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## "Unemployed" Mass Meeting at 1612 California, Friday Evening November 27--Be There, Everybody!!!

### EVERETT CITIZENS TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Mass Meeting Will Be Held Friday Evening

TO DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS

City Commissioners to Take Up Question

At the council meeting Tuesday morning Commissioner Salter said the time had come for the commissioners to take steps to meet the unemployed problem in this city.

He further stated that hardly a day passed without from four to ten applicants coming to his office seeking employment. This is in addition to the innumerable daily applicants at the regular municipal free employment bureau.

Each of the applicants whose desperate needs drive him to Salter for special consideration, tells a story whose main points are identical with others who make application. First, that they have been residents of Everett for a long period. Secondly, that they are now laid off from work for a period of a month or more, and that the grocer had refused to extend further credit. So now it was a question of either stealing or quietly let wife and children starve, as they had left no stone unturned in a search for employment.

Mr. Salter called his colleague's attention to the fact that this was an international problem, and that municipalities the world over were attempting to meet the issue; and inasmuch as cities in the war zone of Europe could care for their unemployed, surely cities in a nation as rich as ours will not let children starve in the midst of plenty.

Commissioners Clay and Kelly agreed with Salter that a meeting should be called in the near future to consider the problem of the unemployed.

The first meeting will be held Friday evening at 1612 California, and plans will probably then be laid for a great mass meeting in the High school auditorium next week.

### "GROSS MATERIALISM"

National Municipal League Endorses Principle of Economic Determinism.

At the annual conference of the National Municipal League, held in Baltimore last week, it was candidly confessed that the only consideration given any civil problem by American business men and their underlings is that which centers on "the main chance"—\$ \$ \$ . Men and women who entertain high ideals of civic welfare must be relegated to the rear, declared, in substance the principal speaker of Friday's session, Mr. A. Leo Walker, president of the Voters' League of Pittsburg.

The report of the committee on political methods declared that political reform organizations must "come down to earth" and remove "the sign of the 'highbrow' and substitute the 'dollar mark,' which alone apparently, is sufficiently potent to be effective."

It was further declared that "too much stress is laid upon patriotism, civic pride and the like, and too little upon what the continuance of poor government or institution of good means to the purse and the person of the individual citizen."

Just so. But when the Socialist lays this down as a guiding principle in the philosophy of history he is charged by this same class of dollar worshippers with advocating "gross materialism."

The fact remains, however, that the Socialist party alone, of all organizations now influential in political affairs, is inspired by ideals that appeal at once to individual self-interest and the progress of the race. None but the ignorant or the prejudiced deny this. Read up on the subject, Mr. Non-socialist, and see for yourself.

### POOR EXCUSE BETTER THAN NONE

Because both sides in a controversy were not explained to members, a St. Louis judge has restrained no JUDICIAL statistics covering the entire

### COL. McCURE ON THE CURE FOR CRIME

Sensational Statistics Wrongly Interpreted by Noted Editor

WHY AND WHEN CRIME INCREASES

Attributing nearly all the ills to which society is heir to the election of city and state officials by direct vote of the people, Col. S. S. McClure, the noted magazine editor and owner, made some startling declarations at the Everett theatre last Friday evening. His talk was valuable in that if it accomplishes nothing else, it at least called attention to the fact that the cities and states of this spread-eagle country are about the worst governed in the world.

We have space here to discuss but one phase of Mr. McClure's argument,—that pertaining to the extent, increase and cause of crime in the United States.

After declaring that murder is increasing in the United States six times faster than the growth of population, the lecturer gave as the cause of this increasing lawlessness this simple explanation: "The safety laws are administered by men either ignorant or corrupt."

That the average chief of police, mine inspector, etc., is both ignorant and corrupt is a matter of judicial record. But this is not why crimes of violence increase, especially the crime of murder. Nor, as a matter of fact, has homicide increased in this country anywhere near as much, in proportion to population, as the colonel asserts.

Murder in this country, Mr. McClure asserted, increased six times as rapidly as population from 1881 to 1896, going from one in 40,000 in 1881 to one in 6,500 in 1896, the United States now having ten times the number of murders per million population of any other civilized country. Washington, the "most criminal capital in the world," is such, said McClure, because its policing is done by amateurs under the political rewards system.

### SOME VERBAL JUGGLERY

In the above statement, the reforming colonel neglects to tell us anything about the murder record since 1896, though he does not hesitate to use the present tense concerning the number of murders "now" committed annually in this country.

### PANIC CAUSED HIGH MURDER RECORD

While it is true that there was an annual average of ten thousand or more murders or homicides during the panic years 1894-1897, in no single year since 1896 has the ten thousand mark been reached, though there has been an increase in our population from about seventy million in 1896 to about ninety millions in 1910. The annual average of homicides during the decade 1898-1907, according to the Chicago Tribune's records, which were the only figures available to Col. McClure, was 8,375; and the ratio fell from an annual average of 109.0 per one million of inhabitants for the three years 1902-1904, to 106.7 for the three years 1905-1907.

In 1909 the number of homicides recorded was 8,075, which still further reduces the ratio per 1,000,000 of inhabitants.

If poverty is the cause of crime, as the Socialists contend, it is important that we know for a certainty as to whether or not the crime wave rises and falls with varying economic conditions.

### U. S. HAS NO OFFICIAL RECORDS OF MURDER

In estimating the value of Editor McClure's remarks on the increase of murder in the United States, the fact should be borne in mind that this country shares with China and Switzerland the reproach of having no JUDICIAL statistics covering the entire

### "MERCHANT PRINCE" FOUND GUILTY OF ROBBERING PEOPLE

Must Serve Ten Months in Jail

FINE OF \$1,000 ALSO IMPOSED—PROSECUTOR ARRANGES HIM SEVERELY

GENESE, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Shortly before midnight tonight Henry G. Siegel, the New York merchant charged with grand larceny, was found guilty of a misdemeanor. The case went to the jury at 7:30 tonight.

