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MUCH ENTHUSIASM SHOWN AT MEETING SUNDAY EVENING.

Commissioner Salter Given Free Hand to Make Good.

AN "ADVISORY COMMITTEE" IS VOTED DOWN.

An enthusiastic gathering of Everett Socialists last Sunday evening voted unanimously to give Comrade Salter a free hand in his work as commissioner of public works. A motion to elect an "advisory committee" was voted down. "Give Salter a chance to make good," in accordance with our city platform, and in harmony with the fundamental principles of international Socialism, this was the sentiment of all red card members present.

As a matter of course, Comrade Salter will consult with experts in the party along any line of technical work, just as any other sensible man would. In matters of doubt on very important matters, Comrade Salter would ask for a mass meeting of all red card members of the party for general discussion of vital issues. All such meetings, if any should be called, would be advertised in the city press and all citizens invited to attend.

We will leave star chamber methods to those who do not care to deal openly on all public matters. The Socialists have never held a single closed meeting.

SUCCESS IN EVERETT WILL ACT AS STIMULANT IN WHOLE STATE.

The election of a radical Socialist to so important a position as commissioner of public works, in a city of the first class, such as Everett, will undoubtedly act as a stimulant throughout the whole state of Washington, urging all fighters in the great cause on to still more strenuous efforts. Beneficial results will, of course, be most apparent in Snohomish county, but most surely every nook and corner of the whole state, and even throughout the entire United States.

NOTICE!

DO YOU LIKE WATERMELON?

If you do, be in Socialist party headquarters next Sunday evening August 23. There will be an abundance of them. We are to have a real "got to eat" time on the strength of having put a commission into the city hall. Don't that words refreshing? There will be that talk and music in short a good time in general. Come and bring your friends. Everybody welcome.

While some say the Wilson administration is responsible for the Chile failure, others say it was caused by women's renunciation of patriotism. So, if it wasn't the Democrats, it was the women.—Springfield Republican

WHY EUROPE FIGHTS.

Ernest Untermann. The daily papers are full of more or less truthful war news. But not one of them has published a comprehensive story of the fundamental cause for Europe's war madness.

Here and there, scattered through the nonsensical mass of clumsily colored war dispatches, we find reports to the effect that Russia, England, Belgium and France blame Germany and Austria for violating some ancient treaties, and that Germany and Austria prefer the same charges against the other countries. No doubt these mutual charges are true all around.

The present European war is the legitimate child of the diseased status quo in the Balkan peninsula. This disturbed status has for its true parent the present business system.

The diplomats of Europe, for a century, have attempted the impossible. They have persuaded themselves that they can develop their own national power on the fields of industry and politics, and at the same time stifle a similar development of the lesser nations. But human development all over this globe is organically interrelated. The attempt to foster growth in one part and to choke it in another cannot have any other result but increasing conflicts and open wars.

Serbia in the past that started the present conflagration. After the war of the Balkan allies against Turkey, followed by war among themselves, all the little Balkan states secured a direct outlet to the sea for their industrial and agricultural products, with the exception of Serbia. It remained wedged in between hostile nations. Its staple products (hops, grain and prunes) could not reach the world market without first paying toll to some foreign nation. The way to the north across the Danube and over the Austria-Hungarian railroads was rendered unprofitable by a heavy protective tariff for the benefit of the Austrian nobility. The waterway down the Danube to the Black Sea could be closed by Russia and Roumania. The southern passage led over Turkish railroads to Suez and the Aegean sea and was taken by Bulgaria. If Serbia could have scraped a part of Albania, it would at least have reached the Adriatic sea on its own territory. But this road was immediately blocked by Italy and Austria. In order to reach the Adriatic, Serbian goods must pass over the rough and steep mountain roads of Montenegro, a very tedious and unprofitable undertaking.

Present War a Struggle for Economic Power.

It was either choke or fight for Serbia, and she chose to choke fighting rather than negotiating. Fight was indeed the more promising alternative for her, because a fight of Austria against Serbia means a war of Austria against Russia. The great of Russia has been and still is the capture of the straits of the Bosphorus from Turkey, in order to keep the passage out of the Black sea open to Russian commerce to the Mediterranean. A victory of Austria over

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Attitude of the Socialist Party on Municipal Affairs

Commissioner Salter Makes Statement

From our press and platform we have assured the voters of Everett that we stood for honesty and efficiency in the administration of public affairs. We showed from a wide source of information that Socialists in city government have bettered conditions of labor and the finances of the cities under their influence and control. Also that Socialists have furthered the cause of education, public recreation and amusement. The best possible service has been secured from public service corporations, and such steps as the law allowed were taken leading toward public ownership of all public utilities.

