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GREAT MANIFESTO on the WAR

(This manifesto is the work of a minority group of international Socialists in Austria. They are secret, no signatures are attached, and its circulation in Austria is prohibited.)

The recent peace proposals of the Central Powers were due to the furious agitation of the revolutionary Socialists such as those that prepared and circulated in Germany and Austria powerful manifestos such as the following. This historic statement of the true position of the international class as to ruling class wars should be read with care by American workers in the light of the "preparation-for-defense" fake our ruling classes are now seeking to put over on the proletariat.—Ed.)

The truth is stilled in Austria. The people are deprived of every opportunity of giving vent to their desperation at the ever growing poverty and oppression, while being kept in ignorance of the real conditions. Liberty was "sold" but in Austria, during the war conditions have developed such as only blood-stained Czarism has on its conscience. Not a vestige of the conscience remains; freedom of speech is stifled and the hangman is at work unhampered. The civilized world will some day learn with horror how political reaction in Austria is degrading the law into a tool of war machine. Any and every attempt at proletarianism is stifled by arbitrary secret methods which in turn are justified on the pretext of military necessity. A whole army of censors is laid against the press. They have "organized" the press, but the tribunals, because from the lowest to the highest official they are too cowardly to accept the personal responsibility for their perfidious actions.

The ravings against the press is supplemented by threats of the gallows and prison. Judicial murder has become a daily occurrence. We will not speak of the many death sentences pronounced on Czech citizens for "crimes" against the government. The persecution of the ludicrous "Liberation Manifesto" of the Czar. We simply want to show to what despotism the most harmless expression of political criticism is subjected. The German Socialists in Freiwaldau had some copies printed of a peace poem which had appeared in the Austrian *Buergerzeitung* and sent same to a few friends. He was condemned to death for this offense, but his sentence was commuted to five years' hard labor. Such is the Austria which feels called upon to fight Czarism.

The voice of truth is stifled in Austria and has been able to tell them how they are deprived of the right to speak and the power to act. We want to assure them that we are firmly determined to uti-

lize every opportunity in the interest of the proletarian struggle for emancipation; that we shall remain true to our ideal, which was and always will be: **Fighting the class struggle of the proletariat.**

We know that in all places and directions there are comrades who feel as we do; but we do not overestimate the class consciousness of the masses. Notwithstanding that everyone despises the government and that every official of the forms and scoffs at the system while permitting himself to be used as its tool, we know our sorrow how the militia submits in passive helplessness to the powers that be.

The Austrians have become used to absolutism, and as in the case with all slaves they have become accustomed to the loss of themselves or it will come to ex-much of their self-respect. In fact, anything can be done with them nowadays. The patriotic *Reichswehr* is manufactured & in Potemkin. From the ministry down to the police all departments of the government have joined forces for co-operative extermination in particular in the field of activity; they extort expressions of loyalty and patriotic demonstrations in the papers; they extort expressions advertising the success of the war; they even force the besting of Black and Yellow flags on all houses. The infamy of this camarilla is only exceeded by the stupidity which believes that this infamy can remain undiscovered and go unavenged.

They have enforced the silence of the grave of Austria. But the time will come when not only the whole civilized world, but the people of Austria-Hungary as well will brand this despicable "Art of Stupidity" as it is. Though we are powerless today the time will come when we will be able to fulfill the task designated by Marx: "One must emphasize the real pressure by only going to the consciousness, the pressure itself—emphasize the shame and disgrace by making it public."

