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Socialist Gains.

The following press dispatches tell of Socialist gains, and it is thought that there will be many more when complete returns are in:

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Owl D. Thompson, manager Socialist national campaign, in a statement today said the party had polled about 1,200,000 votes, a gain of 300,000.

New York, Nov. 8.—Meyer London, Socialist congressman from the east side New York district, was re-elected yesterday by a large majority.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 8.—The Socialists made their greatest gain in the election here Tuesday, electing many county and precinct officers. Also made a substantial gain in the number of legislators who will represent them in the next legislature.

The following telegram was received from Comrade J. B. Smith of Houston, Tex., just before going to press:

"Jones county doubled its vote of two years ago. Carried three boxes, possibly others."

Gains are noted in the following precincts:

Precinct 3, box 8, Henderson county, gave Benson 28 votes.

Seabrook: Socialists 18, Democrats 17, Republicans 12.

Kaufman county voting precinct 17, gave the Socialists 11 votes, a gain of five since last election.

Christine, Atascosa county, gave the Socialists 22, Democrats 41, Republicans 2.

Precinct 11, Lewis county, polled 23 votes for Meisner for governor and gave 80 Per Cent Jim on the 6.

At the time of going to press the election returns are incomplete, but with the next issue we will be able to give them complete.

Deweyville cast eight Socialist votes Tuesday to only four in 1912.

There was no contest on any office in county or district, other than that of representative where J. Smith, Socialist, defeated the incumbent in it. In the county contest with F. J. Harkey, Democrat, in the XI Camp box Mr. Harkey received 181 votes and Mr. Smith 144.—XI Camp Citizens.

AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE.

The stand of Carl Liebknecht, of Germany, against the continuance of a war, is highly admirable. An act of physical bravery is something. A deed of moral courage is an inspiration. Liebknecht, daring to be true to his ideals in the face of a powerful government and the still more powerful power war-madness, is a great inspiration. Moreover, Carl Liebknecht is an intelligent minority in Germany of which he is merely the emphatic spokesman. In every warring country of Europe there are these intelligent minorities, opposed to the slaughter of their fellow men and courageous enough to act up to their beliefs. If all the revolutionaries of Europe had the sincerity and courage of Liebknecht,

there would be no war. As it is, in every country there are numerous who killed and imprisoned because of their opposition to human slaughter. At this very moment our Comrade Guy A. Aldred, of the London "Spur," who is a workers' Henry Sara, Allan McQuigley, and a statement others, are tortured in the "black houses" of English prisons because of their loyalty to their ideals. The new English Military Service Act excuses from service men having conscientious objections to murder. In spite of its anti-militarist comrades are forced into the army and navy, and if objecting, subjected to imprisonment, degradation and torture.

There is the example of these valiant protesters in the respect of thinking men and women, and raising the people to the true character of military and civil government.

May the workers of this country not fail to learn the lesson. Militarism and conscription are the true character of the people of the United States. This country is to be turned into an armed camp, like England, Russia and Germany. Only the immediate active opposition of the workers can save us from the fate of Europe. On this most fundamental issue all revolutionaries, rebels, radicals of every shade can and must immediately join together, and in co-operation with the more intelligent element of labor, help crystallize and organize the scattered anti-militarist sentiment of this country and raise an effective barrier against the powers of tyranny and greed.—B.L.

LOW WAGES LED THEM TO STRIKE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 6.—Low wages paid by the street car company here is assigned by two noted cartoonists the reason why they stole money from their employers by means of an extra fare box. This startling confession was made by two men, George Bolting, thirty-one, conductor, and Andrew Redinski, forty, motorman, while they were in a cell awaiting a hearing.

"With prices as high as that," said Redinski, "a man cannot support his family on the wages paid by the traction company. I have a wife and six children. I would not steal if I could. I would work every day for 30 cents an hour. In one week I had to pay \$15 for shoes alone. Everything has gone up, and I couldn't make both ends meet."

Bolting has a wife and two children. He worked for the company seven years and was also paid 20 cent an hour. He, too, found it practically impossible to provide property for his family as asserted.

Although the police and officials of the company allege the charges and motorman secured thousands of dollars by their subversion of the extra fare box, Bolting and Bolting deny the charges.

"I did not get more than \$250 by using the extra fare box," Bolting declared. "We started out on either the latter part of May this year or the first part of June, don't know just when. We only used the box a few months. We started to lose it again this fall."

THE REBEL

THE GREAT APPEAL GREAT TO US ONLY BECAUSE WE ARE ON OUR KNEES—LET US ARISE.

HALLETTVILLE, TEXAS, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1916

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE!