As a means to secure what we have promised, the Socialist party of Everett has unanimously endorsed the plan below, as submitted to it by their representative in the council, Commissioner J. M. Salter.

The Socialist commissioner will work in harmony with his two associates in office in so far as they approve of the following guiding principles of municipal government: That the very best talent be secured for the various departments. That men who approve of municipal ownership, and who are imbued with a genuine civic consciousness, and high ideals of social service, will be preferred as city employees.

As for the department directly under Mr. Salter's control, all administrative heads in the public works department will be selected for their special fitness and ability. Other things being equal, red card members of the party will be given the preference.

It is proposed that immediate steps be taken to secure an adequate water supply for the city of Everett as the first preliminary to securing a publicly owned water and power plant, since an abundance of clear, pure water is a matter of vital concern to all residents of Everett.

NO RED CARD APPLICANTS FOR "THE SPOILS OF OFFICE."

Long Trail of Non-Socialists Seek The Elusive Job.

You, it was funny. Everybody said it was funny.

A long line of patriotic job hunters seeking eagerly the work that any man can find that wants to work. Since, if a man's out of a job it's his own fault. At least that is what the pesky Socialists have always been told.

But you ought to have seen that trail of hungry men—some of them appeared to be well fed, all right, but they were hungry for the elusive job. Or was it just the payroll?

Has anybody seen Salter? Everybody wanted to see Salter. No wonder that man Salter was elected. He's the most popular man in Everett, barring none. At least if one were to judge by that long trail.

But, contrary to vulgar misconceptions, it was not a fast line. No, sir! In conformity with Socialist principles, not one single Red card man attempted to use his membership in the party for personal gain. It was a real case, so far as the Socialists are concerned, of job seeking the man or no job.

Well, done every Red Card man knows that if he has the special fitness and experience necessary to qualify him for a given position, his comrades will freely discuss his merits, and where a position becomes vacant the job will come to him through the proper channels.

Efficiency first, then loyalty to our great cause will be considered. All Socialist administrations have insisted

upon getting the best men obtainable for any position to be filled.

It was a funny sight to see the man who "always was a Socialist," but always minus his Red Card, looking for the pie counter.

And it was a splendid sight to note how the old war horses of the party, those who have borne the burden of expenses and organization work, kept aloof from capitalism's tragic sport of hunting the elusive job. They let Salter alone to select the best men obtainable for the positions to be filled, Socialists or not Socialists.

CHECKING SOCIAL UNREST.

Local Statesman (!) Would Leave Cause and Suppress Symptoms.

They have been holding some very interesting sessions of the commission on industrial relations in Seattle. And one of Everett's foremost citizens was there giving testimony, advice, and all that.

J. Bruce Gibson—yes, it was none other—secretary-treasurer of the Summer Iron Works was there, last Friday. Mr. Gibson appeared also as president of the Federation of Employers Association of the Pacific Coast. He certainly is an authority on "industrial relations," all right.

Mr. Gibson was asked to "enlighten" the commission on many subjects in connection with labor matters, such as unionism, strikes work, industrial organization, etc. And Mr. Gibson enlightened them in a manner wholly consistent with his position as employer of labor.

Mr. Gibson's view of the cause of unrest among the workers was very amusing, if not instructive. It was so simple in its simplicity and innocuous. Also childlike, Mr. Gibson got

the cart before the horse. Industrial unrest, according to his capitalist-class view, is not caused by the fact that the working-class are obliged to do all the world's dangerous and disagreeable work at a mere subsistence wage, while the owning-class walk off with the surplus value, the "profits," and hold the power of life and death over the wage-slave element, but because of "agitators."

Isn't that naive? For Mr. Gibson to try to improve his condition day by day, demanding more and more of the comforts and luxuries of life for himself and family is all right. It's good business. And a good business man is never satisfied with his lot, never knows when he is well off, etc., ad nauseum. His increasing lust for gold and power is not urged on and fed by labor agitators and Socialist orators and editors. He surrounds himself with armed guards and policemen ready to club or shoot any who stand between the enterprising business man and what he wants. This is business.

But was into the working stiff who dares aspire to the same comforts and luxuries as his prominent-citizen boss laborer so strenuously to acquire, by whatever means. Gibson and his class would say "lawful means!" But what's the difference? Don't they always make the means lawful? This is what legislatures and courts are for: to legalize what the bosses need in their business. He was there to appear there in at once denounced as a demagogue and dangerous agitator, undesirable citizen, or worse.

