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## Socialists Stop War.

A typical muzzled editorial writer stamped around in the columns of the Saint Louis Republic months ago and defiantly shouted: "What has Socialism done for the people? What hospital have they builded what charities have they supported?"

The Rebel took the poor prostitute across his knee and after spanking [illegible] well, politely informed hi[illegible] that while we have built hosp[illegible] we have also done something [illegible]tter. We have prevented ho[illegible]als from being built by establi[illegible]g peace between the nations, [illegible]use by the force of our organ[illegible]tion we have been able to st[illegible] war in Europe.

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The Re[illegible] cited the case of Sweden [illegible] Norway, of France and Ger[illegible]y, and we closed by saying that as time went on the muzzled writer of the St. Louis Republic would learn that we would stop other wars and were in fact the one vital force in keeping the flag of peace flying in the skies.

If the Socialist movement is good for nothing more than to stop war it follows in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace and thus justifies its existence. Our prediction has been speedily fulfilled as the following editorial from the Los Angeles Tribune published upon the editorial page of Dallas News of Jan. 8, will show:

*Workingmen, Force Against War.*

Los Angeles Tribune: Although the critical danger of a general war in Europe seems past, the smoldering fires now and again flare up ominously. There is no mistaking the ugly temper of Austria, Servia, and Russia. The other leading Nations are equally alert to their particular stakes in the game. But the stupendous folly of a general carnage has dawned on Europe. No matter what the outcome, it wouldn't be worth it, and an appreciation of the fact seems at least to dominate.

But at one time, when the diplomats and the press were agreed that resort to arms appeared inevitable, why was no voice raised against the monstrous concession to international insanity except that of labor? So far as the cabled reports showed, not a city in its corporate capacity, not a great society of savants, not a church organization, not a chamber of commerce took a positive and vigorous stand against the madness.

Only one voice rose out of the gloom. A Socialist manifesto, issued by an international congress at Basel, called on workingmen of all Nations to oppose the idea of wholesale bloodshed. It declared the immensity of the calamity would be out of all proportion to the interests on which it would be based. But although this was the only moral force put in the way of the reckless chancelleries, it was no mean one. Germany alone has 5,000,000 Socialist voters.

The fact that the workingmen of all Nations have awakened to their stake in diplomacy and war is the most encouraging feature of the peace movement. A recent cartoon pictures a little human figure labeled "Royalty" commanding a towering mass of brawn called "Labor" to go to war, but he stands with folded arms before the diminutive figure whose order he once obeyed implicity. "What if He Refuses?" is the artist's caption.

In the answer is to be found the probable triumph some day of the peace movement. A recent carfrom the backs of the poor of the crushing weight of taxation for militarism.

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Just read that over again gentle reader and notice the statement [illegible] paper that "not a city in its corporate capacity, not a great society of savants, not a church organization, not a chamber of commerce took a positive and vigorous stand against the madness."

Notice it was the Socialist organization alone that stood for peace. It was the Socialist party alone that prevented the European war. The other great organizations were false pretenders, hypocrites, and white sepulchers, such as He spoke of in the Twenty-third chapter of Matthew. Verily, verily I say unto you people that you cannot be Christian and remain outside of the Socialist ranks.

# PROHIBITION IN OKLAHOMA.

From manhood's rosy dawn I have at intervals more or less long obeyed the divine admonition of the erudite and saintly Paul to partake of "a little wine for the stomach sake."

For one full generation I have watched the gyration of those who gambolled with Gambrinus and worship at the shrine of Bacchus. I have looked askance at John Barleycorn and at other times, I have watched the devil's lamp-light in his eyes. I have seen those who sought brief joy or surcease from sorrow in the flowing bowl in many lands and climes.

With the eyes of youth I have noted with wonder the amazing capacity of the corn porters on the banks of the famous river Liffey as they consume the product of the hops of Kent as brewed by Messrs. Guiness.

In the wild mountains of Connemara where the Atlantic surf beats against the western shores of Ireland I saw the Gossoons of my sireland drink the fiery potheen, the "crathur" and the brew called "mountain dew."

I mingled with the sailors and stevedores on the Mersey at Liverpool as they quaffed there "half-and-half," their hot Scotch and their gin.

With a reporter's badge pinned beneath the lapel of my coat I have gone in quest of news to the darkest dives in New York's Cherry Hill and saw the underworld swill their vile mixed ale. I visited Bleeker Street and watched the Frenchman sip his absinthe frappe in his French cafe and knew that more devils than orthodox hell could hold were imprisoned in the greenish fluid.

I strolled along the Bowery and read these signs that inform the passerby that he could have a Manhatten cocktail or a sherry cobbler for a nickel. I visited the barrel houses where diluted wood alcohol shortens the lives of men.

I have sauntered through the wine rooms of the fashionable clubs in Boston's Back Bay, and chummed with New York's bon ton's where they toasted Lucullus for transporting the cherry from Asia to Europe and thus laid the foundation for America's famous drink.

I have rambled among the "morgues" of North Clark Street, Chicago, and watched the gang line up to the bar of the notorious Hinkey Dink.

I walked through the groggeries of Market Street in Old Saint Louie and later reclined in an easy chair in the swell press club where white-coated waiters were ever alert to serve the wine while it was red. With Kentucky colonels I drank mint juleps and if there is a spot in the southland where the joy waters flow from the French Market in New Orleans to the moonshine stills in the mountains of Tenessee I would like to know of it.

I sat with a Deutsche Hausfrau in the Milwaukee Palm garden and watched her sip her Schlitz while "die Kinder" played by her side and later clinked glasses with her alter Mann filled with Rhine wine or Schnapps, as we shot at the target at the Schuetzenfest.

I have tackled the awful decoction called "Svenska punch" with the hardy Norsemen of Minnesota and with Cornish miners and quarrymen I trailed the hill of Butte where the saloonkeepers throw their keys away, and in that rough raw northern climate Esquebaugh is like soft cider and brandy tastes like milk.

I haven't walked amidst the snows and silence of the northland and in Juneau, Alaska, but have assimilated the drink of the Siwash Indian that they call hootch-an-hoo. On the virtue of this beverage in younger years I have expiated thusly:

"O did you ever hear of Hootch-an-hoo,
That nectar rare, that Siwash brew?
T'was discovered by a squaw man ages past,
Upon a glacier blue.
It's ingredients I know not of;
I only know what it can do.
Oft times I have filled my precious skin
With distillations thick and thin
With stuff that's spiked, both soft and hard,
In gallon, demijohn, quart and gourd,
Now I shall try to tell to you
The things that make us hootch-an-hoo.

Take tombstones, horned toads, "Guinesses's 3 X",
Mix Russias fiery vodku next,
Holland gin, Dutch aromatic schnapps,
And the fighting saki of the Japs,
Take Mexico's vitriolic aquement,
Hotter than hells own firmament,
Take Chinatowns bad five-cent gin,
Mix some sulphuric acid in,
Hong Kong's snake bite, La Fong's san-foo—
Then you pretty nearly got hotch-an-hoo.

So here's a go to hootch-an-hoo!
We will drink this arctic winter through:
Coffee, tea, milk, church lemonade,
All such drinks we'll quite evade,
All such drinks we will eschew
When we get down to Hootch-an-hoo".

I think from all that I have set forth above that I have clearly demonstrated that the editor of this great religious weekly understands the liquor question from practical experience as does every other well posted newspaper man including the beautous Rebecca who has just become temporary United States Senator from Texas.

After telling all I witnessed and of some of the tanglefoot I tasted I might, did space allow, go on to tell of what I have read about the habitat of those who gargled their systems with what Shakespeare called "the invisible spirit of wine." I could tell of the boozing pens of White Chapel of the Carabets; of the Montmartre where the Parisian Apaches hold midnight revelry, *of the Neapolitan [illegible] where the Lazzaroni forget* their misery for a fleeting hour, of the unspeakable joints of Port Said and [illegible] on and Peking; of the pulque joints of Mexico and the mescal dives of Juarez and Aqua Prieta.