This is written prior to the election. As the Rebel must go to press on Tuesday, it therefore says nothing that is said here is based on surmise.

The Rebel is no prophet or the son of one, but there are patent facts on which some predictions may be based.

We shall not try to predict that Wilson or Hughes will win. Our guess as good as yours in that respect, though our guess would be that the Democratic party is returned to power.

What the Rebel would discuss is the effect this election will have upon the Socialist party of America.

First, we should say that in spite of the tremendous campaign that has been waged naturally the Socialist vote is not likely to be as great as we have been inspired to hope for.

In Texas and Oklahoma, however, the unusual strength and the fact that the Socialist vote has been kept out of the crowd-current created by the Wilson-Hughes campaign. The result will be, as in 1912 and 1914, that the Socialist party of Texas and Oklahoma will again beat the other state movements for holding its own.

Why is the Socialist party not likely to gain very much naturally? We might give many reasons, but here is the chief one.

WESTER WILSON WINE OR NOT HE WILL HAVE COME EVEN NEARER CAPTURING THE RADICAL-MINDED VOTER, BAG AND BAGGAGE, THAN DID BRYAN IN 1896.

These radical voters are of course not real Socialists, but they are that class we always depend upon for our converts and gains.

Both through luck and design has Wilson been enabled to perform this coup.

The great war of Europe (and the little war of Mexico) has been his alibi. It gave a brief respite to the underserved but nevertheless powerful slogan: "He kept us out of war."

The threatened great railway strike when he was able to make his play for a very limited eight hour day; the other "near-radical" legislation, including the child labor bill, that he forced through congress, gave him the support of the "reformers" as much as did his war record.

The effect was when such noted radicals and pacifists as Henry Ford, Frank Walsh, David Lubin, and even some near-Socialists like John H. Walker and Rev. Linn, climbed into the Wilson train, and were joined by the wall-throwers that control the A. P. of L.

So hundreds of thousands of votes at night otherwise have been given to the Socialist message reason in this wise:

Hughes appears to be hell pointed to plunge us into the hell of war when Wilson, Hughes is more committed to the Big Rich than Wilson. Wilson appears to be the lesser evil of the two; Benson has no chance, so let us vote for Wilson, else the Iron Hood

back of Hughes will be in the hands of the Socialists.

Faithfully reasoning of course when Wilson's acts are analyzed and the results thereof are compared, but "pro bono hominem" does not analyze as yet. He does not yet see that one vote for the Socialist will do more to scatter the pulling class into grating divisions and "reforms" and into calling off the war dogs, than a thousand votes for even the most radical (non-Socialist) party.

This is seen in the acts of both Wilson and Roosevelt who have frankly stated that if they were not permitted to make "reforms" the Socialist party would be in power with ten league hoes.

It is the Bismarckian game over again.

If the Socialist party of America gained only as much as 50, yes 25 per cent over 1912, we should make for her best high vote, higher than when our vote doubled in 1912!

If we hold our own we should be satisfied, for never in the history of the party has there been such an undevoted army for our party for the near-Socialist.

Let us remember whether we gain or lose that the Socialist vote is not a mushroom growth. Let us remember finally that a loss in vote is not a loss. It merely means that our gains in the past have frightened the rest of the party into the "reformers" that for a time hold the people to sleep; but the awakening will come because it must come.

Just as one of the eldest now says that "reformers" got the people deeper into the mind and mire of capitalism and that REVOLUTION is the only way out, so will the Socialist fight is on. On with the fight!

DRIFTING.

Cost of living has advanced 44 per cent within the past year and the landlord is now busy figuring just how he will meet the new situation, and as a result he is in many instances breaking his contract with the tenant and demanding of him still higher rent than he had last year. Two such cases came to the Rebel's attention today when two tenants who had made contracts for place and this contract the year were told by the landlord that they would have to hit the trail or come across with more rent. This in spite of the fact that they held written contracts for their places for the year to come.

Court procedure is slow and very costly and even if these tenants' rights are upheld, the present court they will be forced to meet the situation another year. Then it will be up to them to come across and pay a higher rent for the privilege of living on the face of the earth out of their meagre earnings that he swears sufficient to meet his present needs.

At head of the one remedy that can be applied to this situation with the landlord. What did you vote in this when you cast your vote last Tuesday?

TWO KINDS OF THE SAME THING.

Only a very few years ago the Socialists and the Socialist party was never referred to except in a jeering sarcastic manner by the capitalist papers of the country. But it is different now. It is only the little backwoods paper, way back in the cane breaks, that now seeks to slander the Socialist movement by lying on it and accusing the Socialists of believing things that everybody now knows they do not believe. Owing to it being so very hard for either of the above mentioned capitalist understrappers to meet us on the open field and fight us openly the little fellow continues to belch forth a continuous stream of parrot line by which he hopes to becloud and muddle the brain of the great mass of people, who desire to do the right thing. On the other hand the big paper knows that it is impossible to put over such colossal lies and slander and therefore seeks to attention of the great multi-tude about non-socialists, and ignoring the Socialists almost silence.

