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## Tax Cuts Mean Less Relief For Destitute

### REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

THIS WEEK'S COLUMN is an-  
other request program.

"I can not understand how Social-  
ism would make it possible for every  
person to get all that he produces;  
will you please explain that for me?"  
is the question which I am now go-  
ing to try to answer.

I am reminded of a man in one of  
my audiences at a street meeting who  
waited until after I left the stand  
and then approached me with con-  
cern written all over his features:

"Gosh," he said, "where would I  
come in if I got what I produced?  
I operate a drill press and the only  
thing I produce is holes."

THE REASON SOME people fail  
to see the logic of the Socialist de-  
mand that all workers receive the  
full social value of the product of  
their toil is because they lack an  
understanding of what it is that gives  
value to things.

The value of anything is deter-  
mined by the amount of human life  
and labor which must be expended  
to produce that thing. When it  
takes one hour of life to produce a  
bushel of wheat and an hour to pro-  
duce a pair of shoes, then the real  
value of each is the same. If one  
were exchanged for the other by the  
people whose labor produced each,  
then nobody would be cheated. Each  
worker would then get the full value  
of the product of his toil.

BUT UNDER THE Capitalist sys-  
tem there are a number of people  
who do not do any work for the  
things they get. What they receive  
they receive for OWNING, not for  
WORKING. And when anybody re-  
ceives anything without working,  
somebody must work without receiv-  
ing. If it is this business of permit-  
ting people to get something for  
nothing that Socialists want to stop.

UNDER SOCIALISM, ALL peo-  
ple would be workers and all the  
wealth which would be produced  
would be distributed among workers.  
Furthermore, all the mills and rail-  
roads and factories would belong to  
everybody—so that if a surplus were  
produced and reinvested in more  
mills and railroads and factories, the  
new sources of wealth would belong  
to ALL the people whose labor pro-  
duced that surplus.

WHAT PROBABLY TROUBLES  
many people who are trying to un-  
derstand this proposal is their idea  
that the Socialists aim at a distribu-  
tion of the produced wealth which  
would be EXACTLY equitable.

From the point of view of each in-  
dividual it must be admitted that in-  
equalities would likely appear in the  
rewards to workers. That would be  
something for the workers, them-  
selves, to work out and constantly  
adjust. But from the point of view  
of the entire working class, the prob-  
lem would be a simple one. ALL of  
production would be distributed  
among ALL of the people who as-  
sisted—by the labors of hand and  
brain—in the business of production.  
In that way all products would go  
to the producers.

AS IT IS TODAY, no matter how  
much the workers produce, their al-  
lowance is just enough to keep them  
in condition to work and reproduce  
their kind. Under Capitalism the  
real dividends are made, not on the  
basis of labor performed but on the  
basis of stocks owned. Thus a loafer  
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### REAL ESTATE SHARKS GAIN AFTER TAKING BACK HOMES OF IMPOVERISHED WORKERS

Small Savings to Poor Families Will Not Save Jobless  
And Underpaid—Collapse of Capitalist System Is  
Now Forcing Cities Into Decay as Wealthy Strive to  
Protect Their Private Holdings

Shall the public officials of Reading lower the expenses of  
the real estate sharks of this city and throw more workers  
upon the human scrap heap? Shall tax reductions be effected  
which will benefit a small minority and make it less possible  
for the city to meet the demands for additional unemployment  
relief which are now being carried to the city officials. Shall  
those workers who are retained on the public payrolls be forced  
to accept wages which will be in line with the starvation rates  
paid by the owners of private industry in order that the holders  
of large blocks of property may have a decrease in their tax  
bills?

These are the issues which now  
confront the public bodies of city and  
county as the Chamber of Commerce  
presses for lowered tax rates at the  
very time when fewer and fewer peo-  
ple have any hope of paying taxes  
at all.

Ruin For Cities  
That cities and counties are  
doomed to absolute and speedy bank-  
ruptcy by the Capitalist system is be-  
ing demonstrated in Reading by the  
dilemma in which public officials find  
themselves. Ever since the system  
staged its famous flop in 1929, the  
amount of unpaid taxes on the city,  
school and county books has been  
growing. Today more people than  
ever before are facing the prospect  
of being unable to pay their tax bills.

That, in itself, makes matters bad for  
the officials in charge of keeping up  
the social services to which the great  
mass of people have become accus-  
tomed. But, in the face of this dif-  
ficulty the pressing demand, made by  
the Chamber of Commerce, for still  
lower tax rates sets the ordinary citi-  
zen, as well as the officials, to won-  
dering what kind of a city we are go-  
ing to have next year.

The problem of taxes is made all  
the more puzzling by the fact that de-  
mands for unemployment relief are  
being made directly to city officials.  
There are more people out of work in  
Reading than ever before and the  
number is likely to grow rather than  
diminish. The State has warned the  
City of Reading that it must do more  
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### JOBLESS LIVE IN SHACKS WHILE RENT-TAKERS WHINE 'ECONOMY'

Seven People In Three Rooms Is Standard Set By Relief  
Board—Family Visited By Advocate Sleeps Four-to-  
Bed With Wood For Fuel and Insufficient Bedding

While the wealthy real estate  
owners and labor exploiters of  
Reading are pleading for tax re-  
ductions which will make their sales  
of workers' homes more profitable,  
the victims of the job shortage are  
being herded like animals into  
quarters which no human jockey  
would select for his horse.

The ADVOCATE visited one of  
the so-called "homes" which the re-  
lief organization of Berks furnishes  
for the people who no longer have  
any concern about the tax rate. In  
it were housed the two adult and five  
children, ranging in ages from 15  
months to 12 years, who comprise  
the family of Jacob Gerhart.

The "home" of this family is at  
343 River street. You'll recognize  
it first by the fact that the front gate  
is not a gate at all, but the lower end  
of an iron bed which has been hung  
on hinges.

From the outside the building looks  
fairly large. Once you interview the  
Gerharts you'll learn that it is not  
half large enough for the purpose it  
is made to serve. For the Gerharts'  
share of the building consists of  
three rooms, for which the Berks

### PA. SOCIALISTS INCREASE 600%

Average Growth in Party Vote  
In State Far in Excess of  
National Figures

PITTSBURGH (FP)—The state  
office of the Socialist Party of  
Pennsylvania has announced that  
the Socialist vote in this working class  
populated state has increased on the  
average about 600% over that of  
1928.

Sarah Limbach, state secretary,  
declared that on the basis of figures  
at hand, the distinctly working class  
sections of the state showed a pro-  
portion of increase that if carried  
out throughout the nation would have  
given the Socialist ticket the two to  
three million votes estimated in the  
straw polls.

Strong in Industrial Areas  
The great steel district in and  
around Pittsburgh increased the So-  
cialist vote for Norman Thomas nearly  
nine times, from 1,700 to over 15,  
000, with the Socialist opponent of  
James J. Davis for U. S. Senator  
running far ahead to around 20,000.  
Along the steel and coal valley of  
the Allegheny where the Allegheny  
Steel Co. openly demanded that their  
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### RELIEF WORKERS AND COUNCIL TO MEET MONDAY

Two Committees Will Discuss  
Needs and Treatment of Job-  
less at 9 A. M. in City Audi-  
torium

### ALL JOBLESS INVITED

Relief Not a Passing Phase and  
Should Be Conducted on De-  
cent Living Basis

If you are unemployed and  
have any suggestion for the im-  
provement of relief service  
come to the City Hall audi-  
torium next Monday morning  
at 9 o'clock. Even though you  
are not receiving relief you will  
be welcome to hear what the  
unemployed have to say when  
they present their grievances  
to Councilmen Smith, Yocom and  
Hoyerter, who were appointed as a  
committee to meet with representa-  
tives of the Taxpayers' Protective  
League after last week's session of  
City Council.

The committee representing the  
League is composed of Stewart Tom-  
linson, Walter Degler and Arthur  
Buckwaite.

Members of the relief workers' or-  
ganization have been busy during the  
past week investigating individual  
cases which indicate that insufficient  
attention is being paid to the needs  
of the jobless.

"We find that there are numerous  
instances of acute suffering as a re-  
sult of inadequate relief," declared  
Stewart Tomlinson yesterday. "With-  
out doubt this condition is suffi-  
ciently widespread to warrant careful  
consideration by our city officials who,  
after all, have no higher duty than  
that of caring for the well-being of  
the people."

The League's committee is mak-  
ing it known that the organization  
is interested in all unemployed work-  
ers who are receiving relief.

"Unemployment relief is not a  
passing phase," Tomlinson pointed  
out. "As that is the way in which  
many families are going to get their  
living for some years to come, no  
time should be lost in establishing  
the principle that relief should be  
sufficient to maintain family life in  
decency."

### CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE FAILS

CLEVELAND (FP)—The annual  
drive to raise funds for the Clevel-  
and Community Fund fell short of  
attaining the goal by \$456,673. This  
is the biggest defeat that the charity  
leaders have taken since the inaugu-  
ration of the campaign in 1919, and  
is especially significant since it is the  
home of Newton D. Baker, who heads  
the national campaign for support of  
local drives.

With the slogan of "Victory is in  
sight" the collectors worked hard but  
Republican prosperity cut down the  
donations. Many former donors had  
to cut their amounts, due to finan-  
cial reverses during the past year.

Workers in the shops, offices and  
stores were as usual made to give  
but even there smaller pay meant  
less giving.

Charles E. Adams, open shop own-  
er of home Cleveland Hardware and  
general manager of the fund, claimed  
that the drive was a victory since the  
depression cut in heavily on incomes.  
The fund leaders are figuring on re-  
ceiving help from city, county and  
federal governments in taking care  
of the unfortunate.

The drive started out to raise \$4,  
250,000 but the final result was \$3,  
793,326.92.

### NAT'L HUNGER MARCHERS TO DEMONSTRATE AND PARADE HERE TODAY

The joint committee for the sup-  
port of the National Hunger March  
announced that eleven delegates  
representing five workers' organi-  
zations have been elected by their  
respective organizations to represent  
these workers from their city.

The city administration, following  
the policy of the national govern-  
ment to discourage the march of the  
unemployed workers on Washington,  
has refused the demands of the joint  
committee for food and shelter and  
also for the use of the City Hall audi-  
torium for a mass meeting of the  
Hunger Marchers.

In spite of the refusal of the city  
administration to feed and house  
these Hunger Marchers the workers  
of Reading rallied to their support  
by collecting food and cash funds,  
in this way showing that they are in  
full support of the National Hunger  
March. The Hunger Marchers and  
the workers of Reading will hold a  
mass meeting and demonstration in  
front of City Hall, Friday afternoon  
at 3 o'clock. They also will parade  
from Ninth and Spring streets to St.  
Casimir Hall at Orange and Binga-  
man streets, where the marchers will  
be served with lunch.