But enough is as good as a feast!

I but set down all this to say that there is still one spot that beats them all to triturated pulp, one place where booze flows freer, one portion of this terrestial hemisphere, where all the other singly or collectively would fear to compete with in every thing that is prodigiously vile, one cancerous putrescent spot where vice is king, anarchy queen and debauchery the constitution.

THAT SPOT IS OKLAHOMA CITY, METROPOLIS AND CAPITAL OF OKLAHOMA AND WITHIN THE SHADOWS OF THE CAPITAL, WITHIN EARSHOT OF THE GOVERNOR AND WITHIN A STONE'S THROW OF THE MAYOR LAW HAS BEEN DETHRONED,BACCHUS AND HIS IMPS RULE, AND ORGIES ARE THE ORDER OF THE DAY, WHILE THE RED LIGHTS ILLUME THE SKY AFTER THE SUN GOES DOWN.

Oklahoma City has seventy-five thousand people and six hundred bootlegging joints. It is the only town in America where the roulette ball whirls in answer to the ring of the church bells on a Sabbath morning.

It is the one place where the children in their clean clothes going to Sunday school walk through the clouds of men who are going in to buck the tiger. All night Saturday night and all day Sunday the crys of "come seven, come eleven," can be heard as both whites and blacks struggle over the festive game of craps. Stud and draw poker never stops. Mexican monte is a favorite game and any other gambling game you may wish is at your command if you but have the price.

In no place in America is the gambling graft so strong and so raw. In the rough mining camps of the west, in the early days of Nevada and Montana the gamblers had at least that much decency about them that they pulled the covers over their paraphanalia during church hours, but not so in Oklahoma City in the year of our Lord 1913. Of Oklahoma City we might paraphrase Cy Warman and sing:

"O, it's day all day in Oklahoma City,
And there is no such thing as night."

After studying the situation carefully I have come to the conclusion that it is not the vile gambling joints that are the worst feature of the rule of vice in Oklahoma City, but it is the vile bootlegging joints that are also at the bottom of all, for be it known that in no place in America are knock-out drops so widely dispensed as in that town.

The Oklahoma City News of Friday, January 3rd, runs a story about a man who was seen staggering around the Santa Fe depot. When taken to the police station medical aid had to be summoned as the man was near death's door, as a result of poison served to him in whiskey in a pool hall.

The News calmly says that "three deaths have already occurred in this one pool hall in the last three months." There are seventy-five other pool halls most of whom sell booze. I would like to know how many men have been murdered under the eyes of Oklahoma's governor within the past year.

Outside of the fashionable residence district bootlegging joints abound in every block. They are back of confectionery and cigar stores; they are in the hotels and office buildings, they are in the pool rooms and billiard halls, and they never close for a single hour, twenty four hours a day and seven days a week. With six hundred joints and seventy-five thousand people we have one joint to each one hundred and twenty five of the population.

It is this terrific competition and the insatiable demand of the police who are in turn driven on by the politicians from the ward heeler up to the executive mansion that drives the bootlegger to the use of knock out drops.

There is a third division of this army of vice. It lies in the red light district which is by the way the largest in area of any similar district in America and I do not bar the Levee in Chicago or the Tenderloin in New York. Women of fifteen nationalities ranging in age from thirteen to sixty-five ply their awful trade under the protecting arms of the local and state administrations. Robberies are the order of the night and day and the screams of the assaulted ones fall on the deaf ear of the big policeman who calmly walks in the opposite direction.

And this is the open-shop town of the Southwest. This is the town that the very Rev. Dr. Rankin of Dallas extolls to the skies.

"By your fruits ye shall be known" and this is the fruit of prohibition after several years' trial.

In the very first issue of the Rebel I branded prohibititon as a fake. I now repeat the charge. What say you gentlemen of the Anti saloon league? Be careful of your reply lest I show you another city, also a prohibition city, that is nearly as bad, and is likewise in Oklahoma.

Eighty weeks ago when I published the "Fake of Prohibition" in the Rebel I said that there was one remedy for the liquor evil. Like many great remedies it is simple. Just this: **Take a thirteen cent profit off a fifteen cent drink and you will close every saloon and bootlegging joint in America over night.**

Rankin & Co. would not accept this proposal because if you took a thirteen cent profit off a fifteen cent drink of whiskey his good prohibition brother Rockefeller would lose the thirteen cent profit on a fifteen cent gallon of kerosene.

When the prohibition gentlemen will take the profit off of booze and have the government manufacture the stuff absolutely pure and at cost the liquor problem will be solved, and Oklahoma and similar prohibition cities will be lifted from the slough of degeneration and degradation in which they are wallowing at the present time.

(This is the first of a series of articles on conditions in Oklahoma by the editor of the Rebel who has been on the spot investigating *affairs in that state*. The next one will appear next week and will be one of the most startling exposures of the muzzled press that has *ever appeared in the south.*)

## Sub-Getting Contest

Interest continues to grow in our great plan of organizing the Rebel army of the New South by selecting officers for voting precinct squads county companies, congressional district regiments and state divisions according to fitness as shown for such position by the number of subs secured, and awarding commissions and prizes to each such officer.

When organization is finally completed the Rebel will have a sub-getting phalanx that for enthusiasm, militancy, celerity and efficiency will have any similar body backed off the map and that will prove to be a most mighty factor in the great plans now under foot to take the South away from the Democratic party and capture it for the Socialist party.

Remember that the first special prize of $10 in cash will be awarded to the person securing the most subs by Jan. 23. Only a few more days remain in which to send subs so get busy with a big B.

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At this writing the following is a full list of the Texas contestants and their standing:

First District: J. J. Rhine, Delta Co., 8; E. W. Hollje, Lamar Co. 6.

Second District: J. O. Hughes Cherokee, 8; W. L. Owen, Shelby, 6; J. H. Springfield, Newton, 5.

Third District: J. E. Hardie Wood, 24; B. B. Thompson, Smith 9; G. H. Roberts, Henderson, 8; G W. White, Trinity Co., 8; J. D Holley, Kaufman, 8; Dr. M. D Mings, Upshur, 8; W. M. Pepper Rusk, 5; Mrs. Gooch Smith, Henderson, 1.

Fourth Dist.: W. W. Gilbert Hunt, 10.

Sixth Dist.: W. B. Driver, Freestone, 8; J. C. Mathews, Limestone 6.

Seventh Dist.: Roy Gilliland Anderson, 14; Mrs. E. V. Shaw Houston Co., 4.

Eighth Dist.: Oscar Vanderwoerth, Austin Co., 6.

Ninth Dist.: C. D. Pierce, De Witt, 12.

Tenth Dist.: C. W. Metcalf Williamson, 16; James A. Echols Burleson Co., 4.

Eleventh Dist.: Carl Riddles Ellis, 5; C. T. Driskill, McLennan 5.

Twelfth Dist.: Bessie White Hood Co., 8; L. W. Henry, Erath 5; Mrs. S. J. Knight, Tarrant, 2.

Thirteenth Dist.: J. W. Manney, Montague, 13; R. D. Shields Donley, 6; John Emberg, Donley 4; Ernst Vogt, Wichita, 4; Chas McMurrey, Wilbarger, 1; J. R Forbes, Denton.

Fourteenth Dist.: Lee P. Deck Bexar, 40; Louis Garms, Brown, 4 Tom Lackey, Bandera, 4.

Fifteenth Dist.: J. J. Pounds Nueces, 12; G. W. Albright, Hidalgo, 12.

Sixteenth Dist: J. W. McWilliams, Stephens, 12; T. H. Jenkins Jones, 6; R. E. Dorsett, Runnels 6; W. W. Ivey, Jones, 5; Mrs. C. J. Levey, Haskell Co., 2.

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It will be seen that Lee P. Deck of Bexar county, and J. E. Hardie of Wood county, two of the most rebellious Rebs in the state are first and second respectively.

