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Billions as Profits While Wages Collapse

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor

PATRIOTISM IS LARGELY matter of viewpoint. If a foreign suffering upon American men, women and children, it would be considered good Americanism for all of us to resist to the utmost. In that case submission would be rightly interpreted as an act of craven cowardice and co-operation with the enemy could be nothing less than treason.

However, values and definitions appear to change when the same results arise from the activities of enemies within our national borders.

ing as a result of the activities of their fellow Americans. To the man out of a job it makes no difference whether a foreigner or an American closes factories and reduces living as against a total for the whole of standards to starvation levels. The 1928 of \$6,028,000,000. While divieffect is the same whether the per- dend and interest payments are cersons who keep workers out of workshops are American policemen or armed aliens.

ably because they are told to do so- | more than a half. In each case the the workers of America react dif- figures represent actual money toferently to American-made tyranny, tals, with no relation to percentage. Instead of resisting starvation they and no adjustments of any kind. submit to it. Instead of fighting every move made by Capitalism's generals for the preservation of the dividend and interest payments are poverty system they actually co- nearly five times as large as in 1913; operate and are thankful for the they are more than twice the level of crusts that are handed them.

can believe that the people of "Little 1931 and 1932, will show payments ner," under the auspices of the Belgium" would have suffered any 90% as great as the whole war demore than millions of Americans now cade, 1913 through 1922, which insuffer if the Belgians had accepted cluded war prosperity and the post-German invasion as meekly and co. war boom. operatively as the great American Here is the table from the Journal group of American plutocrats?

Americans that they permit their nation and their homes to be laid waste merely in order to preserve the privileges of a ridiculously-small minority of self-seeking individuals?

IF I WERE asked to name the highest duty of present-day Americans I would mention the word "resistance." It is the duty of the millions to resist every effort which is now being made to make American life fit with the philosophy of poverty which is now being foisted upon the people.

To resist wage cuts is to fight for the right of life, liberty and happiness; to resist pauper jobs for food vouchers is to resist slavery; to resist cheapening of public expenditures is to repel enemies who are threatening the welfare of coming

time. It will remain no more than that as long as the workers lack the POWER of resistance.

And right there is the rub. The workers are powerless. They can do nothing more than weep and swearand obey. In the past those who are now the victims of the system's collapse set themselves pretty for slav-(Continued on Page Seven)

SOCIALIST Radio Program EVERY SUNDAY at 12:15 P. M. over 361.4M WEEU

Dec. 25-Rev. Max C. Putney Jan. 1-Raymond S. Hofses Jan. 8-James H. Maurer Jan. 15 .- Darlington Hoopes TELL YOUR FRIENDS

DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST MOUNT WHILE SUFFERING GROWS THROUGHOUT WORLD

foe were to devastate our land and Years of Depression Have Not Hurt Owners of Big Industries—Rake-offs of Those Who Own Are Now Five Times as Large as in 1913—Low Commodity Speaker For Unemployed Or-Costs Further Increase Power of the Few Whom Capitalism Benefits

(By COLSTON E. WARNE)

AMHERST, Mass. (FP).—The flow of money into the coffers of those who own stocks, bonds and other evidences of debt has been increasing at a steady pace and reached a peak in 1930. This is shown by figures compiled by the Journal FOR MORE THAN three years the of Commerce, a conservative Wall Street publication, and acpeople of America have been suffer- cepted and published by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The total interest and dividends paid during the first 10 months of 1932 are reported as \$6,030,000,000 tain to be well above the 1928 figure when the last two months' totals However, for some reason-prob have been added, wages have fallen

No Depression For Owners Going back further, the total of 1923; even in this year of stagger ing depression they are well above WHAT'S THE MATTER? Right the average of the preceding 10 now there are millions of Americans years. In no two years in Amerwho are existing under conditions ican history have interest and diviwhich are certainly no worse than dend payments exceeded those of the those imposed by the German army depression years, 1930 and 1931. upon its prisoners of war. And who The three depression years, 1930,

public accepts the rule of a small of Commerce which shows how the payments of dividends and interest Has all the patriotism oozed out of have piled up for the last 20 years:

