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WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR AMERICAN. YOU HAVE A WORLD TO WIN

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BEFUDDLED MR. WILLIS

Calls for the Wrong Protest

A CORRECTION AND A REMEDY

In an exciting letter to the Everett Morning Tribune, of December 20, one R. H. Willis throws a fit over the damage done "the thousands of unemployed men who have been thrown out of employment by the curtailment of production caused by the enormous increase of imports into this country from British Columbia mills and the consequent loss of markets for lumber and shingles heretofore supplied by American mills and manufactured by our own citizens."

Mr. Willis further points out that British Columbia mills have sold, in markets belonging to our mills, "during the first nine months of operation of the present tariff, 326,633,075 more shingles and 10,169,899 feet more lumber than in the same time in the year before."

"This certainly means," says Mr. Willis, "that our mills have had to curtail their production just that much and therefore lay off the men who would otherwise have been employed if this output had remained with us."

We Socialists do not, as a rule, argue with non-Socialists over the tariff question; but this shingle-and-lumber-tariff controversy comes straight home to the most vulnerable of the Northwest, namely, his stomach. The lumber jack and the mill man finds himself out of work. A gink comes along with a bunch of tariff junk and some import statistics, and the jobless man who, a moment previously, was a Socialist ticket from president to constable, falls for the republican proctor doctor who would restore prosperity in this country by killing off the industries of a neighboring ("Christian") province. Therefore we feel impelled to answer this Willis communication and his call for protests to President Wilson to "let him see the damage his tariff has caused this state." We are the more willing to embrace this opportunity to clarify this situation with some Socialist reasoning in that the incident will serve as an example, or illustration, of the proper view of the tariff question as a whole, anywhere, at any time.

THE FIRST POINT

The first point we would have our readers bear in mind is this: The statistics furnished by our consul at Vancouver do not state that the shingles and lumber which were shipped into the United States from British Columbia were to remain in markets formerly controlled by mills of this state. If we are not very much mistaken, a very large portion of the shipments into this country were destined for Canadian markets via our railroads.

WORTH CONSIDERATION

It is true that Eastern dealers are not buying shingles and lumber from Washington mills because they can be purchased cheaper from Canadian producers, and that "President Wilson's tariff," owing to "thousands of workers of the Northwest have thereby been thrown out of employment, then the whole problem resolves itself to this: lumber and shingle dealers are as heavy purchasers now as before "Wilson's tariff," the cause of unemployment in Washington being therefore due only to the fact that the workers of British Columbia have the jobs formerly held down by Yankee wage-slaves.

SOME DIFFICULTY HERE

While this is the logical conclusion to which republican tariff tinkers would drive the conscientious student, no one knows better than Mr. Willis and the Washington mill owners that the lumber and shingle business of the Middle West and East is dead, and has been dead for some time, even previous to the Wilson tariff. We have read in the Tribune time and again—and so has Mr. Willis—that the stocks in the Eastern yards, and elsewhere, are the lowest that they have been for years, owing to the fact—not that the dealers are buying cheaper from British Columbia than from Washington,—that building operations have been virtually at a standstill for months: shingles and lumber are not being bought in the markets of this country; therefore they are not being sold. And therefore the wage-slaves of the Northwest are out of work because the people of the United States cannot buy lumber to build homes, barns, fences, furniture, etc., etc., tariff or no tariff.

IMPROVED CHRISTMAS

By D. M. S.

There's a better Christmas coming
In the future, not remote,
When the men who wield the hammer
Also learn to wield the vote;
By the signs and by the tokens
It is now upon the way.
There's a better Christmas coming
And we'll have it every day.

There's a better Christmas coming
When the men who hold the plow
Learn to hold a few opinions
That are foreign to them now.
And some mighty rural rumblings
Warn us it is drawing near,
There's a better Christmas coming
And we'll have it all the year.

There's a better Christmas coming
As the working men advance,
One where charity is banished
And where justice gets a chance.
When from poverty the nations
Have removed the smart and sting,
There's a better Christmas coming
And 'twill be a steady thing.