It will be further noted that one district remains unrepresented—the 5th—also that several districts have as yet a limited representation and that the sub lists of each contestant are not so large as yet. However, so many contestants have joined during the past week, and so many more will join once they get the spirit of the thing, once they realize what it means to the Socialist movement of the South; that the next report of the standing of the leading contestants in the issue of Jan. 23 will look like a house afire.

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"Unconstitutional" is a word so often effectively used against any law that favors the worker. When the people through the initiative and referendum make and unmake their own laws, "Unconstitutional" will become obselete.

"Divide up the land; give each inhabitant his part", is what some think we Socialists want. We certainly do not. If the earth were parcelled out today, those born into the world tomorrow would be disowned.

Said a man the other day: "I sold well improved farming lands last week and made $1500 in the deal. Said I, "You did not make anything; you simply got that much of what the other man made."

It is an error to say one is paid for services, when he receives money for a bale of cotton. The case is exactly the opposite. Money is only an order for the products of labor and the cotton in this case is the pay for the money.

## TEXAS NOTES.

Ed. A. Green, State Sec. Rockdale.

This is 1913.

Is your RED CARD stamped up to date?

How long since your local had a meeting?

Are your local and county Secretaries on the job, and doing their duty?

Among your New Year's resolutions, was there one to do more valiant service for the cause of justice this year than ever before? If it wasn't there ought to have been, and whether there was or not, it's high time the 1914 campaign was started in your neighborhood and you are the boy to turn the trick. Don't depend too much on other fellow. The struggle for existence is just as fierce for him as it is for you, and besides it's your funeral as well as his if you falter. So get busy, and do it now.

If your Local Secretary is sick, dead or inert from any cause, even though the landlord has rented him out and he has had to seek a new boss elsewhere don't let that bluff you. Call a meeting, revive your local, call out the old guard, round up the new recruits. There are thousands of them waiting for an invitation to join. Get them in and serve notice on the landlord that you are going to fight for your right to live on the earth.

"I am going to start the New Year off right, so send me a bunch of blanks and other things necessary for organizing locals. We want to organize branches in different parts of the city and get our machinery ready for the next fight which will be pulled off in Feb. as we have a municipal election here in that month." G. R. Triay, Co. Sec., Harris Co.

Comrade M. D. Bowls, Secretary of Cook county, echoes my sentiments exactly when he says: "I hope my relations with you will be pleasant. I belong to no faction, and have but one ambition, and that is, to get Socialism, and that as soon as possible."

P. L. Abel, Secretary El Paso, writes: "Your circular asking for dates for Zimmerman to hand. Send him to us for six days. We want to thoroughly organize the county at once."

M. C. Smith sends a very strong endorsement of Currie's good work at El Campo. Those in South and East Texas wanting Currie dates will have to write quick, as we are having calls for him in other parts of the State.

In view of the fact that there has been an effort on the part of one or two more comrades in the recent past to stir up factional strife within the party in this State I wish to say a few words upon that subject. As for myself I have not the least particle of bitter feeling for any comrade in the State. Those who voted against me, as well as those who have seen fit to criticise me in the past, look just as good to me as any other comrade in the movement, and will just as long as I believe they are fighting for the emancipation of my children. You all are my Comrades in the great struggle and I am here to fight with and for you to the end, let that end be what it may.

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In an article, entitled "What Next" in the International Socialist Review for January, Charles Edward Russell says: "Nothing can so much help the Capitalists now as dissension and strife in the Socialist Party. That is the very thing they will look for and try to promote. If they can divide this movement and start two factions to cutting each other's throats, Capitalism has a long lease of life ahead of it. Shall we be foolish enough to believe that they do not see this and that they will not try to take advantage of it? Whichever way we turn then the lesson of the hour is exactly the same. It is to watch with a jealous eye any beginning of strife on any pretext whatsoever. If we stand together, nothing can prevail against us. And if we indulge in factional strife nothing can shake Capitalism.

"There is no good reason for dissension; the note of the recent election was revolution. By no possibility can this party now fall into either compromise or opportunism. It has shown that it is clear-headed, rational, uncompromising and knows what it wants, and there is nothing in the shape of a pretext upon which it can be split so long as we keep our eyes fixed upon the ultimate goal and scrupulously nullify any attempts the capitalists may make to introduce dissension.

"I think that on analysis all the differences of opinion that can now be discovered in the Socialist party are of a nature too trivial to prolonged interest in the adult mind. There is for instance some clashing of belief as to be exact method by which the Co-operative Commonwealth is to be established. I don't give a hoot how it is established. All I care about is to get it in the shortest possible space of time, because every day that it is delayed costs hundreds of lives needlessly sacrificed to the blood-dripping profit system.

"If any bitterness has existed the present would seem an admirable occasion to forget it. Unless I have misread the signs of the times, anyone among us that has an uncontrollable appetite for fighting will have ample opportunity to satiate his belligerency against the common enemy in the next few months. And that is the only fighting worth thinking about or planning for. If a maan can by any possibility come by an adequate hatred of Capitalism he shall find in his heart no room to hate anything else. And if a man will do all that is his duty to do against this monstrous and horrible thing he shall have no time to spare for the doing of things against his comrade.

"On consideration, all will agree that we have not one moment to waste in internal quarrels. They are too costly a luxury. If we want to attack anything let's attack Capitalism. If we have any bitterness let's pour it out on that murderous thing. All the other objects in the world and all the ambitions together are not worthy to be compared with shortening by even a day the existence of a system that is long past its schedule time to get out of the world's way."

Comrade Russell is right, we all know he is right, therefore I say, let us forget any petty differences that we may have had, let us stand up shoulder to shoulder and present a solid front to the enemy. Let us be COMRADES in every sense of that sacred word. If we have differences of opinion with regard to party tactics let us base our arguments on grounds of principle and not on personalities and attacks on persons.

### *Among the "Disinherited."*

Sweetwater, Tex., Jan. 6.

Dear Rebel:—As I have moved from Trent please send the Rebel to me at Sweetwater for I miss my paper so much. You may not know it but I think a heap of the Rebel.

I have been traveling around right smart the last month hunting for a place to try to make a living and wherever I go I find unrest among the laboring class of people. I find hard times among them all and the most of them are ignorant of what is the cause of it.

It is enough to make one sorry on one hand and to fly into a fit on the other to talk with them. They all know that something is wrong and some seem to think that it can't be helped; that it has always been this way and always will be.

It seems like the most of them have never had a thought of their own in their lives, only to suffer and toil. It matters not what they get or how they are robbed. They and their wives and children work work from one year's end to another and can't keep decent clothes to wear.

I am speaking of the 35,000,000 poor deluded beings that get from nothing to five hundred dollars. Then there is another 30,000,000 that are one notch ahead but still in a hard shape—some of them renters that bought homes and paid part down and are trying their best to get the balance paid out and lots of them losing out putting them back with the first class.

And they want it that way, but as ignorant of it as can be for you know when men will vote for a system that will make slaves of their wives and babies they surely want it that way; but if you tell them the remedy some of them explode like dynamite.

Some few are so far back they say we want to divide up and you know they would be ruined if that were the case.

I am sorry for their families, not for them, for if one prefers to drink stale water in place of pure water, let them go, we can't help it.

You go ahead with the Rebel for that is as penetrating as coal oil and I think if we can get enough of these poor ignorant fellows to read it that it will penetrate into their craniums sufficient to cause them to think and a man don't have to think more than once or twice until he is ready to grasp the remedy and that is Socialism.

T. H. Erwin.

## THE "DYNAMITE" JURY FIXED

St. Louis Labor, Jan. 11.

In last week's issue of St. Louis Labor we characterized the verdict in the Indianapolis dynamite conspiracy case as **The Crime of the Twentieth Century.** The Tragi-Comedy of a trial of which Frank M. Ryan, and the other members of the Structural Iron Workers are the victims, had been carefully staged by Sleuth Burns and his friend District Attorney Mill r, with their chief dynamiter McManigal.

Now we learn that forty days before the end of the trial, under date of November 19, definite arrangements were made with certain railroads for railroading Frank M. Ryan and his comrades from Indianapolis to the Leavenworth (Kans.) Federal Prison. At this time we have before us original documents showing the detailed arrangements for the "Dynamite Special" that was to carry the victims of McManigalism to Leavenworth.

