ision, although still very vague World Court he suse they were nar "the existence of its creator. To a respand havering nevertheless, which is row nationalists. The idea of any workable degree he embodies the destar more fundamental than the uttorly close association with other nations structive nationalism of the early nonsensical division between Repub--any obligations or limitations of stages of capitalism. In less than a licens and Democrats. It is the divitheir own ration is repulsive to year he has practe dly conbilated the sion between the beneficiary of the resentative Garner of Texas de-

son. Abing ion, ill sends an order for !

F Kirkowki, Detroit, ass the Jugo-Sho Brane of Detroit will need 5-m; his passed May Day Specials. That ought to be will be recalled that this has up the town of Henry. A. L. Treasury raiding lessiness is not new is not organized or if you do not know Counts is zong to distribute no in to Melion. He is now realizing a save the address of your state secretary. Bud No Mich Haz I Marie Bond, ing of \$1,800,000 a year from the Stancie, Ind. orders 25 and C E Bu Mellon Tax Law. ford, Allorta, Canada, 15

The Piston Central Branch S. Levenberry, District Secretary, orders 200 fiels Specials and ten a week regulars. V. Syre, co. Norwood, Mass., wants 100 more. Comrade Sonoroa. Amosbury, is going to distribute 30 and

The Jews a Branch of St. Louis or dore don Into Specials 11, S. Rasso mussen, or Kansas City wants 50, and Sharp shooters who have picked off | Emmet Mider of The Gasconade thronge will hand cound 100 to help i

New York just keeps piling in the of the Bohendan Branch and to Maxmittee and 50 to fir S Weisburg. J. Long Island, J. A. Thomas, Medford, A. Manson, and T. H. Lynch of Water-

> orners 400, 50 check and the Social Let Educational Clab wares two a week

for the and the second for twenty of them. Contrade Jacobs of Helblay the Deby specials and Jos Prestriks the Mark these educate. Herry Palmer to refer the also der for ten enthermore. Henry Hall land. N. Lank, Carson, N. vada wints a burele of ten, and he also der for ten enthermore. Who mind to work a ships in three row abs. This is over turn. Charwater Wyeming, ends a chard of the S C Thompson, Ham mon, Okla, wants 50 specials and A. J. The Bundle orders from Cal formal Local orders 50, 5 a week. Chas-Campo, Shay, wares 75. The Yuken

> Pennsylvania keeps sending them in every no. ! Joe Britz, Export, tack les the job of dutributing 200 Blunales of Im each go to Frank Breger. Alayella, and Ed Roth, Scottdale, J. P. Frich, Etna and J. A. Albright, Green Soirg, Harry Hunker, Washing ton, and Albert Gasnier, Sheron, order 50 each. Desides these orders for the special edition Wm. Lie veilyn News castle, repeats bis order for 200 and The order, for the May day Special Darle grou. Hoopes. Norristown re-

> > Milwaulee added to her hundle orders; W. Roriz, takes a bundle of Carl Kiest also orders 50 for the West Sede Weman's Bronch W. W. Mc-Duzle. Sedro Woolley, Washington cends for a bundle of 100 and O. N. Gressert, Seattle orders the regular bundle, 150, 10 a week. Mike Larena. Clothier, West Virginia, wants 50.

As the type draws near for the great dition upon which we have all spent so much effort, we hope you will gather your forces together for the greatest effort you have ever put forth. Remember this, it all depends upon the army. As important as it is to understand the Case of Comrade Debs. and the other comrades who have suf fered so much injustice, as important as it is to express that understanding clearly and forcibly those tasks are not so important as yours. To place T. P. Cortello, an old ratirond man the case before the people, to spread and friend of Debs sends a big petition | the information, to wake up America, and an order for a hundred number that task is yours. It is the final and 18's which will be sent to the signers | the greatest task of all. You are the of his petition. We are glad to see ones who never fail. Go in to the last

present system who wants to keep what he has got because he has it all, and the man who has too little and wants a new deal. One wants no

change. The other wants change, This is but a shadowy beginning of the fundamental division between the class conscious capitalist and the the industrial population increases. class conscious worker, but it is somecapitalism, will prove to be its his thing that is moving blindly and vaguely in that direction and ultimately in America, as in all other political parties and leave only par-ties based frankly and clearly on eco-

Between Friends

At last we learn why Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Representative Mills of New York and twenty five of their rich friends in the House have worked so faithfully to push through the Mills Alien Property bill. The Alien Property bill proposes to pay by means of a Federal bond Issue. It has now come out that Mellon and are interested in companies that have claims the proposed law would satrefy. This was their nice little way of reading the United States Treasury Mills, the author of the bill, deln't discover that he would make a fortune if the measure passed until Rep-

nonneed the Mills bill as the "most stupen lous steal ever attempted." Then he generously confessed Gar her stated that he had "conclusive ev finds that an international organizer stag of the Socialist party is 2507 though its necessary to save it, it finds. Nations practically wheeked that body ta order fitty each. Comrade Anders had inspired the Mills bill, was a inston Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. idence" that Secretary Mellon, who of the Socialist party is 265; Wash comrades at National Headquarters, stockholder in seven corporations 75 and Herman Raton, Staunton, or whose awards from the mixed claims commission aggregated over \$1,000, news from your community, news from N J. . . . Efforts are new sen and who would receive this from your point of view, news from amount if this little pet measure of

Serious Farm Situation

The firm population of the United States decreased 479,000 in 1925. There was this much of a net decrease in spite of old children born on farms, and all the movement of city people to farms 4m January 1, 1924 there were delegates and alternates to the Na-71.131.000 persons living on firms. On | tional Convention. January 1, 1925 there were 20.655,000 listing on farms.

For so short a p-riod this is a most imposing migration. A decline in the carne population of practically a half a million a year would soon confront this country with a dangerous and appalling total shortage. This decrease orders. 200 cars to to Chas. Kublik this been koing on everal years. It is one of the most serious conditions that confronts this country, Why should men in such great num-

bers desert a place of shelter and an opportunity to produce food, and flock to cities where neither of these elemental necessities are assured?

talist civilization. As the industrial

Berger Says Stick Until Government Admits the Truth

I want to thank the many thousands of comrades and friends, the labor bedies and progressive organizations. Sorealists and non-Socialists alike, who have interested themselves in behalf of my bill to restore to Eugene V Debs all the rights and privileges of citizenship, to which he is entitled. His Ameri can eitizenship, which is now his beyond question, was not and by his hereic stand, and I hope our freeds will not ler in their efforts until our endeavors are completely crowned with success, and the virdication of our hero. Engene V. India is fully recegnized in law and by the government In the neantime, let us not

forget what Debs really del, in connection with the punishment he is receiving. Let us keep in mind what such extreme and protonged punishment reveals regarding the loss of civil liberty in America; the decline of the spirit of liber**ty and the vi**tal danger which threatens democracy in the United States.

"Tichs was opposed to our entrance into the World War. For this he received a ten year sentence and prolonged persecution. in England there are no less than twenty three members of parliament who served short prison sentences because they opposed Eurland's participation in the World war. Their punishment ceased almost as soon as the war ceased and they became full fledged and honored citizens and are now trusted members of the government

"Not a person in any country is being punished today for opposition to that slaughter, except in the United States of America. In view of this feeling and condition in America, we cannot afford to abate our efforts one jot until Debs and the other disfranchised victims of the war fully enjoy all their rights as citizens, which in reality are theirs under the law and Constitution."