We hate blood-stained Czarism with all our hearts, but we bear the same hatred to the Black-Yellow barbarism. We know that with the help of the Czar, the white terror would enter our country, but we also know that if the Austrian powers of today are victorious in this war, we would face a period of horror hitherto unknown. The ruling classes are full of the wildest schemes. They who left for the front crying "Down with Czarism" are planning to form on Austria the stigma of absolutism. They started to "free Poland" but now only discuss the fact that Poland, which has come under Hapsburgian control, is to be subjected to the mailed fist of military dictatorship. The Poles will be "freed" from sending their representatives to the Duma, and they must indeed be happy in the thought that the Poles of Galicia are like the Poles of Russia are robbed of their rights. Furthermore

the Slaves of the North as well as those of the South, are also to enjoy the blessings of Austrian Kultur in the shape of military dictatorship. This conjuncture of Austria is propitious to German despotism in Austria and to the despotism of the Magyars in Hungary. The Czechs, the Ruthenians, the Italians and the Slovaks, whose "proletariat" was not great enough, are to be stimulated by the mailed fist to a deeper level of the fatherland.

In contrast to the monstrous plans of the present and the still more monstrous plans for the future, we adhere to our conviction, which the Social Democrats have always tried to bring to the realization of those in power, that Austria will become a democratic State based on autonomous associations or it will come to ex-

The Yellow-Black camarilla may even in the idea that the same which is held over the people during the war. Be urged in times of peace. The bourgeoisie may cherish the delusion that the time is ripe to subject the ambitious nations of the country to their ever grasping power, with the aid of their German ally. The governing classes in Austria never learned anything from the past, nor do they want to learn anything new. This is proved by their plans to make of Austria a "dynastic domain" instead of a home for its people. Austria can only be helped by a complete overthrow of the prevailing system, by a decisive victory of the national autonomy and the democratic right of choice.

We Austrians have been robbed of the most elemental rights. We have nothing to say in domestic affairs, and even less in foreign affairs. The shameful ultimatum to Serbia, fabricated with such unscrupulous cynicism, would never have been possible under the control of a parliament. In spite of all the disappointment that we have lived through we are still convinced that such a state of affairs could only have been arrived at over the dead bodies of the Socialist deputies.

We Austrians no longer have any constitution, but we must not forget that the rest of Europe has only half a one. Everywhere we are confronted with the ignominious fact that foreign politics are barred from constitutional control. Vital questions pertaining to the destiny of the people, the decision as to war and peace, are left to a camarilla of irresponsible diplomats.

Unfortunately this absolutism caught detection at the beginning of the war. The parliamentary force to which the people are admitted, but over whose head war is declared, succeeded brilliantly. The representatives of the working class took part in this farce in most countries. Instead of placing the responsibility where it belonged, and refusing to co-operate in parliament, when "accomplished facts" were placed before them, they joined

forces with the ruling classes, thereby strengthening absolutism. It never occurred to them that there was in reality no parliament, and that from the beginning of the war it was simply a demonstration meeting in the service of the absolutist regime.

In the domestic affairs of many countries the parliament has degenerated into an empty form, while in foreign affairs it is the mightiest stronghold of absolutism. The uncomprohensible struggle for the democratic republic is the imperative political duty of the International Socialist. In all our future actions the following demands must be first and foremost: Democratic control over foreign politics; decision for war or peace by the people.

In foreign as well as in domestic politics the watchword must be: **No solidarity with the ruling system in Austria.** And yet the intellectual leaders of the Austrian social democratic party were not able to raise themselves to this conclusion. But to take sides with the ruling class was only possible by ignoring the interests of the working class. They thus had to shut their eyes to the real situation of the Austrian situation. They ignored the Czarism in their own country, so as to fight Russia with enthusiasm, they despised their consciousness of the fact that their government had incited a war so as to be able to speak all the more of the "self-defense of the Teutonic people."

Politically there is no unity in the Austrian Social Democracy. It is full of patriots of various degrees from rabid German nationalism to dyed-in-the-wool reactionaries. The Arbeiterpartei was the forum where this mixture of tendencies found expression. But after a war intoxication of short duration, the policy of the paper changed, and gave expression to a longing for peace. A guerrilla warfare was still carried on with the censors but remained within the limits of a friendly opposition. You cannot be in favor of war and carry on a policy against it at the same time. However, for the paper, patriotism proved stronger than Socialism.