For the information of our readers, and for the information of the American labor press and the entire Trade Union movement we hereby submit copies of the letters written by railroad officials and also photographic fac similes of the same documents. We ask Judge Anderson of Indianapolis and his "Farmers' Jury", and also United States District Attorney Miller, this simple question:

**"How could the officials of the St. Louis Terminal Railroad Association and of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. be informed, under date of November 19, 1912, that 75 or more federal prisoners and guards would be taken from Indianapolis to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and that under date of December 24, Superintendent Kensinger of the St. Louis Terminal Railroad Association could make final arrangements for the transportation of the prospective federal prisoners on Dec. 28, (which was three days off, for the "movement of the prisoners" did not take place until December 31)?**

On January 3, 1913, the question of granting a writ of supersedeas was up before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, and it was then and there **that Judge Baker intimated that undue haste was manifested at Indianapolis in committing the defendants to prison.**

When Judge Baker made those remarks he had no knowledge of the letters and documents which we present to our readers today. If he had known of them he might have added that it seems that there was some railroading done in connection with securing the conviction of Frank M. Ryan and his comrades.

That the program as outlined in the letters of the railroad officials, and as shown in the copies printed in this issue of St. Louis Labor, was carried out is proven by the news items which appeared in the St. Louis Globe Democrat of January 1, showing that the train did not run into Union station but stopped in Saint Louis where it was turned over to the Missouri Pacific at Erving Ave.

Who are the men that were in communication with the railroad companies? Who arranged for railroad accommodation weeks before the men were convicted and senteced? Who fixed the program for the trial? Under what suspicious influence was the jury kept at "work"? It is up to Judge Anderson to explain this queer railroad story as told in the following letters.

The following is a copy of one of the letters published by the St. Louis Labor going to show that those "higher-up" knew what the jury verdict would be six weeks before the evidence in the case was concluded:

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 19, 1912.

Mr. F. K. Tutt, Master Mechanic, City.
Mr. R. H. McCullough, Gen Yardmaster, M. P.
Mr. S. S. Dunlap, Foreman Passenger Yard.
Mr. C. H. Stohlman, Chief Clerk to G. Y. M.
Mr. W. L. Yowell, Night Yardmaster, M. P.

Dear Sir:—

Passenger Department advise that our Vandalia connection will probably have a movement of Federal prisoners and guards 75 or more in number, from Indianapolis destined to Fort Leavenworth.

It is our understanding that the entire equipment will probably be operated through from Indianapolis to Fort Leavenworth. While we have no definite advice, it is understood in a general way that the business will come to us at St. Louis, late in the evening and it is desired, if practicable to leave St. Louis, about 11:15 p. m. same date and arrive Fort Leavenworth by 8:30 following morning. It has also been requested that the trains be not operated through the Union Station at St. Louis, or Union Depot at Kansas City, and it is especially desired that the matter be given no more publicity than is necessary.

This movement will in all probability take place within the next few days and the foregoing is given you as advance information so that you can handle accordingly should it be necessary to arrange on telegraphic advice.

Parties will of course, hold regular ticket transportation and when I receive definite advice as to when the train will reach us at St. Louis, I will wire you referring to this letter.

Yours truly,

L. L. Kensinger,
Sup't Terminals.

Copy to Mr. J. J. Coakley,
Sup't. Trra, City.

## TWO LETTERS TO RAINEY.

2701 Reagan St., Dallas, Tex.,
December 30, 1912.

H. T. Rainey, M.D. Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:—

Yours received, "The Fallacies and Dangers of Socialism."

Socialism is not dangerous to the laborers of the world, as long as it does away with PROFIT, RENT and INTEREST, and the exploitation of Man for the private interest of the few.

I will admit it is dangerous to the THIEVES ond GRAFTERS, of whom, in my opinion, YOU are a part.

Yours truly,

Percy D. Quimby.

Granbury, Tex., Dec. 28, 1912.

Hon. H. T. Rainey, M. C. House of Representatives, Washington D.C.

Sir:—

Have just received your communication under your frank that is only another manifestation of dirty work some politicians resort to get their misrepresentations before the working man of this country to keep him asleep a while longer while big business abstracts the product of toil; only another proof of the charge of the progressive element of this country that the people's money is being squandered by their "mis-representatives" to foster and buoy up the system of robbery and at the same time to feather their own nests.

If you have no conscientious scruples about using the people's money to advertise a few scurrilous, worthless books of men whose life has been given over to he devil and if you don't have any regard for accuracy and facts, you should at least have some regards for the working men who handle this mass of useless rubbish at a time when they are overworked with holiday mail but may be the railroads are having the mail weighed and you are assisting your masters by trying to kill two birds with one stone.

Again, let me say that all the anti-socialist books you advertise have been in my possesion long ago, and I venture to say that I have made more study on this subject than any one whom you quote.

Yours for the revolution,

A. M. Dobbs.

### *Cook County Alive.*

To the Comrades of Cook county:

I have been elected your county secretary for the ensuing year and will visit all defunct locals as well as such other places that want to organize. I will go to any place in the county on Saturdays and lecture Saturday night and help organize. I have to work very hard and can not afford to go any other time. It will cost you nothing but my entertainment.

We have doubled our vote in the county, trebled it in the state and doubled it in the nation. Now is the best time to reach the unconverted and get them to help in the 1914 campaign. Remember that eternal vigilance is the price we will have to pay for our economic emancipation. If you cannot get enough together to organize a local, join as a member at large.

Help us plan and push the propaganda as never before.

Yours to serve,
M. D. Bowles, Co. Sec.,
Gainesville, Tex., Route No. 3.


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**JOHN A. CURRIE WILL BE THE FIRST SPEAKER.**

About the time its Texas subscription contest comes to a close The Rebel will begin to develop a new feature in its tremendous 1913 sub-getting campaign.

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Texas Socialists need not be told about Currie; but to those in adjoining states who may want to secure him for a lecture we will say that the reports of the state office show that he has organized more locals, sold more literature and secured more subs for the Appeal and Rebel during the year 1912 than any other of the many able agitators in Texas; that

Not only is he a deep student of economics, but he is a Bible student par excellence, whose reasonable, powerful and eloquent lectures on "Socialism and Christianity" at the Encampments and elsewhere were the sensation of the 1912 campaign, moving thousands of professed Christians to look with greater favor on the Socialist movement.

Above all, however, his revolutionary speeches on the Land Question and other economic topics during the late campaign have almost at a bound placed him in the front rank of the nation's ablest and most thoughtful speakers. Though among the younger agitators, fame even now awaits him.

Those of you who know what Mr. Currie can do without a stereopticon will realize how tremendously effective he will become when his lectures are illustrated with forceful, original gripping pictures, the best that time and talent can select and prepare and money can buy. This is not mentioning the effect that one hundred Rebels will have, pouring into your community for 40 weeks thereafter.

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*Remember it was the emphasis laid upon the land question by the Rebel and others that was responsible for the great Socialist gain in Texas at the 1912 election, the percentage of increase in the vote in four years being greater than that of any other state in the union.*

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**THE REBEL,**

HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS.


## *A SUFFRAGETTE JOLLIFICATION.*

(*Reddin Andrews.*)

I do not wonder, but rejoice, that the noble suffragettes held a jollification meeting in New York on learning, after the recent election, that four other states had become sane and civilized. After a while, all the heathen will be dead or enlightened, and then the women will become politically and economically free. They will cease to be regarded by ignorant and degenerate men as *their* property. The wheels of progress will mash the heathen into the dust of oblivion. Justice will triumph. The brighter sun of a more perfect civilization is rising above the tops of the tall trees that are rooted in tion and barbarism. With the tion and barbarism. With the noble women who have so long contended for their political rights, I take my stand and join them in the soulful welcome to the rapidly approaching day of their deliverance from the long bondage of the ages. All Hail! to the glorious Day!