-- VICTOR L. BERGER.

population increases in wealth and numbers, one would think that farm markets would improve and farm prosperity would increase. The opposite is true. In industrial England agricul-

the farmers' condition gets worse as THE FUNDAMENTAL REASON FOR THIS IS THE INCREASING ASCENDENCY OF THE INDUS-INTERESTS IN ALL SUCH MAT-TERS AS MARKETING, TRANSPOR-TATION, CREDITS, PRICES, TAR IFFS, TAXATION AND EVERY OTHER CONDITION OF LIVELI-HOOD. As the farmers become more and more dependent on the industrial masters, their exploitation increases and they sink deeper and deeper into-

poverty and debt. The only way out is for the farmers to GET CONTROL OF ALL THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR LIVELE HOOD, POLITICALLY AND INDUS-TRIALLY, they cannot do this except in alliance with labor. They will never enjoy this condition of full Socialism

The Dance of Death

lars to build 1.614 airplanes passed the | civil population by airplanes | 1.44 House by a vote of 297 to 39. A hundwith immense bombs of conture is practically ruined. In America dred million dollars may not sound destructive powers: bombs ... like a large war expenditure, but the with chemicals for setting on character of this item should cause, fire and burning them to the gartremendous apprehension.

It means that the United States has that will cause instant death definitely entered into the kind of are credible suffering, says Profe. TRIAL AND FINANCIAL INTER- mament race that is agreeting the world; dy of Cambridge University, Eq. countries, will smash all artificial ESTS OVER THE AGRICULTURAL now. AND THE ONLY KIND THAT HAS A DEFINITE RELATION TO to enter this new dance of the FUTURE WARS:

England and France began this race of partial naval disarmament of the several years ago. Other nations have: Ington several years ago with been drawn into this dangerous vortex, three other most powerful rat-The leading nations of Europe are the world. Everything that ha now equipping themselves with thou- pened since indicates that that sands of war planes. The warlike, was a deliberate hoax to get-Mussolini is preparing a great war some obsolete and costly arms and plane program for Italy. There is no and arm along new lines for the leaf end to this competition of death. It war in the air. hurled the nations in 1912 into the. Only a maximum mobilization world war. It will do so again, if come intelligence of the world can provent human force or development in the another world war. Only the meintime does not intervene.

A few days ago a prominent army wars officer in a speech stated that the power and independence until we have most war will be in the air. He said that war planes were valueless to pro- give it to a friend .- Thank you.

tect a community, but invincible of an attack. The next war will witness the The Bill to spend \$190,000,000 dol- destruction of vast portions of the planes discharging gases and ...

The United States, the latest s one of the nations that signed a

of Socialism can put an end

"After carefully reading this copy,

Socialist Party News

Lest We Forget

That is the place to send the news

and we want news, news good or bad everybody, news for everybody.

ention for membership if your state That is the place to get in touch

That is the place to get Socidist literature, leadets, pumphlets and full, the held and a good campaign, grows books

with the American Attend

Last Call

Notice should be given promptly to the National Office of the election of

Down the Line

Emil Herman, of Scattle, on his way to the National Convention will speak in April as follows: (in Washington). Rostve 22, Cle Elium 23; cin Montanat, Missoula 24, Billings 25, Lincoln. Neb., 27: Chicago, Ill., 28: cin Ohio), Rockford 29, Newark, 30.

Lena Morrow Lewis, of San Francisco, on her way to the convention will speak in April at Yuma, Ariz., 21st, 'E Roswell, New Mexico, and neighboring towns turder the managethent of William F. Richardson, from This is one of the paradoxes of capic | 21 to 27 inclusive; Covington Ky.

Signs of Activity

, new focul when Comrade Herman and with lively appreciation, of a species here. We shall make use of desen other state secretaries, is somely combes of the American At tool proceeding the new ting. . .

From Commide Sweet of Canton, in accounting on the arrival of dress at public meeting in Blue Ress. with a membership of six . .

This from Comrade Lemay of Johet, St. Louis Labor, one of the most a local here in Johnt if we go after , cidist papers in this country, celeit. Let me know if you can send an brated its silver jubilee Saturday, organizer if I get the courades to ; gether and put on a mass meeting. Comrade Liewellyn, of New Castle, ; Pal, inquires. 'Let me know what due we can have for Compade Her-

tition ... I shall write our congress; bearned on inquity at the desk. toge her chough interested people to our convention but also makes special accomplish something . . . I hope to hotel rates to delegates as follows: get a reply with information relative; to the Oklahoma movement. . . ."

Notice to Oklahoma Readers Write to the National Office of .

the Socialist Party immediately giving your name and address, and signify; your interest in the upbuilding of the ! Socialist movement in Oklahoma, These names and addresses will be shall gladly help as far as we can.

New York state organizer, has had to tions after the arrival of delegates discontinue his work on account of who may wish to 'double-up' and thus his health. Too bad. The never-weary hold down expenses. Such delegates state secretary. Herbert Merrill, is should see Dr. Van Essen, chairman of tee to the end that Comrade Emil Her- and visitors appreciative of the courman may be set to work in New York | tesies of the Chatham Hotel's genervery soon after the convention.

nia, writes: "Another comrade and I I Chatham.

pre leading a local all right. We s have nine members signed up for the The address of the National Office new organization. Good luck to the

This from Comrade Moses of Trenbeing made to reorganize a local in Trenton. . . . Send me a supply of the That is the place to sent your applie, Special Organization Letters,"

> Comrade James D. Graham, of Montunn, writes that he plans for much "fective work in the promotion of our party during the coming summer. He has his mind set on a state ticket in

Cook County, Illinois, has engaged a county organizer, Comrade W. R. ting). Snow for half time. Comrade Snow ! reports increased interest and activity, session of convention on Roof Garden. down state. The party state convention will be held Sunday, May 23, at 2:20 p. m., at Douglas Park Audito- | Conference of Italian Federation in rium, Chicago, for the purpose of nominating a ticket and planning a cam- Forum in Blue Room -Address by

The Newark, N. J., Forum (the People's Institutes is doing much excellent work in expanding the outlook of the large audience that attends regularly. Labor Day and the holding of Noticeal

do some speaking in New Jersey fol, tive Committee and National collowing the National Convention. Comrades desiring her services should address the state secretary, Robert Leemans, 602 17th street, Union City, New Jersey. Comrade Leemans is going to the put with finely cooperative spirit! 11:45 a. ni.-Recess, delegat a re-Conside Smith of Newark, Ohio, in the special effort of the National writes. (Send me adolfienal applicas) Office to have the comrules through tion for charter, blanks. I expect to our the country rally to a rebuilding have the signatures and the money for Compaign. The same is to be said.

Comrade King, of Rockford, Ohio, From Comrade Sweet of Canton, III writes that all will be in realiness for

> I believe we can organize interesting and effective labor and So-April 17 Best good cheer, comrades,

The National Convention

Attention. Delegates and Visitors: The regular even-year national conman. If we can secure a hall we will vention of the Socialist Party will be accept a date and arrange a meeting, held in Pattsburgh, Pennsylvania, I believe every member will try opening May 1. The convention sesto secure a new member before the sions will be hell on the Roof Garden convention on May 1st, and work in of Hotel Chatham, 123 Penn avenue, co-operation with the state and na- six blocks west of the Union (Ponntional office to bring new life to our salvania; Station. The Roof Garden of the hotel will be convention meeting place. The room in which the From Oklahoma, Comrade S C. National Executive Committee meet-Thompson writes: "I am gathering mas will be held April 30 and the day denature, on the Debs citizenship following the convention may be

. When the Appeal was starts. That Chatham Hotel management I becan to work for subscribers in , not only furnishes the Roof Garden as such no use it as a means to get a place of unusual attractiveness for Without Bath.

> Pouble, \$3.50. Three in a foom, \$4.50, Four in a room, \$5,00; With Bath.

Single, \$2.50.

Single, \$3.50 and \$4.00, Double, \$5.50, 6.00 and \$7.00.