Delegates to join in the march  
have been elected from the following  
organizations: N. E. Branch Socialist  
Party, three delegates; Taxpayers  
Protective League, three delegates;  
International Workers' Order, one  
delegate; Unemployed Block Com-  
mittee, three delegates. These dele-  
gates met yesterday and elected a  
captain and an assistant to see that  
order and discipline will be main-  
tained on the march and to hear any  
complaints the Hunger Marchers may  
have concerning the organizational  
details of the march.

### GOV'T ACTS WHEN WORKERS REBEL

Troopers Called to Force Ten-  
nessee Miners to Submit  
When Owners Cut Wages

WILDER, Tenn. (FP)—Efforts to  
smash the Wilder strike of coal min-  
ers against a 20 per cent cut in pay  
with no similar cuts in rent and costs  
at the company store have brought  
200 militiamen to the little commu-  
nity and the arrest of one man.

It has also brought the protest of  
Dr. John R. Neal, prominent Knox-  
ville attorney, who went to Washing-  
ton to lay before Secretary of War  
Hurley the facts that federal mili-  
tary equipment is being used illeg-  
ally, according to a decision follow-  
ing (Continued on Page Four)

### A CORRECTION

We take this opportunity to cor-  
rect a statement regarding the Read-  
ing Laundries, Inc., which appeared  
in last week's Advocate.

The Advocate learns that it has  
been the victim of an anonymous  
informer who concealed his or her  
identity behind a name which is not  
printed in the Reading directory and  
who offered "information" which is  
not based upon fact.

The story that the Reading Laun-  
dries pays \$6.50 per week for 68  
hours work is not true. We have  
examined the time cards of that con-  
cern and learn that the earnings are  
at least twice that amount in every  
case and run as high as 50 cents per  
hour for the men employed.

The Advocate regrets for its own  
sake that such inaccuracies should  
be printed in its columns. It is the  
purpose of the management to edu-  
cate, not to deceive and mislead its  
readers, and we assure our subscrib-  
ers that we shall continue to edit  
the paper with that purpose ever in  
mind.

### FUSION SLOGAN RECALLED AS 105 LOSE JOBS

New Lay-Offs at Reading Co.  
Shops Adds to City's Army  
Of Unwanted Workers

### MOST OF THEM OLD MEN

Capitalism's Collapse Teaches  
Socialist Lesson That Ma-  
chines Must Be Made to  
Serve Mankind

Last year's campaign slogan,  
"Vote Fusion, Keep the Shops  
in Reading," became a bitter  
jest again this week when the  
policy of force reductions was  
again invoked at the locomotive  
and carshops of Reading.

It is estimated that the number of  
men who were permanently forced  
into the army of the unemployed was  
105, of whom 80 were locomotive  
shop workers and 25 carshop em-  
ployees.

A sad feature of the lay-offs was  
the fact that, in most cases, the dis-  
missed men were old employees who  
had given many years of service to  
the Reading Company. Several of  
them were only a few weeks off  
from the time when, under the rules  
of the company, they would have  
been pensioned.

### Natural Result Of Capitalism

While the dismissing of human  
workers brings calamity to the homes  
of the wage earners thus dispensed  
with, it is only one of the very nat-  
ural but disastrous consequences of  
a system which operates solely for  
the profit of a small owning class.  
Machines are taking the jobs away  
from men in all walks of life. Un-  
fortunately, however, machines which  
produce so abundantly do not use the  
things they make. Thus the need for  
human labor and for machine pro-  
duction dwindles because the owners  
are unable to find markets for the  
surpluses which machines produce.  
Unfortunately, too, is the fact that  
most workers have not yet come to  
understand that machines can be  
made servants and benefactors to all  
when they are owned socially—as the  
Socialists of the world propose they  
shall be.

### DRIVE AGAINST SOVIET RECOGNITION BEGUN

WASHINGTON (FP)—Appealing to  
President-elect Roosevelt to con-  
sult Father Edmund Walsh, S. J.,  
and Matthew Woll and Rep. Ham  
Fish, among other anti-radicals, be-  
fore making up his mind to recogni-  
tion of the Soviet Union, the Amer-  
ican Alliance began Nov. 25 a pub-  
licity drive to stop the alleged plan  
of Roosevelt to dispose of the recog-  
nition issue.

Wm. Tyler Page, former clerk of  
the House and now on salary as "ad-  
viser" to the House, signed the letter  
to Roosevelt as vice-president of the  
group. Page is associated with one  
of the three or four factions of anti-  
radicals who draw support from  
wealthy matrons, retired officers of  
the army and navy, militarist zealots  
and the D. A. R. officials. They have  
allies among the foes of Soviet trade,  
such as the Anaconda Copper Min-  
ing Co., and are supported by the  
Russian Whites who hold government  
positions in Washington.

### Legion Post Wants

Bonus Bonds

MARION, O.—The American  
Legion post of Marion, O., passed a  
resolution calling upon the govern-  
ment to pay the bonus now with cou-  
pon bonds bearing 3 1/2% interest and  
maturing in 1945.

### What Reading Folks Are Talking About

#### JOBLESS ARE UNSIGHTLY

Reading people miss the point of  
the controversy between the Poor  
Board and the County Commis-  
sioners.

When the Commissioners gave the  
Board quarters in the basement of  
the new courthouse the action was  
not intended as a slur against the  
members of the Board. On the con-  
trary, the thing that needed to be  
done was to keep the jobless workers  
of Berks as much as possible out of  
the public gaze.

The respectable gentlemen who  
live on salaries from \$5,000 to \$12,-  
000 per year and expect the victims  
of Capitalism to exist on a weekly  
family food order of \$1 or less per  
person do not want to look upon the  
derelicts of the system which court-  
house politicians uphold.

In fact, some of the Democratic  
gang have very tender hearts.  
Others, were colloided about the  
cardiac region, still have weak stom-  
achs. And it is either one or the  
other weakness which makes them  
wish to see as little as possible of  
the unsightly poor.

We can sympathize with the well-  
paid politicians. One of the bits of  
refined cruelty which detectives prac-  
tice when used against crooks who  
transgress the laws of capitalist so-  
ciety, it can hardly be expected that  
the defenders of workingclass ex-  
ploitation would impose the same  
grievous test upon themselves. By  
all means keep the men and women—  
and especially the children—who are  
the victims of Democratic and Re-  
publican efficiency out of sight of the  
big fellows who helped to bring them  
to their present sorry condition.

#### SUICIDE AND CRIME

Reading has become acquainted  
with a new crime—or should one call  
it a new course of education? At  
any rate, during the past week a man  
was arrested in this city and charged  
with teaching children how to rob  
trains.

Considering the growing number  
of high school and college graduates  
who are adding class to the bread-  
lines, it may be logical to suggest  
that our higher institutions of learn-  
ing cease instructing people in the  
useful arts and begin making a  
science of what has always been con-  
sidered crime.

During the past two weeks two  
local men who, unfortunately, knew  
no other way of making a living than  
by working for it, removed them-  
selves from the outraged gaze of  
charity workers by the suicide route.  
Is society at fault for not training  
these men in the business of crime  
as a means of livelihood when honest  
labor is denied them? And which is  
the greater crime—to permit one's  
children to starve and finally escape  
the heart break of that sight by self-  
destruction, or to break open box  
cars and take the things which hun-  
gry youngsters need?

#### SMASHING SPEAKEASIES

Councilman George, publicly raised  
a question this week which many  
people have been asking privately:  
Has the city a legal right to use  
hatchets and picks to destroy furni-  
ture in clubs and speakeasies which  
are raided?

We call attention to this sugges-  
tion for two reasons: First, because  
it seems so reasonable, and second,  
because it gives us an opportunity to  
call attention to the crazy workings  
of this capitalist system.

On the second point we rise to re-  
mark that George's suggestion must  
not sound so "hot" to the men who  
make their living as furniture work-  
ers. Thousands of such workers are  
now unemployed and are waiting for  
orders which do not appear to be  
coming. By smashing furniture on  
a wholesale basis the problems of the  
furniture workers will be solved.  
Why not keep it up?

The moral of this reflection is  
simply this: The troubles of the  
working class do not arise from too  
little economy but from too much  
economy for the profit of too few  
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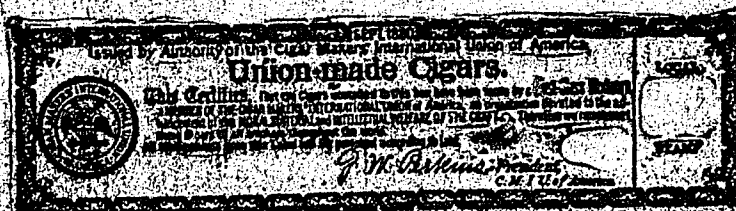
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tion by Jobless

### TO ASK DIRECT RELIEF

Minimum Demands Include  
Union Wage Scale For All  
Employed on Relief Projects

CHICAGO.—Temporary or-  
ganization of a Federation of  
Unemployed Workers' Leagues  
of America was set up last  
week by representatives of 30  
midwestern groups of unem-  
ployed representing seven  
states. Organizations in nine  
other states, stretching from  
Massachusetts to Washington,  
had previously indicated a will-  
ingness to cooperate, but could  
not afford to send delegates.

National headquarters of the new  
federation will be maintained at 20  
W. Jackson St., Chicago. Karl Bor-  
ders was elected temporary chairman  
and Robert E. Asher, temporary se-  
cretary.

The conference adopted resolutions  
opposing the "stagger system" of em-  
ployment, child labor, and the sales  
tax. It demanded "a governmental  
plan of social relief, to be financed  
by taxes on large incomes and levies  
on capital."

**Gives Platform of Minimum Demands**  
The following is the "platform of  
minimum demands" adopted by the  
delegates:

"The history of the workers of  
America, like the history of workers  
everywhere, has been one of struggle.  
Down through the years we have had  
to strive and sacrifice to better our  
conditions of life, as well as to ward  
off encroachments on our living  
standards. We have had to fight for  
our right to suffrage, our right to  
organize and our rights of free  
speech and assembly. In all these  
undertakings, we have learned that  
only through organization can our  
activity really be successful and ef-  
fective.

"Today in the midst of the worst  
depression the world has ever ex-  
perienced, we are faced with the  
greatest battle of our history. It  
has become for us a struggle for  
existence.