## HAYWOOD ON POLITICAL ACTION.

(The following quotations from speeches delivered by William D. Haywood give the lie to the statement in the preamble of Referendum D to wit "that he (Haywood) never advocated the use of the ballot by the workers.")

From speech delivered before the National Socialist Convention, 1912, after the adoption of report on the committe on labor. "This is the greatest step ever taken by the Socialist party of this country. I can go out and talk Socialism from a Socialist party platform to the entire working class, to the eight million women and children who have no votes, to the four million non-workers in this country, to the blanket stiffs of the West and the timber wolves of the South, who are disfranchised by the nature of their jobs. I have said that the Socialist party should urge the organization of working men and women in the shops so they will be ready to carry on production when Capitalism is overthrown. I likewise urge that every working man use the ballot at every opportunity." — From Metropolitan Magazine, August 1912.

From Cooper Union Speech, York City, on Socialism the Hope of the Working class. Referring to the Western Federation of Miners Haywood said, "But remember! We also believed in political action, and had elected one of our own class as governor of the state. And he called out the militia to protect the miners and put them in between the warring factions and told the deputy sheriffs that if they didn't disband he would fire on them as insurrectos. You understand, then, why I believe in political action. (Applause). We will have control then of whatever forces government can give us, but we will not use them to continue to uphold and advance the present system. (Applause). And instead of using the powers of the police to protect the strike-breakers, we will use the powers of the police to protect the strikers. (Applause)." — From The International Socialist Review, February, 1912.

From Buccafori Defense Speech, New York City. "There is this justification for political action, and that is, to control the forces of the Capitalists that they use against us; to be in a position to control the power of government so as to make the work of the army ineffective, so as to totally abolish the secret service and the force of detectives. That is the reason that you want the power of government. That is the reason that you should fully understand the power of the ballot." From International Socialist Review, May, 1911.

From speech delivered at the annual picnic of the Socialist party, Luna Park, Cleveland, Ohio, "Haywood said that the object of the gathering was the discussion of the greatest social force in the world today. It is the world wide organization of the Socialist Movement and is not confined to any one country. Don't join the organization unless you can cut relations with all other parties for all time to come. The Socialist party is the political expression of the working class. Its object is to get control of the government and organize the industries of the nation for the benefit of all the people." — His powerful address aroused intense enthusiasm in a vast audience of over 5,000 people. From the Cleveland Socialist, July 20, 1912.

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**Resolutions of Protest.**

*Whereas*, The State Committee of Local New York, seconded by the State Committee of New Jersey and the Committee of the District of Columbia, has initiated a referendum for the recall of Comrade William D. Haywood from the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, and

*Whereas*, Local New York, through its Executive Committee and its Central Committee, has further passed resolutions demanding that steps be taken to expel Comrade Haywood from the Socialist Party, and

*Whereas, both the attempt* to recall Comrade Haywood and to expel him are based upon alleged statements made by Comrade Haywood at public meetings, at which no authorized stenographic reports were taken and which are [illegible] founded upon unauthorized, individual verbal reports which are, from the nature of the case, necessarily inaccurate and conflicting, and

*Whereas*, the said resolutions were adopted without granting Haywood any hearing or even attempting to procure a statement from him as to his position upon the disputed questions, and

*Whereas*, the so-called Section 6, Article II of the Constitution of the Socialist Party, relied upon in part by the opponents of Comrade Haywood in their attempts to expel him, is not only too indefinite to be capable of enforcement, but also has, we believe, never been actually carried and should never have been officially printed in the Constitution; for the adoption by national referendum of both the proposed section and the substitute section, according to parlimentary law, really disposes of the original section by carrying the substitute, and brings about a result which, according to any interpretation, is so ambiguous and contradictory as to be without effect.

*Therefore be it resolved*, that we, the undersigned members of the Socialist Party, believe the action of the New York State Socialist Party in attempting to recall Comrade Haywood from the National Executive Committee and to expel him from the Socialist Party to be unwise and unwarranted, and to tend to create dissent and ill-will within the ranks of the Socialist Party. That furthermore, we believe no such action should be taken against any member unless he definitely repudiates political action or some other principle of the Socialist Party.

*Be it Further Resolved*, that we know Comrade Haywood to believe in political action, and to have been of great service to our party in helping it to solve the difficult problems that confront the working class upon the industrial field. We also believe that instead of exaggerating inevitable differences of opinion, instead of reviving DeLeonistic tactics of personal incrimination, heresy-hunting and disruption, we should make use of the special talents of every member within our ranks, and in this way secure loyal service and co-operation. We believe in a united working class.

*Be it Further Resolved*, that we protest against the attempt to recall Comrade Haywood from the National Executive Committee and to expel him from the Party. We call upon all party members throughout the United States who are in sympathy with these resolutions to join us in this protest, and we urge them to immediately bring this matter before their branches and locals.

*Be it Further Resolved*, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the Socialist Press.

James P. Warbasse, M. Eastman, Osmond K Fraenkel, Anna Sloan, Arthur Livingston, John Sloan, Robert M. Lackey, Ida Rauh, George S. Gelder, Frank Bohn, Margaret K. Sanger, Alex Fraser, Stephen G. Rich, Herm. Simpson, GracePotter, Mary S Oppenheimer, Sol Bromberg, Mos. Oppenheimer, Helen Marot, Gertrude M Light, WalterLippman, Marion B Cothren, Anna Strunsy Walling, William English Walling, Jessie Ashley, K. Heideman, Rose Pastor Stokes, J. G. Phelps Stokes, Mitchel Loeb, Courtenay Lemon, Rose Strunsky, Paul Kennaday, Timothy Walsh, Bertha W Howe, Louis B Boudin, Joseph Michael, Hubert Harrison.

(All the foregoing are members of local New York and are among America's most noted Socialists.—Ed.)

## TO SECRETARIES.

H. R. Gurley, of Seadrift, Tex., is a good comrade who donates $2.50 for the purpose of "sending one copy of the Land Pamphlet to as many land renters as it will pay for who do not take any Socialist papers."

Now this is again a case of "first come, first served." The first 30 names of such renters sent in by local secretaries will be mailed the Land Pamphlet free of charge. Each local secretary is entitled to send in four names. We want Mr. Gurley's donation to bear good fruit.

BIG BOLL LONG STAPLE COTTON SEED at $2 per bushel, F. O. B. [illegible] made over a bale per acre on my farm, lint sells at 18 to 22 cents per pound. Reference: The Rebel. Cash with order. 2tp
Hy. Guettler, R.1, Hallettsville, Tex

MAKE Rubber Stamps and you'll MAKE $$. Send 10c today for complete starter, process, etc. M. R. Gray, Newaygo, Mich. 1t

## A TERRIBLE LITTLE STRIKE.

The victorious strike of the textile workers of Little Falls, N. Y., which came to an end on the first day of the new year, was comparatively small with respect to the number of people involved but stands almost unparalleled as regards the ferocity and bitterness which it evoked.

It was the strike of a body of men and women made desperate by hunger and misery and lasted twelve weeks. About 1200 people took part in the original walk-out but these dwindled, because of the moving from town of many families and the finding of other jobs by strikers, until at one time less than 800 were left.

More than 75 arrests were made and one time the number of strike prisoners in jail numbered 46, including one woman with a two-year old child. The number of strikers kicked, beaten, clubbed or otherwise assaulted by special and regular policemen, but not arrested, of which there is record, numbered exactly 50, twelve of whom were women. There were many more injured strikers who never reported the assaults made on them but nursed their wounds in silence.

About a dozen men were sentenced to jail terms from ten days to ninety days. Others were confined for several days and then released for no apparent reason. In one case three strikers were kept 31 days in jail without trial and were then released with no explanation.

Eighteen men now remain in jail under indictment on charges varying from "inciting to riot" to "assault with intent to kill". They have already been punished by more than two months' confinement in a crowded jail and several of them have been additionally punished by policemen who beat them in cells, while supposed to be under the protection of the law, until the blood came. A few of them were compelled to wear the shirts, stained with blood, which they wore on the day they were taken to jail. They must pay penalties if convicted, as high as ten years in the penitentiary.