As Mr. J. Bruce Gibson, of Everett, told the commission that what ailed the childlike wage slaves was that pesky agitators, with voice, pen and cartoon were "stirring up strife." He does not intend individual initiative (Continued on Page Four.)

DO IT NOW!

Ernest Untermann. The Socialists of Europe have done their duty. On the eve of the present war, they protested vigorously against it in France, in Austria, in Serbia, in Russia. The Socialists of Italy threatened to call a mass strike, if their government should permit itself to be dragged into this wholesale murder. But the class-conscious workers of Europe everywhere are still in the minority and have not the power to offer any successful resistance to the capitalist governments.

As soon as it became evident that the Socialists would rise up in a mighty protest against this war all over Europe, the rulers of all countries, while still claiming to be working for peace, suppressed the one great force that made more than any other for world peace. Martial law was declared, the political privileges of the people were taken away under the rules of war, and thus the insincerity of the capitalist governments stood revealed to all the world.

Having done all that was possible under the circumstances, the Socialists of Europe are now endeavoring to gather what is left of their organization and to prepare for the coming emergencies.

All able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 are under arms. This has taken more than half of the actual Socialist party membership away from their home organizations. The remaining party members have no power to offer any effective resistance to their home governments, especially since even the parliaments have been superseded by generals in some countries. On the other hand, the Socialists in the armies, under martial law, confronted by hostile armies and surrounded by armed men of their own nationalities who still follow the suggestions of the capitalist mind, will not be able to thwart the designs of the ruling class while the war lasts. Socialists Can't Act in Concert to Stop War.

Although more than a million Socialists face one another on both sides of the contending forces, there is no immediate possibility for them to act in concert. Nothing in the way of an armed revolution against the powers has a co-operation of Socialists across the firing lines can be expected on an effective scale. If any co-operation of armed and class-conscious workers can be established on an international scale during the war, it certainly will be done, but the initiative for this must come from the comrades who are (Continued on Page Three.)

SALTER'S ELECTION WAS WON WITHOUT ANY COMPROMISE.

Socialists Stood for Principle—Class Lines Well Drawn.

The election of Comrade J. M. Salter for commissioner of public works was highly gratifying to the Socialists of Everett. The more so in that no compromise was made on any issue of the campaign. Class lines and class interests were kept well to the fore throughout the campaign. "Cut out that class struggle talk," said many who were friendly toward the Socialist candidates. But the foundation principles of the movement were clearly presented at each meeting, a policy consistently carried out also in these columns.

It is not intended to convey the impression that the whole of 3,171 votes for Salter was a real Socialist vote. But we do believe that the 2,316 ballots cast for Bostrom represent real Socialist sentiment and working-class solidarity. It remains now to work harder than ever to educate this great body of men and women in the science of Socialism, so that they may be prepared to become helpful co-workers in the organization, and every effort possible will be put forth to this end. The Washington Socialist will be an invaluable aid in this work if given the proper support. It is absolutely necessary that it be read each and every week by those who, in voting the Socialist ticket, showed that they earnestly desired to improve the condition of the city. Let us all work together faithfully to this end, and we shall carry Snohomish county for Socialism.

EYES OF THE WORLD NOW ON EVERETT.

Wherever people are interested in the progress of Socialism, and this includes all capitalist nations, interest will be directed toward Everett and its municipal affairs. The kept press will, of course, announce from time to time how "Socialism is a failure in Everett." But no one but an imbecile is fooled by such reports coming from such a source. The capitalist press has at last been found out. People are coming more and more to understand that if they want to learn the truth about anything, they must read the Socialist press to get it.

No nation can bear wealth that is not intelligent first.—Henry Ward Beecher.

DEBATE—Hear It

On next Friday evening the people of Everett will have an opportunity to see a Socialist licked to a frazzle. He will be, at least figuratively speaking, used to man up the earth with. At least that's what Dr. Lucas of Seattle says, he will do to Comrade DeQue—all of that and much more. No one should miss this battle of intellect. The question to be debated, boiled down, is "Individualism vs. Socialism." The tickets are for sale and will cost only 15 cents. Any one who misses this battle royal will have something to regret for the rest of his or her life. Don't forget the date and the place, Friday, August 21, 8:00 p. m., at 1612 California.

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ORGANIZATION NEWS NOMINATIONS FOR PARTY OFFICERS.