A MINIMUM WAGE IS ESTABLISHED

OLYMPIA, Dec. 21.—The minimum wage commission today established \$10 as the weekly minimum wage for men and women employed in offices in any kind of clerical work. This will be effective February 20. Eight dollars was established as the minimum for office boys and girls between 16 and 18 and \$6 for both sexes under 16. The hearing of hotel employers on chambermaid wage regulation proposed by the recent conference will be held here December 28. It appears probable that the recommendations that women be barred from employment as cigar clerks in hotels will be ignored, although such a ruling may be made for minor girls.

AND WHY NOT?

Why can't the people of the United States build homes and barns and buy furniture, and the thousand other wood products whereof they have need? This is the question to which Mr. Willis,—if he is not a republican politician,—should address himself. And it is the only question which is of any interest or importance to the working class.

THE REASON WHY MEN ARE IDLE

Now, Mr. Willis, we'll tell you, and all others of your superficial way of thinking, why the mills of the Northwest are idle and thousands of men unemployed, homeless, hungry, penniless, outcasts. It is not because of "President Wilson's tariff." It is not because of successful competition of British Columbia mills. There is much unemployment in British Columbia—conditions are as bad there as here. Mr. Willis knows this; or ought to know it. The reason the lumber and shingle mills are idle, or working only on half-time, or 50 per cent of capacity, is because of the great army of jobless men and women in industries which no one pretends are stagnant because of the Wilson tariff. Mr. Willis knows this, also; or ought to know it. And the reason millions of men, women and children are jobless and penniless in the United States is CAPITALISM! That's it—CAPITALISM! Because Capitalism is a system of legalized robbery, depending upon an ever-expanding market for its continuance, and can only close down when it can't expand, since they who are the wealth-producers cannot be the wealth-consumers, under Capitalism.

In next week's issue of this paper we propose to show that the men of our mills are unemployed because they, and wage workers everywhere, are deprived of jobs by reason of the TARIFF ON LABOR, collected from all wage earners at the point of production, in their pay envelopes.

THE ONLY PROTEST THAT CAN BE OF ANY VALUE TO THE WAGE WORKERS OF THE UNITED STATES IS THE PROTEST AT THE BALLOT BOX AGAINST THE ROBBERY IN THE PAY ENVELOPES OF THE WORKERS OF THE UNITED STATES. THAT ROBBERY WILL CEASE, AND UNEMPLOYMENT WILL CEASE TO BE A PROBLEM, WHEN THE USERS OF THE MACHINERY ARE ALSO THE OWNERS THEREOF—AND THIS MEANS SOCIALISM.

ARE ALL THESE WORKERS HIT BY CANADIAN SHINGLES?

THE UNEMPLOYED ARMY

CHICAGO—109,000 wage earners are jobless.
PHILADELPHIA—100,000 unemployed. City raised \$50,000 to relieve suffering until January 1. Will need \$250,000 more.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—15,000. Industries hit harder than at any time since the panic of 1893.

TEXAS—The south is in the worst financial condition since the early nineties and unemployment is greater in Texas states than ever in the history of the state. Dallas has 5,000 unemployed. Wages have been greatly slashed.

ST. LOUIS—The city is swamped with unemployed. A free soup kitchen has been opened by the city and 2,000 a day are being fed.

BOSTON—The calls from employers for help show a decrease of 42 per cent from that of the corresponding month of last year.

DAYTON, O.—Homeless unemployed overrun the city. A new municipal lodging house supplies the men with a "hop," a cup of coffee and a few rolls a day for which they work half a day for the city.

OAKLAND, Cal.—California is confronted with the worst unemployed problem in its history and all the ordinary methods of meeting the question have broken down.

MINNEAPOLIS—About 25,000 men are idle here. City authorities up in the air.

NEW YORK.—The mayor states, in a letter to Judge Gary, who has since been appointed chairman of a committee on unemployment with 78 others, that unemployment "is a persistent, chronic condition" and asks to what extent this condition can be "minimized by the co-operative effort of business men."