In the free speech fight which made Little Falls notorious, speakers were arrested for quoting from Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Bible and even for making signs on the hands. The cases growing out of these arrests must yet be fought out in the courts.

## FROM MERRYVILLE.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 10, 11.
The Rebel, Hallettsville, Tex.

Alexandria — Merryville lid still down tight. Strikers orderly. Special Association gang desperate and trying to provoke trouble Organizers Kline and Kelley threatened by James L. Estes chief gunman of American Lumber Company. Estes was one of Burns witnesses against Emerson and Association and Rebels should hold him guilty of any gunman violation.

It is reported that Governor of Louisiana has loaned the mill company here two hundred Springfield rifles, this afternoon. This "reformer" has refused protection to workers. Company also has two machine guns. Stockade is full of gunmen and we have many affidavits charging gross abuse of workers fooled into coming to Merryville. Gunmen and scabs drunk nearly all the time. On the night on the seventh, shots were fired all over town but none of strikers were intimidated into returning to work. All this indicates Association is fixing to play its old terror game and all southern and western rebels should back Merryville union to limit. First issue of our paper "The Lumber Jack" out today. On with the fight against peonage and tenantry.

Covington Hall.

## *Fourth Congressional District.*

At our county meeting in Greenville the idea of organizing the Fourth congressional district was brought up and a motion adopted that Hunt county make the initial move and that its county secretary correspond with Socialists in different counties [illegible] fecting the organization.

Now I want all active Socialists in that district, composed of Grayson, Collin, Fannin, Hunt and Rains county, to write me at once [illegible] important matter

Fraternally,
V. W. Sterling,
Sec. Hunt Co., Commerce Tex.

## RENTERS UNION.

**(E. O. Meitzen, Sec., Hallettsville.)**

*From a Live Wire.*

Terrell, Texas, Route 2.
E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade::

I live three miles south of Terrell, Kaufman Co. If this portion of the couty is not taken up would like to try to organize "locals" in this part, both white and black. If alright send instructions at once.

Mike O'Brien.

(This is a live and reliable worker who got the desired instructions and will no doubt be heard from.)

*From Our "Star" Organizer.*

Mineola, Texas, Jan. 13, 1913.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville.

Dear Bro.: —

Herewith application for charter of Reader school house, near Emory, Rains Co., Tex.

Please advise me who is County Secretary-Treasurer of Wood county. I forgot and want to apply for charter to said secretary for another local I have in Wood Co.

Yours fraternally,
J. E. Hardie.

(This makes the sixth local Mr. Hardie has organized in Wood county. Having organized a county union there he is now proceeding to do the same in Rains county.)

*At Work in Oklahoma.*

Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 11, 1913.

Dear Sir-Bro.: —

The Renters meet here on Jan. 27, to organize a Renters Union. Please send us all the "dope" you can on the subject as soon as you get this. We have got something started and want to strike while the iron is hot. We would suggest that you write us a letter to be read that night. "Borrower's Protective Association" meets here the same day and we expect to start something big. Will send you copy of our paper, "The Workin' Stiff." It is a strictly religious publication and we hope will have the effect of showing many "lost sheep" the way to the fold.

Yours for the Revolution,
Waller and Stevens.
120. North Beard St.

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Sueden, Okla., Jan. 13, 1913.

Dear Brother: — I received communication and organizer's commission and supplies O. K., but as I have made arrangements to enter actively into this work and left off every thing else I would like you to reserve two adjoining counties, (namely) Stephens and Love counties, one on the north and the other on the East of Jefferson. I am sure I can cover these three counties before summer, and as this is my dependence for work I will ask for commission covering the counties of Stephens and Love. I am to begin organizing tonight and probably you will hear from me quite often. Let me hear from you in regard to this additional territory at once. Yours fraternally,

T. A. Harris.

(The additional territory was granted — E. O. M.)

*A Plan for Co-operative Home Building.*

*Whereas*, out of 165,000,000 of tillable land in Texas only 27,000,000 acres were in cultivation in 1910, and

*Whereas*, white tenants have increased from 165,000 in 1900 to 209,000 in 1910 and the number of colored tenants and farm laborers have greatly increased and

*Whereas*, such conditions have caused extortionate rents to be imposed with rents increasing and conditions growing worse each year, renters being in many instances deprived of their personal and political liberties, and

*Whereas*, the increase in rents (money rent, the bonus system, the increased crop shares) being the chief cause of the artifical value of land,

*Whereas*, in order to better the conditions of the renters and to accomplish the aims and purposes of this organization we believe it to be necessary that more homes be built and more land be put into cultivation. Such homes and lands to become the property of [illegible] of same, thereby increasing the number of homeowners and the acreage of cultivatable land and at the same time decreasing the number of renters.— and

*Whereas*, this would enable the renters to develop co-operative farming and other enterprises and would inevitably result in bringing about a condition of competition among the landlords for renters and at the same time destroying competition among the renters for places, thus destroying the cause of extortionate rents and securing the full personal and political liberty of the tenants —, at the same time destroying the cause of artifical value on land, thus enabling the members of the Renters Union to more easily, from time to time, become co-operative home owners,

*Whereas*, we have developed in our local a plan for co-operative home building, which we believe to be logical and reasonable, and with a little effort exerted on the part of a few members of our Union, the Plan would easily be carried out into effect and would soon become a great factor in the solution of the land problem,

*Whereas*, this plan has been unanimously approved by each local of the R. U. where it has been introduced, and much interest is being manifested by members throughout the country,

Therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the members of Dry Creek Local, Renters Union of America, hereby ask each local to write and secure a copy of the plan (enclosing 10c to pay registration fees) and give us their hearty co-operation in perfecting and carrying it into effect as soon as possible. Be it further

*Resolved*, that we, the members solution be send to the "Rebel" for publication.

A. J. Jones, Secretary,
F. O. Griffith, President.

(In writing mention name and number of your local, as the plan will be sent only to Renters Union Local Secretaries or members at large, and address A. J. Jones, Eustace, Texas.)

## SPECIAL OFFER.

We will send The Galveston Semi-Weekly Farm News and The Rebel one year, for $1.25. By taking this combination you get all the Socialist news and views The Rebel and the best farm news and the livest happenings of the world in The Semi-Weekly Farm News — two papers for only 25c more than the price of one. Send to The Rebel office, Hallettsville, Texas, today and enter your subscription.

## THE OUTCAST.

*By Reginald Wright Kauffman.*

They would not hear him. How they smiled
That he, who talked with courtesans,
Who said: "Be led as by a child,"
Who supped with low-browed publicans,
Should dare to preach! A hare-brained boor,
A rustic in a city stew!
They could not listen— that was sure —
They could not listen then; can you?

And when he turned to violence,
Assaulting brokers — men of peace —
The priests themselves, in self-defense,
Surrendered him to the police ...
A sweat-stained working-man to them,
They jeered him up the hill of death:
This carpenter of Bethlehem,
Jesus, this chap from Nazareth.

What has been shall be; so today
In strict accordance with the law
We hoot the jay and turn to slay:
We send our Christs to Golgotha
Where rotting hovels bring the rents,
Where there is darkness and disgrace,
Where thre are "model tenements",
We keep the rascals in their place.

And so— in children bleached by toil,
In working-woman starved to shame,
In farm-hands fettered to the soil,
In trades you scarcely dare to name,
In shop and office, mine and mill,
With bloody brow and riven side,
With hands that wrought your safety—still
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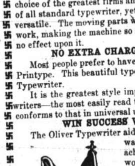

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

*Shows the Right Spirit.*

Frisco, Texas, Jan. 10, 1913.

Dear Rebel: Enroll me as one of the contestants for the gold watch in the 13th congressional district of Texas (Denton county).

I don't expect to get the watch but if I don't I will be greatly paid for my trouble by the good done for the cause.

I am proud of the fight you and Comrade Clark made in the Oklahoma convention against centralization, that has caused so much trouble in the different states. I believe this is the year to make a desperate effort to destroy despotism in the national organization.