These rates are made for reservations on floors 7, 8, 9, most convelisted and mimeographed, and a copy ment to the Roof Garden; as per arof the list sent to each of those thus rangements made by Dr. William J. interested. Thus you will have the Van Essen, Reymer Building, 237 Fifth Cunnea, Irwin St. John Tucket first means of getting together; you avenue. Delegates should promptly will know who are interested and send their reservations to the hotel, where they live. Come through We making clear to the management whether they desire single or double arrangements. The management agrees Comrade Samuel Stille, the famous to liberal rearrangements of reservabusy with his state executive commit arrangements committee. Delegates osity in furnishing the Roof Garden for the convention will naturally recip- drive for the "first goal" of 5.000 mm Comrade R. V. Johns, of Pennsylva. recate the courtesy by patronizing the imembers before the national cel.

National Convention Program

Saturday, May 1st. To 60 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. - Opening ession of convention on Root constant Address of welcome by John W. - ayton. Socialist candidate for 2000 tor of Pennsylvania. Recess for lung 12 Forum in Blue Room to be aldressed by a well known delegate 21:30 to 6:00 p. m .- Second session

of convention on Roof Garden. Roses tor dinner. 100 p. m. to 12:00 p. m. Reception and dance on Roof Garden tengen 150 delegates "dancing, social cara and entertuinment. Note- At this period the Italian and Finnish Pederations

will hold May Day celebrations in Kingsley House and Labor Lycons. Sunday, May 2nd.

8.30 a. m - Delegates' trip by auto and incline to Mt. Washington for panoramic view of Greater Pittsbargh district weather and smoke permit-9:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m .- A. Morning

B. Western Penna. Conference of Savonic Federation in Blue Rossa C. Red Room. Recess for Luncheonmember of National Executive Com

2:15 p. m. - Mass meeting in Lyceum Academy Theatre, Penn avenue and 6th street, celebrating International satisfaction with the results. 'Nuf Celebration, speakers in various lan-Convention in Pittsburgh. Features. guages, address by Eugene V. Dets. Comrade Lena Morrow Lewis will Eugene V. Debs, the National Every-61:30 p. m .-- Banquet in horor of

> Monday, May 3rd. 2.00 a m. Morning session of Con-

vention on Roof Garden. quested to attend Pittsburgh's Far vis-Hundry Club in English Room, Fort Pitt Irona . 10th and Penn avenue Changing Social Order."

1 2:30 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. - Session d Convention.

S100 p. m. to 11 p. m -- A. Evening. session of Convention.

by Dr. Marc Sloman c. Ru . . ject. The Evolution of Bersagasta and the Fiture of Russia."

Note -At 8:00 p. m. a mass meeting will be held in Carnegie Hall, Braddock. Pall to be addressed by Europe

Tuesday, May 4th.

9:00 a. m. to 12:30 - Morning sees 02 of Convention on Roof Garden. 1:00 p. m. -Recess for lunch a Forum. 2:30 to 6:00 p. m.—Afternoon * *

sion of Convention. 7:30 p. m. to 11:00 p. m - Evenira ession of Convention. Two Days Off-And Three

Nights.

Saturday, May 1, and Sunday, May I, are holidays. At that time we sail have full moon. Thus, if you have a car, you can plan to have two lays and three nights off for the contion. Why not come along to burgh, car or no car and have a time at the convention? Crowd the Hotel Chatham Roof Garden est as tion hall. Crowd the Lyconn. V. emy Theatre mass meeting, or at the Hotel Chatham banquet hal ... us have a merry crowd of comredthis convention.

A Good Time May Day Local Cook County, Illinois, the hand, the Workmen's Circle at . United Hebrew Trades will had May Day festival the evening of May. 1st at Labor Lyceum, Kedzie at den. The speakers will be Will. Lorber, Murray E. King, and At. V

Do It Now

"So live that when thy sum comes" to report what you have doing in the present special drivmembership you will not feel ash to ! of yourself and no one can justly all you a slacker or any other such name. Really, what are you d these days, comrade? Have you be be ed your man yet as your part of the tion opens in Pittsburgh, May !

Opinion Is a Crime

Tim True poles is not a criminal. Opinion pot crimes."—Arthur Brisbane.) To dare defy a wrong decree; ro challenge Might in Right's de

(t one's head defiantly; negrive one's voice to common sense Is now a crime.

A continuous within whose breast Vieve of Truth his tongue impels. was nim earth holds no place of reststringe lands become but other

and orders from the ruling creedbrave and bold, the saint and

in the torture chamber bleed. has it been in ev'ry age. athful always feed the fire;

a heralds e'er are crucified. guths do not in flames expireir followers are multiplied. heart, Great Soul! The pirate

1 - 158. "Thou shalt and must,"

Then art with the Immortal to but unremembered dust. Sperce, bear thy heavy cross

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Opinion is a crime?

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Brain-Drops By GLENGARRY

The Debs' Special

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May Day Celebrations

dist Local of Greensburg. bolt a big May Day meet-... There will be a Socialand program to Columbia " Orberman street, at 8 p. m. " should attend, as there; "Int political situation in of county which demands at choperation of all who ed in the cause of the Greensburg has orthe Debs Citizenship will be mailed to reg. swered him. Joe began: of Westmoreland

Anderson, Secretary of the ort, that complete arrangemade by the Los Angeles the meeting and by a purpose of serving all society." ' that day.

... wad and Spendthrift. on who lights a cigar with a other full is a tight-wad comthe spendthrift who lays retailed for a capitalist • h • xists solely to tax his Auges, higher prices or ad-Victor L. Berger.

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Young People's Department

National Office FOUNG PROPER'S MIC. LEAGES 28 Townsond St., Pitchburg, Mass Aaras J. Parker, Nat Directur

With the Circles

ST. LOUIS Y. P. S. L. Closing records for March indicated that the circle of St. Louis was again in the ing. Comrade Bangert' was recently elected as organizer and secretary.

NEW YORK CITY, -The Y. P. S. L. of Greater N. Y. is installing the uniform membership secretary bookkeeping system in all its affiliated circles. Accounts are known to be much easter to handle, and consequently lead to a better standing amongst the members. It is, recommended that other circles get in touch with the national office of the League for information concerning this system.

BOSTON: MASS .- The New Eng land District Socialist Party convention here April 11th voted to have all local party branches elect Y. P. S. L. committees to further organization work of the Yipsels in New England. and to also maintain a closer contact with the circles already established through such committees formed. With a closely working Socialist party and Vinsel organization in New England, this district is fast plowing to the lead in activities.

NATIONAL OFFICE. The following notification is made: Aarne J. Parker, national director, will be in-Warren, Ohio, Monday, April 26th, and him-Monday, May 3rd, in Ashtabula, Ohio, Wednesday, April 28th, in Cleveland its body politic is infested with two Tuesday, April 27th, and the Pitts. million parasites fatter than it is: burgh circle Thursday and Friday of the same week. From April 29th to can't get it is because you have voted | Volstead Act has proved a complete ; May 3rd the national convention in that the rich shall own the homes that fizzle in all the large cities and the Putsburgh. Other places will be visited as arranged,

Our Critical Friends By Savele Syrjala

It is very common among people who do nothing but enjoy the fruits and a majority of those newspapers the alderman, the police, the prohibi of others' work and effort to criticise and pick faults with the way others are doing things. They form a class by themselves who have no feeling of duty or sense of responsibility. They know (?) how it should be done, but are never found giving a belping hand. No, they stand aloof when work must be done, their motto being, "Let George do It; we will watch."

People of this type do not belong to organizations. If they are workers, they do not belong to labor unions, or the Socialist party. If they are young people they do not belong to such organizations as the Young People's Socialist League. They are above organi-

But even if most of these "Let George do it" types do not belong to labor and radical organizations, one nevertheless finds a fair proportion in these ranks.

No sensible person will deny that constructive critism has its place for it is criticism that finds our faults. and, as a consequence of which, we are able to remedy them. But criticiam without work will never bring us exwhere it will never heald up a labor and Socialist movement with a not apply to business corporations, drawn, which were intended to forbid | really lies in the form and methods of | be stated and answered. But there | Europe or America and the Far East. ment in this country.