The following is a list of persons nominated for party offices to be voted upon by referendum of both the regular and seceding organizations. The locals of each organization made separate nominations, but the names of all candidates qualified and accepting will appear on the same ballot to be used by both. After each name is given the number of different locals that nominated that person. Nominated by Locals of the Regular Organization. For State Secretary. L. E. Katterfeld (70), Anna A. Miley (4). For National Committee. E. E. Boddly (1), Frans Bostrom (29), M. E. Giles (1), Joseph Golden (1), James Grant (1), Marius Hansome (3), Joseph Jarvis (1), Anna A. Miley (1), E. E. Martin (1), R. B. Martin (1), W. H. Kingsley (1), C. E. Otley (1), Bruce Rogers (1), Kate Sadler (22), J. M. Salter (1), J. E. Sinclair (2), W. H. Waynick (2), S. R. Weaver (1), H. M. Wells (2).

DEQUER AND LAMAR DO EXCELLENT WORK IN FERNWOOD.

Comrade J. M. McCullough, secretary of Local Fernwood, reports a splendid propaganda meeting held by them on August 1, with Comrades DeQuer and LaMar as speaker and entertainer, respectively. To quote: "Comrade DeQuer made one of his forcible speeches. Some said they would go ten miles to hear him again. Comrade LaMar brought down the house with his Swedish dialect. Best ever, some declared. Collection \$1.10."

ANOTHER REBEL.

Fernwood local is growing. Its secretary, J. M. McCullough, has a new, nine-pound boy. If the boy were not twenty-one years too young, we'd say Mac was rushing votes. (Crowded out last week.) One of the most forceful and instructive lectures of the city campaign was given by Comrade Shipley last Sunday (August 9) at party headquarters. About eighty of his splendid slides were shown, making the Socialist position so clear that the most prejudicial bonehead in the world could not fail to be convinced. The talk began with the showing of the primitive hand tools leading up to the evolution of the machine to its present perfection, and the consequent necessity for wars to make new markets for the productions wrought by this machinery. Comrade Shipley dwelt for fifteen or twenty minutes upon the war situation in Europe, and the death of Comrade Jaures. We never become tired of these beautiful, instructive pictures, and hope to be given another of the kind in the near future. F. G. CROSBY.

A FEW SIMPLE RULES SELDOM REMEMBERED.

(By Frans Bostrom.) A Socialist local is not obliged to take in as a member a person who is objectionable to its majority. It may exclude members who are not desirable. It should rid itself of knoekers and trunks. Heresy hunting is no part of our program. We are all more or less faulty and inconsistent in our notions of Socialism, but deliberate violation of our rules and our platform should never be tolerated. Majority rule is absolute in the party and all quarrels can therefore be settled at once by a vote of the local. Disobedience to majority rule should be followed by immediate exclusion of the guilty. Let it become a privilege to become a member and it will be easier to keep up the membership. Do not believe anything derogatory about the party or its members that you see in a capitalist paper. In 999 cases out of 1,000 it is untrue. You can afford to miss the truth that one time. If a comrade whispers in your ear something about another comrade that savors of slander, make him repeat it openly on the floor of the local. Backbiting is always the cause of personal feuds; personal feuds are the cause of death to the small locals and destroy the usefulness of the larger ones.

WHAT'S IN A NAME.

"What is the name of your automobile?" "I don't know." "You don't know? What do your folks call it?" "Oh, as to that, father always says 'The Mortgage'; brother Tom calls it 'The Fake'; mother, 'My Limousine'; sister, 'Our Car'; grandma, 'That Peril'; the chauffeur, 'Some Freak'; and our neighbors, 'The Limit.'"—Life.

ANGUISH.

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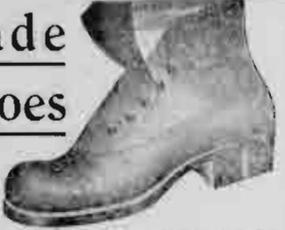
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Why Europe Fights

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Serbia would mean the supremacy of Austria over the Balkan and the Austrian control of the Bosphorus and the Aegean sea. For this reason the cause of Serbia is the cause of Russia.