"If Siegel had been an honorable man," Assistant District Attorney Arthur Train said, in closing for the state, "he would have gone into bankruptcy long ago. But he didn't. Instead, with his dirty enterprises in mind he allowed the 'middle class people' to put their money into his bank that he might flood it into his stores. Within eight days of his failure there was no shop girl's penny too insignificant to be placed in his hands."

Siegel was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine.

There you have the "class struggle" again.

Had Siegel been a wage earner, one of the clerks he mercilessly robbed, and had stolen 50 cents from the master's till, or a loaf of bread from a rich man's pantry, he would have been "sent across" for 20 years.

country, on which to base studies on the extent, cause and cure of homicide or murder. The distinguished gentleman's figures, which purport to do go beyond the year 1896, are based merely upon the homicide compilations of the Chicago Tribune, upon reports of homicides (not necessarily murders) published in the daily papers. The term murder cannot therefore properly be used in connection with the statistics quoted by the colonel for the reason that they include deaths due to criminal negligence, self-defense, etc. Nor do we know how much of the reputed "increase of murder" since 1882 was due to better news service, rather than to greater lawlessness. As an old-time newspaper man, Mr. McClure must be aware of this very important factor in such a discussion.

### COMPLETING THE COLONEL'S STATISTICS

The reason the colonel purposely omitted the homicide record since his chosen year of 1896, is because the panic years of 1895, '96, and '97, were also the years of maximum number of crimes of violence in the United States, the ratio of murders to total population rapidly declining with the return of "prosperity" for the bosses and steady work for the wage slaves. The number of homicides in each 1,000,000 of the population in 1895 and 1896 was 152. By 1907, when men did not have to rob and murder in order to live, the number of homicides had fallen to 100 in each one million of the population. As Editor McClure does not know the annual average ratio of deaths by homicide and murder in other "countries of the world," his assertion that the United States "has ten times the number of murders per million population of any civilized country" is pure bunk. Such statistics as are available for purposes of comparison afford no basis for such a conclusion. Much less do they lead us to infer that our deplorable record of murders is due to our policing being "done by amateurs under the political rewards system."

The crime statistics of Europe and South America show that the causes of grave criminality in those countries, as in this, are POVERTY AND ITS CONCOMITANT EVILS, namely, want and opulence, hunger and glut, over-work and idleness, worry and ennui, ignorance and false culture.

As an upholder of capitalism, as a Bull Moose, Colonel McClure must raise a sand-storm of petty political reforms and this can only succeed in blinding the unthinking populace to the real problem, THE ABOLITION OF POVERTY!

### AS TO WASHINGTON AND CRIME

Mr. McClure alleged that Washington is the "most criminal capital in the world, because its policing is done

### AS THE LAW WORKS WHEN WAGE SLAVES ARE THE VICTIMS

Insurgent Miners Are Given Long Prison Terms.

MAN WHO AIDED IN LOOTING MINERS' UNION HALL SAFE CONVICTED OF BURGLARY

BOZEMAN, Mont., Nov. 23.—John Foley, a Butte mine worker, was found guilty here today of burglary in that he assisted at dynamiting and looting a safe in the rioting at Butte last June. Four hours after the case was called Foley had been tried, convicted and sentenced to 20 months in the state penitentiary. He will be taken to Deer Lodge to join Michael McDonald and Joseph Badley, two mine workers sentenced Saturday night at Boulder to three and five years respectively for kidnaping and deporting three miners from Butte.

### PILCHUCK WENT RED

Hurrah for little old Pilchuck! Red? You know it.

When the mill boys and the farmers of Pilchuck precinct went to the polls November 3, they forgot all about voting for capitalist-class candidates, and when the ballots were extracted from the box they were of a color that would start a bull-moose, or any other bull, on the rampage.

### MUKILTEO ALSO WON

Our neighbor, Mukilteo, was inadvertently omitted from particular mention, but the workers there proved themselves to be thoroughly alive to their class interests, and piled up a good Red majority in the little old ballot box.

### OKLAHOMA GAINS 11,116

The Oklahoma Socialists made a great gain in votes. The vote for governor was: Dem., 100,773; Rep., 95,744; Socialist, 52,570; being a gain of 11,116 for the Socialists over 1912. The Socialists carried six counties: Beckman, Dewey, Harper, Major, Roger Mills, and Klowa.

by amateurs under the political rewards system."

This statement is not only misleading in inference, but absolutely false in point of fact.

First of all, Washington can boast of having for chief of police one of the most experienced and efficient officers in the United States, Major Richard Sylvester. Secondly, we need only mention the fact that whereas the annual average ratio of homicides per 100,000 in Washington, D. C., is 5.56, in Rome, Italy,—the home of religion and culture—the ratio of homicides is 14 per 100,000 of the population. We could mention at least a dozen other capitals of "civilized countries" whose crime record is still greater than Washington's. (Some of the large Italian cities have very low homicide records.)

One more point.

If Washington's record is due to "amateur police service," consequent upon political favoritism (in this case it could not be due to popular suffrage, since the Washingtonians do not vote for their administrative officials), how does the colonel account for the fact that the varying crime records of American cities bear no relationship to the method of choosing officials? Cities having the same form of political government exhibit a homicide record varying from 1.47 per 100,000 of population as in Milwaukee, to 19.69 per 100,000 as in San Francisco.

MORAL: The capitalist class and their apologists will find any excuse for the evils of present-day society, but the true cause, Robbery of the workers at the point of production!

### ONE MAY BEG FOR JUSTICE IN WHITE HOUSE BUT NOT DEMAND IT

President Exercises Regal Powers

GET ON YOUR KNEES OR GET OUT

In a contribution to The New York Call, comrade Joseph E. Cohen makes some timely observation on the incident mentioned in this paper last week, relative to the president getting huffy with Mr. W. M. Trotter, a delegate to the White House representing the negro race. Trotter, it will be recalled, dared to demand his rights, after a courteous petition had been denied, or evaded.