Those in our ranks who are prone to criticize the work of other sincere ask themselves firsts. "What am I dos when the next war impends, ing to help build the Yipsel movement?" Perhaps the answer may lead to a revelation, that the energy expended with reactionary effects in criticism can be transposed into creative effort, with gratifying assurance that | porations have the administration of one is working shoulder to shoulder with other comrades for a Young People's Socialist League which the United States is worthy of

The Filling Station LINCOLN PHIFER

At the Socialist local Joe, the filling station serf, asked a question, and Day of The American Comrade Toesin, the secretary, an-

"I don't quite understand this! full social product' that I came across in my reading the other day. Why not just the full product""

"Well, your product might consist wholly of potatoes that you raised, and for a rou-ing May Day cel you couldn't eat potatoes alone and to held Sunday, May 2nd. wear potatoes and live in potatoes. of speakers have been see We insert that word 'social' to indibelishing Walter Thomas care that you might exchange your a candidate for United product, without intervening profits, to for on the Socialist ticket, for other products you might desire, at's have been made to disc as produced by all society. You know herde number of American Socialism is an organization for the

wise canvass in the early "But," Joe objected, "if my potatoes were exchanged for some other products, there would of necessity be some expense in bringing about the exchange, and so I could not get my full alive.

"That is true, in a sense. However Socialism proposes to effect this inter change at cost, without the thousands of duplications in service that we find rd hundred dollars a year today. The saving would be perhaps ninety per cent of the cost of interchange at present. That is to say, if would cost only ten per cent what it

costs now." "Still I would not retain my full product or even its full value."

"Looked at in another way, you would get more than the full value of your product. Even now we inherit from the past a great fund of valuable knowledge. That comes to us in addition to that which we individually produce. The very organization of soclety under Socialist aspects will add such insurance of security that further insurance, costly as it now is, will be needless. This is an overplus of the 'social product' that will increase year by year, and be more than the equivalead, with all members in rood stand- lent of what the individual produces, greatly overbalancing the very low cost of interchange of products of individuals."

Joe was satisfied.

Jolts and Jabs

If I am unimportant as I say, Way is it important that I should be humble?

The man who explains much explains little Everybody tells the truth, now and

When one goose hisses other geese sabble.

The rising generation often sits lown on old folks. He who says he will tell the world sually tells a lie.

Do not let your nose shine; it will or light the world., Everybody is seeking publicity so te may show how silly he is.

When a mail is dressed up he feels viser and awkwarder than common. The 'silent voter" is one who votes the old party ticket and then howls because he gets what is coming to

America is, such a fat country that The reason you want a home and the Loor build.

he can find a more perfect slavey to suced into the government service in

are willing to seek to enslave the

workers to profits. If Socialism were in force there would be no charity dinners and no ternment and its officials among great charity drives for vast sums to be disepated in graft, because charity would | leggers, great and small, seem to own nor be needed then, and graft would the government. be palpably foolish.

The Truffle Hunter—A Fable

ils own greed that the greater greed bootleg liquor. of Man may be satisfied.

The truffle is a mushroom that grows entirely under ground, without to smell out the truffles, and then he gives a truffle to the Hog as his wages, and the Hog is satisfied with the few when he might as well have all

The last war put the world to smoking face. The next war will set it on

The criminal syndicalist law

If Debs is denied citizenship because he told the truth, then you, Mr.

The United States, under the rule of the Republican party, is the only nation on earth which now has political prisoners convicted during a war in it for the manufacturer of alcohol. that ended almost ten years ago.

Wall street bankers loaned nearly four billion dollars of your money to Wall street brokers when they threatened to precipitate a panic, but nothing whatever is done for the American farmers.

Every bit of property in the United States is claimed by "criminal syndicalists" by their stocks and bonds vet they are not prosecuted for it. Why?

The credit of the world is exhausted right now. And how can plutocracy continue and keep up business, without more loans?

Sam Says

if the Latin language is dead, the doctors use it to write prescriptions so the druggist can exploit the sick by selling common salt, charcoal, elmbark and water at from 500 to 2,000 per cent profit.

The republican party also has used dead issues to these many years so the gang can skin the "dear public"

Sam Says

Some men think of their wives as slaves. While they go to the gymnaslum for exercise their wives are saw

Every Appeal subscription helps the cause of labor. Are you helping? cente a week.

Socialists Discuss Agenda Issues

views of these comrades.)

Socialist Remedy

By Alfred Baker Lewis

The indications are plain that the the mass of people in the United States for the next few years. If we Socialists want to get a hearing, and decently attended, we will have to now until at least after 1928.

recognized the evil political influence bosses of the Democratic and Repubhave always clearly realized that in order to be able to take over control and management of industry by the government, the working class would have to be entirely free from the extent we are clearly in agreement with the aims of the prohibitionists.

Dangerous Situation But the attempt to dry up the country by the drastic provisions of the noning and manufacturing towns The capitalist will be willing that who re the anti-dry-law sentiment is wage slavery shall end just as soon as | everwhelming. The corruption introthose places where wet sentiment is The pennies of the workers have strong is appalling. No branch of the built every big newspaper building government is safe. The magistrates, tion others themselves are corrupt, and the belief in their corruptibility has undermined respect for the gov-

A great stream of bootleg liquor, fed partly by smuggled rum, but mostly by conversion of industrial alcohol to the bootleg trade, floods the country. Only those who do not drink can fail Man can educate the Hog to curb to realize how easy it is to obtain

groups of our population. The boot-

Private Profit Evil

Now our Socialist principles offer a way out of this mess. We seek to get leaf or stock. Man educates the Hos rat of private profit, and we rightly goal for which we are working; it however criminal they may be. Only the sale of liquor to men visibly after the organization when it fails to meet will be time enough and more room left that not enter into the question. and hard working comrades should Christian, will not dare tell the truth the bootleg trade is the conversion of party and out again is an indictment alcohol into potable liquor by plants lagainst the organization.

supposedly engaged in making alcohol; If our loss of membership had mere-Because the criminal syndicalist for industrial and medical purposes by followed the economic and political investigate the feasibility and desir-Law applies only to the working class, only. This is the opinion of District fortunes of the country we might acit is unconstitutional, but that makes. Attorney Emory R. Buckner, who is cept it philosophically as unavoidable no difference, so long as business cor- an honest and fearless man confronted . But during the boom years of our orwith what he himself admits is the ganization, there was a constant impossible task of making New York stream out of the party as well as City dry. This conversion of indus- into it. This indicates that the grip trial alcohol to the bootleg trade of of the party upon these members was, course occurs and will continue to oc- and is, defective and feeble cur because there are enormous profits

Socialist Plan

Why not adopt the simple Socialist solution of having the government take over the industry of manufacturing alcohol for industrial and medical turposes? Exclusive government ownership and operation of the industry of making alcohol, in other words. This is certainly the proper solution and is in strict accord with Socialist principles - It cuts the bootleg traffic at the source. No longer would there be any necessity for a large corps of government officers trying to inspect the premises of distillers and other manufacturers of alcohol, and being often bribed by the private owners of those plants. With exclusive government manufacture of alcohol no one would get a profit out of making alcohol for the bootleg trade and hence no someezed out private profit, the bootleg evil would largely disappear.