Year	Payments
1913	\$1,777,000,000
1914	1,788,000,000
1915	. 1,865,000,000
1916	. 2,135,000,000
1917	. 2,389,000,000
1918	. 3,029,000,000
1919	. 3,189,000,000
1920	. 3,415,000,000
1921	. 3,342,000,000
1922	. 3,299,000,000
1923	4,085,000,000
1924	. 3,840,000,000
1925	4,086,000,000
1926	医多元 医甲基酚 化多种基金 化对抗原则 化氯化物
1927	
1928	化二氯酚 医骨髓管 医动物 医肠动脉管 第二
1929	. 7,584,000,000
1930	. 8,572,000,000
1931	. 8,220,000,000
1932	. 6,030,000,000*

(*)-First 10 months. These figures are not complete since certainly not all interest paid THAT, OF COURSE, is only a by individual borrowers is reported, funciful reflection at the present for example. But they may be con-(Continued on Page Seven)

ERIE, PENNA., REGISTERS

In 1932 Thomas had 1,319 votes in per dozen. the city and 708 in the county, making a total of 2,027 ballots to com-industrial genius is that fewer workpare with the 115 of four years ago. ers are employed while the purchas-The Socialist Labor Party had 17 ing power of those still working is votes in the entire city and county, about 50 per cent. lower than that and Foster, Communist, had 67 in afforded by the wage rates in union the city and 19 in the county, a total mills.

of 86. Local Erie is now laying intensive "big 3" of the Wyomissing textile plans to effect a complete city organ-industries, as head of the "share ization, and is forming ward organi- work" movement in Berks, the policy cent brands, put up in boxes of 25, zations with chairmen in each voting of employers in his own line to in- make splendid Xmas Gifts. Order ganizing among the Greeks can get nothing less than the report which precinct in the city. Their slogan is, crease production with fewer work- yours now by dialing 2-2441. "On with the fight that has barely ers makes "share work" look like a

Maier's Bakery Hall Will Be Visited by Many In Honor

UNIVORIII L AI

Socialist Chorus. Theatricals 18th Ward Celebration

Plans for the "victory din-18th Ward Branch, have developed into a program for full evening of entertainment

The "victory dinner" will b held at Maier's Bakery hall 640 Park avenue, on Monday January 2, and will be in celebration of the inauguration of the second terms of Assemblymen Darlington Hoopes and Lilith Wilson, both of whom are members of the 18th Ward Branch. The menu will include all the good things that make up a Berks County roast pork (Continued on Page Four)

"SHARE WORK" FLOPS AND CUTS DAY WAGE RATE

"Share Work," the muchly-touted scheme whereby some of the manufacturers of Berks hoped to force the burden of unemployment relief upon their workers, was given a rude jolt this week by the D. S. & W. Hosiery Company.

According to information received by representatives of the Full Fash ioned Hosiery Workers Union, the D. S. & W. "tied the can" to its entire night shift and placed the day shift workers on the two-machine basis. But that was not all. In addition to making their leggers operate twice In 1928 Thomas polled a total of the number of machines, the comp-115 votes in the city for President. any imposed a wage cut of 17 cents

The net result of this stroke of

With Henry Janssen, one of the decided flop.

ganization Reads Statement From Work Director's Associate in Check Transaction.

Four Hundred Hear Demands

Unemployed A.

Reading in the municipal audi- Mayor Ermentrout. torium on Thursday afternoon. 💳 The meeting was called by the Taxpayers' Protective League and was attended by about 400 persons.