As comrade Cohen views the incident from an angle not treated in The Washington Socialist last week, we quote from his article a few paragraphs.

### NEITHER FAWNED UPON NOR OFFENDED

It has happened twice now that some one calling on the president of the United States, to present a petition for a redress of grievances, has acted in a way that seemed discourteous to him.

The first instance was that of a committee of women, when the spokesman proceeded to quiz the chief magistrate of the United States with regard to his opposition to equal suffrage. Since the president was dropped into a hole from which he could not lift himself by argument, he abruptly adjourned the meeting.

Similarly in the recent instance, when a committee of colored people called to protest against the segregation of their race in the offices of the federal departments. Once again the president was in an uncomfortable position and he dismissed his callers. There are cases when a little emotion, even passion, serves to emphasize a proposition. In fact, outside of hypocritical diplomatic circles, people are accustomed to adding color to their ideas by robust expression.

Two circumstances when committees might be pardoned for using some heat before the president of the United States are in the presentation of women's rights and the rights of the negro race. Both are disfranchised, not in merit, but because of a practice that shames our nation and is a disgrace to the president's party as being, in a great measure, responsible for it.

To be sure, the other dominant party, the republican party, is equally culpable. It has played the same game as the democratic party. It has never raised its voice to enfranchise the negro of the South, although it has been trading for more than half a century on its reputation of emancipating the chattel slave. Likewise has the republican party, when in power, ignored the right of woman to self-expression and self-rule.

### SEGREGATION IN SEATTLE

New Fire House May Be Manned by Negroes.

WHITE FIREMEN WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO WORK WITH BLACK

Sixty Seattle negroes are prepared to take the civil service examination for city firemen, according to I. F. Norris, transfer man, and one of the leaders of the people of his race.

"The negroes have no desire to mix with the white firemen," declared Norris, "but we are American citizens and taxpayers, and are entitled to representation in the city's service. Fire Chief Stetson has assured me he will do what he can to have the new fire house manned by a company of negroes, and Mayor Gill says he will call the civil service board to hold examinations of negroes to see if 16 men are available to take charge of the new house, under a white captain."

When the women and the negroes have their rights, and are equals with the rest of us in full-fledged citizenship, presidents may not be treated discourteously, since redress for grievances will be sought at the ballot box. But then it may also be that the president will have less patronage to distribute and he will neither be fawned upon nor offended.

### WORK OF SUPPLYING EVERETT WITH WATER FIT TO DRINK BEGUN

Kansas City Engineers to Be Employed

SULTAN BASIN CONSIDERED BY COMMISSIONERS AS BEST OBTAINABLE SOURCE

The firm of Burns & McDonnell, of Kansas City, will supervise the construction of Everett's new municipal water system. The big eastern firm was the unanimous choice of the commissioners at the council last Monday morning. The vote was, happily, unanimous. Though Commissioner Kelly had desired to delay matters until he saw there was no use for further bucking.

The company guaranteed to undertake the work within 10 days after the contract was awarded. Their representatives will confer with the commissioners regarding terms, and after that is agreed to actual work will start on the preparation of estimates and reports on available water supplies and appraisal of the present water system which the city will either purchase or obtain by condemnation proceedings in court.

Though the commissioners have not formally agreed it is known that they have practically decided on the Sultan basin system.

### FOR THE HOUSEHOLD — A TIMELY RECEIPE

Now that the winter days have set in, and the supply of Stone & Webster's celebrated health waters is abundant at a reasonable price per gallon, the following simple recipe for preparing these nutritious waters for table use is sympathetically submitted:

To an ordinary faucet attach the family flour sieve, turn on the water and allow it to flow through the wire netting into a pitcher, and place upon the table, ready for use. The animal and vegetable matter left in the flour sieve may then be placed in an iron kettle and used as a base for multi-gataway soup. If no flour sieve is available, an ordinary gravel sieve will help some. Try it and be convinced.

### UTAH SOCIALISTS MAKE GREAT ELECTION SWEEP

By MORTON ALEXANDER.

MYTON, Utah, Nov. 17.—Socialists of the new county of Duchere, at the first election held in this county last Tuesday, won a tremendous victory over both old parties by electing two commissioners, a county attorney and sheriff and coming within about 100 votes of electing their entire county ticket, including a representative in the legislature.

### SOCIALISTS IN PORTO RICO ELECT MAYOR

Porto Rico, the little tobacco-growing, sugar-growing, island off Cuba, has elected two Socialist candidates to office out of three nominated. This is the first general election the Socialists have participated in and the result is a Socialist mayor of the city of Arecibo, one of the seven largest cities on the island, and one Socialist to the house of representatives.

### FARMERS RALLY TO CAUSE

Although the Socialists put almost all their money and energy to work in the industrial centers, the election results show that the Socialist gains were mostly made amongst the farmers. What would have happened if the Socialists of the county had concentrated their propaganda efforts on the farmers can easily be surmised. It might be a good policy to change our tactics and put our energy to work in the rural districts, and leave Mr. Wage Worker in the hands of Mr. Policeman and his club.

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### CAPITALIST POLITICS IN EVERETT

Socialist Commissioner's Loyalty to Workers Meets Rebuke

BRIDGE TENDER INCIDENT REVEALS "CLASS STRUGGLE" IN A NUT SHELL

The numerous working-class bone-heads who vote on the "good man" theory, instead of along class lines, have had the Socialist principle of the "class struggle" illustrated fully and put into a nut shell by the acts of comrade J. M. Salter on the wage earner's side, and Clay and Kelly on the employer's, or taxpayer's side of the struggle.

Every effort made by the Socialist commissioner of public works to better the working conditions of labor in Everett, or to meet the prevailing union wage scale, has been hampered by the two taxpayers' commissioners, Clay and Kelly.

### AN EXAMPLE IN POINT

No sooner had comrade Salter established an eight-hour work day for the drawbridge tenders, when the two capitalists' representatives put their heads together to see how they could kill the proposition. Result (in a nut shell): The bridge will hereafter be worked on the contract system.