"As unemployed workers, we are  
the ones who suffer most from the  
consequences of the present situation,  
although we are in the main the least  
responsible for its existence. As un-  
employed workers we must strive to  
place the responsibility for relief on  
the owning class in accordance with  
its ability to share. It is our right  
to make the possessing class shoulder  
this responsibility.

"Through organization, we must  
act to secure adequate relief for our-  
selves and our families. We must  
also realize that such a critical state  
of unemployment as we are experi-  
encing at the present time is a con-  
stantly recurring factor in the pre-  
sent industrial order, and we must,  
therefore, work toward a planned

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economic order in which social se-  
curity and the right to work be  
placed above the rights of private  
profit in industry and agriculture.

**Asks Social Insurance**

"Our program is:

"I. For the immediate future, a  
system of social insurance instead of  
the present debasing plan of pauper  
relief, on the basis of need; this to  
include unemployment compensation,  
old age pensions and sick benefits  
based on contributions by the govern-  
ment and the employer.

"II. In the administration of  
present unemployment relief, we sup-  
port immediate cash payment in such  
sums as will insure an adequate  
American standard of living neces-  
sarily to include provision for water,  
fuel and light.

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and hygienic conditions among the  
unemployed in accordance with the  
best accepted standards; this to in-  
clude medical, dental and hospital  
care provided by governmental  
agencies.

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because of natural or economic con-  
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he occupies or the land and equip-  
ment essential to the earning of his  
living. (This does not mean that the  
farmer is to be protected in his  
title to this property, but only to its  
use.)

"VI. Adequate representation of  
unemployed organizations on all re-  
lief dispensing bodies.

"VII. The union scale of wages  
for all unemployed workers who are  
put to work upon public or private  
projects.

"VIII. This Federation takes a  
non-partisan political stand."

## IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM

By JOHN PAINE,  
Federated Press

Wage-cutter Melvin A. Traylor of  
the first National Bank of Chicago,  
rumored for the post of Secretary  
of the Treasury under Roosevelt,  
plaintively asks, "What can the secre-  
tary of the Treasury live on?"

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The old Kaiser got a lot of pub-  
licity out of "Me und Gott" but now  
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boy one better.

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of dough out of cheese, according to  
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dollars' worth of cheese a year, says

Kraft. The line ought to go well

these days.

"America has a plan," says Ida M.

Tarbell, historian of the Standard

Oil Co. "It is one built for all time;

it is not a 8-Year Plan."

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g-r-e-a-t plan will go on forever, and

ever, and ever, Amen. Oh, yeah???

Signs of the Times

1930

Nelson Rockefeller takes his bride

for a year's trip around the world.

1932

John D. Rockefeller III takes his

bride for a month's honeymoon in

Bermuda.

Thomas W. Lamont, Morgan part-  
ner, recommends that every com-  
mercial bank in the U. S. be  
brought under the Federal Reserve  
System.

Could this be socialism?

Heard in the Breddline:

"Where you living now, Jim?"

"Bush 38, City Park."

Japan, in her rebuttal to the Lyt-  
ton report, recalled the precedent  
established by Theodore Roosevelt's  
sending marines into Panama in her  
revolt against Colombia.

That embarrassing precedent was  
not published in the U. S. press.

When is a War Not a War???

Bolivian and Paraguayan soldiers  
have been fighting for five months in  
Gran Chaco without an official decla-  
ration of war.

We always thought, in our stupid  
way, that when you get two armies  
shooting at one another, you had a  
war.

This is just a bit of peaceful fight-  
ing, eh?

The Radio Corp. has promised to  
be good and not violate the anti-  
trust laws any more.

Owen D. Young will therefore be  
"more available" for the Roosevelt  
cabinet now that he won't have to  
appear as a defense witness in the  
case of U. S. vs. Radio Corp. of  
America.

Speculators have been of im-  
measurable value to the development  
of civilization.—A. W. Cullen, A.J.  
speculator in the Chicago pit.

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ful; your own can't be very bad be-  
cause you're such a nice man in spite  
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## PA. SOCIALISTS

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employees vote for Hoover, the Socialist Party carried on its most intensive campaign and reaped around 15% of the total vote, carrying one township over both Republican and Democratic parties. All this was in spite of the fact that hatred of Hoover and his sidekick, Andy Mellon, Pittsburgh's chief landlord and employer, carried the home town of the Mellons for Roosevelt.

New Castle and Lawrence County district generally, in spite of the domination of the U. S. Steel tin plate mills, increased their Socialist

vote 1000%. In the anthracite coal counties of eastern Pennsylvania the Socialist increase ran from 500% in Northumberland to an amount 27 times the 1928 vote in the Scranton district. The soft coal counties whose vote was the backbone of Socialist support in its weakest years, did not as a result show such a startling proportion of increase, running 300% to 600%.

## Federal Doles For Six States In One Day

WASHINGTON. — Clinging to its program of doling out the barest minimum of federal aid to starving unemployed in the centers of destitution, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation allotted small sums to six States on Dec. 17. It will have distributed less than one-fourth of its fund of \$300,000,000 of emergency relief when Congress meets to make a big further appropriation.

Michigan received \$225,000 for use in Oakland county, which includes Pontiac and Ferndale, automobile manufacturing towns. "Much distress among former employees" and among farmers is admitted.

West Virginia was given \$213,892; Washington, \$190,000; North Dakota, \$50,680; Alabama, \$123,774; and Virginia, \$239,580.

## CANADIANS SEE WAR THREAT IN U. S. ELECTION

Threat of American Industrial Supremacy Likened to Situation Preceding the World War

## JOBLESS MENACE PEACE

Statesmanship Is Failing to Solve Problem of Increased Production and Unneeded Workers

OTTAWA (FP)—Canadians who were able to foresee the war between England and Germany—and that was easy for those engaged in maritime enterprises—are worried by the results of the American elections, showing how small a proportion of the people have an intelligent conception of the problems that trouble them.

To a small people, tied to Great Britain by political, trade and sentimental bonds, the vast mass of the American people, apparently with a meager understanding of the world it lives in, begins to loom as a potential danger.

This is the situation as seen in Canada. In commodity-producing societies, the forces of production have the mastery over men instead of being controlled by them. The products rule the producers. The struggle of commodities for world markets grows fiercer, and in the forefront of the struggle are the commodities of the British Empire and America. Marshal Foch, who was an authority on war, said the fundamental cause of war was commercial rivalry, the struggle of commodities for markets.

Is there danger of the unthinkable war? Many people said the European war was unthinkable because the crowned heads were related. What mattered, however, was not what people thought, but what the struggle of commodities dictated.

Now look up At-Smith's magazine, The New Outlook, article: What is Technocracy, expressing views of a research organization of engineers, technicians and unorthodox economists.

"The next two years will witness a succession of remedial palliatives

to be offered by our legislative bodies, our financial institutions and social organizations. America in that period will witness a procession of the dumb, the halt and the blind, stumbling from one futile gesture to another into a final sublimation of fear. That procession of the blind will include all the essence of futility in its many varied forms from the mild buck-passing program of 'share the work' to the anticipated probable legislation of rent and debt moratoriums, to those twins of finalities, the dole and complete inflation."

There's your engineer or technician speaking; the Prometheus in chains, according to Stuart Chase.

Unless the amiable vagueness of Roosevelt camouflages a statesmanship capable of counteracting the conditions which threaten to carry the American people to a "final sublimation of fear," what then? Statesmanship at its wit's-end has usually started a foreign division-war.

The products rule the producers. But can they entrain the producers to war without an ideological excuse, a moral pretext? No. But the quarrels of commodities, including the money commodity, can assume the appearance of a conflict between light and darkness overnight.

## REAL ESTATE SHARKS

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for the relief of the unemployed if it expects continued assistance from Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds. "The ordinary activities of the city and school districts can not be cut without adding to the number of unemployed and cheapening the civic life of Reading. And the State and Federal authorities are demanding that Reading institute more relief measures for its own jobless.

What Tax Reductions Mean In the face of such conditions as confront the public officials of this and other cities, the Chamber of Commerce demand for still lower tax rates can mean nothing else than that the few people who dictate the policy of the Chamber are willing to sacrifice every vestige of public welfare in order to conserve their own private wealth.

Should the demands of the Chamber be met and taxes reduced, the small group into whose hands the homes of this city are rapidly passing will be the only ones benefited.

Thousands of jobless home owners have already either lost their homes by mortgage, foreclosures or have abandoned themselves to that fate in the very near future. To the unemployed and also to the underpaid workers of this city taxes no longer mean very much. They simply can not pay them. And even if they can pay taxes, most of the workers are wondering how they are going to be able to meet the sterner and heavier demands of the mortgage holders for prompt and regular interest.

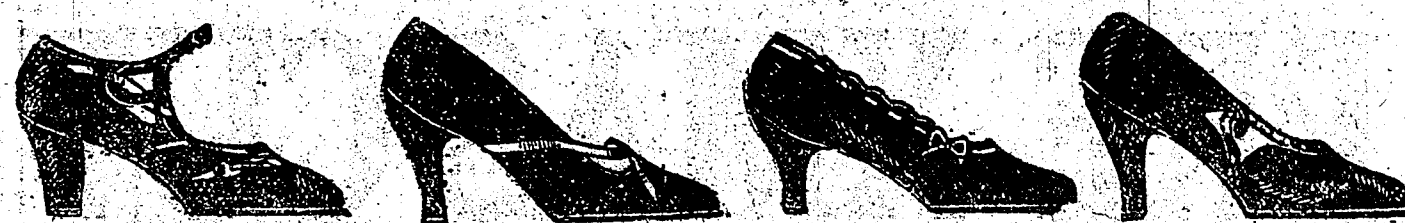
Won't Help Workers That any tax reduction which possibly can be made will be insufficient to save small home owners from ruin is a fact which is being realized by most people who have given the matter thought.

With a \$3,000 assessment, even a 4-mill reduction will reduce the expenses of a worker's home only \$12 per year. When this is understood the worker quickly sees that some other group other than those who have had their wages reduced or who are now earning nothing will be benefited. Just who this group is can be understood by consulting the files of the large real estate owners and mortgage holders.

The difference between nothing—which is what thousands of workers are able to pay—and a \$12-per-year reduction in their tax debt will not help workers. However, it will help the rich owners of property into whose hands many workingclass homes are passing.

More Sheriff Sales Coming The lower the tax rate becomes the greater will be the incentive for those who have heavy mortgages upon workers' homes to dispossess tenants by the foreclosure route.

Viewed from this angle, a tax reduction may become the signal for a new onslaught upon the homes of thousands of people.