Austria's ally, Germany, is also the industrial and political ally of Turkey against Russia. Germany's industrial interests in Asia Minor, Mesopotamia and Persia have been growing steadily, until they have overshadowed those of Russia and England in that part of the world. Especially the Bagdad railway, from the Bosphorus to the Gulf of Persia midway through Asia Minor, is overwhelmingly in the control of German bankers, who through it hold the whiphand over the Sultan of Turkey. Both Russia and England are sore over this condition, which strikes directly at their most vital interests in Asia Minor. Although Russia helped to defeat the English interests in the Bagdad deal, and although Russian interests conflict severely with British interests in Asia Minor, Persia, Turkistan, Afghanistan, East India, Tibet and China, yet the control of the Bagdad railway is so imperative for both of them, that they have sunk their other differences for the present in the desire to strike Germany to the ground.

How the Bagdad Railway Helped to Bring on the Conflict.
England managed to get ahead of Germany and Russia at the Persian end of this railway by concluding a treaty with the Sultan of Kowelt, on the Persian gulf, which would be the natural terminal of the Bagdad railway. But even so, the control of the larger portion of this railway by Germany breaks the most important strategic link between Egypt and East India. So long as this link is out of British hands, neither Egypt nor the British colonies in Africa are secure against German and Turkish aggression.

France is deeply involved in the fate of Russia by loans of millions of francs. It is true that French bankers have also invested money in German enterprises even in the Bagdad railway. But the Russian investments of the French banks and bondholders outclass all others among foreign powers. If Russia is defeated, it cannot pay the interest on its French obligations. In fact, even now French bankers are paying the interest on their own investments and charging Russia up with additional debts. But if Russia can defeat Germany and Austria and get control of the strategic points on the Balkans and in the northern part of Asia Minor, the French investments will be comparatively safe. A defeat of Russia now would be tantamount to a complete loss of this French money.

Why the French Support Russia.
Aside from this reason for the French alliance with Russia, there is still the old desire for revenge and for a recapture of Alsace-Lorraine, and the French colonial interests in West and Central Africa are also threatened by Germany, the same as the British.

Germany's naval growth has also been a cause for French and English envy, and there are other, minor, causes, that have led England, France and Russia together against Germany and Austria. If they can beat these two allies, especially Germany, they can remake the map of Europe and stop the colonial advances of Germany all over the world.

This is the cause and the issue of the European war. All other claims, especially that of honor and human welfare, are mere disguises for this naked conflict of business interests. The Balkan conflict could have been settled, and to that extent the cause for international friction removed, by a democratic federation of all Balkan states. But this requires a Socialist society in those states. Such a society does not yet exist in any European state, but it was rapidly approaching at least in Germany. This was an additional reason for the outbreak of this war. But the specter of Socialism will be there after the war, more threatening and more powerful than ever.

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under arms. It is not likely that this will be realized in the beginning of the war, and it is more likely to happen in Russia than on the French border. Whatever happens in this way, cannot be much of a help in the real constructive work, without which a Socialist party and a Socialist commonwealth cannot be built.

The effective Socialist work will have to be done in the last stages of the war and after it. We can always accomplish more by orderly and peaceful methods than by the methods of the ruling class. The big patriots, fanning into flame the silly national prejudices which the Socialists have been gradually overcoming, will prevail for a while. But they will not have things their own way.

An Expensive Victory.
No matter what nation wins or loses, the after effects of the war will be worst and suffering for the working people of all nations. Even the winners of the most favored nation will find that they have won a very expensive victory. They may have succeeded in killing off a few thousand Socialists, but Socialism will be stronger than ever. For every Socialist killed in war, the coming industrial depression, which will now be world wide and acute as never before, will raise many more new Socialists, and many of them will be made in the armies while this war lasts.

Even the United States will be drawn into this vortex of suffering. For a little while some of the leading capitalists of America will prosper through the war, but will lose money and property invested in Europe and will, therefore, be in favor of peace. At any rate, there will be no American intervention to keep the war going. On the contrary, there will be efforts to bring about peace, even among the American capitalists. While the short prosperity lasts, the American workers have an opportunity to push their demands to the limit. Let us hope that most of them will see and grasp this opportunity.

American Socialists Face Great Opportunity.
But no matter what little or big advantages a few capitalists of this country may gain through the war, the Socialists will reap the greater and better harvest in the end. Especially the American Socialists are now facing the opportunity of their lives. To the extent that we, in this country, build up and strengthen our party organization, we shall be assisting our European comrades in the work of reorganization and recuperation.

It will be all right for us, over here, to hold protest meetings against this war. But so long as war means some profits to the leading capitalists of America through our neutrality, there is no danger of any American intervention in the European wretchedness. And so long as a prolonged war also means heavy losses to American financiers, the American statesmen themselves will arrange peace meetings. Better than our protest meetings will be the quiet, insistent, and unrelenting house-to-house canvass for party members. This will be infinitely more constructive Socialist work than all the "constructive statesmanship" of Socialists in a few offices of this nation.