The war had become a party matter, the party problem consisted in holding out to the end, or "holding through" as the Germans term it. Out of the political party arose developments which we do not judge the success of this charitable activity but it cannot take the place of the political function of the Social Democracy. Instead of exposing the present system by militant opposition in principle and holding it responsible, all efforts were directed towards palliative "intervention" in concrete cases.

The constitutional limitations contained in Paragraph No. 11 saved the Social Democratic deputies from the embarrassment of voting the war credits. We do not know whether they would have disgraced themselves in the face of the outrageous provocation by Austria. We do know that very

many were enthusiastic over the Social Democratic group in the Reichstag. The Austrian Social Democrats renounced their own policy and were taken in tow by the Germans. And thus they identified themselves with the tragedy of the German Social Democracy on and after August 4th.

We are neither Pacifists nor militarists, but something different. We Socialists do not seek the method of force, neither do we exclude it. Our method calls not for war, but revolution.

The International Socialist congress has already declared that once the machinery of mobilization is in motion, it is the most inappropriate moment for action on the part of the proletariat. They did not base their hopes on an international revolution against the war, but on an internal revolution in every country after the war. They pointed out that after the Franco-Prussian war the Communists, and after the Russo-Japanese war the Russian revolution.

Therefore, the International knowing its weakness did not attempt to hinder the mobilization of soldiers, nor the levying of taxes. But it was necessary for the Social Democrats to degrade themselves into a tool of war. Fact? A war conducted by the ruling classes in the hope of conquest manifests itself to the people on whom the burden falls as a struggle for existence. Thus the people, fighting for their existence, are doomed to suffering themselves for the preservation of their integrity. Such are the distressing conditions which force the people into the service of warring Imperialism, from which they cannot escape as long as the war lasts.

This struggle for existence is not the cause nor the purpose of the war, but a natural outcome of its mechanism. It is not by its nature a political struggle but is part and parcel of the political machinery of capitalism.

The "struggle for existence" is a powerful instrument for agitation in the hands of the war party, but has no place in Social Democratic policy. The people are forced into a struggle for existence, but the Social Democracy loses its standing as a political party when it lends itself as a tool to the war party.

The people must see this war through because they have no other choice. But did the Social Democrats as a political party have the right to commend the "holding through" policy? The "holding through" policy which means nothing more than "suffering through," "starving through," and "killing through." The people "hold through" because they have no other choice. But the Social Democracy has no right to champion this suffering. Her task is to denounce all suffering, denounce the present system, denounce the guilty ones and everything on whom the responsibility rests for condemning the people

to the misery of "holding through." If the Social Democrats had anything to hold out for, it was their policy and not the war.

The ruling classes are in this world of the earth. They are fighting for the control of the world. We have nothing but contempt for the doctrine that the proletariat must uphold the Imperialists of its country, so as to help increase the gain of the war. It is a awful crime that the working class is the tool of Imperialism in this war; if the working class were to degrade itself into becoming a partner of Imperialism, it would be the grave of all hopes for the future.

The aim in this war are purely the aims of the ruling classes. Our aim is not world power of an Imperialistic caste, but world power of the international proletariat. Whichever war Imperialism may divide the world, the proletariat later to conquer it for itself.

The socialist and sincere hatred at the beginning of the war of the Austrian and German proletariat for the bloodthirsty regime of Nicholas caused the same proletariat later to become the victims of political trickery and scheming political intrigues. Prussian generals and privy councillors who never dream of professing "Anti-Czarism" in principle, had deliberately chosen this attack word for the Socialist masses and they accomplished only too readily.

No international congress decided for a war against Czarism. Nor even to a group was this power given. For the Germans who marched against Russia had to attack France at the same time.

Neither does the alliance of France with Russia against German militarism stem from the spirit of internationalism. European democracy cannot build its hopes on a victory of either the central powers or the allies. There is but one policy for democracy in this war, that is of strict neutrality.