We must wipe out boss rule in the Socialist party and practice as far as possible what we preach.

So all together with united force to make Texas the banner state for Socialism and the Rebel 100,000 subscribers.

My next letter will be a bunch of subs.

J. R. Forbes.

*Southern Newspapers.*

Calvin, La., Jan. 10, 1913.

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Tex.

Comrades:—Will you please print in your columns the address of some Socialist weeklies that are published in any of the Southern states.

Every possible means is being used by lumber kings to keep Socialist literature out of this part of the state; it is destroyed in every way possible; sample copies are always destroyed, but we are determined to give them a lively old time anyway.

Use your influence to start the New Forum of Winfield, to get busy and go to publishing their paper again. 'Twas doing a world of good.

Hurrah for the Rebel,

Yours truly,

A Reb.

(Among the Socialist weeklies we know of in the South are: The Lumber Jack, Alexandria, La.; The Socialist, Texarkana, Tex.; The Laborer, Dallas, Tex.; Social Democrat, Memphis, Tenn.; The Eye-Opener, Memphis, Tenn.; The Record, New Orleans, La.; The Socialist, Abbeville, La.; The Rebel, and The Habt Acht (German) of Hallettsville; The Southern Worker, (Dan Hogan) Huntington, Ark.—Ed.)

*Knows "Uncle Peter."*

Poolville, Tezas, January 5.

I note with much interest and no little satisfaction what ex-President D. J. Neill has had to say in the Rebel about "The Texas Farm Life Commission." Now it happens that "Uncle Peter" lives in our county and has for the past thirty years or more. I have been interested with "Uncle Peter" in our political struggle since 1892. Now "Uncle Peter" after the demise of the Populist party has been "nonpartisan" in politics. He was the only man in our county prominent in the Populist party that favored the Bryan fusion. In chewing the rag over the matter with "Uncle Peter" one day he said:

"I know you are all against me in the fusion. You fellows fail to see the *point*. This is what I call the 'science of politics.' "

"Uncle Peter" is a trader. He is a political tad-pole and in his fusion deal with the Democrats he got his political tail pinched off and of course he stopped growing politically. He cannot see why there should not be harmony between the robber and the robbed.

Yours Fraternally,

G. W. M. Taylor.

("Uncle Peter" is otherwise known as Peter Radford, president of the State Farmers Union.—Ed.)

*Letter to Christian Herald.*

Montague, Tex., Jan. 9, 1913.

Editor Rebel, Hallettsville, Tex.

I received a letter with a lot of advertising matter from the Christian Herald, New York, asking me to subscribe and read the Christian Union literature. I send you a copy of my reply that you can use as you see fit. I want to request every Socialist to do likewise. Let's let them know that we know some things.

H. L. Cook.

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Montague, Tex., Jan. 5, 1913.

The Christian Herald, New York.

Dear Sirs: Your letter and advertising matter at hand. I will say that the trouble in the United States is political [illegible] not religious. Yes Rome is gaining power fast, but it's political and not religious. It's the "Great Beast" spoken of in Rev. 18th chapter and all the big business men of all denominations of our Government are allied with them to try to peonize the working forces of our country. Turn your batteries loose on interest, rent and profit, for herein lies our trouble, then I will stand with you.

Your (anti-Catholic) Christian Union is only to hold the people until Big Business skins them or makes peons of us. The biggest sinners of today are the usury-interest-profit-rent mongers.

Jesus said, "love your neighbor as yourself." Herein lies our trouble, that we do not do what He said. He did not say save His soul in the hereafter but love your neighbor here and now.

Let us have political, social and financial righteousness and all otherthings will adjust themselves. Point your guns in the right direction and then I will stand with you.

H. L. Cook.

*Good Suggestions from a Committeeman.*

Reese, Tex., Jan. 11, 1913.

Dear Reble:—

Being one of the State Election Auditing Committee would like to make some suggestions to the Socialists of Texas. In the first place we ought to amend the constitution so it would require at least five locals nominating the same man before his name could appear on the ballot for any office. As it is any one local or member can nominate someone who is not known outside of the local and probably not competent if elected; and thus too many names appear on the ballot, making trouble for both the voter and the counting committee.

We need to simplify as well as decentralize.

Every local secretary ought to be required to count the ballot giving the total for each candidate before sending in the vote of the local and it can be verified in the state office. If this were done it would not take one-fifth the time to count the votes. The committee ought to hire an expert bookkeeper to inspect the state secretaries books as it would take the committee too long to count up both the income and expense of the office. We found the books apparently O. K.; the one big leak going to that bunch of high rollers in the Windy City of Chicago. It made me feel like the old Southern Rebels as it made me want to secede.

We ought to pay the committee at least $2 per day for their time as it is too much to expect a man to leave home Christmas time in bad weather and only get his expenses paid.

If it had not been for the comradeship shown us by Ed. Green, W. S. Noble and Noble Green ours would have been a dull Xmas indeed.

Fraternally,

Eugene Etheridge.

*"Program" Needed in Colorado.*

Swallows, Colo., Jan. 12, 1913.

Editor The Rebel:

Enclosed find 10c in silver for a copy of your Land pamphlet. And, as I do not have the name and address of the present state secretary of Texas, I will ask you to forward a copy of the party constitution for the state of Texas, for which I enclose postage.

I came from Texas to Colorado, was a member of Local Dalhart, during the time the big scrap was on between Comrade Bell and "leaders" of Local Dallas. (Comrade Hickey lectured at Dalhart while I was there.)

The comrades of this state established a party paper a few months ago, with the usual results—the first issue of the paper stirred up a big scrap between the state secretary and his crowd on the one side, with the press committee and their bunch on the other. The state secretary et al, in their fight to have the Press Committee and the party paper recalled have circularized the state; the Press Committee devotes practically all the space in the party paper to their fight on the state secretary, the plutes are laughing in their sleeves, the exploitation and enslavement of the workingman by the capitalist plunderbund goes merrily on. *Truly*, party committees and party papers are a blessing—to the capitalists.

I wish to state, further, that the Rebel is "there with the goods." More power be unto you.

Fraternally,

[illegible] Willard.

(Let the Colorado state party organization do as Texas and Oklahoma have done or are about to do: Get rid of all incubuses up at the head in the shape of standing state committees, perpetual terms of state officers, party owned papers and high state dues, and instead let them give absolute self-government together with part of the present state dues to the local and county organizations. Let it further limit all state officers to two terms of one year each and to one office—no more. If they will do this trouble-makers and would-be bosses are confined to their own "cells" and can no more start statewide rows or establish state machines than fly. Past and recent party history of Texas proves this.—Ed.)

*A Common Sense Talk on the "Program."*

Duke, Okla., Jan. 5, 1913.

My Dear Comrades:

I want to have a talk with you about something very vital to our organization, and the way of doing things pertaining to our party.

I want to talk to the rank and file who do the work and bear all the burdens and who are our brothers fighting for a better condition of society in which there will be no lord that can hire a servant "to pull on its pants."

Now to get down to business: The campaign is over. Our decks are cleared for action and we are ready to set our party house in order. First thing we will abolish is the national office for it has served its mission and must go if ever we expect to have peace in the party.

It is this way, for illustration: A child when it is born is nourished by its parents until it grows up and comes to maturity. Then it begins to have a will of its own and refuses to be bossed by the "old folks" any longer. Consequently it marries a companion and sets up housekeeping and orders its own home.

I never saw it fail in my life where the young couple lived with the "old folks" that it caused trouble.

Yes, they love and reverence the ones who gave them birth, but they refuse to be a burden to them any longer. Now you see the states having become of age, and fully able to order their affairs will set about to do so. I understand that Wisconsin has printed its own due stamps and if Wisconsin can print its own due stamps, Oklahoma can, Texas can, and all the rest can fall in line. We can keep that $50,000 per year at home in the several states and employ our own speakers and do our own agitation.