Loyalty by Deeds.
The most pressing needs of our European comrades will require money. We can and should show them our loyalty by DEEDS. Instead of lurid oratory and hints of great things which the European Socialists are going to do at this crisis, let us give the world a proof of our ability to do real constructive work that counts. The best assistance we can give our European comrades now is to instruct our national committee to organize a national wide collection of funds for the European Socialist parties. It is the peaceful work of these parties, not the catalytic violence which may arise out of this war, that will tell in the promotion of international Socialism. Although there is no possibility at present of communicating with the European Socialist parties, we should not readily to assist our European comrades on the minute that communication can again be opened. Let us help them practically in the building up of the Socialist party, the only force that can bring about an orderly and peaceful transition of humanity into a better world.

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DEATH.

(By M. J. Conolly.)
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How knowest thou your enemy,
Upon the soft grass your shroud shall be—
And you'll have rest!

And patient be.
Be not a slave. Be not a knave.
You have a refuge in the grave—
Where sleep the best.

And fear no foe.
No quarrel seek. If fight you must,
With all your might, give thrust for thrust—
Aye, fight with zest.

Fear not the gods.
They know the brave. They love the brave.
Then go you gall to your grave
At their behest.

WHAT SOCIALISM IS.
The ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of Christianity.—Encyclopedia Britannica.
It is simply applied Christianity; the Golden Rule applied to every-day life.—Prof. R. P. Ely.
Let no man fear the name of "Socialism." The movement of the working class for justice by any other name would be as terrible.—Father William Barry.

A science of reconstructing society on an entirely new basis, by substituting the principle of association for that of competition in every branch of human industry.—Worcester's Dictionary.
A theory of society that advocates a more precise, orderly and harmonious arrangement of the social relations of mankind than that which has hitherto prevailed.—Webster's Dictionary.

Socialism requires that the process of production and distribution should be regulated not by competition, with self-interest for its moving principle, but by society as a whole, for the good of society.—Dictionary of Political Economy.
Any theory or system of social organization that would abolish in whole or in great part, the individual effort of competition on which modern society rests, and substitute for it cooperative action; would introduce a more perfect and equal distribution of the products of labor, and would make land and capital as the instrument and means of production the joint possession of the members of the community.—Century Dictionary.

Socialism does not consist in violently seizing upon the property of the rich and sharing it out amongst the poor. Socialists do not propose by a single act of parliament, or by a sudden revolution to put all men on an equality and compel them to remain so. Socialism is not a wild dream of a happy land where the apples will drop off the trees into our open mouths, and the fish to come out of the rivers and fry themselves for dinner, and the looms to turn out ready-made suits with gold buttons, without coaling the engine. Neither is it a dream of a nation of stained-glass angels who never say damn, who love their neighbors better than themselves, and who never need to work unless they wish to. No. Socialism is none of these things. It is a scientific scheme of government, entirely wise, just and practical.—Robert Blatchford, in Mercic England.

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STRAW.
Latest changes in postoffices, from the official guide:
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AROUSING MURDER SPIRIT IN CHILDREN.

Boasting Boy Scout Movement by Glaring Posters.

Down by the postoffice, on California street, on a big bill board about twenty feet in length, is a glaring, multi-colored chromo relating to all the lovely things Boy Scouts are not organized to do.

Baden-Powell, professional man-killer, and inventor of the Boy Scout idea, showed only the other day what he organized these budding young man-killers for whom he offered the services of one thousand of them to the owners of Great Britain for service in the present European slaughter-house.

But you'll find no suggestion of violence and homicide on the bill-board decoy. Oh, no. Like everything else that the bloody hand of capitalism touches, deception, hypocrisy and dissimulation characterize the whole make-up of the seductive picture gotten up and posted by the advocates of violence and oppression.

He also captured a German cavalryman later in the day.

TO MOTHERS.

To the millions of devoted mothers of this nation we dedicate our services in the effort to expose the inner meaning of the Boy Scout movement. We urge that the real end in view in the making of Boy Scouts is not what is represented by the scheming creatures who seek to attract and delude both mother and tenderly loved child by pictures and literature purporting to develop in young boys humane impulses and manly self-reliance.