Then in communities where public sentiment was favorable, the sale of light wines and beer could be permitted by licensed drug stores. These drug steres should receive their wine and beer from the government and be charged the full retail price, so that they would get no profit from the sale of liquor and the only motive in handling it would be the desire to please their customers by furnishing them with a gratuitous service. Only in those places where public sentiment was strongly in favor of permitting the use of alcohol to some extent would the drug stores ever handle it, for only in such communities would The Appeal for a year \$1-less than 2 the drug stores which refused

much more to the social wealth that 1926, will undoubtedly discuss and take furnish this gratuitous service by selfwill be available for all. It will give action on the subjects discussed below ing liquor on which they made no all assurance of employment and abil- by Comrades Lewis, Cohen and King. | profit. Consequently, the enforcement ity to make a good living. It will be The Appeal takes great pleasure in of prohibition would be almost in expresenting these timely and pertinent act proportion to the prohibition senti-

Eliminate Private Profits

Drug stores would be under no liquor they handled by selling illegally i calcational instruments both in memliquor question is going to be the one at a price higher than that for which bership and money than they have issue that will engrosa the attention of they got their stuff from the govern lever been heretofore? ment, the buyers of liquor themselves would naturally protest since they would suffer themselves. As their Luckily, Socialist principles point to profit absent from the industry not end, the whole liquor evil would be a of the saloon. Saloon politics in the matter of entirely negligible impordays before prohibition were often the stance. The problem would be solved, backbone of the power of the local by the simple application of the Socialist principle that private profit lican parties. At the same time, we is the source of our modern social alls.

Fraternal Insurance their successful counterparts in many stupers in a effects of alcohol. To that As a Party Cement

By Cameron H. King

One feature of Socialist Party organization which has impressed every party worker and official has been the transitory nature of its membership. Thousands of people join the party. pay a few months' dues, and then drop out. Some are re-enlisted, but many more lapse into the ranks of mere "friends and sympathizers". If the party had been able to retain as members the numerous persons who have been signed up, its membership today would probably number a half million. It is evident that one of our greatest

problems of organization is the retention of these temporary members. A i waning interest in party affairs, boredom at the rather dull routine of local I meetings and a feeling that the party gives no adequate return either in instruction or amusement or practical results for the time and money devoted to it these are some of the more important reasons for the "high rate of mortality" in our membership. We must seek a remedy that will counterbalance these reasons

No Hold on Members

The desire to get some benefit out weaknesses of habitual drunkards. It may feel that such a comrade is not burdensome. was of course impossible to enforce | dealistic enough, or lacks tenacity of . Much more might be said in regulations no matter how they were opinion and purpose; but the defect of the proposal and objections might fected by the alcohol they had aiready the requirements of the average man later. Local San Francisco, endorsing consumed, when each additional sale and woman who joins the party but the proposal already approved by the meant added profit to the saloonke eper, cannot be held. The leng procession Today, the big source of supply for of a half million members into the

been growing in my mind that the nations will never be able to pay their party must venture into a new field if war debts to us. Why should there it is to be more than a transitory rest; be any surprise about this? ing place for brief enthusiasms. The experience of the Workmen's Circle the same year as the Socialist Party water. The statement is generally isit has grown steadily to a membership i sued with regard to the bankruptcy of of more than 100,000. It is a socialist | Italy, organization. Its purposes educationally and politically are the same as those of the party. Its field of proselytizing is narrower, being limited to lacked the advantage of the publicity the bills of one of the political Knisers. of political campaigns in securing adherents. It has been subject to the same adverse and disruptive influences. as the party organization. Yet it has ing the Roman Empire across the held its membership and grown stead- whole planet, one would undertake it. Having ily while the party organization has cone up and gone down in violent fluctuations to its present low ebb.

I think it is unquestionable that the secret of the success of the Workmen's Circle as compared with the Socialist Party dues-paying organization is to be found in the fact that the mutual or fraternal insurance of the Circle provides a benefit to its members and ties them to it by their lively personal beneficiary interest. Why should not the Socialist Party organization create such an interest among its membership?

Way Clear for Party

We think of ourselves as a political party and of fraternal insurance as foreign to the scope of political organization. However, in practically every state where they have official Italy against France, or Germany to sell wine and beer be in danger primary elections our dues paying or against England? Is she out against

(The national Socialist convention, for losing any considerable number of ganization is not recognized by law. | communism without compromise? If which will meet in Pittsburgh, May 1, customers to those stores which did . The law has erected its own method of constituting committees, conven- ing of representatives of the large tions and party organizations. We have adapted ourselves to the law for their common slavation very imperfectly. As a matter of fact the law leaves little or no room in its official machinery for our dues-paying organization. The "red card" party in the view of the law is simply then certainly Washington should a groups of unofficial political clubs. temptation to sell any wine or beer to Why not recognize this fact and promen already visibly under the in- cerd to organize these clubs, our party for Prohibition men already visibly under the in- level to organize these clubs, our party fluence of liquor, for they would get locals, on a mutual or traternal beneno profit out of the sales. If the drug ficiary basis that will develop them stores tried to make a profit on the into far more powerful political and

Party Cement

if one thinks of the successful want to have our meetings in any way | protest would result in a heavy tine on | political or, inizations in this country the drug store owner, or even cause one must rate highest those which I What will they expect to yield in rehave some stand on the question that | him to lose his license, the entire busic; have persistently through many years | turn? is certain to be the burning one from ness of selling liquor would be kept, given their active membership some a profitless undertaking. And with the return for their service. It is not merely the cohesive power of public such a stand. As Socialists we always only in the making but in the selling plunder" that makes Tammany the powerful pelithal organization that it is. It is the numerous services it performs for its adherents and supporters from the jobs it gives some, and the gull with the judge for the union manin trouble to the paintes of Little Tim and the scuttle of coal from Big Tim. Tammany is untiple in age and power, but its principles of organization have

The Socialist Party certainly cannot imitate the illegitimate and corrupt methods by which the capitalist parties purchase the services of their precinct earters and ward hosses. But we can find begat and moral means of notical benefit by which the members may be bound to the organizations and to each other in ties of com-

A beneficiery interest in the organization would tend in-vitably to spur members to a livelier participation in its affairs. Psychologically it would react to strengthen belief in the party's principles. It is much easier to keep one's faith in a steadily growing and successful organization. It would encourage hope and stimulate zeal. By the more process of retaining those already members it would make possible a steady growth through the acquisition of those new adherents who come to us in the spasmodic membership campaigns we engage in. And as soon as we could announce a real growth the flagging spirits of those now inside would be revived and we would witness a miraculous resurrection among those whose hope has died.

Practical Suggestions

It should no without saying that the type of fraternal insurance adopted should be based on sound actuarial point to private profit as the source of Socialist Party membership is a principles. We should not try to digs them and places them in a big of graft and corruption both in public natural and proper one and in vitable, make cheap insurance the great atand private life. The evils of the That benefit may be spiritual, intellect traction of the organization, with the liquor traffic in pre-Voistead days were tual, or material, but we join and red danger of ending in bankruptcy as largely due to the fact that the manuscrain our membership for some satist some have done. The insurance feafacturers and retailers of liquor could, faction of desire that we get out of it. ture should be subordinate. The make greater profits just by stirring Where a comrade lets his membership amount of the individual begefits ip a craving for liquor in the come lapse we may be sure that he feels he should be comparitively small and munity and playing upon the pit.ful is no lenger getting any benefit. We the does or premiums should not be

California Regional Conference of last sammer, has submitted to the Agenda | must be an end to the war debts or Committee of the National Convention there will be another war. ability of such a form of organization.

War Debts or War--Which Shall It Be?

By Joseph E. Cohen

How Workmen's Circle Won, Timidly more and more hints come For some time the conviction has from Washington that the European

Of course, there has been nothing straightforward about it on the part points us a valuable lesson. Founded, of the powers on this side of the

> Italy happens to be the worst place mentionable

It speaks badly for those who stutter about "a war to make the worldthe Jewish-speaking workers. It has safe for democracy," to offer to cancel Moreover, while Italy stands in rags begging alms, it shouts in swollen syllables of conquering Africa and fling-

Why Not Russia?