In an era of Imperialism war cannot be the means of democratizing the proletariat. The catch phrases against Czarism and against the military monopoly used for war purposes by the ruling classes while accentuating antagonisms in the international arena.

The arts of diplomacy led all countries to believe that they were attacked. Even the Austrians branded with the stigma of the ultimatum, used the ideology of self-defense. The ruling classes are now using the slogan "to carry away the masses, in reality thinking only of possible gains in the event of victory. For the Socialist proletariat, however, any design to exploit victory for the military monopoly is a betrayal of the principle of self-defense.

The democratic and the military real can never be identical. The military real is the enemy. The Social Democracy must never go beyond the point of preventing the imposition of

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Booze-fighters, chippy-chasers, poker-players, crooks, cowards and criminals, are not to be found in the Socialist movement. All these elements will line up against us every shot.

As yet in this nation a few are the honest and alive; many are the dishonest and dead; and the great mass are dishonest but not alive. Let us wake them!

more, we are going to have some more singing like you gave us. And what is more we are not going to be satisfied with just one night. We are going to have it every night, we have been stirred to action, we are going to get together and take you away from those who do not work, and you will sing to us, yes and the thousands of little prima donnas who sing away in our alumni. We are going to stretch out our hands and by the strength of our right

... we will take control of the world. Mary Garden, you have more than all the preachers except our dear old Tucker, I mean our young Tucker), you have given us the joy of the world, not talked about hell fire. But Mary is coming back again

State Office News

W. W. Webb, State Secretary,
Cleo, Tex.

John A. Currie of Oklahoma City, is touring several of the Southern States delivering his popular lectures:

"THE SIN OF THE WORLD" and
"POLITICS AND THE POLITIC"

Texas knows Currie and his ability to present the great cause of Socialism—especially to religious people. He lectured at the camp meetings in 1911 and 45 in 1912 in Western Oklahoma and will again be in the town of Arkansas and is expected to tour Texas beginning about February 25. Terms, \$7.50 flat.

Write him at once.
Box 441, Oklahoma City.

Every step toward civilization has been a step toward collectivism and Democracy—Socialism. Every step away from these principles is a step toward savagery.

Several district secretaries have failed to report lately, thereby causing this office considerable inconvenience. They are especially requested to report immediately as we want to have State Office records in good shape for 1917.

Several comrades who pledged different amounts at Waco to be applied on liquidating the party have forgotten to send in the amount of their subscription.

Nearly all have extra assessments in the form of political stamps and other assessments of different kinds in order to strengthen the party and keep up agitation. Texas has never before resorted to any of these plans. It is absolutely essential that we get ready for the 1917 campaign as there are going to be some of the greatest issues ever before the people of Texas, such as the big land issue, coal reform and probably the old prohibition bugaboo.

Many of the oldest and best Socialists have been writing this office assuring us of their best efforts and urging a more strenuous campaign than ever. We know that Socialism will accomplish the aims of all the anti-progressive, charity, prohibition, civil improvement and a thousand and one other temporary movements that are now fogging up the minds of the people. Get way now. The 1917 campaign is ON.

Call for Pledges.

Cleo, Tex., January 23, 1917.
To all Socialists (whether dues-paying or not):

The last election will turn out a great blessing to the Socialist party. We have got rid of a lot of double-dealers in the shape of half-baked Socialists and opportunists who went after the "gold-bird twins," Hughes and Wilson, and their fake reforms. They are now sadder but wiser men, but it remains as usual for the real Socialist to set faces of flint against the capitalist class and carry on the struggle until they have generously done its part. The State Office will do its share, but it is absolutely essential that it immediately have financial aid if we expect to keep up a party in Texas. Now is the time to show whether or not you are a real class-conscious revolutionary Socialist.