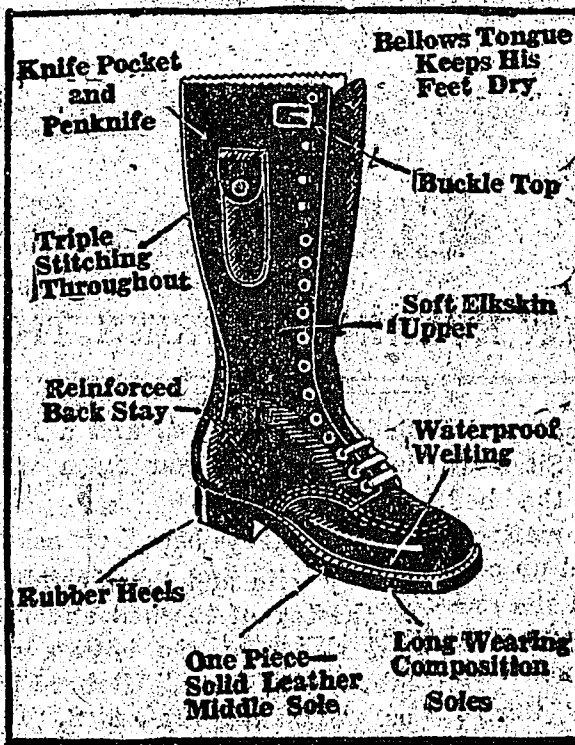


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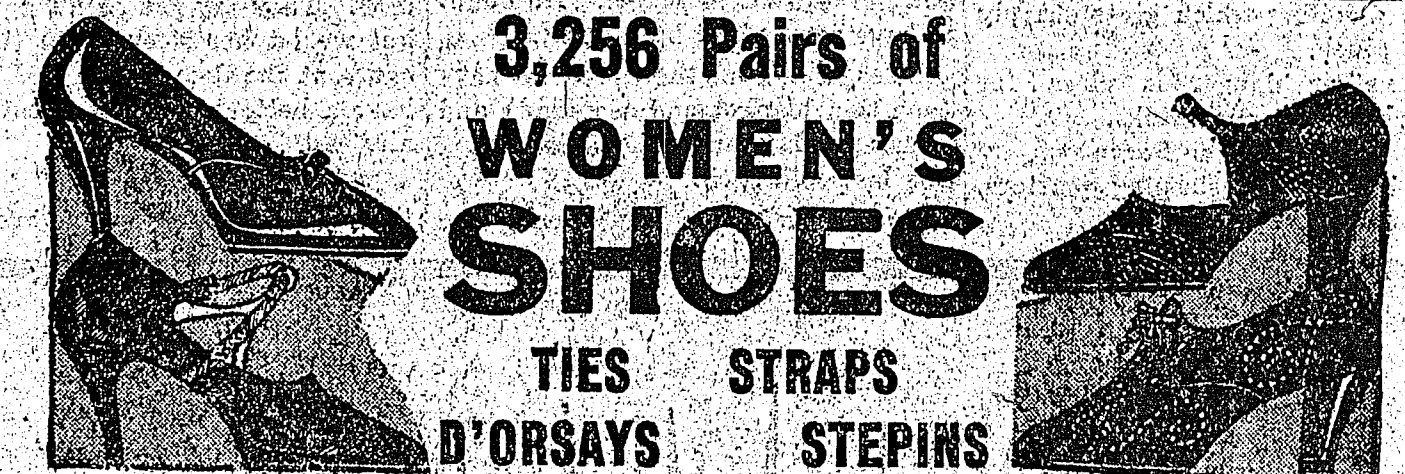


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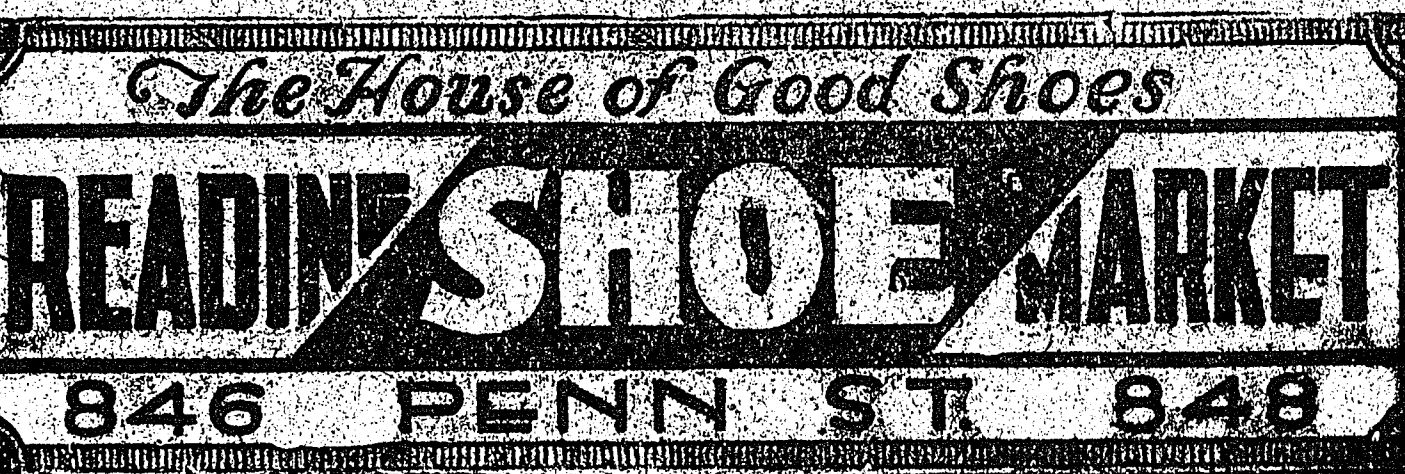
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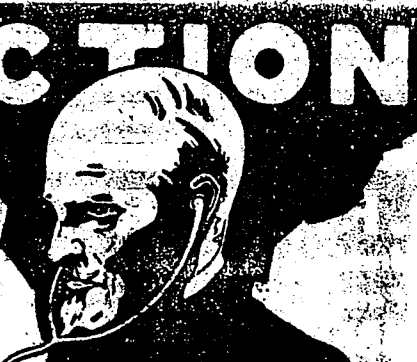
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With the demand for reduced city and school costs the class conflict between workers and owners becomes apparent in a new phase. While the workers were paying taxes and meeting interest demands the mortgage holders were swelling with civic pride and demanding all kinds of improvements. Now, however, it appears that the people who forced the workers to buy homes at the close of the World War are going to reclaim those homes.

Therefore the few who soon will own everything are deeply concerned about the size of the tax bill.

So far as the workers are concerned, they are doomed as home owners regardless of taxes. Even if taxes were reduced to nothing the unemployed and underpaid people of this city could not meet their obligations. To the man who is faced with ruin, taxes assume a different character. To him the question becomes: "Will taxes be high enough to provide me and my family with the starvation dole which is allowed to unwanted workers?"

And it is that question which the public officials of this and other cities will soon have to answer:

"Will we reduce taxes and save money for the wealthy? Or will we increase taxes and feed the jobless in decency?"

Maybe we've reached the peak of the depression, but does the peak in a depression stick up or down?

## Why Railroad Workers Lose Their Jobs

WASHINGTON. — Freight traffic handled by Class I railroads in the United States in the first nine months of 1932 was 27.5 per cent less than in the corresponding period of 1931, and 41 per cent under the amount handled in the same period of 1930, according to statistics published Nov. 17 by the Bureau of Railway Economics.

Volume of freight traffic for the

nine months' period of 1932 in the Eastern district was 25.8 per cent down; in the Southern and the Western districts it was 29.3 per cent lower than in the same period in 1931. September freight traffic was 18.4 per cent below that of the same month last year, and 37.3 per cent below that of the same month in 1930.

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### JOBLESS LIVE

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that is where this family of seven spend most of their waking hours. The upstairs is reached by a rickety stairway which is narrow and sharply bent at the third step from the bottom. At the top of this stairway is a railing which gives sharply to the touch. "A rather dangerous place for small children," one thinks. Two beds for seven. But here are the sleeping quarters. Two rooms and two beds.

"On this single bed the boy and I sleep," Gerhart explains. "Sit down if you want to, not on the bed, though, because it has no mattress. We have to lie on a doubled up comfort; it's all we've got and it seems that the relief headquarters are always out of the things we need. "I hate it for the boy," Gerhart continues. "You see, he's nervous and never went to school. He ought to have some place by himself. "Yes, that's all the cover we have (one thin blanket and a spread) and it was mighty uncomfortable during this last cold spell. "Passing into the next room one finds a double bed and a few chairs including a rocker from which the springs protrude. "Who sleeps here," we asked. "My wife and three children sleep at the top of the bed and the eldest girl sleeps at the bottom with her face out this way," Gerhart informed us. "You see," he added, "the eldest girl has been examined for tuberculosis. They say she hasn't got it yet, but we let her sleep down there because at the foot of the bed she can have a better chance to breathe pure air. "The covers on the 'big' bed, like those in the other room, are inadequate to offer protection against the winter which is in store for Reading's jobless.

"Burning 'Jobless' Wood One doesn't need to spend much time upstairs to see all there is to be seen. Gingerly picking a way around the rickety rail and down the creaky stairs, we pay some attention to the wife and mother. She is a wholesome looking woman and she is busying herself baking some cakes with the aid of wood from the 4th and Buttonwood streets fuel yard. "Burning wood?" we offer as an opener. "It's all we've been able to get so far," Mother Gerhart replies. "Not much room for your outfit," we comment, and she shrugs. "They'll only allow us \$10 a month for rent. "How much is the food allowance?" "7.45 per week," all told. Gerhart notices his wife's short answers and offers an explanation. "My wife is disgusted," he tells us, "she's threatening to let me and the children sit and go away. "Unconsciously we voice our true opinion. "Who could blame her?" we ask. "Six Families, Three Outhouses The yard is barren and devoid of anything of beauty. In it stand three old wooden outhouses which are used by all inhabitants of six apartments. As we stand and talk a young Negro woman from another apartment passes through the yard, and Gerhart offers the information that she is "one of the neighbors. "Then Gerhart invites us to take a look at his "cellar. He lifts a rotten floor which is separated from its hinges and we descend the outside steps to an underground compartment about 9 feet square. No windows are visible, the ceiling is so low that one must crouch while moving about, and the place is four-fifths filled with old stove pipe and other rubbish. "This is our landlord's stuff," Gerhart explains. "And this," pointing to an offset not more than three feet square, "is all the room we have to store our wood and coal—if we ever get any coal. Taxes Versus Relief We ascend the steps, shout a good-

bye to the family and go our way. We feel that we have seen enough to fortify us for another year of battle against an economic system which makes the families of workers live like beasts in the richest nation on earth. "And we feel that all this talk about public economy—which the landlords and mortgage profiteers of Reading are giving to Reading's public officials—is somewhat out of place. We have looked upon economy and the results of economy. We have seen people living cheaply and we have been sickened and outraged by the sight. "Not less money, but more money must be spent to make decent homes for people," we reflect. "We don't want to practice economies which will place more families in such conditions. We must get more money somehow to pay for better quarters, to provide more bedding, to insure abundant food for children who are threatened with tuberculosis. That is important. "We will get this money by taxing the incomes and inheritances of the rich—if we can. And if we can't, well, then we'll have to get it as Herbert Hoover told us to get it: By exhausting every local resource. That," we reflect, "will hasten the bankruptcy of other men and women of the working class. But the blame is not upon our heads. Herbert Hoover and the men and women who vote to place private profit above public welfare must bear that burden."