Should Italy's claim be granted, then what can be said against sponging off the Russian obligations? For certainly Russia came out of the war even more of a wreck than Italy, and its dictatorship has more justification because of the prior Tsarism

be met, there is no excuse for refusing the like petition from every other debtor nation. Under these circumstances, is not the sensible thing to bring together the spokesmen for all the nations in

Washington, to make a survey of the

This means, then, if Italy's request

whole world situation, and act accordingly? Is America interested in boosting Fascism? Is she desirous of helping

so, then there is no need for a gatherpowers to work out an understanding

War Means Revolution

If American imperialists see other wars as inevitable and even desirable, select such foreign nations as may possibly be our affice against coming

This suicidal policy, no doubt has its advocates in this land.

But only the blind cannot see that any gigantic cata-trophe will break our into revolution, and that the next revolution would be world wide,

Suppose there is a meeting of authorized agents from every debtor nation. They come unanimous for the mopping out of their obligations to us.

CANNOT AMERICA VERY PROP. ERLY ASK THAT THEY DISARM ENTIRELY? WHY NOT?

Which country is there but what it has now a large section which dewands total disarmament? Has not disarmantent already begun in some of the smaller lands, notably the Scandi-

Let America make that demand. Is there any European government which would refuse in face of its home opposition? Would not such a refusal hasten the downfall of standing governments and the coming in of governments anxious to bring world concord? Naturally the Europeans would turn upon the Americans and ask if America is ready to disarm. America

Even Japan and China, the only gations otherwise not already represented as debtors to America, must also be authorized to agree upon complete

must be ready.

America Must Lead

If this is fantastic, any attempt to stop further war cannot avail because war is inevitable under capitalism. The consequences of such a viewpoint for the capitalist governments to take is inevitable revolution.

This may be just so. That is in the lap of the future. But now is being conceived the monster which such a future will deliver.

Debts Mean War

How such a war could come can readily be surmised. The easiest and quickest way of insuring it is to impose debt settlements running decade after decade. Establish the sixty-two year payment plan, and generation after generation is cursed and curdled with relentless hate against the bloated usurer. Is not a war of the common falsery of the old world against the affluence of the new world sure?

Or try to strike a halance of power n Europe by financial favoritism. Such a balance may shift and fail. But the suspicions and factionalism engendered can hatch only antagonisms and strife.

Or let the impression prevail that only America is the gamer by the last war, and should another war come whoever beat America would be gorged with unlimited booty.

because wars do not arise out of sane What matters only is that there

Does America want another war? If not, let it find a way to wipe out the war debts!

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Passaic Owners and Government Openly Unite to Crush Strikers---Norman Thomas Kidnapped, Jailed

tout!" Then followed the worst as-

sault the police have made during the

twelve weeks of the strike. Strikers,

reporters, scabs and by standers were

A Lawless Procedure

At the Thomas meeting Mr. Thomas

mounted to the forks of an old apple

built is a mockery on American 1985.

His who realways was not known to his

was finally harded with the Jawfill as

sentitiese" and his tail fixed at

Story of Child Pickets

Thomas' next, words were lost. A

. eful manner.

pullets are treated?

British Socialists Prepare for

Immediate Victory at Convention

proposal for "a living wage Pid's

industries can't stand a higher wage.

until they are reers and to then add a

paid by the state out of direct taxation

the taking over of banks and credit

control simultaneously with coat and

electricity. Masten himself a month

ago introduced in Parliament a bill to

nationalize the Bank of England. It

was assailed as a "foreign doctrine,

which drew the retort from Maxton

that the first Englishman to propose it

was Daniel DeFoe, the author of "Rob-

"Should we compensate or confis-

was the third big policy which the del-

inson Crusoe," over 200 years ago.

to individual needs."

Program of the Socialists of material to settled. They adopted a

Labor party will so along with the L. pensar in us a policy, but could not t

social order." It might be a field a body or where "paying would be

supplement to wares, prortioned act the press as a "sanctification of

this also a step toward the "redis- sition in the Labor party's national

Then the convention extended its the "melliants" or the "moderates" rule

cording to the size of the family, and phrases of no definite meaning."

ing from the rich and distributing to producers," says the L. P. Where

national zation demands, emphasizing I the Labor party.

"Call up Forstmann and Hoffmann plant and get me my orders." This request was from policeman No. 1 of Garfield city in the New Jersey textile strike zone. It came from Hackensack over a telephone owned by Justice of the Peace Hargreaven in Hackensack. It came to the police headquarters in Garfield. It was overheard by the Federated Press corre-

spondent, Arthur Warner of the Nation and others.

It accurately describes the open and vicious connection between the mill owners and the local government authorities. It is no longer a secret that the bosses of the big mills are directing the police and sheriff's men in one of the most savage, violent and lawless attacks on peacefully striking workers in the history of the United States.

Norman Thomas Kidnaped

This is the kind of brace game into which Norman Thomas, Socialist can- piled into the wacons together in the didate for governor of New York, in confusion. Among those arrested the last election, walked as the select- | were Nancy Sandowsky, a picket leaded victim in the American Civil Liber- er. Esther Lowell, special writer for ties Union test of an unconstitutional the New Leader of New York; David New Jersey law now being invoked by Weinstein of the Amalgamated Cloththese industrial and political brigands ing Workers and Robert Dunn of the to prevent the strikers from exercising 'American Civil Liberties Union. They the rights of free speech and free as ; were all held on ten thousand dollars semblage, even in a hired private hall, bond.

Mr. Thomas was dragged from the stump of an apple tree where he was lof the police heads was heard to say, attempting to quote Jefferson on lib ; erty to a rapidly growing crowd; was kidnapped, arraigned in a secret court without recourse to defense, charged with disorderly conduct and thrown

For several days prior to the Thomas meeting, all attempts of the strikers to meet, parade or picket in Garfield were prevented by brutal police violence. Attempted meetings and parades were broken up by a most shocking use of police clubs in which scores of heads were cracked and painful injuries inflicted on the strikers. Numerous arrests and jailings were perpetrated. Ridiculcusty bighbail was imposed on the victims. Albert Wesibord was arrested and his ball fixed at higher than that imposed upon a man charged with murder-\$50,000. He has since been charged with incitement to riot, incitement against the government, and introducing communist matter, in a palpable of fort to destroy him with a long im-

Smash Children's Parade

In a final effort to express their grievances before the public, the strikers organized a children's parade. thinking that defenseless childhood would be a protection against police violence. This parade was smushed at once and brutally by the cowardly police slaves of the mill owners.

Little children were arrested. Some of them spent the night in jail.

On the Monday before the Thomas meeting. Sherif Nimmo of Bergen came crying bome in the morning County read the Riot Act to the long. The Passale police had kept them in state! Go to it, boys! Clean 'em , girls had been picketing Police Chief PER CENT!

London, April 11 The Independent

Labor Party has closed its convention

with the adoption of a program made

up of militant things which in recent

conventions it had refused to adopt.

Much more than that, it has elected

Thus a new kind of leader steps into

the short-which Ramsay MacDonald

once wore. Maxton is elected at the

very time when MacDonald most open-

Iv opposes the L. L. P.'s new program.

The L. L. P. is the "pure socialist"

part of the Labor party. Founded by

the miner, Kier Hardle, it was wedded

by MacDonald to the Trades Union

The new program adopted by the

500 delegates at Whitley Bay repre-

sents a revolt against the "inevitabil-

ity of graduainess" idea formulated by

Sidney Webb, the Fablan, for the

Labor party, and now generally

accepted by MacDonald, Thomas,

and other leaders. The followers

of Maxton condemn this step-

at a time policy as the "Lord-knows-

when" program or "socialism for our

The new program is called "social-

militant "left wing's" effort to tell the

great-grandchildren."

before they are dead.

James Maxton head of the L. L. P.

ed. In court, the judge said the police chief could give the punishment, but Zober would'nt go through with his which has always hampered his leadsentence of spanking and sent the kids home with a severe scolding.