Tear off and sign the blank below and forward to this office with your first remittance.
W. W. Webb, State Sec.

Ten Feb. 1917

I hereby pledge myself to pay to the Socialist Party of Texas \$_____ on the first day of each month for one year, or until the deficit is wiped out.

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TOWARDS WAR AND COUL- PACT IN MEXICO.

By M. G. Rolland, Civil Engineer.
To The Rebel.

Above all passions, above all the petty personal struggles, above all the problems so difficult to explain to the American public, rises from the Mexican revolution, an ideal which is daily more clearly defined: a strong tendency towards the conquest of the economic welfare of that people, interpreting the necessity of the revolution as an economic struggle between the laborer and the soil, of doing away with the unjust manner in which the people have lived under the feudal tax system, and the imperative need to give an opportunity to the masses to educate themselves and to rid them of fascism.

There are great ideals which have risen above the ocean of blood spilled which has served to purify them and to crystallize them into great facts in the several points of the Republic where peace is already cemented. This is especially true of the State of Texas, where General Alvarado has had, for a period embracing more than two years, the occasion to develop the administrative labors of the party.

The great problem of the Land was attacked there with surprising energy, and the author of this article was fortunate to organize the Agrarian Commission of that of the Property Commission, in order to distribute land among the masses and to carry out the revaluation of the properties in the State, so as to impose a just tax.

The advanced law was passed relative to land, under which the men who are so desirous, can easily and methodically go towards the organization of nature. At the same time, the Rural Credit is being organized, a step absolutely necessary in order to reduce the field laborer from the power of the capitalist.

Formerly, the owners of lands in the State of Tuxtepec did not pay any, it was an arbitrary number, the total collected through the State amounted to \$50,000.00—urban and rural property. The whole properties were appraised at \$2,000,000.00. After carrying out this effort a rough approximation the valuation amounted to \$231,000,000.00 and at present the State of Tuxtepec is receiving about \$18,000,000.00 revenue. This means that it has been possible to raise the burden of the land, hardly under which they were staggering, which almost crushed them and which merely permitted them to starve.

A similar occurrence has taken place in present Chihuahua, where in almost all of the States. The earnest wish of Constitutionalism is to place the Republic on a new basis, the one of economic government free from the rich and not on the destitute; and the efforts made towards this end of immense transcendence, for the people, sunk until a short time ago, in the darkest feudalism, will raise its head and bless for the first time the masses of the heretofore fallen in the struggle.

New York, N. Y.

Every day it is becoming more apparent that Mexico has undergone the most fundamental financial revolution in behalf of the average man.

It will be seen even more clearly when the smoke of internal conflict finally clears away. Very soon the government work and the faithful things of the world that confound the wise and mighty.

"Our country, right or wrong."

Stephen Decker in 1777. Mr. Decker was also an ardent believer in David and I let his name to a brother naval officer in 1820.

SOCIALIST PARTYING COM- PANY.

By M. G. Rolland, Civil Engineer.
To The Rebel.

The stockholders of the Socialist Printing Company met in the office of the company in Dallas, Texas, on the 25th of January. Among the more important business transacted the following is to be noted:

Directors for the ensuing year are: A. C. Melton, president and manager; C. O. Meitzen, secretary and treasurer; Wm. Mertz, Secretary and Miss Anna Boer.

Proposition of R. K. Meitzen and T. A. Hickey regarding Rebel printing department. Action taken as indicated in other column.

The report of the treasurer showed that the company had not yet paid all expenses for the year, but had paid off considerable indebtedness.

The salary of officers of the company who are actively at work as such, is limited to \$12 per week.

It is hoped to sell enough stock in the next ten months to pay off the debt of the company and thus discontinue interest payments and give the company chance to expand.

The stockholders were loud in praise as to the economic and business-like manner in which the affairs of the company had been managed in a face of difficult conditions and the general opinion was that if the Socialist of Texas as but knew what tremendous possibilities this company had if given the proper support. NOW, they would get busy at once and become stockholders in the only co-operative Socialist publishing concern in the South.