GOV'T ACTS (Continued from First Page) the breaking of the Elizabethton strike by Tennessee guardsmen. Neal has been promised an investigation and says that he will go into federal court for an injunction unless the illegal action is stopped at once. The man arrested at Wilder was held without charge. The officers said that he had been "loafing around" for several days—although several hundred miners have been "loafing around" since the pay cut in July. The prisoner was held for questioning and the miners are preparing to fight a typical strike-breaking frameup case such as usually comes out of militia activity. The officers have also made much of the fact that the coal miners held a secret meeting and that the militia was not invited to the meeting. The effort is apparently made to imply that strikers who do not invite scabs and strikebreakers to strike meetings are necessarily planning violence; even in poorly organized Tennessee the strikers doubt whether this story will succeed.

Depression Undermines Health Of Children NEW YORK (FP)—Low vitality, susceptibility to disease and longer convalescence, delayed care of physical disabilities among children, are conditions directly traceable to the present economic situation, according to a report made public by Newton D. Baker, chairman of the Welfare and Relief Mobilization of 1932. The report contains testimony of children's institutions, hospitals, summer camp directors, nutritionists and public health nurses on the effect of the depression on child health.

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## WHAT READING FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT

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people. Waste, plenty of waste, even the waste which another war will bring, is needed to make it possible for all the people to work all the time. But, then, why should people want to work all the time? Why not adopt the Socialist remedy of producing only what is needed, but producing it for the use of workers instead of for the profit of the private owners?

that no way could be found to clamp the lid on vice. Now, however, the way has been found. All that is necessary is for the faultfinders of yesterday to systematically complain and the police department will do the rest—if Commissioner Giles has been correctly quoted.

Will the gentlemen of the cloth seize their opportunity? Or was their opposition to vice ended when Fusion saved Reading from ridicule?

## DOCTORS ALSO SUFFER AS CAPITALISM SLUMPS

WASHINGTON (FP)—Less than \$1,500 was the professional income of 15 percent of all physicians in the United States in the boom year 1929, while 50 per cent of them received a net income of \$3,800 or less, according to a study made public Nov. 24 by the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care. It was found that a larger proportion of physicians have "inadequate" incomes than have members of any other professional group.

In 1930 there was a drop of 17 per cent in average incomes of physicians. A still larger decrease in these incomes in 1931 was indicated by figures for the first three months of that year. Dr. Maurice Leven, author of the report, states that he cannot doubt that this cut in the incomes of doctors continued to deepen throughout 1931.

### Job Brings Death

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Florida received \$729,734, in addition to earlier grants amounting to \$835,715.

Kansas received \$686,206. It had earlier been granted \$468,634. Texas was given \$281,497. Its earlier doles amounted to \$1,161,966. In each case the allotment is estimated to cover absolute needs until Dec. 31 only.

We aren't so far ahead of the cave man. He could have pushed a button if somebody had made the machine.

Missionaries are moving out of Manchuria, evidently to get out of range while Japan "civilizes" it.

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# Activities of the Reading Socialists

## CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT LABOR LYCEUM

ATTENTION! A card party will be sponsored by the Young People's Socialist League in the Labor Lyceum on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Beautiful prizes for the tables, a delicious meal and a lot of fun are guaranteed. There will also be a cake and candy sale. Come early and bring your friends.

## CARD PARTY SATURDAY AT NORTHEAST BRANCH

Looking for a good time? Then visit the headquarters of the Northeast branch, 1311 North Ninth street, on Saturday night and play cards. There will be fine prizes for winners and a good lunch will be served by the women of the branch. Games start promptly at 8:30 o'clock. Don't miss this event.

## NORTHWEST CARD PARTY NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

The women of the Northwest branch will hold another of their delightful card parties next Thursday night, Dec. 8th, at their headquarters, Green and Gordon streets. The prizes will be of a high order and the lunch will be delightful. Mark your calendar now for a date with the Northwest crowd next Thursday.

## DEPRESSION CARD PARTY BY BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS BRANCH

LISTEN! No Democratic victory parade in Berkshire Heights for we beat them 135 to 69; but just a depression card party, to pep things up.

So drop in and inspire by your presence, on Thursday, Dec. 8th, at Peterson's Barber Shop. Only 10c per corner. Comradely spirit is needed so much in this "changing world."

Prizes will be awarded the high scores, and to make harmony complete, we furnish refreshments.

## CHORUS NEEDS GOOD FIRST TENORS

The members of the Chorus wish to thank the ladies of the Northeast, Northwest and Southern branches for their cooperation in holding card parties for the benefit of the Chorus in which over \$35 was raised. The next rehearsal of the Chorus will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7th, at

8 o'clock sharp. All members are requested to be at the rehearsal as a special meeting will be held directly after to discuss the coming minstrel show.

The Chorus needs a few more good first tenors and also other good voices could be used. Anybody wishing to join should be at the next rehearsal.

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF LAUREL- DALE CARD PARTY

This is an advance notice of the re-opening of winter activities by Laureldale branch.

The first event will be a card party at the branch headquarters in the rear of Yerger's Store building on Wednesday, Dec. 14th. Prizes and lunch will be there to make the evening complete. Plan now to spend the evening at Laureldale.

## Y. P. S. L. NOTES

"A Sound Mind in a Sound Body," is the motto of the Workers' Gymnastic Sport Alliance, and what a good time they have preparing their body to hold a well developed mind. Why should workers support a capitalistic institution for even physical culture when they have their own gymnastic group. The group has been fortunate enough to obtain the gymnasium at the Douglass and Weiser Junior High School for the boys' division and they meet on Friday night. The girls meet every Wednesday night at the Southern Junior High School.

Those members of the Workers' Theatre who are in the cast of "The Good Citizens" are reminded to report at the Labor Lyceum at 8 o'clock Saturday for rehearsals.

## SPEAKERS AT BRANCHES

Special branch meeting will be held in the Fire Hall at Hyde Park, second floor, at 8 o'clock Tuesday, Dec. 6th. All friends and sympathizers are invited. Speaker, Darlington Hoopes.

Sinking Spring at the Fire Hall, Thursday, Dec. 8th, 8 p. m. Raymond S. Hofage will speak.

Northwest Women, Tuesday, Dec. 6th, 8 p. m., at Green and Gordon streets. Speaker, Miles Williams.

Lebanon at Red Men's Hall, Dec. 6th. Speaker, Chas. Sands.

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Come to Labor Lyceum each Saturday and try for this worthwhile and useful prize. Coal will be delivered to winner's home by George Pawling, who does your hauling, and sells coal direct from the mine to your home.

## REFLECTIONS

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who never did an honest tap of work in his life and who doesn't know the difference between a coal mine and an ink well may live in luxury by using the wealth which coal miners and clerks produce.

Under the workings of the Capitalist system the Harry Thaws can add millions to their fortunes while incarcerated in insane asylums, and there are many cases on record in which the estates of dead men increased by millions of dollars in the time which elapsed between the death of the owner and the settlement of the estate. Obviously, the dead man didn't produce that increase.

THE TROUBLE WITH most non-Socialist workers is that while they want to escape the evils which come about as a result of permitting an owning class to get wealth without producing it, they don't want to unite their power to put a stop to the private ownership system. They vote for a program which enables wealthy parasites to take the products of workers' toil and then cry because there is so little left for workers. That's foolish and gets them nowhere. The Socialists aim to end the robber system of Capitalism by making useful work the only qualification for the possession of any-

thing which useful work produces. All the wealth to all the workers is the aim and object of Socialism. And in order to make that aim possible of achievement the Socialists are urging that the means of wealth-production be made the property of everybody.

Snap into it, brother! Vote Socialist and join the party. Unite your power with the power of your fellows and end the graft which enables a few owners to get much for nothing while many workers get very little for spending their lives in useful production.

## LEBANON SOCIALIST NOTES

On Tuesday Nov. 29th a branch meeting was held at which time the Housing Committee reported that for the winter the Socialists will make their headquarters in the Banquet Room of the Redman Building located at 9th and Willow Streets.

The Finance Committee will run a series of Book for the winning of a few nice Turkeys for Christmas.

On Tuesday Evening, Dec. 6th, the Lebanon Branch, will hold its business meeting from 7 to 8, and at 8 o'clock the first of a series of Socialist Educational Programs will start. Speakers will be from Local

Berks, an open forum will be run. The general public is invited to come and ask questions. Do not forget the time and place. Tuesday Evening Dec. 6th, from 7 to 8, business branch meeting, educational program after 8 P. M. at the Redman's Building, Banquet Room, 9th and Willow Streets.

Organizer, Geo. Heverling stated that he is making a visit to all members in the city to increase the Branch membership, and will get all towns in the county to start Branch organizations. Go to it "Chick."

The county committeemen paid a visit to the county committee of Local Berks at their meeting last night.

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### THOMAS VIEWS ELECTION AS "STAMPEDE OF HATE"

"In the light of very partial figures," writes Norman Thomas, "I am grateful that with our exceedingly limited funds and our encouraging but still young organization in state after state, the Socialist vote in this year of an overwhelming anti-Hoover stampede is as good as it now seems likely to be."

"Incomplete returns clearly indicate that our Socialist vote nationally has fallen below the total that I had expected. Evidently those men and women in various parts of the country who candidly assured me that while they believed everything I said, they were going to vote for Roosevelt just to be sure to 'get Hoover,' were even more numerous than I thought."

"This tendency of the human herd to stampede in order to express not its hopes and plans but its hates is a terrible danger."