The highest bid is \$180 per month, and the lowest \$55.

There were only eighty-two jobless patriots bidding on the job.

Sure, "any man can get work who really wants it."

### KING COUNTY COMRADES WILL HOLD COUNTY FAIR DEC. 7 TO 12

WILL WIPE OUT CAMPAIGN DEFICIT AND HELP ON SCHOOL ELECTION EXPENSES

As a means of wiping out a deficit of \$75 incurred during the recent election campaign, and to cover any school election debts that may have been incurred, the comrades of King county are going to hold a regular old-time fair, at the Socialist temple, 711 Olive street, Seattle, beginning Monday evening, December 7, and closing Saturday evening, December 12.

Cider, big pumpkins, squashes, prize apples, and all the other time-honored ickits and muck-a-muck that go to the making of a real county fair will be in evidence. Socialists from adjacent territory or from afar will be welcome guests during the carnival of farm products and good fellowship.

The Washington Socialist wishes the Seattle comrades a good time and a full treasury as the result of their enterprise.

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## ORGANIZATION NEWS



We have several things to crow over this week. Among them is the fact that whereas we have been getting subs mostly for two-bits and four-bit terms now they are coming in for a dollar each in nearly every case. There are several reasons for this change for the better. One reason is undoubtedly the fact that many are afraid if they send in a two-bit sub they will be unable to dig up another two-bits when the sub expires and they don't want to go without this great home comfort and advertisers delight. Another reason is that they all realize we are turning out the best paper in this neck of the woods and they want to show their appreciation.

All that is now needed is for every comrade to place his shoulder to the wheel and boost the sub list from his neighborhood. After loosing about a thousand Socialist voters in this county on account of the closing of camps and mills, scattering the men and disfranchising them, we yet were able to show an increase in the straight Socialist vote of the county that is worth crowing over if we had nothing else.

F. G. CROSBY.

### RESULT OF MASS MEETING

A well attended mass meeting was held last Sunday evening at Socialist headquarters, 1612 California. John Warswick was chairman, and Peter Husby acted as pencil pusher.

The first matter to come before the body was the question of nominating a ticket for the coming school election. After listening to the arguments pro and con, it was decided not to enter the contest.

Commissioner Salter's request for the election of an advisory committee was taken up, with the result that the following comrades were elected to constitute said committee. From Local No. 1, R. J. Olinger, C. Solle, Frank Pickford, Peter Husby and John Warswick; Third Ward Local, John Campbell and comrade Anderson.

Another new member was added to the roster of Local No. 1 at their last meeting. It has been some time since they failed to take in from one to half a dozen at each meeting.

### "ONE MORE STEP TOWARD THE END"

Comrade Ida M. Raymond, state secretary of Mississippi, sends us a handkerchief which represents hours of hand work. She says, "Not one stitch do I consider lost, they being just one more step toward the end we are all striving after." The inclination to break into rhyme, seems to have spread even as far as Mississippi for she appends:

Stitch after stitch the work is done,  
Thus by effort after effort will success be won.

### A HENRY DUBB HANDKERCHIEF

When comrade Ryan Walker received an invitation and handkerchief poem, did he break into verse? He did not. But he did what only Ryan can do. He promptly wrote a note having a graceful little Henry Dubb, Jr., cartoon on one corner. Two days later comes a handkerchief, decorated with the same familiar Henry. Who will want the Henry Dubb handkerchief at our social,—to be held December 13? Now don't all speak at once.

### SOME VERSES AND A HANDKERCHIEF

Comrade Ella K. Stone sends us a beautiful embroidered handkerchief for our social, the design of which carries us back many years. With characteristic aptness she appends a short rhyme:

What will you give  
(That our paper may live)  
For this embroidered kerchief of silk?  
'Tho' quaint of design,  
(Of a now long-gone time)  
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### COMRADE EX-MAYOR DUNCAN INSPIRED BY HANDKERCHIEF SOCIAL IN EVERETT

Butte, Mont., Nov. 18, 1914.  
To the Women's Committee, Local Everett No. E, Everett, Wash.  
Yes, comrades dear, of Everett, I send a handkerchief, you bet;  
And hope that it will reach, by gosh!  
Some Henry Dubb who lives in Wash.

For when it reaches Henry's nose,  
'Tis certain that some good hard blows  
Will clear his head. This may assist  
To make the Dubb a Socialist.

But should this kerchief from these diggins  
Be purchased for some Jimmy Higgins,  
This, also, would the doner suit—  
A fitting link, 'twould be with Butte.

For Jimmy, there as here, I ween  
Has need to keep his flues real clean.  
The fuller, freer breath he draws,  
The abler fights he for The Cause.

Perchance some pampered bourgeois  
beak  
This linen fine is doomed to weak,  
Or, haply, some begrimed proboscis,  
Of proletarian genus, the nose is.

As Hamlet says "Aye, there's the rub,"  
But, turned-up, aquiline, or snub,  
Boots not the nose unless the owner  
Fulfills the wish I send—The Doner.

—LEWIS J. DUNCAN.

### THE WISH

Who buys this, buys the wish from me  
That he shall battle valiantly,  
To end the rule of greed and stealth,  
And usher in the commonwealth.

Where war and want shall plague no more,  
But peace and plenty bless each door;  
Where truth shall teach and justice reign,  
And freedom burst each captive's chain.

—L. J. D.

### EVERETT STUDY CLASS

Meeting called to order at 3 o'clock Sunday, November 22. Twenty-five members present. Book used for study, "What Socialism Is." First part of book, "How we explain people's actions," discussed. The terms good, bad, right and wrong are used in relation to our needs, at different times and in different places. Peoples ideas of right and wrong are based on their manner of getting a living.

There is no "absolute" good, bad, right or wrong. It is true today that the generally accepted standard of "morals" is that which best conforms to the interests of the capitalist class. Economic (meaning welfare of the individual) determinism or the materialist conception of history explains all man's activities, mental and physical, as resulting from the methods adopted in the production and distribution of wealth.