Mothers, we cannot give you here the uncontrovertible evidence upon which our assertions regarding this diabolical conspiracy are based, but we shall return to the subject at brief intervals, offering proofs of our contention, which, briefly, is this:

The Boy Scout movement is organized for two purposes only; first, to breed a deluded race of obedient and trained strike-breakers, ready at command to help their "superiors" to still further degrade and impoverish, by brute force and murderous violence, the working class of the world, reducing them to virtual peonage, not to say slavery. This has already been done in Colorado, West Virginia, and elsewhere. Helpless women and innocent babies have been shot down in cold blood that Sacred Property might be enhanced at the expense of Honest Labor.

Secondly, the owners of America are getting ready not only for the further subjugation of labor at home, but for wars of foreign conquest. Capitalism, monopoly, and expansion all necessitate the opening of ever new and larger markets. This spells Imperialism—human under McKinley, and soon to be carried still further under the war-loving Roosevelt, who will probably be re-elected president in 1916.

Mothers, there is only one alternative for you if you wish to prevent the maiming of your loved boy's precious body at the command of Big Business. You must aid the Socialists in their war against war, in their imperious demand for the rage of peace and their adherence for violence and bloodshed. You must aid them in establishing the co-operative commonwealth, brotherhood, peace and liberty for all who labor.

The capitalist system is dependent for its very existence upon the heartless exploitation of labor, resulting in class conflicts, bloody revolutions, destruction and war. Help the Socialists to try the way to the end, for a bad loss can not bring forth good fruit. Capitalism has fulfilled its mission. It must be abolished, or the world will be reduced to ashes and fire.

The Boy Scouts are to be used in the support of a system that can no longer serve the ends of civilization.

The drying up a single tear has more of heaven's flame than shedding seas of gore.

Byron's "Don Juan."

THE NEW FREEDOM.

By John DeQue.

Capitalism is dying. It ought to be dead. Conditions of production change, and with these man's social relations are altered. Man must readapt himself. If he cannot, then he must die. The type of yesterday is a burden on today's progress. They who love their chains have no business in the camp of liberty. The machine era demands new mental processes. Can you get out of them?

The machine forces you to work coolly and actively. It compels you to be independent. How can you then be free?

Absolute individual freedom in an era of social production is unthinkable. Yet mankind will be free. Notion, I say, mankind, not slavemind. Mr. DeQue could be a real individualist. He was dependent on no one, and no one was dependent upon him.

But society and especially machine society, that is, those bodies of men and women who use machinery and the natural dynamic powers in the process of converting natural resources into wealth, are bound by the very nature of the machine to cooperate. Hence they become interdependent; tied by their entral to the machine and each other.

Man cannot be individually free as long as he is socially dependent. So it happens that the machine either enslaves us or forces upon us a new concept of liberty.

Individual freedom now must give place to collective freedom. We either own the machine collectively, and cause it to slave for us, or the machine owns us and we slave at the machine.

To be individually free, you must own and operate the sources of your supply. If you own and another operates, you are not truly free. The capitalist is no more a free man than the wage slave. The owner is dependent upon workers to make his capital productive, the worker is dependent upon the private owner for the privilege of toil. For wages that he may buy food, that he may have strength, to toil for wages. Both are dependent, and neither is free.

He that thinks that he owns a mine, a mill, a factory, if he steps to think will soon discover that it is a delusion and that these things really own him. He would lay down his life for them; he would fight great odds for them; he cannot think except in relation to them. He does not control them; they control him.

Man cannot own the earth for the earth owns man. With all your wisdom you cannot escape her. She has you in her power, and you abide by her laws. She holds you with a positive thralldom that makes rebellion useless.

The only freedom that is now possible is collective freedom, through the collective ownership and management of the means of life.

ABOUT THAT PICNIC.

The county campaign picnic is to be held at the Edmonds city park, Edmonds, Wash., on Labor Day, September 8, 1914. Two fast boats have been chartered to handle the big crowd. Round trip fare 40 cents. Music, dancing, speaking and refreshments. Come and enjoy yourself. Further information in next week's issue, or call up 478Z.

A Filipino has yielded his chance at an office to an American, merely because the latter happens to be especially well qualified for the place. Who will pretend now that the Filipinos have any understanding of what self-government means?—New York Evening Post.

Nothing but hard luck for the railroads. First there was no freight at all, and now there is more freight than they can handle. When is this persecution to stop?—New York World.

Some editorial genius has figured it out that if belts could be slipped on some of those Latin American countries their revolutions would run the machinery of the world.—Greenfield Hill, Ariz.

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OFFICIAL CANVASS OF VOTE SHOWS SMALL CHANGES.