THE WOMEN'S TURNS.

"We will not bring more children into the world until we are assured that they will never be forced for causes."

For this speech a distinguished German woman is now under police surveillance—fórbidden to appear in public—fórbidden to send letters outside the country. A ally masculine government evidently hopes thus to crush the life which has crested the earth since the beginning of the French Wars. Born first in the hearts of French women, echoed in Germany, reached in England and Russia, the idea has grown and spread until the day of Mothers' Strike seems almost at hand.

One day the women of the world will say to the men: "Give us peace, then we will give you peace." And may that day dawn soon!

Ala Nazimova,
The Princess Theatre, Jan. 17, 1917.

Call for Mass Meeting.

All persons knowing themselves to be Socialists are hereby requested to meet in a county mass meeting at the Courthouse in Logansport, Ind. Feb. 24 at 2 p. m. for the purpose of reorganizing the party and starting the campaign.

All comrades are urged to be present and get into the harness and be prepared to pull off the biggest fight for the co-operative commonwealth of any nation in 1917. The material is here, let us utilize it.

Organization and persistent hard work will bring victory. Work will never succeed until we do it. There will be at least two able speakers for the occasion.

Don F. Jones, Chairman
S. P. Second Cong. Dist.

God loves the man that knows when to fight and what to fight for.

Socialist agitation will bring more fruit now than any time in the history of man. Go to it!

WILL THE SOCIALISTS CLOSE ONE OF THEIR WIDEST OPEN- ING TWELVE GATES?

Editor of Rebel—

In reading this and that Socialist paper, I find to my surprise and pain that some are seemingly deserting one of the very strongest strongholds of the Socialist movement.

The stronghold that I allude to is that Socialists as a class are unworriedly peace and neighbor loving people, and as a matter of course, to private war is a political declaration, are opposed to war, and have no faith in brute force as a means of settling issues.

The Socialist party is the only party that believes that it is utterly folly to expect to gather the grapes of civilization from the thorns of barbarism—utmost folly, if not criminality, itself, to endeavor to make the sword instead of the plow the arbiter between nations.

Whilst I myself have been drawn to the Socialist party by great other reasons, yet my first vote was given to a Socialist candidate by reason of his flat footed stand against war; so, also, just at the present time, the whole world is reeking with blood-lust, there are millions of peace and neighbor loving people who are more drawn to the Socialist movement for reasons of this kind.

It is in favor of the "Reasoning together" as against fighting—together as the only civilized way of settling disputes. I am drawn on any other issue.

Now if the party gives up this stronghold—on its given it a sort of self-sacrifice, rather than to support—or, in its platform declarations, does it in fact double its parties in a sort of Janus, double faced turn—then it will lose the life of its twelve gates through which millions of peace and neighbor loving people are being drawn to enter.

I am led to write what I do by the receipt of a letter from a prominent Socialist who, I last met at his hospitable table, was a pronounced straight forward opponent of war—in this letter, written from a far away state, this heretofore brave in the showplace as against the sword and became a convert to the sword and the reliance on the sword as the only means of cultivating and gathering the fruits sought by Socialists!

Being utterances in this and that Socialist paper in connection with utterances in the letter that I speak of, have moved me to protest through the columns of the Rebel against the closing of one of the main gates of the twelve gated movement of Socialism.

As a matter of fact I have often public said, and in fact when the whole world seems drunk on blood, that the Socialists stand against war, gives it this prominence in all other party organizations—and this for such reasons as:

1st. The utterances of the Socialist movement against war, is unopposed and straight forward; whilst utterances of other parties are crooked and double faced.

2nd. Whilst the Democratic party is a mere sectional party dominating the North—and back more provincial organizations confined to one part of the earth, the Socialist organization is world wide; having millions of adherents in the North as well as the South, millions of comrades in Italy as well as in France, as well as in Germany.