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—About 5,000 workers are idle here. Never before in their history have the local charitable agencies and municipal authorities received so many appeals for assistance.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The discovery that a large number of children in the city schools are literally starving, has led to a demand that school lunches be provided. The unemployed problem is intense.

READING, Pa.—The city council have taken advantage of the workless men by employing them at 17½ cents an hour whereas the usual wage is 25 cents.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—I. N. Hanson, head of the charities association, says the best way to solve the unemployed problem is to "employ a man a day."

TEACHERS REPORT 5,426 CHILDREN UNDERFEED

More than 5,000 child students of New York's public schools suffer from lack of sufficient food, according to estimates of their teachers. Reports from 286 principals placed the number at 5,426.

An elaborate series of suggestions for aiding these youngsters is being prepared for submission to the city. Most of the hungry little ones come from the East Side.

FACE STARVATION

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21.—Unless relief on a large scale comes to the Ohio coal mine strike region within seven days, thousands of striking miners and their families will face starvation at Christmas time. Twenty thousand children are on the verge of starvation.

Wheat exports of 1914 will total 80,000,000 bushels more than 1913.

If England had a land-going navy or Germany a sea going army, things might be different.—Chicago News.

HER PREFERENCE

Before the fire Christmas eve two old maids were planning for the holiday.

"Sister Molly," said the younger, "would a long stocking hold all you'd want for a Christmas gift?"

"No, Elvira," said the elder, "but a pair of socks would."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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SOME DREAMING!

AN EPISODE IN THE TRAGEDY OF CAPITALISM

(By One of the Cast.)

I am indeed pleased that the state has gone dry. The saloon was an awful nuisance. The cause in fact of much misery.

I broke a man to come in from the harvest fields, with six dollars and eighty cents in his pockets, and after he had rented a room, got a bath, a shave, a suit of clothes, and a clean handkerchief—do you know that on account of these dreadful saloons that man was actually broke inside of two weeks from the day that he struck town.

Broke—he wandered up and down the streets of Spokane. In the biting cold of the inland winter, he was hunting for a job, until he was worn out with the strain. Then he began to look for something to eat and a place to sleep. All to no avail. When he had money he was a slave; now that he is broke he is a bum.

Conventional morality had robbed him of the necessary courage to take. Therefore he did the next worst thing, he went to a Gospel Mission. Here he was offered "coffee and," as a reward for enduring the prayers and the preaching, as well as the testimonials of the ones that had already been saved from common sense.

He now hears a brother tell how good he was at his mother's knee; then how bad he became when he left home; and then after taking a dose of Missiona Lunatica how good he is now.

Next, some old lady will arise and tell the crowd how bad she was once; how good she is, twice as much as she ever was. And to a man who is not absolutely starved, so that he has some idea of age, the cause of the boasted goodness is very, very evident. The holy show, goes on until the spier suddenly implores you to get saved. Come to Jesus just now. Our man is there for the first time. He sees the joke, but needs the coffee-aid. He stays.

At last the prayers are over and the crowd is lined up for the coffee-aid. Of course our man is lined up on the side of the sinners, duly separated from the saved. Dividing the sheep from the goats, as it were. They call the saved sheep. I do not know why they call them sheep, unless it is to substantiate what the sheep-herders tell us: that the sheep is the stupidest animal in creation.

Thus our man is found duty it is to see that he is kept in line, as a neighbor next to him says: "Weren't yuh here last night?"

"Yes."
"You can't come tomorrow unless you get saved."
"Alright."

Of course he will say "alright," no matter what he does. Though the sinner is small, and the coffee has pinky, yet he needs it, O he needs it, every hour he needs it, and he gets it only once a day, even if his luck is good.

He will be there, no doubt. And he will get saved if the weather is cold enough—the temperature has a remarkable effect on the flow of God's grace.

The name of our man is I. M. Broke. The Christian now approaches Broke: "Your first night here, eh?"

Bobbing motion of the head, indicating affirmation.
The Christian observes that Broke, unlike the others, does not have the customary newspaper in his pockets. Newspapers are used by the unemployed in lieu of beds. Large capitalistic dailies are always in demand regardless of date, as bedding for boys. You do not know how good they are until you have tried them.