Several weeks ago the League had presented a petition to the Poor Directors of Berks asking that Symontowne be removed from his \$350-per-Of Hoopes-Wilson Election month position as Director of Work Relief. Prior to that publicity was given to the fact that, upon the recommendation of Symontowne, the Board had issued two checks totalling \$206.75 to one Lillian Hain for And Gymnastics Are Among services which, according to Ray-Attractions on Program For mond Wenger, accountant-investigator for the Taxpayers' League, were (Continued on Page Two)

Resolution Adopted by Execudustrial Efficiency Must Reing Time

BALTIMORE .- The Socialis party, through its executive commit tee, meeting in Baltimore last week end, promised its co-operation in the Federation of Labor in Cincinnati. The party's resolution follows:

"The National Executive Commit tee of the Socialist party, in session in the city of Baltimore, sends fra-Federation of Labor and warm congratulations upon the progress it has made at its recent annual convention in Cincinnati.

Approves New Demands "We heartily endorse the demand for a 30-hour week. The natural advantages of the marvelous technical improvements in our industrial processes should not be allowed to be perverted into dire social calamity, and to deprive millions of workers of a chance to work and live. In a fair and rational industrial system in creased productivity of labor must be met by a corresponding reduction of

(Continued on Page Four)

SOCIALIST CIGARS

Karl Marx Cigars, in five and ten- unions.

Zizizizizizizizizizizizizizi. York, N. Y.

Nine-Mill Rate Will Benefit Rich, Handicap Social Service and Result in Future Tax Increase, Councilman of the Merchants' Bureau of the Declares—City Debt Has Increased During Year. City Wage Bill Will be Cut and Unemployment Increased—Condemns Plan to Grab Water Funds

Quoting Fusion Councilman William J. Smith's admission years the City of Reading has underthat the city could not be properly operated on a 9-mill tax taken to clear Penn street of snow at ate, Councilman Jesse George, Socialist, yesterday declared its own expense." that the cut from 10 to 9 mills will be followed by a tax in-For Higher Living Standards crease later, probably in 1934, which will work a greater For Citizens Who Become hardship than ever upon such workers as still retain posses- Reading. The Socialist administrasion of their homes by that time. George, with Councilman tion cleaned Penn street after every William C. Hoverter, are the Socialist minority in Council and real big snow and paid the workers The Lillian Ham-Russ Sy-both have declared their opposition to the millage cut. At this montowne case was unexpect- week's session of Council Hoverter, as Director of Accounts being paid to workers on public proedly revived at a meeting of and Finance, refused to introduce the 1933 budget which was jects." the unemployed workers of computed on a 9-mill basis. The ordinance was introduced by

against the interests of the entire

city and will benefit only a small

number of people who own large

blocks of property; to the small man

it will mean very little," George de-

The Socialist councilman stated

that there are a few people in Read-

ing who pay taxes on assessments up

also called attention to the sheriff

sales which, he declared, have result-

ing into the hands of building and

loan companies. "It is this class of

people who are applying the pres-

sure for lower tax rates and whose

interests are being served by a tax

reduction which will handicap all the social services which a city should

According to Councilman Hov-

revenues from a 9-mill rate, includ-

ing an estimate of \$90,000 miscel-

laneous income, will be \$1,633,491

(Continued on Page Three)

Former Judge Sullivan's Re-

port Scored by Rabbi Wise

As "Epitome of Lawyers at

Matt I. Sullivan, former judge of

the California Supreme Court, is

characterized as "a symbol of the

science," in an open letter to him by

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York,

one of the 15 signers of the recent

protest against Sullivan's advisory

report to Gov. James Rolph, Jr., in

the Mooney-Billings case. Dr. Wise's

communication to the ex-jurist was

made public December 12 through

the American Civil Liberties Union,

"The case, we concede, should

never have been submitted to you,"

Rabbi Wise declares. "Our quarrel

acting as you did, and that the mas-

which sent the original letter

Judge Sullivan.

Their Basest"

give the people."

close to a million dollars. He

Committee, Headed by Krzy- ed in many hundreds of homes passcki, Will Organize Unemployed and Act In Strikes And Relief Work

Committee Named to Work With Independent Papers erter, George's colleague, the total Favorable to Socialism-Approve Work of L. I. D.