"Anna, a twelve year old picket for her father and mother and older sister and brother, told me as we were marching to fadi to picket the United Piece Dye Works, that a Cossack had clubbed her in front of the Gera Mills. 'If he hadn't hit the tassel on my cap, I'd have had an awful bump.

didn't dare tell my mother." The arrest of Norman Thomas has precipitated one of the most important legal battles in America. Behind Thomas is the American Civil Liberties Union prepared to push this case for all whether or not a corrupt and supine state government in behalf of private profiteers can make laws that set aside and annul the Constitution of the United States.

Of Nation-wide Importance

In the meantime the strike of the textile workers has reached a stage of crisis and importance which makes it the most important issue before the workers of America at this moment. tree and endeavered to make a speech | Albert Wessbord, leader, has stated which by any stretch of truth could that the strikers are insured the backnot be construct as encouraging or ling of the workers of the United birthday of Jefferson, on that day. He strike all summer. The savage and speeches and programs of his assoswer of the millowners to this is the commended the strikers for their fore-bearance and peaceful conduct of the strike and urged that the strike be i closed tails at once. To this end the conducted to the end in the same local severnment is lining up solidly behind the mill owner. Sheniff Charles "Your leader, Albert Weisbord, W. Morgan of Passaic county will Thomas said, "is in juil. He is being move into Passage with 150 it in \$ 0000 tack. This excessive deputies to reinforce the police there The courts have already thrown their battal es into this capital st funited front " The Forstmann and Huffmann company, one of the largest mills in police which range out. Then same the order, CCL in lem out? In the moles that followed Thomas. the district has obtained an injune tion forbidding the picketing of its was sprifted away arranged secretly plant. The other in its are socking and charged with fiscaletty contact similar apprecious. The Administration in Wies's notion has enlisted Tunanxious friends for four hours. How til the end of the war" on the sole of was not allowed to estain bail and the mall owners. Cooldge has turned was thrown into jud for the night. He is deaf ear to all the pleas of the trikers Strike children pick ting ! the White H are grounds were promptly directed. THE STUKFRS Securities in 1921

N TUPER BRAVE STREEGELE. The strikers have even attempted I. MASM. POLITICAL AND INDUS. buy to 3,150,000 workers at the average Corrupt and craven local officials. AND THE WORKERS OF AMERICA if divided equally among all the farm-Either Lowell of the Federated Press. TO DEPEND UPON AND THEIR DE 1878, factory workers, railroad workers THE WORKERS OF AMERICA

The day to fore the bir mar h of 19,000 chillren, two kids of 9 to 11 about THE TEXTILE WORKERS budget

compression. They turned down com-

Macfellod, for the first time in

years, fall t to attend the convention

but sharply criticised its program in

To will probably take the same po-

conference. Then will come the big-

elish and Britain will learn whether

Maxion has been assailing the I L.

P. under MacDonald as La resolution-

ary party" which should cease results.

Two Divergent Policies

Union Congress "to co-operate." The

unions feared the committee intended

it. While MacDonald and Henderson

vainly tried to get in touch with the

unions in London, Maxton took the fast-

est train to Scotland, to a village, ----

ting and go to work.

"Let the unions create the situa tions," he believes, "then the Labor party job will be to put the new situa tions into the best possible laws."

Maxton is a schoolmaster by profes sion, with a thin dark face, black brows, and a black "raven's wing" of hair that has been caricatured all over Britain. His thin figure (clad in the baggiest clothes allowed in the House of (commons) betrays the ill-health ership. He looks like a living menace -und is the quietest-voiced and most irresistibly funny of conversational-

Tories to Make Amends

As an orator he is a fire and as a debater he is the one Labor man whom the hardest shelled Tories in Parliament will listen to silently, despite his scathing indictments of them. This is partly because they feel they did him an injustice once.

They threw him out of the House of Commons when he first came there, had him formally suspended when in to the limit and determine once and I the course of debate over reducing feeding allowances for needy children he called them "murderers."

> The suspension caused an uproar in England. Then it came out that during that debate Maxton had been epending days and nights at the bed of his only child, desperately ill, and that the boy's mother had died shortly before, for lack of medical skill which Maxton could not afford.

> Those who are most against him freely grant the brilliance of his debating quality. His earnestness is compelling; yet his favorite recreation is parodying and ridiculing the

Get 4 Billion in Profits in 1925

By Leland Olds Federated Press

Invitends and interest payments in bella crosse I the 4 billion dollar mark the first time in history, according to the U.S. department of commerce The total of \$4 077,324,000 means an meeting gain of about 6 per cent for the owners of capital over the \$4810. second which they received on their

This exorbitant return to ab enter TAINST I MITTLE AMERICAN CAR, Lewisers would provide a full year's TRIAL. PAVE ONLY THEMSELVES | wave paid in the country's factories. tells has these stardy and trave little . FEAT WILL BE THE DEFEAT OF and miners employed throughout the country it would have given each And don't forget what the strike is about \$240 more toward his annual

WENE GETTING ONLY \$12 to \$201. This year's payments mark a cain TER WEIGH AND THE BOSSES AT of meanly 20 per cent over 1920, the est picket/line of the strike. He con- juil over night without giving them. TEMPTED TO REDUCE THIS PITE hast year of war profits. They repre cluded with the words, "God save the even a crust to cat. The boys and FUL AND INSUFFICIENT WAGE In sent an increase of 120 per cent over 1911 when the owners of stocks and bonds received a total of \$1,777.200.

Total dividend and interest pay

mount- in	each	year s	ince 1913 were:
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2018			2,724,772,000
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1920			1,414,876,000
1921		1	3,341,508,000
1922		 .	3,399,720,000
1924			
1924		.	3,840,588,000
91444			4 077 201 000

First place is given to a wage town mere that is, to pay the old owners ment, as "the spearhead toward a new when the ment of the spearhead toward a new when the mean to be a social order." easl r than using force." Maxon has ! Shove up wages as a means for take had the fight the past year against shown in the table amount to the ener stocks and bonds in the 11 years mons total of \$17,526,324,000 Reports of the commissioner of internal revenue indicate that over 70 per cent of this went to the I per cent of the pop viation that can live in comfort without doing anything useful for the com-

> Attempts to justify such huge pay ments to owners by saying the country needs a constant supply of new capital are hypocritical. Today the corporations are retaining enough in undivided or surplus profits to provide for all necessary expansion of the country's plant. As a result there is an admitted surplus of capital looking for investment and the investment The difference between MacDonald | bankers are working overtime to proand Maxton was sharply filustrated vide enough new securities for the during the coal crisis last July, Both | demand. A redivision of the country's were named by the Labor party as income in favor of the millions of real members of the Committee of Four producers would result in nothing but which the party offered to the Trades good to the nation as a whole.

Canada Farmers to be a brake on them, and ignored, Gaining Control of Own Markets

Winnipeg .- (F. P.)-Canadian farm rs, members of the grain pools, have just received a part payment of about \$37,000,000. This amount has been mailed out by the Canadlan Co-opera tive Wheat Producers Ltd. in 190,000 checks.

The Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers 1.1d. is the central selling agency for all of the grain pools. This year it will handle nearly 200 million bushels of wheat (60 per cent of the Canadian export) besides large amounts of cats, barley, flax and rye.

whence he could not have got back to a committee meeting within three days. Socialism Makes Huge Gains in U. S. Colleges—L. I. D. Doubles

progress in American colleges

The League for Industrial Democof teaching the fundamental principles of Socialism to American college stu- Lengue, addressed 5,675 college stu- ist Intercollegiate Society 1: dents, doubled its student membership in the colleges in 1925.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE COLLEGES! to Columbia and twice to Yale and James H. Maurer, Vida D. Soc. DURING THE YEAR FROM 1,000.TO | Harvard. Three of these college meet- | Vladimir Karapetoff, Paul Jones 343 2,000, ACCORDING TO A REPORT ings were conferences at which more lie Leeds Nearing. John His JUST ISSUED BY THE LEAGUE than one college was represented. FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY.

Regarding the successful and inspiring work of this organization in 1927 this report says.