The Christian addresses Broke: "You have no paper, I see?"

"No."
"I will give you one after service, it will keep your clothes from being soiled by the box car floor."

"Be sure to get back here tomorrow and get saved"—and if the wind is cold enough he will. After a stormy night in a box car Broke is ready for anything.

British-German Friendship Society in London has dissolved; just when it is needed most.—St. Louis Globe, Democrat.

Gold and Power are the chief causes of war.—Tacitus.

WORKERS OF CENTRALIA WAGE GREAT BATTLE FOR LABOR'S RIGHTS

Fight of Wage Workers on Since August 3rd.

EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION UP AGAINST IT

The union haters' association, worse known as the Employers' association, started a fight in Centralia last summer on the union timber workers. They are determined to reduce the wage slaves of the lumber and shingle industry to virtual peonage. But they have struck the wrong bunch of workers for the carrying out of their "un-American" plans. The boys in that neck of the woods know that if the wage earners are to retain their self-respect and a fairly decent standard of living they must fight for their rights. So a strike was called last August, the 3rd, and the battle is still on, with no sign of compromise on either side.

In a communication to the Washington Socialist, comrade W. H. Stackhouse says:

The strikers are showing a cool headed, determination to fight it out to the bitter end. No struggle that has occurred in the timber industry in recent years has developed such a fine solidarity as has this struggle. Morning, noon and night a picket line is maintained around the mill. Men, women and children line up and make life a misery to the scabs.

All the 125 men involved are Americans, natives of Missouri. They are practically all married men and permanent residents of the town, some of them have worked as long as 12 years for this mill company.

The Commercial club and the city commission are working against the strikers. At the behest of the Eastern Railway & Lumber Co., the city commission is about to pass an anti-picketing ordinance. The strikers have passed a resolution declaring they will not observe any ordinance that will prevent their picketing.

In the course of the next few days things will come to a head. Keep your eye on Centralia.

Yours,
W. H. STACKHOUSE.

BIG DEATH RATE IN THE UNITED STATES MINES

WASHINGTON.—Three thousand six hundred and fifty-one men killed and 100,000 injured is the casualty list of American mines and quarries last year, according to the report just issued by the United States bureau of mines.

This was a death rate of 3.49 in every 1,000 of the 1,047,010 men employed. Such a death rate, said Director Joseph A. Holmes, of the bureau, is "excessive and unnecessary and a discredit to the industry and the country."

"We stand aghast at the slaughter in Europe as reports reach us concerning the war that is raging," said Dr. Holmes, "yet to me this report on the deaths in one year of 3,651 men engaged in a peaceful industry is quite as discreditable. When we consider that this record is being repeated year after year, the very thought of it becomes appalling. In the last three years the mines and quarries of the United States have swallowed up 10,487 lives and have incapacitated, temporarily at least, a quarter of a million men."

"I believe I am conservative when I say that half of the 3,651 men killed in 1913 might have been saved and three-fourths of the 100,000 injured in the same year might have escaped injury had the various agencies involved done their full duty."

We are not concerned about empty stockings but empty heads. If you know of one, make him a Christmas present of a ticket to the Debs lecture. Tickets 25c. Reserved seats 50c.

An audience that covered over one hundred acres in Chicago heard Debs. The largest audience ever gathered to hear one man. Debs speaks in Everett, January 24, 1915. Tickets 25c.

COLORADO INVESTIGATION REVEALS TRUTH OF TERRIBLE REPORTS

That Have Appeared in These Columns.

* PROFESSOR SCORES STATE MILITIA

During the past year the Washington Socialist has had occasion to publish reports from the Colorado coal fields that put the government of that state and the armed forces therein in a very bad light—so bad, indeed, that some citizens of Everett have accused us of wilfully exaggerating the facts if not actually inventing them, "just for effect."