The classical history as taught in schools, etc., is a history of the deeds and misdeeds of kings, rulers and "great men." These "great men's" actions are supposed to be the cause of new institutions and systems coming into being where the real facts were that economic conditions resulting from the development of the means of life, instruments of production, brought about the changes in human society. A thorough understanding of the materialist conception of history enables the student to become aware of the hypocracies of the present system and thus makes him a conscious and intelligent instrument in the "final conflict" to the end that the machinery of wealth production shall be owned collectively by those who collectively use it.

Next Sunday the class will discuss, "Surplus Value." Come along and bring your friend.

H. W. WATTS,  
Chairman.

### MASS MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY EVENING

TO DISCUSS THE UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM

A meeting of the unemployed of Everett will be held in the Socialist hall, 1612 California street, Friday evening, at 8 p. m., November 27. The meeting will be held to discuss ways and means of solving the unemployed problem of this city. Everybody will be welcome. Platform will be open to any one who has a plan to suggest in aid of unemployed.

### OVER 1,000 IDLE MEN IN EVERETT

Jack Retlaw, an expert in relief work, finds that from 1,000 to 2,000 men are unemployed in Everett. Jack has been here for several days studying the unemployed problem.

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**WORKERS OF COLORADO GET WHAT THEY VOTED FOR**  
**STAGE SET FOR CIVIL WAR**  
**Dick Military Law Comes in Handy for What It Was Intended**

The working-class of Colorado have had many opportunities since the eventful days of 1906 in which to elect Socialists to state and national offices, and they miserably failed to vote for bona fide members of their class. They preferred "union labor" candidates on capitalist-class tickets. And they have always got the rinky-dink in return for their votes. Year after year they have been stung, and without afterwards dreading the stingers, as the proverbial child dreads the fire. Even during the recent election, aided and abetted by Mother Jones, they cast their votes against Socialist candidates, in favor of old party labor fakirs. And they will continue to reap what they have sowed, until, through the operation of the Dick military law, designed for protection against invasion by a foreign foe (?) they have their blockheads torn into splinters by the "citizen soldiery."

**GETTING READY FOR ACTION**  
 Last Monday the legislative committee which was appointed at the extra session of the general assembly, in May, to act in an advisory capacity to Gov. E. M. Ammons, brought in their report.

The report was submitted in response to a request from the governor for advice on "what should be done upon the withdrawal of federal troops."

**Free Speech Abolished.**  
 After urging the governor to advise the people of the state that the federal troops are to be withdrawn in a short time, the report suggests that he issue a proclamation commanding every person in the state to obey the law and refrain from all incendiary utterances.

In suggesting the subject matter of the proposed proclamation the report directs attention to that section of the state constitution which provides that members of the state militia shall consist of "all able-bodied males between the ages of 18 and 45, except those exempted by state or federal laws."

"Make it clear," the report says, "that each able-bodied man between the ages of 18 and 45 is, in fact, a member of the militia, and that if it becomes necessary he will be called into service."

It is further suggested that the governor make it clear that the state troops must be respected, if it again becomes necessary to use them, that the order prohibiting the sale and importation of liquor and sale or importation of firearms be continued and that he "firmly assume the responsibility" placed upon him.

The report is signed by S. J. Burris, George Stephen, J. F. Pearson, Chester B. Smedley, Siewers Fincher and W. D. Wright, jr., the members of the legislative committee, representing the democratic republican and progressive parties.

It will be noted that no Socialists were appointed on this advisory committee. Good reason,—the miners voted against the Socialist candidates throughout Colorado, wherever they voted at all. It should be said, however, that thousands of class-conscious workers, who would have voted a Red ticket, were deprived of their franchise by the owners of Colorado.

**NOTES FROM EVERYWHERE**  
 Tooele, Utah.—Alec J. Bevan has been elected to the state legislature of Utah.

Sumpter, Ore.—The Socialist vote increased 100 per cent at the last election.

Otisco, Ind.—Township trustee and assessor were elected by the Socialists.

Paducah, Ky.—The Socialists elected two justices of the peace and one constable.

Minidoka County, Idaho.—D. H. Gregory was elected sheriff and C. H. Burgher auditor.

West Point, Neb.—The Socialist candidate for police magistrate was elected by 95 votes.

Vivian, Okla.—Socialists elected one county commissioner and two justices of the peace.

Murchison, Texas.—The Socialist vote here was doubled and several Socialist precinct officials elected.

Curry County, New Mexico.—W. C. Tharp was elected to the state legislature on the Socialist ticket.

Butler County, Ohio.—The Socialist vote increased in every precinct in Oxford township, and the final returns show a gain of 76 straight Socialist votes in the township.

Shattuck, Okla.—A Socialist commissioner was elected in Ellis county in the Second district and the Socialist candidate in the First district only lacked three votes of being elected.

**RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS IN PLOT TO OVERTHROW AUTOCRACY**  
**CZARDOM SUFFERS SHOCK**

PETROGRAD, via London, Nov. 23.—It is semi-officially announced that the police have discovered a revolutionary plot in which several members of the duma are involved. A number of arrests have been made. The semi-official statement says:

"At the beginning of the war most of the Russian people were conscious of the necessity of defending the dignity and integrity of the fatherland, and were unanimous in assisting the authorities in the accomplishment of the tasks incurred by the operations of war. An altogether different attitude was observed by some members of the Social-Democrat association, which continued an activity aiming at the downfall of Russia's military power by means of an anti-war agitation, the distribution of secret proclamations and the conducting of propaganda by word of mouth.

"The government in October learned of a plan to convoke a secret conference of delegates of the Social-Democratic organizations to discuss measures aiming at the ruin of the Russian state and the speedy realization of revolutionary plans.

"On November 17 the police discovered that a meeting of the said conference was to be held in a house in Viborg road, eight miles from Petrograd. A detachment of police arrived on the scene and found there eleven persons, including the following members of the duma: MM. Petravsky, Badayeff, Mouranoff, Samanoeff and Chagoff.