But oft and times they are forced to slip up and take notice of the great movement that is promoted by a spirit of zeal and enthusiasm, emanating from that ever increasing army, whose numbers and hearts are big as the ideal of human rights and justice, as is evidenced by the following editorial that appeared in the Houston Post just prior to the election. Read their accusations against the Socialists:

What Socialism Leads To.

A glimpse through the plank in the Socialist platform as voted upon by mail referendum during last summer reveals to us what may be expected should that plank ever prevail in the councils of the government.

There is first of all the proposition that all laws for the increase of the army and navy be repealed—and this in spite of the fact that the history of the years just passed has proved to the American people the necessity for preparations as we have never proved to them before.

Then comes the declaration that all power should be taken from the president to lead the nation in the last year. Two absolute in itself the making of all treaties and foreign policies, and that no war be waged except to repel invasion without a referendum to the people.

Other demands are that the Monroe Doctrine be abandoned; that the initiative, referendum and recall be instituted in actual affairs; that the United States senate be abolished, the power of presidential veto done away with, and the right of the supreme court to declare laws unconstitutional or to issue injunctions be abolished; that the president, vice president and all judges be elected by direct vote of the people; that every half day each week he set apart as a resting period for all labor; and that the government provide employment for every unemployed man.

There are many men of brains among the Socialists. Some of the brightest minds in the country call themselves by that name. At least a few of the most for

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reaching reforms of modern times have emanated from their ranks. Yet, like other people, they make mistakes. The country does not expect them to be perfect, nor does it take all their schemes of government seriously. It is well we do not for the principles enunciated by them in this year of the Lord 1916 would strike at the base of our democratic government and render void and useless the labor of Thomas Jefferson and all that brilliant concourse of statesmen and scholars who built the Republic.

It will be observed that the writer of the above editorial failed to point out how the adopting of any or all of the planks enumerated would in any way "strike at the base of our democratic government," as he declared they would. But on the other hand he came near pointing out the thing that he sought to hide which is: "The making of a new political movement. More democratic can not in any wise destroy the basic principles upon which it was founded."

After the miserable failure of the "Houston Boast" to make the Socialists appear either foolish or else, it is any wonder that the little peasant politician and slander instead of trying to meet us upon the economic field.

Read the following from the *Wichita Tribune*, which was calculated to prejudice and further fool the people of that community until after the election:

Played The Socialists.

Sunday night Rev. Jeff Davis of the Winter Baptist church, unloaded good and proper on Socialists in his sermon, "Christianity vs. Socialism." It was one of the most remarkable sermons ever heard in a three-day session. The Socialists believed in free love, negro equality, abolishing the church and home and opposed to everything that that Christianity stood for.

His sermon was well received and it is very likely he will be asked to preach it at other places over this country where Socialists abound.

Verily, verily, the big and little prevaricators have their fields and a three-day session to fill same, but neither will succeed in staying the forces of human rights and justice. Liars and falsifiers, large and small, may as well get on the side of the social justice, which will ever rise higher and higher.

PRICES GO UP 35 PER CENT. REPORT.

Washington, Nov. 8.—In the last year the cost of living has increased approximately 35 percent, according to the best figures obtainable by William C. Ruffin, Secretary of Commerce. The advance is explained, it is confined to the United States alone but is world-wide, due, perhaps to a thousand different causes. There is an advance prospect for a drop until the waste and excessive consumption of foodstuffs, as well as other materials, is stopped.

The ramblings of 1918 is now on. On with the cartoon and the cartoonist and the cartoonist's comrades to the rear with the sick and the children!

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...from the people.
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...the writers and prophets denunciated
...the leaders and princes of
...the people.

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...satisfactory to find that all the
...great thinkers who have given
...to the world have been, on this
...subject, have pronounced land
...ownership impossible.
...The "ownership" of land
...has been pronounced impossible
...by famous legal intellects whose
...concentration on such points
...would naturally lead us to look at

...different aspect.
...It is so essential to place before
...the reader a proper conception of
...this greatest of all social evils
...that I am compelled to quote some of
...these opinions at length.

PROFESSOR ALFRED
MAYALL (Principles of Economics)
All writers on economics are
...of the same opinion.

JOHN RUSKIN:
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...air are the property of the whole
...of those things which are not, and which
...it is criminal to consider as per-

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