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ON WITH THE FIGHT-4

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that if we would educate the people of the state we must put stress upon the major industry in the state; that a man who would talk of cotton picking in Pittsburg was just as foolish as the man who would talk of "steel" in the cotton kingdom; that a man who would talk of cattle raising in Butte, Montana, was as foolish as the man who would talk of copper mining in Lawrence, Massachusetts; and that consequently the Socialist party had passed the theoretical stage of abstract dogma and was now in shape to grapple with the economic conditions that are peculiar to the locality in which we hoist our flag, and invite such as a great economic factor in Texas, Oklahoma and adjoining states was LAND we should so train our forces as to make the land question the dominant issue of the hour and do so without surrendering one jot or tittle of our great philosophy.

In view of this position of ours The Rebel has this day written the following brief letter to Governor Colquitt:

Hallettsville, Texas, July 22, 1913.

Hon. Oscar Branch Colquitt,
Governor of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

 About one year ago you wrote a comprehensive article on Texas for the Chicago Tribune. In that able article you pointed out one amazing fact that stirred all thinking men in our state, namely:

"Within the state of Texas there are over one hundred million acres of land that never felt the touch of the plow."

You stated that that was rich, tillable land, and you were careful to point out that it did not include many million acres of mountainous and arid land.

The Texas Welfare Commission with which you, no doubt, are well acquainted, and also the Commercial Secretaries are authorized for the statement that only 27,000,000 million acres in Texas are cultivated now. In other words we cultivate one acre out of five.

Side by side with this fact is the further fact that there are, about one quarter of a million heads of families who are renters and their wives, children and dependents amount to at least one million souls who are homeless, in the sense that they do not own the soil they till.

This army of tenants has been steadily increasing since the Texas constitution was adopted in 1875 which constitution provides that land shall be taxed more than 35 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Denn Swain says that greater than any politician is he who mows two blades of grass grow where one grew before. I am writing this letter to you in the hope that you will display the elements of some statesmanship by coming to the assistance of these renters and see to it in line with the development of the state by seeing that these 10,000,000 acres be thrown open to cultivation and taken out of the landlord's grip.

In short, sir, I wish you to help turn *Texas* from the grove of *monopolies*, and not only into one blade of grass grow where two grew before but a dozen blades would glister in the rays of Texas sun.

Let me now suggest how you can accomplish this great home

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Christmas Day petitions from 100,000 Texans shall be laid on your desk calling for the adoption of the Paulus amendment, then we expect you to call a special session of the legislature to meet in Austin to discuss this amendment on the first week in January, 1914.

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the next issue of The Rebel asking the governor to call a special session in accordance with the ideas contained in the letter published above.

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Editor The Rebel.

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Verily, I say unto ye, the land is mine and shall not be sold for ever, saith the Lord, for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. (Lev. 25:38)

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In a memorial that they have sent to the president of the United States they set forth:

"That the Socialist party has never advocated violence, and has never advocated violence, or attempted, or even suggested, to overthrow the government, or to change the flag of the United States, or any emblem or any insignia thereof."

"Not Flags, Not Bread."

"Moreover," continued the memorial, "we submit that the chief way in which the national emblem is being desecrated in this and other cities of the nation today is by the checking of racial hatreds, by the tearing of the inspiring袍 within its folds, in short, making a lie of the symbolism. We affirm, Mr. President, to the saying of Dr. Johnson, 'Patriotism is the refuge of the scoundrel.' We have, on the other hand, steadfastly and consistently insisted that the lower lawlessness which our activities and our prop-

The memorial reviews local conditions and alleges that a local newspaper has bent its energies "toward the creation and infatuation of a criminal lawless and intemperate mob average itself upon us, to destroy our libraries, efface our book stores and threaten our very lives."

Concerning the visit of Herrero and Daniels and his speech at the Hunkley Club Thursday night the memorial says:

Efforts Have Prospered

"Our economic and social conditions

His propaganda was his tool. His efforts have prospered under the daily fire of accurate and mysterious reports until the coming of the day. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the war, on Thursday evening July 17, 1918, wrote his address. He considered the legal conditions—the presence of the Pacific fleet of the navy under his ranking control, with officers on shore, left under the artificialized psychology of hatred and bitterness toward us—amounted to had the early effect of a most lewd diary utterance, resulting almost immediately, or soon thereafter as it is possible to get report of his words, the man of his command, in the sailing and destruction by fire of headquarters of our several organizations.

A Secondary Cause.
The memorial then recites that a secondary cause was the attack made several soldiers by a crowd about the speaker in Washington street. The memorialists say that they were connected with the Socialist party, and "therefore can not be presented as attestation of these lawless, riotous and unwarranted interferences with order and lawful processes by naval and military fragments under whose hands it appears to have been probably for knowledge upon the part of those authority."

Concerning the memorial says: "We, therefore, after due deliberation, place responsibility upon the retary of the navy, Mr. Josephus Daniels, who is already making efforts to explain, but we submit, Mr. President that no amount of explaining can

With the exception of the armed cruiser California, all the warships which were in the harbor during the Polish celebration returned to their home ports.

Bremerton navy yard. Normal Sunday conditions prevailed, with the exception that there were no street speeders. Mayor Cotterlik's emergency forbidding street meetings was the

The Rebel again desires to out that militarism and its f as seen in Galveston and Seat the most dangerous element of

italism. Sons of working men
taught to kill and enslave
brothers and inasmuch as
as they have been d
education in their
they are easy prey

their master's designs. Let
then work to the end sketched
the prophet Isaiah, which he
"AND HE SHALL PRE
AMONG THE NATIONS
REFUSE MANY PEOPLE

BEFORE MANY PEOPLE,
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The Socialists of King
New York are engaged in a
battle for freedom of
it seems that the party too

side of the workers employ
the American Manufacturing
and they ordered that the S
ists should not speak with
thousand feet of their plant
injunction has been secured a

the party. So sleepy old
lyn falls in line. This
steenth thousand time that
ty shows on what side
when the battle line is draw
tween labor and capitalists.

The Issue.

It is but a question of time until it will expire entirely. In spite of all that can be said or done to the contrary production is organic and upon a larger and larger scale becoming entirely co-ordinated.

head among the stars and in communion with God himself. If you are denied these, no matter how sleek or fat or contented you may be, you are still as bare as a porcupine and as compulsive a being walks God's green earth.

Great Socialist Gains

ers' Association.
109,000 Women's Temperance
Union.
20,000 Independent Labor Party.
20,000 Textile Workers.
A total of 380,500 thoroughly
organized women of all ranks and

employing thousands of women and girls are, of course, bound up with the above interests in the fact that because their profits would be reduced by labor laws, increased wages and improved working conditions should women be given political power, not to mention

THE BREAKING UP OF THE CABINET

In the final analysis, it is a battle which motherhood with back to the wall, is waging for preservation of the race.

NOTHING TO WEAR.

A great inventor in South T has perfected a tool of such enormous strength that it can pass through the muzzle on the D. News. This is not believed by other inventors, who know the weakness of that muzzle.