"During 1925, Paul Blanshard, the League's field secretary, visited in behalf of the society some 82 colleges and one academy extending from Maine to California. He made two separate trips to thirteen of these institutions and addressed 35,600 students. During these trips he spoke at 52 college chapel exercises and delivered 102 class room lectures. He also: gave more than 50 addresses before about 2,000. city groups with an aggregate attendance of 5,000. About 1,000 students joined the League as student members following his addresses. The value of this work by the League's field secretary can scarcely be estimated.

executive directors of the League, be- The League contains as well scorside directing the L. I. D. editorial | college chapters and affiliated gr racy, an organization for the purpose service and actively participating in the administrative activities of the racy is the continuation of the dents in 29 colleges and schools. At well known members of the Sosome of these colleges he spoke more party and Socialists belonging . IT INCREASED ITS STUDENT than once. Thus he went five times

> "Harry W. Laidler, the co-executive director, while devoting most of his ford, Helen Phelps Stokes efforts to administrative and research work, conducted three assembly meetings, each attended by about 2,000 students in college classes and student groups at the General Seminary, Co lumbia, New York, University, Barnard and Wesleyan and before a score of city groups, audiences totaling 3,000.

"At the conclusion of 1925 the League had in the colleges about 100; correspondents, or student representatives, and a college membership of

New York and Washington, D. C. The Out of the young and immense , , tai New York chapter has a membership student elements of America we get of about 500. The Boston League for come a force that will unite itse f with Democratic Control, the Philadelphia, an awakened and irresistible above . Young Democracy, and other groups; movement.

The League for Industrial ! are Harry W. Laidler, Norman Tise-Holmes, Paul Blanshard, Evans Core. Jessie Wallace Hughan, Mary

The purpose of the society, a in its circular, is to promote "e total tion for a new social order based or production for use and not for profe

The present rapid apread of Social ism among educated and think raise. lege teachers and students just in a time when the labor organizations are being barricaded against Social 5 - 18 undoubtedly a case of the flood ... -around the dam. As the Social things rents are being Impeded in one :--tion in capitalist, America, they are "The League has city chapters in scoring a channel in another acress on

Farms Lose 17 Billions in Five Years to High Finance Jugglers

By Lincoln Phifer

A consus report recently made puls says that the form land in the United States decreased in value: between 1920 and 1925, 17,050 million dollars, or 31 per cent.

The total value of farm land in 1925 was 17,770 million dollars compared with 54,829 in Blons in 1523

During this same period mercantile. manufacturing and transportation the dustries of the United States increased their especia and bond obligations by approximately fifty thousand million dollars. While this involved the selling of stocks to the employee and gazed or under bonds. Not governfrom the binks, it dos not follow alone. The stocks and bends issued that relatively much notical wealth by manufacturing, transportation and was added to oblive inflistry or all of them combined.

Neither has the actual value of the farms decreased seventeen thousand million dollars. The land remains justas it was in 1920. The houses and quipment remain. Indeed, the equipment has been increased by the purchases of many millions of dellars, the fact that it actually gives possesworth or tractors, automobiles, and

Stealing by Stock Jobbery Both with the distributing and istries

and the farmer it is largely a matter of bookkeeping. The chief difference, consisted in putting up, money, and is that the distributor has received buying goods, and then selling them. money for new paper issued, while It does so no longer. It is now largely the farmer has seent marked for new equipment, yet is seventeen thousand, are pledged against you, even though mellion dollars worse off than he was in 1929.

Stated in their tanguary the profit taking industries have laid claim to manipulators of industry, all property the property of the farmers to the actually becomes theirs, so far as reextent of seventeen thousand million dollars, all within five years' time, and the books, that is documents, include profits and interest on the property

The eash receipts by the owners of Local grain poels of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitida all market their crop through this central agency, Last year farmers who sold through the poels rec and \$166 for their wheat. Thus far in this year's crop farmers have received \$1,20 as part payment on No. 1 Northern at Ft. William. In the next 4 months they will receive two additional payments. The payments for the 1924 crop were \$1.

> Forty thousand farmers have joined the wheat pool during the past year, making the total membership about 125,000. This is the best answer to the charges of private grain dealers that the pool farmers get less for their wheat than farmers outside of the pool. Whatever the grain dealers may say or think, farmers are joining the pool in large numbers.

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Originally pools handled meat, they had accumulated. Coarse grain pools have also been formed to handle oats, barley, flax and rye. Steps are being taken to orcanize a dairy pool, a poultry pool, -by means of bookkeeping, carries; sectional, as viciously so as to -3" and a seed grain pool in Saskatche- with it great danger. For a year the , did not know that there was the wan. In Saskatchewan there are 72. elated brigands of profits speculated 074 farmers in the wheat pool and 35,4 on the bogus stocks they had issued 157 in the coarse grain pool. The Sas. against the property of other people, domination of the south was katchewan pool owns 50 country ele- But a few weeks ago they began to Remember how Wail strvators, "bought, built and paid for." | grow apprehensive that their wicked the panic of 1893.

ing stocks and bonds, shows that it, game might be found has taken possession of the property. Sands of specularity legacing The prolitaking industries have simply "made" seventeen thousand many points. median dollars out of nothing, and have got the money. The farmers, while still in the possession of all they had before, are actually seventeen the is and million doll are poorer than ;

Claiming All America

The fact is, no worker errordinary cittion in the United States possesses. one penny of wealth. It is all mortcustomers, and the herrowing of money ment or state or mudelpal bonds impreantile industries, within the last five years, if added to all the stocks and bonds that were in existence five years abo, come very close to claiming every bit of property in the United States. It will run close to one hundred thousand million dollars.

It is more juggling of paper. But son to them of 'your" property is nade clear that much of it is in the form of bonis; the pledge to pay returns is backed by the power to take the property if returns do not come. There was a time when "business"

a matter of manipulation. The return you had no part in making the pledge. Merely by including the value of all property in the papers issued by the sults are concerned. You may hold the title to it; but you pay others you foolishly believe to be your own.

The "Claimed" Property Slips Away The census report mentioned above

contains some other significant information. The total number of farms in 1925 was 6,371,617, a decrease of 76,729 farms in five years. The total number of acres in farms in 1905 was 924,885,080, a decrease of 01,000,000 acres in five years. The number of farms operated by owners in 1925 was ! 0,868.014, a decrease of 56,756 in five years. The number of tenant farms in 1925 was 107.852 greater than in 1910. The report that in the "deflation of the farmer" emore properly, the robbery of the farmers coming within the last five years, published earlier, showed that five million farmers were ruined and joined the working classes in various cities within five years: others taking their places to lose what

Almost a National Panic This robbery- for it is nothing else of the present administration on our

Almost every holding If Wall street banks ! to the practice by leading billion dollars on bearity to worth, in acrual value, was the octar, there would be puric involving the whole with a total collapse of fire. percy based on robbins ". low and spending his note; Now rouse up needs are to have by the press. A dispatch for ington to the Karsus City St March il. says: "If the count Its head, the erish in storistreet that has WIPED OFF LIONS OF THE PAPER VI SECURITIES in thirty days. not be the forerunner of a .. business depression or even

down " "IF the country does no dence just because of the she security values, there is no re business depression " The ent almost that "there period in certain lines. Ilhas been slow."

Then the corresponder "Wall street lost all sense : and values. It built a greet paper values and those which in the upper stories have - "

Yes, and so have those in the stories" who have been Lin e issuance of traudulent LOOT taken from the Spain in the early days of was insignificant compartaken from the people bear in America during the last to LOOT. ALL.

Some Startling Results All this means important

First, the farmers are better to the cities and thus intenslabor situation there Second, there is dange to the enough will be left on the forms to feed the people of America 5 - 222

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tion, the prolititaking indust Fourth, this not only at indvantage to the cities, bir is many New York city and the Nanthelater states able to absolutely a - " " West at any time they may mark

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