Now comes Prof. James H. Brewster, of the University of Colorado, and testifies before the federal commission on industrial relations to the truth of all the stories printed by the Socialist press about the terrible happenings in Rockefeller's Colorado. That constitutional guarantees were wiped out by Adjutant General Chase as head of the Colorado militia; that miners were robbed by the militia, that that military body was recruited with "scoundrels," and the right of search had been exercised by the militia while the civil courts were open, was the trend of the testimony of Prof. Brewster.

Prof. Brewster had been chairman of the state federation of labor committees that investigated the strike in December, 1912, on the authorization of Gov. Ammons.

He declared that Lieut. E. E. (Monty) Linderfelt, in charge of the machine gun at the Ludlow battle, was a "brute unit to associate with anybody," and that because of his brutality the committee had asked that he be suspended.

"Had he been suspended then," he declared, "Ludlow would never have happened."

He accused Linderfelt of having trained the gun on the Ludlow colony during a search of the colony by the militia for weapons, and, patting the gun, declared he could sweep the whole colony.

At that time, the witness said, Linderfelt was making threats against Louis Tikas, whom he assaulted on the night the Ludlow battle was on, breaking the stock of a rifle over his head.

ARE YOU SPUG?

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A Problem Demanding Solution

By CHAS. W. ERWIN

The Socialist movement to grow must have efficient publicity. It matters not that the facts stated by its exponents are so plain that the who runs may read them if these facts cannot be brought to the attention of the great mass of the workers without whose support the movement can never triumph.

The political and industrial rulers of the people who control all the channels of efficient publicity are going to see to it that the Socialist movement do not get the publicity that is vital to its growth. When they can ignore they will give it the kind of publicity most apt to prejudice the people whom it seeks to reach.

The capitalists will be foolish if they didn't use the most powerful weapon in their armory—THE PRESS—against us. Just as foolish as we are when we neglect to build up our press and support the press of the owning, robbing class.

If we had to depend entirely upon speakers and books to reach the millions of our fellow workers our cause would be hopeless indeed. Take the case of our greatest popular propagandist—Allan L. Benson. In one month three millions of readers are reached by this dynamic writer. How? Through the columns of a weekly paper—the Appeal to Reason.

If Benson should go on a speaking tour covering ten years and talk every night he couldn't reach as many people as this. If there wasn't any Socialist press he couldn't reach them at all. No one is foolish enough to

GOV'T EXPERTS SAY DAY OF SMALL FARMS IS PAST

SMALL FARMS BRING BUT \$235 A YEAR INCOME

Relation of Size of Business to the Farmer's Income.

A careful study by government experts in regard to the profits made by a large number of farmers in different parts of the United States shows that the size of the farm business is one of the most important factors controlling the farmer's income.

In a survey of over 100 farms in an irrigated district in Utah only three farm owners, with less than \$10,000 total capital, received a labor income of more than \$1,000 for their year's work.

By labor income in this case is meant what remains of the net income after deducting 5 per cent for invested capital and working capital; in other words, what the farmer himself receives for his year's supervision.

One Out of Five Work for Nothing.

In a group of 35 of these men, who had small farms and an average capital of \$5,345, the average labor income was \$235. One out of every five received nothing for his labor and made less than 5 per cent interest on his farm investment. With high-priced land this amount of capital gave him too small an area to utilize to advantage. If land were cheaper, so that a much larger area could be obtained with this same amount of money, then \$10,000 might be a sufficient investment to give the farmer a substantial income.

In the Central States, where corn, wheat and oats are the prevailing crops and where land is from \$150 to \$250 an acre, \$10,000 would be entirely too small an investment to yield the owner a good income, for the reason that 40 to 50 acres—the total amount of land he could possibly buy with this amount of money—would not utilize his teams, machinery, or labor to the fullest advantage.

No matter how large the total investment, if the quality of the equipment is deficient financial failure is inevitable.

OPEN FORUM WILL BE RESUMED NEXT WEEK

Owing to this issue of the Washington Socialist being the Xmas number, the Open Forum feature is omitted. An interesting discussion of The Short Platform will be opened by comrade J. C. Harkness, of Hilyard.

READY

Teacher—Now, Willie, mention one of the customs at Christmas time.
Pupil—Running in debt.—Life.