#### "We Must Be Ready"

"Among other things, however, let us avoid too hasty and sweeping condemnations of democracy or that

brand of political democracy which we have. The election confirms what we have long known concerning its weakness; that weakness is less in the political theory, democracy, than in crowd psychology as affected by modern mass propaganda."

"With mob psychology we must reckon under any formula or plan, and to reckon with it in frank terms of inevitable great scale violence and dictatorship is not only to unleash some terrible passions, but to invite such splits in our own ranks as Communists have suffered and to give a weapon to the forces working for a Fascist solution—as if Fascism could ever be a solution rather than a catastrophe."

"We must give our people real things to do and to work on; we must keep them organized and educate our organizations. Democratic failure, which is inevitable, will be bound to play into our hands. We must be ready. We, and we only, offer any hope. And don't forget that more people have heard and applauded that hope than ever before in America—at least since the war. That is something to work on."

#### Missouri Votes Old Age Pensions Into Constitution

ST. LOUIS.—By an overwhelming majority—amounting to about 4 to 1—the voters of Missouri adopted the constitutional amendment providing for old age pensions, Nov. 8. This was the first time in the history of the United States that a referendum on old age pensions was successful. The campaign was conducted by the American Association for Old Age Security, through its field agent, Oscar Leonard.

Despite the fact that two other constitutional amendments were promoted by virtually all the newspapers in the State, the old age pension measure led them in the balloting.

The "good old days" were when a selfish indulgence in good food hurt your stomach instead of your conscience.

## SOVIETS PAY, OTHERS DODGE

While Capitalist Nations Threaten to Default, Workers' Republic Meets Obligations Totalling \$9,600,000

NEW YORK (FP).—Between Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 the Amtorg Trading Corporation paid \$9,600,000 to American agricultural implement manufacturers for machinery purchased in 1929, 1930 and 1931 for which long term credits had been extended to Soviet Russia. By Nov. 15 Amtorg had paid \$37,000,000 to American firms this year. No Soviet obligation has been defaulted.

It was merely coincidence that these heavy payments were met at the same time that Great Britain, France and Belgium were asking that debt payments owed the United States government be suspended and other governments were failing to make payments due. There was the difference, of course, that war debts were contracted as intergovernmental obligations while the Soviet debts were commercial, being contracted by government-controlled industries in Russia with commercial houses here.

Another difference was that Soviet obligations—the ones that were paid—were disapproved by the U. S. state department while the huge amounts of bonds which have been defaulted by foreign governments were all sold in the United States with the tacit approval of the state department.

Efforts are being made to find some way of increasing trade with Soviet Russia and Col. Hugh L. Cooper has estimated that it could be built to a billion dollars a year. Rumors spread by former Amtorg officials and other propagandists that Amtorg was about to fail to meet obligations or remove its offices have helped to cut Soviet trade by more than 80 per cent but as obligations have been met on the dates due, the propaganda effect has weakened until importers and exporters are working on plans to increase Soviet trade. Amtorg says, "Industrial and agricultural machinery purchased in this country for the Soviet Union has operated very satisfactorily and is highly regarded by Soviet engineers and executives."

## HOOVER TO SLAP HUNGER MARCH

Police Regulations to be Rigorously Invoked to Pick Quarrel, Newspaper Men Believe

WASHINGTON (FP).—That President Hoover has given the hint, through his District Commissioners, to the police of the capital to quarrel with the coming Hunger Marchers over alleged violations of automobile parking regulations, is the impression gained by newspaper men in touch with Police Superintendent Brown. Not only does Brown declare that he will not reserve any parking space in downtown streets for the cars and trucks which bring the Marchers to Washington in December, but he emphasizes the right of the police to sharply enforce the

one-hour parking limit for individual cars in the downtown area.

Superintendent Glassford, recently forced out by Hoover for his friendly attitude toward the bonus army, reserved parking space on certain blocks last December for the Hunger Marchers who demonstrated peacefully at the Capitol on Dec. 7. Brown says Glassford's action was illegal, and that no "discrimination" in favor of the Marchers will be made this year.

If Brown's men get into a scuffle with the Hunger Marchers, over parking or any other pretext, it is expected that Hoover will order out the District National Guard instead of the Army. The Guard can legally be summoned without a declaration of martial law.

## ILLINOIS JOBS DRAG ON BOTTOM

Manufacturing Payrolls Down To Less Than Third of 1925 Figures — Building Trades Hit

CHICAGO (FP).—Illinois employment continues to drag along on the bottom of the depression. Manufacturing showed an insignificant drop in employment in October while all industries combined showed a slight increase. Payrolls increased slightly in both.

Manufacturing payroll totals, affected as they are by short hours, wage cuts and layoffs, are down to less than a third of the 1925 to 1927 totals, with an index of 32.5. For all industries, the total payroll index is 38.8.

Such a strongly unionized industry as job printing shows a payroll total at 24.2% of the 1925 to 1927 average but a highly skilled, largely non-union industry, carbuilding, shows a payroll index of 3.9.

Recent settlements with the two unions in the coal fields are shown making the payrolls four times what they were the month before but still the figures are less than a third of those of six years ago, at 29.1.

Building tradesmen are among the worst victims of the panic. New residential construction in Chicago has dropped 99.2% in three years to an almost unbelievable index figure of 8/10 of 1% of the 1929 total. All building in Chicago has dropped 98.1% in three years. In the last year alone the drop for all building throughout the state covering the first 10 months of 1932 from the first 10 months of 1931 was 83.1%.

The result is that the building trades payrolls in the state in October were at 8.5% of the average of six years ago. This is doubly significant because building tradesmen from all the country have been looking forward to the building that was to be done in Chicago in preparation for the 1933 fair as a chance for a job. Instead building tradesmen are building shacks along the lake front for their families for the winter.

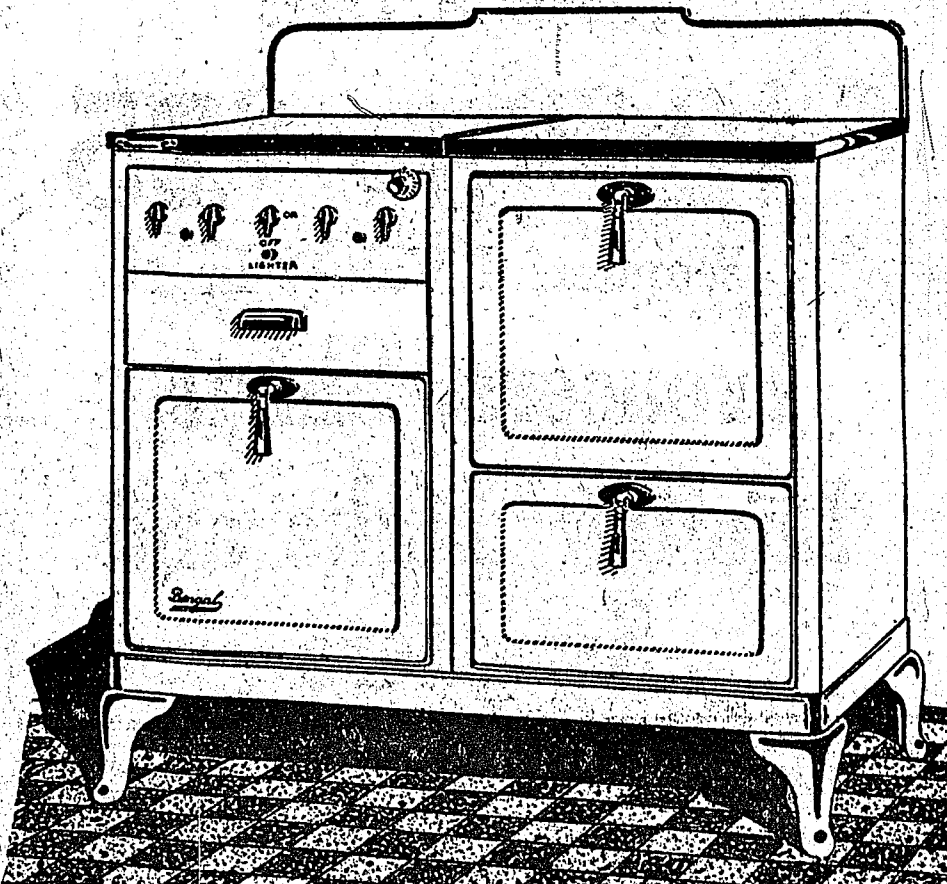
WASHINGTON (FP).—Senator Borah declared Nov. 18 that he would fight any proposal for a sales tax which might be brought forward in Congress this winter. Democrats are uncertain as to whether President-elect Roosevelt will favor this tax upon the working class, which is demanded by Hearst and other wealthy publishers, but the Progressives are going to resist the scheme as strongly as when they defeated it last year.

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### LONG SESSION PLANNED BY SOCIALIST EXECUTIVES

CHICAGO.—Because of the press of business to be handled in connection with the campaign and post-election organization problems, the executive committee of the Socialist Party of America will have a three-

day session for its next meeting, to be held in Baltimore, Md., beginning Friday, December 9. The usual quarterly meetings of the committee are for two days only. Clarence Senior, executive secretary, in announcing plans for the committee meeting from national headquarters here, says that a banquet is planned by Baltimore Socialists Friday evening, the 9th, and a mass meeting on the following night.

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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SOCIALIST PARK

By GEORGE M. RHODES  
(Continued from last week)

In the Spring of 1932, after the Bazaar was over and the question of the dance hall was settled, the committee got down to business in arranging for the picnic season.

Only one concession was rented out, that was to Mr. Lotz who had rented No. 1 stand since the Socialists took control of the Park.

The committee decided to run all other events themselves. Comrade Hoag and his wife were again selected as caretakers. The two miners, Anthony and Adolph, were preparing to leave the Park. They would start as soon as the weather would permit.

But the committee persuaded Anthony to stay. As he was very dependable and reliable, a big, tall, strong man with a pleasing personality, he could make his home at the Park and help the caretakers during the Summer months and have charge and guard the property during the Winter months. Anthony, whose last name is Khot, and the Hoags are the only persons who receive any compensation at the Park.

**Refreshment Prices Reduced**  
Due to the bad times caused by the crazy economic system, it was decided to reduce the price of hot dogs to 5 cents and the near beer to 10 cents a bottle. The rental of the grounds for family reunions and picnics was reduced to \$5.00 which was a small charge made for cleaning up after the event.

Arrangements were made for a May Day celebration. A wonderful program was arranged. The dancing

girls from the Behney Studio were going to give a "dance of nations" to be in keeping with the spirit of this international event. Unfortunately rain again marred the "May Day" program. Comrade Oneal of New York was to be the speaker of the day.