"There being no doubt as to the anti-government object of the conference the members of the meeting were arrested after a search with the exception of members of the duma, who were released. An examining magistrate was intrusted with the inquiry and immediately opened an investigation. Having examined the documents seized in the raid, the magistrate drafted an indictment against all the members of the conference under article 102 of the penal code and issued warrants for their arrests."

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**COLONY VOTED SOCIALIST**  
 Socialists of the newly established town of Llano, Cal., gave a demonstration of solidarity that astounded the election officials who counted the ballots in the Palmdale voting precinct. There are 75 registered voters in the Llano del Dio co-operative colony and every one registered as a Socialist. Many of them are new arrivals and some are from other states so they were not eligible to vote at the November election. There were 40 eligible and these went to the polls and voted solidly for the Socialist candidates and for the eight-hour day.

Avery, Iowa.—The towns of Avery, Hiteman and Hynes, of Monroe county, Iowa, have elected all Socialist officials.

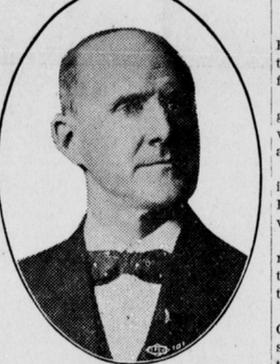
Boston, Mass.—The Socialist party gained about 1,500 votes in the state which makes it a legal party hereafter.

Boise, Idaho.—Out of 29 votes polled in High Valley precinct, Boise county, Idaho, 22 of them were Socialist votes.

Smith County, Kansas.—Fred Lennigen was elected on the Socialist ticket as township trustee in Banner township.

Buenna Precinct, Kings, Wash.—One justice of the peace and one constable were elected on the Socialist ticket.

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Many locals throughout the state have already arranged with comrade John DeQuer for one or all of his illustrated science and sociology lectures, to be given during the winter. His plan of giving a dollar's worth of Washington Socialist cards for every dollar taken in on the lectures is much appreciated by comrades who wish to keep up an unceasing educational and propaganda campaign from now until November, 1916! That's the spirit that wins, and makes a winning stick. As comrade DeQuer said in his announcement last week:

"The success or failure of Socialism depends to a great extent upon the quality, as well as upon the quantity of the Socialists. Education of the masses is absolutely essential to the permanency of our success. Years of experience as an active worker and teacher of the Socialist cause has convinced me of this beyond a shadow of a doubt. Education must take the place of ignorance among the workers upon, not only economic, but upon many vital problems that affect life, its history and its relation with, and to, the universe about them."

Comrades or locals who desire further information regarding this work should communicate at once with State Secretary L. E. Katterfeld, 315 Commerce Building, Everett, Wn.

**EDUCATION OR ELIMINATION WHICH?**  
 By JOHN DeQUER

Must the mass of humanity be exterminated?  
 Can they be organized and educated in sufficient numbers to readjust society?  
 When Harvey discovered the circulation of the blood, it is said that no physician over thirty years of age accepted it as a fact.  
 "It is difficult to free fools from the chains they revere," said Voltaire. "A class government can never be more than a benevolent despotism."  
 "Men in earnest have no time to waste in patching fig leaves for the naked truth."—Lowell.  
 "Naked Truth"—like a fabled god, men look upon it and die. It is the one real Gorgon that turns the beholder into a stone. Truth, merciless and unrelenting, is man's friend, though it often acts as an enemy. Truth is relative to all things, even to a lie. The truth about political reform is that it flies in the face of nature and tries to preserve conditions that are dying, and for the good of the race ought to be dead, and their funeral forgotten.  
 It is a consummation devoutly to be wished.  
 Can Labor become the social owners and democratic managers of the forces of production and distribution? Yes. But will they? Ah, that is another question. Some people think that labor will not and cannot, because they have not only been educated to slavery, but they have been bred to it. As a noted capitalist said, Socialism in itself is inevitable, but it would be inaugurated only after the mob having grown useless through the passing of the world market, would have been set against each other and mutually exterminated. "The laboring function when civilization, the machine state, is universally established. Then the markets are gone. And so is the function of the wage earner. He becomes the useless debris of society and must be destroyed before the world can advance. He holds rather a gloomy prospect before the working class. And what is worse he backs up his assertions with a wealth of historical, biological, economic, and political data, that command and hold the attention.  
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**POLITICIANS DON'T LIKE WASHINGTON SOCIALIST**

Last week the editor of The Washington Socialist was honored by a visit from a United States postoffice inspector, accompanied by our local assistant postmaster. It was intimated that not everything published in our columns was satisfactory to the government authorities. Particular mention was made of a communication published in this paper months ago, which, the inspector said, might be construed as inciting to violence. We challenged this point of view, referring to the letter itself as being rather in the nature of a protest against lawlessness and violence than an incitation thereto.

As the Tribune remarked in another connection, under date of November 15th: "The best guarantee against aggression, the best assurance that \* \* \* our rights and honor will be respected, \* \* \* is that we are in a situation to vindicate our reputation and interests. While we may afford to be deficient in the means of offense, we cannot afford to be defenseless. The notoriety of the fact that we have neglected the ordinary precautions of defense invites \* \* \* at injustice, arrogance, and insult," at the hands of law-defying corporations and their murderous hirelings.

Upon the inspector's request, we put our views in writing, as given in the letter below.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR**

Everett, Wash., Nov. 14, 1914.  
Mr. E. T. Pinkham,  
Postoffice Inspector,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:  
Some discussion having arisen as to the purpose of a letter written to the Washington Socialist by one D. H. Fedderson, of Freeland, this state, I wish to call your attention to the fact that our correspondent suggested merely that the workers of the United States exercise their constitutional right to acquire and keep arms for the protection of their homes against the invasion of lawless thugs and gunmen under the pay and control of private individuals and anarchistic corporations. The object of this suggested arguing of the wage-slave element was clearly stated in the aforementioned letter; namely, that violence and rapine on the part of thugs and gunmen might be DISCOURAGED. The motive is clearly stated as being an effort to preserve law and order, rather than to stimulate riot and violence.