BALTIMORE. - Aiming to coordinate Socialist activities tive Committee Declares In- on the industrial field, the Socialist national executive comsult In Reduction of Work- mittee has chosen Leo Krzycki, member of the executive board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, as chairman of committee on relations to labor.

Associated with Krzycki will be program outlined by the American James D. Graham, president of the Montana Federation of Labor; Powers Hapgood, formerly organizer for the United Mine Workers: James H Maurer, who was president for sixteen years of the Pennsylvania Fedternal greetings to the American eration of Labor, and Emil Rieve. president of the American Federa- degradation to which men may fall tion of Full Fashioned Hosiery when they forswear reason and con-Workers.

> The committee will be in charge of work in organizing the unemployed, forming strike relief machinery, assisting in strikes, and supplying in-(Continued on Page Four)

SOCIALISTS IN N

Greek Socialists in New York City must be with Governor Rolph, who work time and improvement of living have organized a branch to crystal- entrusted so great a responsibility to ways there have been some workers ize Socialist sentiment among Greek- one as unjudicial as you have proven "We join emphatically in your American Socialists and to help yourself to be. In truth you did not destruction of the slave system, condemnation of the dangerous Greeks in their labor unions and report on the Mooney case. You did workers who were hated and ma-'share-work' campaign, which is but community life. Although the branch nothing more than recapitulate the ligned by the slave drivers just as a hypocritical method of further re- is new, it has already sent a dele- biases and prejudices and passions (Continued on Page Seven) ducing wages, and in your opposition gate to the recent United Youth which has been accumulating under Anti-War Conference here and is the regime of lawlessness in your sending a delegate to the annual con- community. vention of the party in Baltimore, "We must assume that you were Dec. 9 to 11. It is also attempting not and are not a free agent, that to organize Greek food workers into you were under the compulsion of

Anyone interested in Socialist or- ters who employed you demanded information from this branch: Paul will endure as the epitome of all that Dejerenis, 206 East 96th street, New so-called law and lawyers can do at their basest."

What Reading Folks Are Talking About

STILL LYING ABOUT SOCIALISTS

Quoting Charles A. Mills, president Chamber of Commerce, both daily newspapers published the statement that when the Fusion administration removed the snow from Penn street this week it was "the first time in 20

· Commenting upon this statement, ex-councilman Maurer said: "That man Mills must be a stranger in 50 cents per hour instead of the

In their desire to boost Fusion stocks the labor exploiters of Reading are making extravagant claims. not because they approve so mightily of the Fusion brand of city government but because they desire to kill the prestige of the Socialists.

Socialists are trying to acquire political power in every department of government because they know that only by the use of power can they end the system under which men of the Mills type can hire department store girls for less than living costs. The Socialist economic policy, and not the municipal record of the Socialists, is the unforgivable crime in the opinion of labor exploiting individualists.

GLORIFYING SLAVERY

It was sickening to read the words of praise which Relief Work Director Russ Symontowne wrote about workers at the municipal fuel yard.

Unemployed workers who braved last Saturday's bitter cold to prepare fuel for the homes of the jobless were hailed as heroes and their "splendid spirit" was strongly commended. As a matter of fact, the work they did was just about as degrading an exhibition of abject humility as could be imagined.

This is the 20th century and the workers who prepared wood for fuel are citizens of the richest nation on earth. Just a few miles seperates Reading from the anthricite coal regions where miners are willing and able to produce all that is needed of high grade fuel. Under such conditions there is no real need for men in Reading to freeze themselves at a wood-cutting job. And the only reason they consent to such an arrangement is that they are so thoroughly enslaved that they dare not rebel against the disgrace of needless and barbaric toil.

If the nation were suffering from some great natural calamity there would be considerable virtue in the business of standing up to the task despite the personal suffering and inconvenience. Then the responsibility of the individual to the group would be strong. But under present conditions, all that wood yards do is help keep miners' families jobless and in want, while jobless citizens vainly attempt to heat their homes with an antiquated and unsatisfactory fuel.

Docile slaves have been kidded who resented slavery and sought the

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