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The Can and Can’t Of It

A. L. Hitchcock, another Cleveland comrade, went forth into the wilderness of the "well-to-do" and secured $50 from each of the "can’ts." The Scandinavian Branch of Youngstown, with only nine members, collected from the "can’ts" and made $28.00, thanks to Comrades Erickson, Johnson and Carlson, who circulated among them.

And there are numerous others in the "can do it" tribe, but space forbids mentioning them all. There's J. M. Remy, of Greenfield; John Vehre, of Adena; Laura Crowley, of Postoria; J. Huber, of Van Buren Township; and ever so many others. And why do we insist upon calling attention to these "can’ts" and their good works? Because we want you to go and do likewise.

We repeat—there's money waiting for us on all sides, to assist our party in its peace propaganda, by organizing a fund list and collect some of it. Join the "can do it" tribe.

The COURAGE OF HENNACY.

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At the state office a routing of about four hundred of these young men was agreed upon and the comrade is already well on his way assisting locals and Socialists in the campaign against intervention.

Such is the courage of Ammon H. Hennacy, Ex-Soldier, now a soldier of love and peace at Columbus. Let his courage be an inspiration to all comrades to continue the fight to abolish capitalism, so that this world may at last enjoy peace forever.

STATE ORGANIZER CHAS. BAKER TO BEGIN WORK

Comrade Chas. Baker, of Hamilton, with his workmen organized at a recent meeting of the State Executive Committee, will enter the employ of the Socialistic Party of Ohio, at the time that this paper reaches its subscribers.

He will spend about a week in the state office, assisting in the preparatory work and in the purchase of our first organizer’s automobile, and in conferring with the State secretary as to organizational methods and plans.

As soon as his first month’s routing is agreed upon, it will be made public and those interested will be requested to come and confer with him. What the organizer needs is to know who is nearest the home of the organizer, so that he will be able to place his workmen in the hands of the local in a "state of war." If possible, we hope to have the organizer at the head of the movement before the next issue of this paper reaches its subscribers.

Local clubs will not be asked to guarantee Comrade Baker either his expenses or salary, but if the movement is to be successful, some local club will be required to guarantee the outlay of $50 for the organizer’s salary and expenses. Our new comrade’s power will be based on his work and the local club upon his work and power.

Local clubs: Don’t write the state office that you CAN’T USE Comrade Baker after the first month, as he may bring you a $1000 organization fund. The socialistic movement is making such great efforts along this line. A few local clubs may use the usual amount of housework the wife of the average wage worker is doing, and they will collect $15.00 on it alone!

Comrade H. L. Bovey of Uhrichsville, grand chief. This comrade is in the sixties, and he is young, and working for socialism is making him younger every day. The comrade has lived for the country and the cause, and he has many friends and admirers among the so-called "can’t do it" crowd.

Comrade Mrs. Botzlecker of Cleveland belongs to the Sixth Ward. She belongs to the class of mothers. She is the usual amount of housework the wife of the average wage worker is doing, and they will collect $15.00 on her own, even if the class of "can’t do it" comrade. They never have anything to report.

Just to encourage and encourage all, let us note that this is a fine thing to do. Let us all do it. Let us all "can do it." Let us all do it. Let us all do it.

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A BOUQUET-COMRADES.

"Local Dover thinks so well of the Third Ward, that on last Saturday night, in which it is put up, that we want to get it into the hands of all prospects and sympathizers and then let them up with application cards."—R. C. Ricker, local organizer.

A STREAK OF REVOLUTIONARY RED.

A streak of revolutionary red splashed across the city of Cleveland last Monday when a Red Day parade, the best and biggest ever held, and that in spite of the too, too, too, too bad weather, for to carry a red flag or a sign proclaiming opposition to war.

Thousands of Socialists were in the line of march. Women and Socialists Sunday School children formed a large part of the parade. Hundreds of signs and red flags were carried and each comrade wore a red carnation.

On Sunday, May 6th, Local Cleveland, in conjunction with the S. L. P. and the J. W. I. U. held a mass demonstration against war in the form of a commencement procession through Public Square. Fifty thousand pieces of literature were distributed on the morning of that day announcing the event. Before the sun had risen, the street was already well attended, and despite the rain and cold, stood more than 5000 strong. On May 13th a mass convention of members was held by this local. At this convention the following resolution was presented by the Socialist Party in Joint Meeting Assembly. That we DEUCE THE LAW PROPOSING "HUMAN TARY SERVITUDE," IN VIOLATION OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, IN THE FORM OF CONSCRIPTION TO MURDER OUR FELLOW BEINGS.

URGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AND THE WORKERS GENERALLY THAT THEY REFUSE TO SERVE ANY REGISTRATION OFFICER, AND TO DEFEAT THEM TO OUR FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT IN THE WORLD TO BECOME THE VICTIMS OF THE RULING CLASS."
THAT’S FINE, COMRADES
And Now, One Last Strong Pull

This has to do with that $1,000 organization fund. It is now May 15th. We have just looked over the official receipts and find that $277.57 has been contributed to the $1,000 organization fund since April 30th, when we balance the books. We have then a total of $629.33 in this fund.

That’s fine. Let us do our utmost and now one last strong pull to make it an even $1,000. You may be getting tired of this constant pressure to this important fund. We’d get tired of referring to it, also, were it not for the fact that we are, in fact, in the process of ourselves securing contributions upon the lists they have in hand, we’ll have that $1,000.

Let that be our slogan—$1,000 IN THE ORGANIZATION FUND BEFORE JUNE 1st.

Last month we reported the following contributions: Abram Brand, Canton, list 568; J. S. Case, list 342; E. J. Huber, list 282; Bohemian Branch, list 257; Branch of Lakewood, list 475; E. A. Crowley, list 602; Geo. D. Eynon, list 39; John Vehre, list 340; L. S. William- list 341; and others. Total, $343: Scott Wilkins, list 398; J. M. Brick, list 476; the lists and amounts upon each sent the state office since last report.

New York, list 27; N. Y. Times, list 18, $25; Adolf Harth, list 819, $35; Branch Belleville, German, list 586, $2.00; Aaron E. Webster, list 283, $2.00; Enos, list 641, $8.25; V. Carlson, list 545, $2.25; C. L. Wright, list 222, $3.10; Chas. Litz, list 221, $2.00; Branch South Slavic, list 1093, $11.50; Maria Fark, list 807, $8.25; M. L. Heller, list 357, $1.60; Local Piney Fork, list 644, $2.25; W. N. Patterson, list 247, $6.50; Local Zaneville, $6.50; Local Piney Fork, $2.50; Masulliz, $15.00; A. L. Hitchcock, list 645, $8.00; E. Slabe, list 621, $2.45.

Other recent contributions follow:

Lithuanian Branch, Akron, $4.80; Local New England, $2.50; Martin Tiffany, $1.00; Local Hamilton, $1.20; Finnish Branch, Warren, $10.00; Local Zanesville, $6.50; Local Piney Fork, $2.50; Local Masulliz, $5.50; Julius Soos, $1.00; Local New England, $3.00; Local Cincin- nati, $3.00; Local Tiffin, $1.00; Local Brown, list 252, $1.00; Local M. Vernon, $1.00; E. E. Hichens, $3.00; Local Continental, $1.50; Jos. Vukelich, Belleville, $2.00; L. L. Brands, list 285; Finlander Branch, Akron, $1.00; Local Toled, $10.00; M. J. Barry, 50c; Local Barber- ton, $1.00; J. S. Case, 50c; John House, $1.00; L. S. William- list, 50c; Local Steubenville, 50c; C. G. Phillips, list 258, $1.00; Elmer Eierlton, $1.75; Bohemian Branch, $5.00; Layman, list 385; $4.50; Slowak Branch, Canton, $1.00.

APPLI DUES AWAY

More dues stamps were sold in Ohio during the month of April than in any other month since February, 1915. A total of $347.80 was received by the state office for dues stamps last month.

represents a total of 4,156 dues stamps sold.

Our "State of War" against capitalism is showing most gratifying results.

ANOTHER HISTORICAL DEMONSTRATION

Sunday, May 20—Local Cleveland's mass demonstration against conscription and for peace held this afternoon upon the Public Square. Twice eclipsed that of two years ago. Speakers Clifford, Baker and Runenberg fearlessly opposed conscription, made demand for immediate peace and advised against registration. More than 4,000 in audience. Contributions of $125 made for more peace literature for distribution. Another meeting for next Sunday afternoon announced by Chairman Wagenknecht at the meeting.

AND NOW IT'S $824.19

We frankly confess, we were a little nervous when we began the task of making out this June, for the month of April. Being compelled to purchase $200 worth of dues stamps last month; having to pay the ex- penses of the State Executive Commit- tee, we were afraid we would go broke—but all this made us cautious as to whether we would be able to maintain our balance of $70.63 which we reported last month. There’s not a comrade in the state with an imagination who couldn’t imagine such a surprise when we found out that we had INCREASED last month’s balance by more than $40.

Read for yourself:

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR
APRIL 1917.