3rd. Whilst the Democratic party is as well as the utmost part of the earth—and as such world wide organization of comradeship—and its DOING MORE to now and cultivate the seed of peace and good will among the nations of the earth.

BEHIND THE RECRUITING POSTER.

Learned Professor, lecturing
half a century from now? Then

In January, 1917, five privates of Battery B and Field Artillery fought to clean out the rag of the regimental army in Bronx, New York, because they had received nothing to eat that day, the whole upon their commanding officer had then lashed to gun carriers with their arms stretched out and

Moreover, he did not feed them. Hardest student: "And do we list this military experience under the head of 'being the world,' or 'learning a trade'?"

According to reports from Washington, D. C., Meyer Loun, Socialist, and George R. Loun, former Socialist lawyer of Schneidart, will hold the balance of power in the next Congress.

The Democratic and Republican Congressmen are now in a jam equal in number that they are already making all kinds of inducements in the way of offers to hold on to their money and never to gain the good will of the two. In this way Congressman Loun, the Social Insurance is said to have a chance of passage. Thus the drive continues.

The Socialists are the only voices raised now in defense of the producers. No Donk or Republican has dared oppose the Federal Industrial Relations report. Wilson has forgotten about his promise to modify or do away with compulsory conscription and the railroad strike situation and is now carrying the minds of his blind followers to things across the seas in order to make them forget their blms at home. The government has just announced that it can do nothing toward reducing the high cost of living, and that that his gun had struck. Vote for Wilson and the gang!

Henry Ford has won out in the suit that sought to restrain him from locking the steel trust. He is now preparing to operate his own iron mines and steel mills. There is no telling where Henry is heading but it is on its way.

A day when war shall cease! Certainly it is more probable than it seems one day or year would meet its doom.—Our Dumb Animals.

I would rather be a beggar with the individuality of a king than be a king with the individuality of a beggar.

Than any other party—hence, back to the day, when the Socialist party desired its straight forward and flat footed stand against the sword as superior to plowshare in cultivating the fruits of peace.

Thos. B. King,
Stephenville, Tex. Jan. 25, 1917.

Organize like the San Antonio Light, while recognizing the evil consequences of introducing the dual system of landholding in Texas, are opposed to the land-value tax as a means of breaking up the feudal estates—especially because the remedy seems too defective. The San Antonio Light is reported to be owned by Farmington, Charles D. Ohio, one of the Southwest Texas "dream" sufferers" who owns estates in San Antonio and Dimitt county and that would make a European monarch ashamed of his holdings and is probably "too poor" to pay the tax.

A complete report of the situation in Austin with regard to the Great Adventure is promised for next week by the managing editor, who is now on the ground taking notes and assisting where he can.

Bernard Baruch cleaned up \$5,000,000 in a single day in Wall street as a result of the peace note flurry. He has never done anything useful for nobody and never will. A scavenger is more useful than his ilk yet the utmost parasite are the best paid. And you stand for such an idiotic gang and say we Socialists are "irreligious" that fight it!

A graduated land-value tax may be the true remedy for land monopoly, but the fact that it is being fought by the owners of the dukedom and principalities that exist in Texas under the law, is a strong point in its favor.

Radiant land legislation is wanted by nine-tenths of the people; but the politicians will kniffe it as long as you give them the power to do so.

Two men looked out through their prison bars, The one saw mud, and the other stars.

Only those who have waded through and whose ears are dull of hearing are satisfied with their own way as they have it.

The Rebel says it vividly: If something is not done soon to relieve oppression, armed rebellion will be here.

We prefer to suffer in our bodies than in our spirits. That's why we fight for Socialism above dollars and cents!

We are with the Ideal, and with science and with modern thought!

A man or a people that has no social ideal is dead and doesn't know it.

Are you quite sure that you are not hypocrites when you say the system is good enough for you?

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