An announcement was made over the radio that the celebration would be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall instead of the Park because of the rain. The radio announcement that was made at 12:15 p. m. that day brought a crowd to the hall a few hours later that filled all the seats.

Although the program, scheduled for the Park could not be given in this hall, a very entertaining and inspiring program was held. Mass singing and selections by the Socialist Chorus and a speech by James Oneal made up the program.

Inspired by success of former events, the picnic committee planned for more events and better programs for the 1932 season. Free dancing became popular at all picnics and young people filled the hall on all occasions. The program of entertainment was lengthened by putting on evening programs.

**Record Crowds Attend Picnics**  
Record-breaking crowds came to the Park in greater numbers than ever before. They enjoyed the entertainment, the fellowship, the beauty of the Park and the addresses given by the various speakers, among whom were the best Socialist orators in the country.

Among the speakers who gave talks at the picnics during the 1932 season were Comrades Norman Thomas, Mayor Daniel Hoan, Charles Solomon, Louis Waldman and Charles Ervin.

Some of the improvements during the Summer were the building of a new concession stand for ice cream, the building of many additional tables and benches and the completion of the dance hall. Many minor improvements were made.

During the Summer several conventions were held at the Park. The State Convention of the Socialist Party brought many comrades from different parts of Pennsylvania.

Even though the committee scheduled one more picnic at the beginning of the year, than they had the previous year, two more picnics were scheduled after Labor Day which in the past was the close of the Park season.

Perfect weather and the wonder-

ful cooperation of men and women comrades made both events a big success. In the last picnic, when Mayor Hoan pleaded for an additional collection for the national campaign, over \$200 was raised which sent Local Berks over their quota pledged for the national campaign.

**Big Results in 1932**  
When the picnics were over and the activities at the Park ceased, the picnic committee turned over to Local Berks for the campaign a total of \$2,200. Willow Glen was given \$1,200 rent and \$500 as a contribution, \$267.55 was sent to the National office, \$25 to Yipsels and \$5 to the Socialist Chorus. With the balance in treasury to date of \$1,174.76 the total earnings for the year was \$4,872.31.

In addition to that, \$334.35 was spent for permanent improvements which would increase the net earnings for 1932 to \$5,206.66.

Besides being a very successful season from the viewpoint of raising funds, the picnic season was also of value from a propaganda and educational viewpoint. Many people were attracted to the Park by the entertainment programs, the free dancing, the music, sport events and other contests.

The committee had refrained from putting in such amusements as a carousel, or such concessions that would cause children to bother and annoy their parents. They decided to keep it purely as a picnic grove, where workers could bring their families and have a good time at little cost.

Food and drinks were sold at low prices because many people were suffering from Hoover prosperity. Prices will no doubt remain the same the coming season as the Roosevelt prosperity offers no hope for a change.

The entertainment programs were making a big hit which caused other amusement parks around Berks to follow our policies, even the advertising was duplicated to a large extent.

**Hear the Socialist Message**  
The thousands of people who were attracted to the Socialist Park were learning that Socialists were not bad people as they had been told by those who intended to deceive them. They were hearing the Socialist message, many of them for the first time, and they can't help seeing the logic after hearing the story, especially from the foremost Socialist speakers of the land.

The picnics at the Socialist Park have made possible a never ending campaign for the cause of Socialism, an active campaign throughout the Summer months.

**Comrade Bigony on the Job**  
Comrade Bigony's literature stand at the Park has resulted in the distribution of propaganda to many who never before were reached with our printed message. Comrade Bigony got in touch with hundreds of people whom he assisted in becoming active in their locality—resulting in some cases in new branches. Books and subscriptions were sold for Socialist newspapers.

The earnings at the Park, however, was due only because of the volunteer workers, of which the women must be given much credit. The collections taken barely pays the expense of entertainment, music, traveling expenses of speakers, advertising, etc.

The money that is raised is the result of sales on food and novelties and soft drinks, all of which are sold at lowest prices.

All through the picnic season, the committee met each week at the Park with the caretakers and the watchman. Each committeeman receives a certain responsibility.

**Many Ticklish Problems**  
Many problems arose that required intelligent and courageous action. The committee was functioning for the benefit of Local Berks, and at times the interests of some group would conflict with the interests of the Park. It was a question of policy, as there were many branches in Local Berks and many Socialist groups functioning.

I am certain that all these problems that came up did so from the desire to help the cause of the Park and the cause of Socialism. At times it was necessary to make decisions that were not satisfactory to all, but that is to be expected.

Playground equipment is sorely needed. Additional toilets must be built. Spouting is needed on the big dance hall. More tables and benches are necessary. A larger pump is needed at the artesian well. Drainage pipes must be laid.

A new roof is needed on the restaurant building and many other improvements are necessary in the near future.

It is the Willow Glen Park Association that must meet these obligations and that is why a rent is charged against the picnic committee and the dance committee. However, you have read, the picnic com-

mittee turned over large sums in addition to the rent. Willow Glen also rents the bungalow that I use during the summer months at the lower end of the Park for which I am charged \$75. The rent for picnic committee is \$1,200, the dance committee \$600.

**Willow Glen Inherits \$25**  
Willow Glen received the sum of \$25 two years ago from the will of a friend named Oquist.

After four years of Socialist control and ownership the Socialist Park has become a wonderful institution. It is known from coast to coast. It is an inspiration to all the Socialists that go there.

From the desert of capitalism, the Socialist speakers from other cities, who come here, are inspired by this wonderful institution the Socialist Party of Reading has developed. They marvel at the buildings, the wall along the creek, the untiring devotion of the Socialist women who at every picnic can be seen performing their duties in the kitchen and other places in the Park.

Nowhere in the last campaign was Norman Thomas and Mayor Hoan of Milwaukee more inspired than when they addressed the multitudes at the Socialist Park. Visitors coming along the pike drop in and are dumbfounded when they learn the facts about the Park. On picnic days people from all over Eastern Pennsylvania and some from Jersey come to the Park for the events scheduled there.

Those who are Socialist return home inspired in the great cause that back home needs renewed vigor and life. It gives them the desire to rebuild and or to make their organization a better one.

Again I want to pay a tribute to the rank and file of our party, the men and women comrades whose loyal, untiring efforts is the cornerstone of the Socialist Park, "The Workers' Playground."

With the years that lie ahead the Socialist Park will continue to be a great institution serving our worthy cause. We have dreams of many new adventures that we hope will come true as time goes on despite the handicap of miserable conditions that confronts the entire working class today.

(The End.)

## ECONOMIST HITS WORK SHARING

**Declares Movement Deceives Public As to Real Remedy Without Helping Business Situation**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (FP)—Francis A. Henson, economist of the National Religion and Labor Foundation, has urged all workers to resist to the limit the share-the-work movement which Owen D. Young and 700 other industrialists and business leaders voted to support in a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria. Henson pointed out that the movement is vicious because in practice it puts the burden of the depression on the lower income groups.

"Nothing is adequate with our economy of plenty," Henson declared, "but revolutionary changes toward an order of workers by hand and brain. We must drastically redistribute wealth and socially plan production to meet consumption demands. The problem of our economy is how effectively and adequately to distribute the commodities which our machines can produce in increasingly greater quantities with less and less man power."

"A share-the-work movement not only does not meet the problem in any sense but rather misleads the public into thinking that the problem is one of 'making work.' We will avert catastrophe only if we move much more rapidly toward a world order in which our collective life will be organized, according to a plan, to meet the pre-determined needs of all people. This will require basic changes in national laws, constitutions and behavior patterns. The question is not, is this revolution necessary? The question is how can this revolution in our way of living be effected?"

### Youth Plans War Prevention

NEW YORK.—Several hundred college students and young workers opened a United Youth Conference Against War at Rand School, New York, with an address by Fenner Brockway, British Socialist editor, on "The World in Crisis."

The conference was called to formulate a positive objective and workable non-violent tactics in social revolution and in preventing war. Paul Porter, secretary of the conference, said, "American youth demands more than passive pacifism," he added.

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## EDITORIALS

By Norman Thomas

## THE A. F. OF L. MARCHES FORWARD

The statesmanlike report of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor in favor of compulsory unemployment insurance is like a bright light on a very dark night. Its positive arguments admit of no effective reply. They are cogent and convincing. I rejoice that the Council sees so clearly that ideally unemployment insurance should be national. As the Council points out, given the constitution as interpreted by the courts, a national unemployment insurance bill would probably be declared unconstitutional. Hence we shall have to work for state bills.

At the same time I am convinced we should work with might and main for the Socialist amendment to the constitution which would give Congress power to enact all necessary social and economic legislation in behalf of the workers. I should like to see included in that amendment a specific provision that Congress could impose necessary forms of taxation, which, of course, would include a capital levy. Until we can act nationally in national crises democracy is in grave danger.

To go back to the specific matter of unemployment insurance. I doubt if 3 per cent imposition on industry will provide sufficient funds to make unemployment insurance adequate. The Socialist idea of the participation of the state through taxation on the income receiving group is still valid.

Whether or not a 3 per cent premium on payrolls would provide a sufficient fund for unemployment insurance, it is now too late to look at this measure as an adequate source of help. In rejoicing that the A. F. of L. has seen the light it is still possible for us in a friendly spirit to point out that much of the present tragedy would have been alleviated if the A. F. of L. had seen this light in '28 or '24 or even earlier. As matters now stand, we are dealing with millions of men and women who have already lost their jobs and therefore cannot insure them. It is necessary to get positive action for maintenance of the workers while a program of useful work is being formed. This requires federal action.

Fortunately the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. recognizes this in its other planks for the aid of the unemployed. The situation, however, demands a more vigorous statement in behalf of immediate action for a maintenance wage. We must act and we must act fast. The A. F. of L. should put itself in the very vanguard in demanding such action. Only so can it hope to reach the unorganized workers or to recoup its serious losses in membership.

Of course the A. F. of L. is on very sound lines in its hearty endorsement of the five-day week and a six-hour day. It does well also to call for "national economic planning for the purpose of balancing production and distribution." I wonder if there is any labor man who will be willing to argue with a Socialist how such planning can be carried out short of Socialism, that is, without social ownership of the things for whose use we plan. The same logic which has finally forced the A. F. of L. Council to endorse, at least partially, immediate demands made long ago by Socialists will force labor men to endorse the Socialist philosophy and the Socialist program.

## A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT

A gentleman's agreement has at last been entered into by the government and the Radio Corporation of America under which nominally the R. C. A. is to be separated from Westinghouse and the General Electric which now own it. The decree also will affect the patent licensing relationship between the R. C. A., the General Electric, the Westinghouse and other companies involving more than 4,000 patents.