It may be well to add that the OCCASION for Fedderson's epistle to the Washington Socialist was the murderous and wholly lawless series of acts of violence perpetrated by the strike-breakers and plug-uglies of West Virginia and Colorado, along with the failure of the state, or federal, government to protect the defenseless men, women and children of the mining regions from outrage, assault, murder and incarceration, committed in the interest of the profit-mongers of those states.

Very truly yours,  
MAYNARD SHIPLEY,  
Editor Washington Socialist.

**WHO IS "US"?**  
**DID YOU MISS ANY CHANGE, NEIGHBOR?**

"The Mexicans may have been learning self-government since Old Man Diaz left, but incidentally they have caused a loss of several billion dollars to U. S. citizens which makes the education rather expensive—to us."—Tribune.

**A METROPOLITAN CITY**

Everett will soon rise to the dignity of a rich metropolitan city; it has a large and substantial unemployed problem, a busy charity organization, an "industrial survey" has been made, and a bread line and free soup houses are under consideration.

**SUGGESTION FOR DAILIES**

We suggest the following standing heading for the use of daily papers for the ensuing six months: **Declisive Battle is On At—**

**THE MORNING TRIBUNE PUBLISHES INFLAMMATORY EDITORIALS**

**POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR, PLEASE NOTE**

When the postoffice inspector visited the editorial offices of The Washington Socialist last week, he did not intimate that what made the capitalist politicians sore on us was the effective antidote this paper is supplying to counteract the evil effects of trading-class miseducation, school-room hypnotism, and capitalist-press chloroform. No. The gentleman suggested that some of our printed matter might incite to riot and violence, or civil war.

As a matter of fact, the U. S. post-office, or the government, is by no means opposed to force and violence, or even civil war, if used, or waged, in the interest of the exploiters, the capitalist class. The coal barons of Colorado, and West Virginia, have defied the laws of this country with impunity for years, under both republican and democratic rule, inciting to riot and violence, and perpetrating the unspeakable crime of murdering and burning defenseless women and children. And they are still doing business at the same old stand.

President Wilson will not "take over the mines and operate them in the name of the people." President Wilson is in Washington to do the business required by the Dominant Business Interests of this country. "The people" is a myth.

If the Rockefeller and their class need lawlessness and violence in their business of profit-mongering, they'll resort to it, if they have to call in the state militia to do the job.

Then the victims, will be tried (are being "tried") for the murders perpetrated by the corporation's tools. What the postoffice, or the government, or the politicians, object to is violence or lawlessness, or the exercise of brute force, on the part of the wage-slave element, even if resorted to only in self-defense, against the lawless brutes hired by the law-and-order gentry.

Last week we called attention to the fact that a large part of the subsidized press of this country is every day sending out through the mails matter tending to incite to race-hatred, riot, and murder: in the interest of CAPITAL!

Ah! that's different. We are a nation of property worshippers. We measure every man's worth either by what we can make out of him in the way of profits, or else by how much he owns. Never do we estimate a man by what he is, by what his ideals are, or by what he most admires and aspires to.

When we say a man is "worth" so much, we say he is worth so many dollars. And if he is "worth" enough of them he may say and do as he pleases, and his name will still be whispered in awe and reverence as he strides into the restaurant, theatre, or church. And he can incite to all the lawlessness he desires, with impunity, defying the laws of both his God and man. So can the papers he, and his class, control. Witness the paragraph below, inciting to violence and murder, from the Everett Morning Tribune, of November 20.

We seemed to have guessed all wrong again about that peace business down in Mexico. There will be no permanent peace there until this country finds nerve enough to force it upon the Mexicans.

**AND THERE WILL BE NO POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR OBJECTING**

Here we have an unequivocal incitation to murder—and ultimately to robbery: for the annexation of Mexico is the secret design of the interests behind both jingo newspapers and the government. These sinister interests ARE the government, a fact affirmed time and time again even on the floor of congress. If they want war, there'll be war.

As stated above, since the postoffice does not object to violence and murder in themselves, but merely when force is used by the wage-slave element in defense of their legal rights, as against the superior rights (?) of capital, there will be no visit of in-



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**FOR EDITOR McCLURE**

"What kind of teachers would we have if the people went to the polls every two years and selected them from a long list of democratic or republican or some other kinds of teachers?"

Easily answered, colonel. If they were selected from "a long list of democratic or republican teachers," they would be Dubbs of the first water, "blind leaders of the blind."

If they were selected from a list of Socialist teachers, no mistake could be made, since one cannot be a teacher and a Socialist without being progressive, intelligent, wide-awake, and well informed. As for the routine work, the state's certificate will be accepted as evidence of proper preparation along commonplace lines.

**O THOU RARE JEWEL!**

"Japan's theory of Asia for the Asiatics is all right if she will see that it is carried through logically and the Asiatics remain in Asia."

So says a scribe for a local daily. Now if the gentleman really admires logic, why see the mote in his brother's eye and behold the beam in his own?

If our Monroe doctrine is based upon the slogan "America for the Americans," what business have we to gobble up the Philippines, in the sphere of the Asiatics?

Consistency, thou art indeed a rare jewel!

spectors to the Tribune editorial sanctum.

**A COOL PROPOSAL**

The proposal that the owners of the United States declare war on Mexico, and send peace-loving Americans into that country to "acquire" more mines and oil wells and cattle ranges, etc., for the plutocracy of this country, is a very cool proposal,—a sort of cold-blooded murder and robbery proposition. Of course it is the wage-slave element that would be impressed into the service of brigands of the Tribune owners' type. Not one of these velvet-handed gentry would shoulder a gun and go into Mexico to do the murdering and plundering in person. Oh! no. He might get hurt. And there are plenty of bone-heads who will "rally to the colors" and Standard \$15.00 a month "and found"—most of them dead.