Then if some of those aristocratic states like Wisconsin or New York wants to hire or import an aristocrat who carries around a valet to wait on his lordship they can do so to their hearts content and we will never say one word for we will not be paying the *"fiddler."*

Yes we are going to abolish the N. E. C., also the national office with its high dues, as they have fulfilled their mission and have become unwiedly and we will set up state autonomy to take its place.

Then we will all get busy and work for the Texas program of district, county and local autonomy.

Emily C. Miller.

### A SUGGESTION.

Jacksboro, Tex., Jan. 8, 1913.

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrades:—I believe that if we had a ten weeks for ten cents perpetual rate on the Rebel so that we could afford to give away subs hat we could get many young men interested in Socialism by sending them the paper for ten weeks; I believe that it is better than to spend the money for speakers. What do you think of it?

Yours for Socialism,

Robt. H. Austin.

(The Rebel is ready and willing to send any number of subs to any number of names at 10c each for ten weeks. The suggestion of Comrade Austin that The Rebel be sent to young men is very good. It is the youth of the land that is the hope of the nation. The old folks are too prone to be fossilized.—Ed.)

A fact will fit every other fact in the universe. A lie fits nothing but another lie made for [illegible] purpose. When it happens that the last lie won't fit the next fact the liar says: "Don't think, but take my word for it."

The fact that a man has much wealth does not show at all that he has produced anything more than one who has none. The latter may have produced far more than the former.


# Wanted---40,000 Texas Subs

## Prizes and Promotions Offered to Our Texas Rebels to Bring Them In.

1. SIXTEEN BEAUTIFUL 20-YEAR-GUARANTEE GOLD WATCHES, LADY'S OR GENTLEMAN'S SIZE, ELGIN OR WALTHAM MOVEMENT, WITH YOUR NAME AND RANK IN THE REBEL ARMY ENGRAVED THEREIN, WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH OF THE SIXTEEN PERSONS WHO SECURE MORE REBEL SUBS THAN ANY OTHER PERSON IN HIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FROM DECEMBER 20, TO APRIL 1.

In addition Rebel headquarters will issue to each premium winner, in consideration of meritorious conduct, a nicely printed and properly signed commission as "Colonel" of The Rebel regiment of his congressional district.

TO THE PERSON WHO SECURES MORE SUBSCRIBERS FROM DEC. 20 TO APRIL 1, THAN ANY ONE ELSE IN TEXAS WILL BE AWARDED A NEW "MODEL 5" OLIVER TYPEWRITER, VALUE $100, AND (WHAT IS MORE) A COMMISSION FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AS "GENERAL" OF THE TEXAS DIVISION OF THE REBEL ARMY.

TO EACH PERSON WHO GETS NO OTHER PRIZE AND WHO SECURES MORE SUBS FROM DEC. 20, TO APRIL 1, THAN ANYONE ELSE IN HIS COUNTY WILL BE GRANTED A COMMISSION AS "CAPTAIN" OF THE REBEL COMPANY IN HIS COUNTY. IF HE SECURES AS MANY AS 50 SUBS HE WILL BE AWARDED, IN ADDITION, A "TEXAS AGITATORS OUTFIT" CONSISTING OF 10 REBEL SUB CARDS AND 25 "LAND PAMPHLETS."

## Extended One Month.

Because of the fact that there is so much bad weather at this time of the year, as well as for the reason that we wish to give one more special prize before the close, we have decided to extend the contest one more month. That is, instead of closing March 1, it will close April 1, thus giving sub hustlers whether residing in Sunny South Texas or in the wintry Panhandle at least one month in which weather conditions will permit continued work along this line.

THIS SPECIAL PRIZE will be given on the first of March to the person (whether he or she has already entered this contest or not) who has secured the most subscribers at a Texas postoffice where there are now either no subscribers or not more than two subscribers. Next week we shall publish a list of all such postoffices. Watch for it.

NOTE:— The person who secures the special prize on January 23, will not be entitled to this prize.

In this contest it is just likely that in many districts where the movement is weak the person who sends in an average of only 5 to 6 subs per week will get the premium. So do not hesitate for fear that you have no chance to get it. However the main incentive should not and we are sure will not be so much the material value of the prizes but the priceless value of it as a symbol of work well done to further the greatest, noblest cause in all history.

## RULES AN INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Any person man, woman, boy or girl is eligible.
2. No person can receive more than one premium or officer's commission.
3. It makes no difference if subscribers are secured by you outside of your county or congressional district, they will placed to your credit just the same.
4. One sub will be counted for every 25 cents sent in on subscription, new or renewal. That is, one forty week sub at 25 cents counts one; every yearly sub at 50 cents counts two; every three yearly sub at $1.00 counts four; etc. All cash payments for cards will count the same as subs.
5. Those wishing to enter the contest will merely address their remittances to The Rebel Contest Department, or just write the word "CONTEST" over or across their sub blanks. Their names will then be entered on our "Contest Book."
9. Understand there are sixteen congressional districts in Texas. A comrade in each congressional district will capture the beautiful watch prize and a "Colonel's" commission.
10. Further announcements will be made from time to time.

Rebel Contest Dept., Hallettsville Texas.


*SENSIBLE COMMENT.*

We have been receiving a political magazine called "The Searchlight," the mission of which seems to be to reform the reformers. It is especially bitter in its denunciations of LaFollette, Roosevelt and others who claim to be leading the ranks in progressive politics. It hasn't any very strong praise for Wilson or his crowd. We admire a man who has the courage to "speak out in meetin'," but we like to have him speak things that count something. These fellows who are crying, "Give the country a rest," would have been lined up with King George in the Revolutionary War. It's the restlessness, the desire to keep something moving, that has made the Americans the most progressive and enlightened people on earth. Let the insurgents insurge, the socialists socialize, the progressives progress, the reformers reform, while they all take a hand in stirring the political pot. They won't do much harm and they are more then likely to do much good, either directly or indirectly. "The Searchlight" is shedding its light on an unpromising pathway, which leads nowhere in particular. — Texline (Tex) [illegible]

It is not often that a Democratic editor takes such a rational view of Socialism. Usually they howl "free love", "anarchy" and whatnot the moment the mere word is mentioned.

If you want to be a millionaire you must arrange to save $2000 per year for 500 years. If you can't do this why not save $500 for 2000 years. That's easier.

### THE LAND AND FOREST EDITION.

Owing to the absence of the editor-in-chief who is in Oklahoma for a few weeks looking into the land situation and busy trying to start something along the Renters Union line in our neighbor state, it has been decided to put off the Land and Forest Edition until February 1, as he will not return until about Jan. 20.

We could print it sooner, but we want to make this one the greatest edition ever issued from a southern newspaper office. We want to give plenty of time to the writers to prepare the right stuff and to the readers to circulate it.

Among the contents of this special issue will be an article by 'Gene Debs, which is already in our hands. If the Rebel had no other contribution this one alone would make the paper worth circulating. It is headed "Lining up for Battle" and is written especially for and to the disinherited farmers and timber workers of the South in particular and for all workers in general, and is written in Debs' usual wonderful style. Then there will also be rousing and searching articles on the land and timber question by Hickey, Meitzen, Noble, Currie and others who have studied Southern conditions at first hand.

The Rebel would like to shriek it from every hossatop in Dixie Land that this Land and Timber Workers Edition if put into the hands of every worker of farm and mill, mine and factory of the south would stir the land like a storm. It has the punch, the mental dynamite the irrefragible and fearless logic that will make the most woodenheaded follower of Woodenhead Wilson think.

Let us begin the 1913-14 Southern campaign now by circulating two hundred thousand of these edition throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and other states in Dixie. Bundle prices, only ½ cent per copy [illegible]

P. S. Bundle orders will be counted the same as subs in the prize contest, every 25 cents paid for bundles counting one.

If you get a dollar for a days' work you are not paid. You only have an order for one dollar's worth of the products of some other worker's product. When you spend your dollar you get the pay.

The American Federation of Labor has approved the Boy Scout movement saying it is not a military organization. These labor fakirs are easily fooled—or do they think it is easy to fool others?