We Socialists can afford to be very skeptical before we throw up our hats and cheer for this decree. It is pretty clear that some outrageous practices were used in forming the R. C. A. It is very doubtful whether now that the eggs have been broken the omelet can be unscrambled. As in the case of the Standard Oil dissolution, social gains from this anti-trust decree will be mighty small. Indeed, it is quite possible that the companies accepted the decree to forestall criminal pro-

ceedings against them and their directors for some of their acts.

Does this decree mean, for instance, that the government will not make any investigation of the amazing loss to investors, especially to small investors, in the manipulation of the R. K. O. stock by the R. C. A.? This question is important from a Socialist angle, not primarily because we are interested in making great trusts safe for little investors, but because of the light it sheds on the whole racket which is called capitalism. It must not be forgotten that the most prominent single figure in the whole R. C. A. set-up is capitalism's fair-haired boy, President-elect Roosevelt's staunchest Wall Street backer, Owne D. Young. My campaign suggestion that some of these deals in which he was at least indirectly involved through his company needed investigation with a view to possible criminal action was studiously ignored by almost every paper in the United States. He and other high dignitaries will be on at least as good terms with the incoming administration as with the Hoover government.

## LOWELL OF HARVARD

I read in the headlines: "President Lowell Resigns at Harvard. Noted for His House Plan." If history remembers to record the name of A. Lawrence Lowell at all it will not be as author of a "House Plan" in Harvard University. It will be as one of those responsible for the legalized murder of two obscure Italian Anarchists lifted by their fate to an heroic level in history.

But what inner processes of rationalization this old Boston Brahmin and educator, President Lowell of Harvard, justified his extraordinary role in the Sacco-Vanzetti affair I do not profess to know. Certainly the fact stands that he was more responsible than the Governor of Massachusetts or his colleagues on the Governor's commission for the most terrible act of class and caste injustice which even the history of America affords. Only the future can tell just how much this execution of two men who were obviously denied a fair trial will cost the world by the contribution it has inevitably made to cynical bitterness and distrust of protestations of faith in right and justice.

In the paeans of conventional applause which will now come to President Lowell of Harvard, will not the figures of Sacco and Vanzetti, like some unforgettable ghosts, perpetually rise to remind him of the day when he lost one of the greatest opportunities that ever came to an American of his class; that is, an opportunity to show that in this country the processes of justice are more than a rationalization of class interest and class prejudice?

## DON'T THROTTLE THE SCHOOLS

The National Education Association is organizing to fight any further cuts in school budgets in the sacred name of "economy." Three cities out of four, in the association reports, have already cut their school costs, and remarks very earnestly that "such retrenchment cannot go on indefinitely if the schools are to succeed."

Which is a very moderate statement of a very serious case. Children's minds, like children's bodies, cannot be put on short commons for two or three years during a depression without permanent bad effects. The habit of study is one of the few which is easier lost than acquired. No matter what else closes, the schools should be kept open.

The most hopeful sign in America since the beginning of the World War is the increased interest in education. School enrollment below college age has increased 34 per cent in that time; regularity of attendance has gained 65 per cent; high school enrollment has grown 250 per cent. School terms have been lengthened and school courses broadened, and still the American people spend only \$1 on education for \$5 on automobiles.

Economy, except in the sense of wisely getting full worth of the money spent, should cease at the door of the schoolhouses.—Labor.

## "UNATTACHED WOMEN"

Among the unemployed in New York city there are about 30,000 "unattached women."

They are women who do not have homes or relatives in the city. Without jobs, they are even more tragically situated than the jobless men. A survey has shown that 18 per cent of them are suffering from nervous and mental disorders due to or aggravated by worry. That is, nearly one in five is in danger of losing her mind; and, as the depression is not over, there is no telling how many of the others will be in the same fix. And the tragedy of those who do not lose their minds is but little less severe.

These are women who earned their way when they could get jobs. They were good citizens and might have become mothers of good citizens if they had had a chance to live normal lives. But society as at present constituted takes away their opportunity and makes life a hell for them.

Yet there is no lack of work that ought to be done. Millions of people are deprived of things they should have. All of the unemployed could be given jobs in making those things

if the industries were opened and the people were given the wherewithal to buy what they need.

There is only one obstacle in the way—the unfortunate social system of private ownership of the industries. The industries won't operate unless there is private profit in it for the private owners. This is the dislocation of industry that accounts for the tragedy of the worried women and of millions of others, both men and women.

And this is the one thing which the powers-that-be—the Democrats and Republicans—will not touch. Private ownership and private profit are sacred to them. Some folks profess to believe that Roosevelt promised a "new deal" that meant something. His words were so vague as to be meaningless. He made it abundantly plain, by implication from all his speeches, that he has no intention to do anything fundamental. The voters simply made numbskulls of themselves when they voted for him. They threw away their votes.

There may be an upturn from the depression, due to economic causes that have nothing to do with Roosevelt or Hoover. We hope there will be. But, if so, the rotten system will still be in existence, widespread poverty will still exist, and another disastrous depression will be on the way.

Socialism alone can prevent recurring depressions.—Milwaukee Leader.

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By JOEL I. SEIDMAN

## THE DEMOCRATIC PROGRAM

Those millions of our citizens who, disgusted with the Republican failure to solve our economic ills, turned on election day to the Democrats will shortly see what little gain they made in the change. The Democratic program for the lame duck session which begins on December 5 comprises three objectives—the balancing of the budget, the submission to the States of a resolution repealing the Eighteenth Amendment, and the adoption of a bill for farm relief. If this program is realized Roosevelt will call no special session of Congress, which means that no legislation of significance will be passed for another year and a quarter.

Where is a bill to provide unemployment insurance or direct relief for the twelve millions unemployed? Where is the proposal to mitigate any of the evils of the depression, or to make depressions less likely in the future? Where in short is any intention to provide any remedy of any sort? The answer is, of course, that we have merely changed a sour, gruff Hoover for a somewhat more pleasant one, who has precisely the same point of view on the essential economic and social issues.

The budget is to be balanced by a beer tax plus economies—which mean further wage cuts for federal employees. It is not stated yet what form the farm relief bill will take, but most likely, judging by Roosevelt's campaign speeches, it will try to give farmers the benefit of a tariff, oblivious of the facts that tariffs are largely responsible for the world economic collapse. Nor should it be forgotten, while we are speaking of the budget, that no budget can be considered "balanced" so long as millions of people lack the necessities of life.

## THE FRANCO-RUSSIAN PACT

Of considerable importance is the new treaty of conciliation and non-aggression between Russia and France. Each country promises to respect the territory of the other, and undertakes never to resort to arms against it, nor to aid any third party in an attack. Russia promises in addition to refrain from propaganda in France and her colonies. The treaty is expected to pave the way for a commercial treaty, under which France will increase her exports to Russia.

The treaty is important because it helps to stabilize the peace of Europe, and especially because it renders very unlikely any attack upon Russia anywhere. Japan, the country most likely to clash with the Soviet, would not dare to risk warfare

without the support of England and France.

What Russia needs now is peace and normal commercial relations with the rest of the world, so that she can continue to develop her resources without hindrance. Stalin and his associates are surely intelligent enough to realize that the best way to convince outsiders of the merits of Communism is to make a success in Russia. A little rise in the Russian standard of living is more convincing than all the oratory of an army of agitators.

Another result of the Franco-Russian understanding is to clearly demonstrate again the stupidity of the American policy towards Russia. By refusing to recognize the Soviet and by putting a virtual embargo on Russian goods by charging dumping and forced labor we are merely presenting to France and Germany business which we could profitably handle ourselves, and so intensifying the depression here.

## JAPAN AND MANCHURIA

Japan in her answer to the Lytton Commission's report at Geneva clings still to the fictions that she acted only in self-defense, and that Manchukuo, the Japanese puppet state, was established by the spontaneous action of the Manchurians. It is still true today, as it was on the day the Manchurian adventure began, that Japan will retain Manchuria as long as possible.

Nevertheless the League of Nations represents a distinct advance over the diplomacy of former years. Formerly, with the conquest of Manchuria by Japan with the passive support of England and France, the matter would have been ended; but today the nations of the world—and chiefly the smaller nations—have called Japan before the bar of public opinion in Geneva, where she is twisting and squirming like any guilty prisoner in a police court.

Add to this unpleasantness the facts that Manchuria has thus far been only a source of great expense, that fully a fourth of the territory is in the hands of insurgents, that the Japanese finances are none too stable, and that there is considerable labor and peasant unrest at home, and the difficult position in which Japan finds herself is apparent. If these unfavorable conditions persist Japan may yet decide that the wisest policy is to withdraw in the manner least damaging to her prestige.

## One-Third Of Nation In Unsatisfactory Homes

NEW YORK.—Decent housing for the one-third of the population of the United States now living in substandard homes is declared to be possible only by a federal-state-municipal program, in a report by Helen L. Alfred, secretary of the Public Housing Conference. Such a nation-wide program could check the creeping paralysis in economic life, it is pointed out. Millions of men now idle could be put to work.

## Socialist Party Directory

Local Berks: First Thursday at Labor Lyceum, 8 p. m.  
Labor Lyceum: First Thursday of each month immediately preceding the meeting of Local Berks.  
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Y. P. S. L.  
Circle 1, Sr., meets every Thursday, 8 p. m. at 240 Linden St.  
Circle 2, Jr., meets every Friday, 8 p. m. at 1311 N. 9th St.  
Circle 3, Sr., meets every Monday, 8 p. m. at 233 Kline St., W. Reading.  
Circle 4, Sr., meets every Thursday, 8 p. m. at 1311 N. 9th St.  
Circle 6, Sr., meets every Wednesday, 9 p. m. at Gordon and Green Streets.  
Circle 7, Jr., meets every Wednesday, 7 p. m. at Gordon and Green Streets.  
Circle 8, Jr., meets first and third Friday, 8 p. m. at Lincoln Homestead, during Branch meetings.  
Circle 9, Sr., meets every Thursday, 8:30 p. m. at 1127 Muhlenberg Street.  
Circle 10, Jr., meets every Thursday, 7:15 p. m. at 1127 Muhlenberg Street.  
County Executive Committee meets every Sunday morning 8:30, at Labor Lyceum.  
STATE SOCIALISTS  
Allentown—Central Branch—Every Friday night at Labor Temple, 126 North Sixth street.  
East—Every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 133 East 23d street.  
Lebanon Branch meets every Tuesday, 8 p. m., at 18-20 N. Front St.  
Pottstown—Every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at Labor Lyceum, 24 South Charlotte street.

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