This is certainly some scabbing on the city thugs, who charge John Deere \$6 a day for gun work. But, of course, they are professional man-woman and child killers, and are thoroughly equipped for preserving "law and order" for the owners of Colorado, West Virginia, Michigan, and other private domains of King Capital and his lords of finance.

When war with Mexico is eventually provoked, we would turn out with pleasure to escort our warlike editor of The Tribune to the troop-train, or transport, and gladly bid him farewell. But no doubt our patriotic war fomenters would fall back on the time honored maxim that the pen is mightier than the sword. At any rate, it is safer, and "financially more profitable."

**WHAT WAR IS FOR BRAZENLY ADMITTED BY THE TRIBUNE**

**WILL THE WORKERS BE THE CATS' PAWS?**

"It is our duty to see that while we are capturing the trade of the world we prepare ourselves for defending it, holding it."—Tribune.

Long before any framed up "insult to the flag," "assault upon American citizenship" excuse for grabbing a neighboring territory is slipped over on the befuddled public, the economic basis for war is brazenly played up to soothe the easily-quieted consciences of the profit-mongering class—the Brotherhood of Capitalists. It would not do to provoke hostilities before the middle class profit-mongers are convinced that war would mean business advantages to "our country."

Now listen! When a school teacher who is intelligent enough, and knows enough, to be a Socialist tells his pupils what the revolutionary war was really fought over, or why the civil war occurred, or the Spanish-American war, his economic interpretation of these bloody clashes of the trading and manufacturing classes is resented as contrary to the Book Trust's teachings: as "teaching Socialism in the public schools." Which, of course, simply means that the teacher refused to lie about our worthy forefathers as being made of any better clay, say, than the editor of the Tribune, or the head of the school book trust.

Now comes our worthy "contemporary," on the morning of November 19th (Thursday) and makes a clean breast of the whole matter, acknowledging the truth of our contention; namely, that all modern wars (if not all wars) are fought for purely mercenary ends, with patriotism merely as a sop to the foolish; so that they will go out to battle, under the influence of this sort of hashish, and kill unoffending neighbors, because their own exploiters need the neighbor's property in their business.

There is no crime a Christian or Pagan nation would hesitate to commit for profit; for gold is the universal good before whom they all do real heart and soul worship. The present carnage and pillage in Europe attest the truth of this statement, as does every page of truthfully written history.

And the Tribune agrees with the Washington Socialist, for once, in admitting that the reason it calls so loudly for a greater army and navy is for the protection of trade—for the profit-mongers.

First the patriotic working-class is forced on pain of death to produce wealth which they will not be permitted to consume; and then when the wealth which the workers produce and are not permitted to consume overflows the warehouses and store-rooms of "their country (?)" they are turned out on the streets to beg, starve, or steal, or—as a last resort—join the army or navy. Then they are sent out to get shot full of holes while trying to secure a "fence" for those who robbed them of their goods

**SOMEWHAT PARADOXICAL**

A press dispatch informs us that the youth who murdered a young lady in Portland, Ore., because she rejected his proposal of marriage, had delayed the commission of his crime since last July, having in view the probable abolishment of the death penalty in that state in November by referendum vote. The next sentence in the news item states that this same Tronson "is held in jail under close guard to frustrate any possible attempts at self-destruction." And here is the concluding paragraph: "Another determination, he said, had he escaped apprehension, was to kill himself on the very spot where he had killed the girl."

Thus does the fear of death (!) deter men from crime. Surely the death penalty should be preserved as a deterrent for would-be murderers. It's so effective!

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and chattels. The bosses call this thieving, murderous business, "finding a market for our surplus products." It's also finding a trench to bury the mutts in who produced the goods, then voted them to the bosses, and finally offer up their fool lives helping their exploiters to get away with the swag.

**WHO ARE THE GOATS?**

"Will we be the goat?" The Tribune thus captions the article above referred to.

Well, not the "we" that the Tribune has in mind.

The We-us-and-Co. our worthy editor had in mind were the bosses. Will they be "the goat?" Well not as any one has so far recorded in recent history: not when it cost only a quartette singing "Just Before the Battle Mother" and \$15 per month to get some Henry Dubb to ornament a barbed-wire entanglements with his carcass.

Now for a few candid remarks from "contemporary," and we'll close, hoping our readers will all keep well and whole when the trumpet calls for volunteers:

**WAR FOR TRADE**

It is doubtful if one-tenth of the people in this country know what the present great war in Europe is being fought about. There is just one reason why men are being killed by the thousand, why cities are being ruined, countries laid waste and millions of women and children left destitute, why the countries at war will for years to come be smothered under a burden of taxation that will render life hardly worth the living. The one great reason why this frightful devastation of life and property has come upon Europe is trade rivalry. It is worth repeating. Trade rivalry. The nations of Europe are jealous the one of the other for each desires above all things to be the master of the trade of the world. The desire is so consuming that the nations do not hesitate to sacrifice the lives and happiness of many millions of people and the wealth of two generations to satisfy their mad ambitions.

May we not draw somewhat of a warning from the statements in the two preceding paragraphs? By the time Europe is settled down again the United States will be the leading commercial nation of the world. We will have the trade of the world—the very thing that all of Europe is now fighting for. Is it reasonable to expect that the winners of the present conflict will, after all of the sacrifices entailed, be willing to see the prize for which the war was fought slip through their fingers—to see the rich trade of the earth, for which billions have been spent in lives and money, slide peacefully into the arms of this nation and remain there unmolested? It can hardly be expected that such will be the case. Therefore it is our duty to see that while we are capturing the trade of the world we prepare ourselves for defending it, holding it, not against the rivalries of foreign manufacturers and producers but against the arms of the nations who are now fighting each other for just that trade. It is our destiny to become the greatest trade nation, but we must be prepared with our army and navy to defend ourselves against those who do not hesitate to send armies into the field and ships over the ocean to fight for what we will have, trade. If we are not prepared by the time Europe makes peace there may be another devastating war, and when it comes we will be "the goat."

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