Receipts.

Dues stamps, regular...

Dues stamps, discount...

Dues stamps, M-A-I...

Branches...

Initiation stamps...

Ohio Socialist sub...

Literature...

Total...

Balance on hand March 31...

Grand total...

Expenses.

Dues stamps...

Postage...

Ohio Socialist...

Literature...

Wages, State Secretary...

Office expenses...

Miscellaneous, including meet-
ing State Executive Com-
mittee...

Total...

Balance on hand April 30, 1917...

This balance is divided into the following funds:

General fund...

Organization fund...

Mileage fund...

Ornamental Socialists are the kind that pose around, tell others "I’m a Socialist too," but who never pay dues into the party nor acxial the party to power.
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Cleveland.
E. L. HITCHENS.....3918 Regent Ave.
Cleveland.
WM. PATTERSON.....1727 Michigan St.
Cleveland.
SCOTT WILKINS.....Wapakoneta.
JAMES J. WHITE.....Box 492.
Toronto.

"Tis Here—Maybe!

"Tis here, maybe, and maybe not.
We shall try every month to present in these columns a number of news items and notes of activity written the State Office in the course of each month's correspondence, but we have to admit in good many, for there is room enough for all, by far. So, if it's not here, it's not here, that's all.

Do a little for Socialism today and Socialism will do much for you tomorrow.

Every local in the state distributed from 50 to 50,000 anti-war proclama-
tions of our party. Cleveland comes first with 50,000 distribution. Toledo is next with a 12,000 distribution. Then come Dayton with 6,700; Colum-
bus, 6,500; Fort Worth, 3,200; and East Liverpool, Elmwood Place, Tiltonville, Springfield and Youngstown, with 1,000 each.

Local Seneca County has adopted a new local speak no evil policy, and a document and should form the basis of renewed anti-war activity.

Local Toledo is issuing a weekly news letter to its membership. The idea is to keep one's members informed so as to keep them interested.

Lotta Burke reports Cincinnati's Kate O'Hare meeting to all wars, where she shave the writers further: "The reformers here have proven for the jellyfish kind. Many of their followers are disgusted. We are now reaping the harvest of our patient watching and working."

George Bundy addressed the May Day meeting of Local Columbus. This local is one of the most active in the state in distribution of anti-war and anti-capitalist literature.

"Isn't it great to be alive these days, comrades? Is it at all possible to ex-
perience and happenings which can be found in the world of exposing the capitalist system in its impurity?"

There's a minister of the Episcopal Church in Galion who still is obsessed with the foolish idea that Socialists want to di-
vide up. We thought the uneducated few who some believed that Socialism meant dividing up were all dead these many years.

"Our local of six members is com-
pounded of elderly men, but we are whole-souled, depend upon that."—Geo. Short, Whittaker. That's the

spirit: "If the majority at the national con-
vention had been for capitalist govern-
ment instead of declaring unali-
derable opposition to such a great lie, I would have quit the
party at once."—Julius Soos. And we dare may he it.

"I shall try to get subs for The Ohio Socialist at 10c a month."—Wm. A. Ellison, Dunkinsville. The state office invites others to get busy in their local or county."

"Note with pleasure the national convention proceedings in the last Ohio Socialist. Had the Ohio dele-
egates stood by our principles and against fuselage and compromise."—Geo. W. Markert.

"Despite adverse conditions among the miners of the Toledo Number Two-
ship," writes Comrade Hollister, "the organization fund lists are meeting with response everywhere.

Alex Connell reports one new member and seven members for the month. All of which means that some one is busy in and around Springfield. The visible supply of beans and po-
tatoes remains the same in this section, and what I want to know is, how do we get along in these perilous times?"—Wilbur N. Patterson, Zanesville.

Three members at large in the May contribution to our party of R. O.
Biegel of Columbus.

"Comrade Oscar Schorn and I were talking about the possible organiza-
tion of a campaign by means of autos the other day and we agreed to give all the paint needed and gas and oil and the first auto that goes out a good RED free of any charge."—A. L. Volk-
ken, Cleveland. A second an auto time was lost by the state office in accepting the application.

Local Mansfield is busy organizing foreign speaking Socialists who speak the following languages: Macedonian, Bulgarian, Slavic, Roumanian, and Italian.

Do a little for Socialism today and Socialism will do much for you tomor-
row.

"New life is showing itself in our branches, for they are beginning to read for membership cards. If our C. C. C. acts favorably, we will have something very shortly."—Perry Critts, Akron.

"Well, at last we have a working resolution for movement. No more trimming; no more concessions to political expediency; no fusion nor compromise with capitalism."