The official canvass of the vote of the recent city election, made last Saturday at the regular session of the city council, showed little change from the figures given last week.

The vote for commissioner of finance was, for Clay, 3,734, as against 3,316 for Rostrum. This gives a majority of 418 for Clay.

For commissioners of public works Salter received 3,171 votes, and Thompson 2,294, a majority for Salter of 877.

SOCIALIST PRESS WILL KEEP WORLD INFORMED.

Salter will make good in his department. Being but one of those who administer the city's affairs, he cannot change the whole aspect of the city's life. But he will give honest and able service in his vast department, and will conscientiously strive to be a credit not only to the city, but to his party. He will make good, and the Socialist press of the world will herald this fact everywhere, telling only the truth.

GREAT VICTORY IN BULGARIA.

One of the greatest victories gained by the Socialists in any country in the world has been secured by our Bulgarian comrades.

Thirty-seven Socialist members have been returned to the national parliament, compared with one Socialist at the last election. In addition to that they have elected approximately 1,500 municipal officers.

The Socialists of Bulgaria are divided into two sections, the constructive and the radical, each putting up their own candidates. The former elected 21 members and the latter 16.

In addition to the Socialists, there has also been elected 47 Agrarians, representatives of a newly-formed peasants' league. They are exceedingly radical, many of the leaders openly espousing Socialism, and it is expected they will vote solidly with the Socialists.

The parties which were responsible for the late Turkish war have been practically wiped out of existence. They are the conservatives, who elected only five members, and the progressives, who elected one member. The liberals, who support the government, returned 95 members. In addition to these, the democrats secured fourteen seats and the radicals five. The present government has only 191 supporters against 109 opposition votes, unless they are able to win over the democrats and the radicals and some of the peasants.

Much of the success of the elections is due to the financial aid given the parties by the Socialists of other nations. The war had so devastated the country that had it not been for this the Socialists would not have been able to hold their forces together to wage a campaign.

A TEST.

Uplifter—I can see good in all things. Fat—Can you see good in a fog?—Judge.

Checking Social Unrest

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and enterprise, ambition, etc., as proper ingredients when mixed up in a wage-slave's brain. Such compounds are only safe when in the hands and recognized cranium of business men. A safe and sane, patriotic brain like that possessed by our best citizens does not stir up strife with the workers. It stirs up dividends, profits, and then some. If the worker's brain objects to lower wages or longer hours, it results in strife and industrial unrest. Not because the working conditions, hours, pay, etc., are not the best that any sensible, docile wage-slave could ask for, or reasonably hope for; but along comes a cartoon, or an agitator, and away goes the whole erstwhile satisfactory adjustment.

Mr. Gibson's Remedy.

Mr. Gibson's remedy was very simple, though somewhat complex. Here it is, in brief:

Abolish freedom of the press—let the exploiters of labor "regulate" them.

Bar all members of the working-class from legislatures—by electing business men only.

Abolish the right of the working-class to have a vote on who shall or who shall not sit on judicial benches—leave this prerogative to the bosses.

There you have a successful business man's view of what industrial and political policies should be pursued to hold the workers in subjection.

If Mr. Rockefeller wants to have agents hired to shoot down the unarmed wives and children of the workers, the said wage-slaves should not offer them any protection. Guns and violence and resistance to outrage and murder are master-class prerogatives.

For a wage-slave to buy a rifle and protect his wife and babes therewith is a heinous offense against the bosses prerogative to shoot and burn any workers he d—phases; or to have them shot.

Mr. Gibson's views are typical of his class.

PLEDGE AGAINST MURDER.

Brother, here is my pledge to you: I refuse to kill your father. I refuse to plunge a bayonet into the breast of your sister's brother. I refuse to slaughter your sweetheart's lover. I refuse to murder your wife's husband. I refuse to butcher your little child's father. I refuse to wet the earth with blood and blind kind eyes with tears. I refuse to assassinate you and then hide my stained fists in the folds of any flag.

Will you thus pledge me and pledge all the members of our working class?—George Kirkpatrick.

Pacific lines are complaining that congress has refused \$60,000 for a survey of Alaskan waters notoriously dangerous from uncharted rocks. The trouble with Alaska, as the men who have framed waterways items could point out, is that it has no votes.—New York Evening Post.

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Speaking about the boasted American sense of humor, we note that a Chicago committee has gone to Europe to study vice.—Boston Transcript.

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Where there is no hope, there can be no endeavor.—Johnson.

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