"Good."—C. Toibert, Conneaut. Comradedted of the day was one of the speakers at the May Day celebra-
tion of Local Lorain.

From the May monthly report, will make a better showing and we will purchase more dues stamps at a higher rate."—M. M. Thomas.

If this means anything, it means that local Mansfield is busying itself getting new members and collect-
ing arrears from present mem-
bers.

"We look for the 'Red Special' in our own sometime this summer and we intend to co-operate so that this or-
ganization campaign by means of auto will result in organizing a local in every village in Williams county."—E. S. Fott, Edgerton.

Laura Craft, financial secretary of Local Potosi, in remitting a sec-
tion contribution to the local of the organization fund, amounting to $7.50, writes: "We are plugging along. Our comment is that it's much better to plod along than to back up, as a few of our locals seem to be doing.

Geo. Moore, New Mexico, says frankly that he is ashamed of his local's monthly report. All of which means that there are need of more of the Derwent members who have forgotten to pay their dues on time."

"See by the newspapers that Cleve-
land is being kept on the map in re-
ded to organizing a local there to that local. We have had three or four very successful meetings here."—Tom Cooper, Marion.

Do a little f. r. Socialism today and Socialism will do much for you tomar-
row.

Local Creston reports the loss of Comrade Secret by death. Secretary Bower writes: "Comrade Secret was only a common section hand, but he worked hard and devoted himself to the work of the party, and his loss will be keenly felt. I consider him a hero far beyond his time."—M. R. Collier.

Chas. Baker was the speaker at the May Day celebration of Local Akron. Secretary Crits writes that Comrade Baker gave the audience much to think about and put in some hard ticks against capitalism's wages.

A JOB FOR THE SECRETARY

The state office is about ready to send a broadside of communications to all local secretary is requested, so that this "make the bad ones good" campaign may meet with a maximum of co-operation.

Locals can help to begin this work by electing a dues collecting commit-
tee at their next meeting. For a letter from the state office con-
veying the information, each local secretary will receive a letter from the secretary at the time of the meeting. The secretary will have a special time set aside for his duties for any months past.

OPEN EYES PLEASE

Ballots will soon be sent locals for their vote upon the acts of the recent national convention. A careful reading of the propositions to be voted on and against is advised.

For instance, amendments to the constitution are the most important, the quorum of raising dues to the national office, from 5c per stamp to 10c per stamp. If this increase in dues is favored by the membership, it will mean that locals will have to pay the state office 10c per stamp instead of the present rate of 1c. It will mean that the locals will have to pay 10c of their dues to their members.

Many comrades have expressed doubts of favorable action on these dues in crease and many comrades oppose it. This is why the referendum. Locals should discuss the question at length, so that all opinion may be heard.

There are other matters of equal importance included in the referen-
dum. The members of the party re-
quire the exercise of the best judg-
ment of all members.

Local Cohonion pledges its sup-
port to fight against military conscrip-
tion. Conscription cannot be defended outside the minds of a war-made peo-
ple. Conscription violates every prin-
ciple of liberty. It outrages a liberty loving people and results class con-
scious workers."

Comrades Jos. Sharts and Edwin Blank of the I. e. C. have re-
ndered the state party valuable serv-
ices since they assumed office.

The sign at the cross-roads which points to Socialism revises AGITATE-
STATE!—OKE-OKE—OKE! Do one of
doing all of these three things? "I didn't do either one. If it isn't, we'll never get there."

HERE'S A JOB FOR YOU: Go to your local meeting and ask him for the names and address of a back-stander member living in your neighborhood. Then get collect his arrears.
What's Going to Happen July 20, 22?

Keep these dates in mind. The state convention will be held in Cleveland upon these dates. Every local in the state should be represented at this convention. The state convention was the most important national gathering of Socialists which ever took place in this nation. The coming state convention will be the most important ever held in this state.

War-mad capitalism is forcing Socialism in double quick time. More and more of the movement has been eliminated by this publicity than we could hope to eliminate by years of diligent educational work.

The coming state convention will not only take stock of the progress of our state party and recommend organisation improvements. It will also consider their international movement into world politics. This movement has to be reckoned with by the master class, and to be feared by it.

Sunday, July 22nd is the date set for the convention. This day will be spent in picking up "skeevy-mail." The same delegates and comrades who will come to this convention from all parts of Ohio.

Delegates who can afford it are urged to come. You are cordially invited to attend. With the assistance of the Ohio Socialist, this will be the biggest Socialist picnic ever held in this state.

GET READY FOR IT!

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