READY

think that the capitalists are going to commit suicide by their own press to spread doctrines destined to destroy their hellish system of wage slavery. Let us look at another vital side to this question. Here and there through the country we have elected various officials. What has happened? The press controlled by the capitalists in these localities has handicapped these officials most effectively in their efforts to use political power to further the interests of the working class.

Just at the time when those elected by the workers need the help of public opinion the most to power them accomplish something for the good of the people it is found wanting. Why? Because the press controlled or owned by the capitalists gets on the job and by suppression or distortion of facts poisons the minds of the very people without whose support nothing can be accomplished for the public weal.

And yet of all the problems we have to solve this problem of efficient publicity and protection of elected officials is the easiest of solution. No theories have to be tried and no financial sacrifices have to be made. Just common sense has to be applied to that which is properly not a problem at all. Our enemies wonder why we, who accomplish so much with so little, have not solved this problem long ago.

In next week's issue we shall show you how easy is this solution that has seemed so hard to most of us.

Well, they'll never draw that Swiss navy into the general European war. —Toledo Blade.

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

COUNTY SECRETARY'S REPORT WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE

The minutes of the county executive committee were crowded out of this issue. Full reports from the county secretary's office will appear next week.

Al. and Helen Roeder, the old war horses of the Socialist movement in Everett, are down from Mountain Park visiting comrades in Everett and on Whidby Island during the holidays.

EVERETT STUDY CLASS

Meeting called to order at 3 p. m. Sunday, December 20, 1612 California street. Subject, Tactics. The Socialist party is formed for the express purpose of educating the members of the working class to their true position in society in order to establish the co-operative commonwealth. The inauguration of the co-operative commonwealth will be a revolution. In other words, it will be a complete change from one system of society to another. How this change will be brought about will depend on conditions. Today we advocate a peaceful revolution by means of the ballot. If we are compelled to take other methods we will do so. The capitalist ownership of the means of wealth production is the only cause of present day evils. We are forced to accept the masters' terms in order to live. Should we endeavor to take those things necessary for our maintenance, or try to use the means of production for ourselves, the armed forces of the state would be used against us. The master class controls the fighting forces. They are enabled to use those forces through their control of the political machine—which they hold by the votes of the class they rob. The working class must capture the state in order to abolish capitalist ownership. We must not tinker with the effects of the present system or try to reform it by helping the capitalist class to run it. Government ownership under capitalist administration can in no way benefit the workers and the advocacy of such, can only further delude the workers. Political action is the action necessary for the overthrowing of the rule of capital. Any action taken to cut the chains of slavery from the working class is political action. Political action is generally confounded with parliamentarism, and were it not for this a lot of squabbling would be cut out. Industrial unionists and Socialists test their strength against the capitalist class in order to get a line on things. Sometimes they use the strike and sometimes the ballot. Sooner or later one of these methods will result in the overthrow of capital but in the meantime a lot of pick an shovel work will have to be done in order to educate the workers to their true position in society.

Next Sunday we review the subjects treated during the past weeks. Comrades not having a clear understanding of these subjects are requested to attend and any questions they wish to have more light upon will be discussed. H. W. WATTS, Chairman.

ENTER A PROTEST

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY 13TH WARD LOCAL, SEATTLE

Whereas, We are in receipt of a quantity of subscription cards to the Party Builder and a communication from the state secretary asking this local to sell the cards and remit the proceeds to him; and

Whereas, The constitution provides for the publishing of a party bulletin to be paid for out of the funds already provided for in the dues paid by its membership; and

Whereas, We believe the S. E. C. are in open violation of the constitution in thus ignoring the provisions made for publishing the Bulletin; and

Whereas, We believe the field for Socialist papers is well filled in this state by the Washington Socialist and the Seattle Socialist and that another publication would seriously impair the papers already in existence as well as to impose an unnecessary tax upon the membership; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this local that the S. E. C. are in open violation of the constitution and are assuming power not vested in them and that we refuse to be participants in the scheme of placing a publication wholly at the dictation of our state executive committee, and that we return to the state secretary the sub. cards sent us and that a copy of these resolutions be sent the Socialist press of the state with the request that it be given publicity and that a copy be sent to the state executive committee and a copy placed on file.

Unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of the local held Friday, December 18, 8 p. m.

MRS. C. J. JACOBS, Secy.

LOCAL MALDEN ISSUES OPEN LETTER TO VOTERS

RESULTS AS SHOWN AT THE POLLS.

From the secretary of Local Malden comes a report of the town election held recently. Previous to election day the comrades addressed an open letter to the voters, which we reproduce below:

"By Their Deeds You May Know Them."

When the Socialist ticket was elected two years ago it was with the knowledge that the ordinances regulating saloons and pool halls and the wiping out of the segregated district would be enforced. This was accomplished on December 22, 1913, and though we have been in the minority we still have tried to enforce what we had accomplished.

Now, listen! On November 3, 1914, you voted a dry majority of sixty-four in this town of Malden, which meant a vote against the saloon and all the evils that go with it.

Now, you Malden voters, did you mean it when you voted that way, or were deceiving yourselves into thinking your vote last November cover the period from January 1, 1915, to January 1, 1916, when the law takes effect? If you are sincere and wish the saloon to stay in their proper places and the pool hall ordinances enforced, then vote for the men that have been tried and found true. Vote for the record of December 22, 1913.

But, if you want a wide-open town, selling booze on Sunday, etc., in fact dropping back to the same conditions as prevailed three years ago, then vote against the Socialist ticket and the so-called "purity squad."

We have no intention of harrasing the saloons and pool halls or any other business as long as they are conducted in a legitimate manner, but will not stand for a violation of the city ordinances or the state laws.

We have done more street work for less money than has been done in Malden; and don't forget that the taxes for 1913, under a Socialist administration was only 7 mills. Vote for Socialist ticket straight.

RELATED ELECTION NEWS

VOTE AT MALDEN

Socialists Elect City Treasurer.

The Socialists of Malden were up against a strong combination of fusion voters last month. A People's, or Citizen's, ticket was placed in the field to unite all the old party elements against the Reds. Even at that the Socialists elected comrade Charles Whitworth for city treasurer, on a one-year term. The vote was:

Socialist Ticket.
Geo. Stitz, councilman 2 years, 67;
J. C. Murphy, councilman 2 years, 58;
H. L. Coolbaugh, councilman 2 years, 87;
Chas. Whitworth, treasurer 2 year, 140.

The People's or So-Called Citizen's Ticket.

L. F. Rohleder, councilman 2 years, 131;
J. S. Trunpey, councilman 2 years, 132;
Harry Driscoll, councilman 2 years, 98;
Pryor D. Wood, city treasurer 1 year, 59.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. GERRY,
Secretary Local Malden.

SPOKANE UNITED

In Spokane the regular and seceding locals have united under the name of Local Spokane No. 1, with James Grant as corresponding secretary and A. E. House, financial secretary. The united local is already splendidly at work in the campaign to capture Spokane for Socialism in 1916.

In Bremerton and South Bay the locals of the two organizations have similarly merged into one.

In Seattle the city committee is now at work apportioning the city among the different locals. Bellingham and Tacoma should get a hustle on themselves and do likewise.

INTEREST GROWS IN Y. P. S. LEAGUE

Last Friday night the Everett Y. P. S. league held their third meeting. After a short business session the entertainment committee took charge and gave a very good program.

The program, which was one of the best held so far, was followed by boxing and games.

Nearly everybody present took part in some of the games, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

About five or six visitors became members, thereby swelling our ranks to about fifty-five members.

Everything seems to be coming our way, and we will soon have one of the best leagues in the state.

SOPHIS BONNIVIE.
Books rented at Hill's Book Store, 2929 Colby.

INDUSTRIAL SLUMP AND SUICIDE RATE GO HAND IN HAND

The close connection between industrial depression and suicides is shown in a table prepared by Frederick L. Hoffman, one of the leading insurance actuaries and authorities on vital statistics. This table covers the 100 largest cities for the 20 years preceding 1913.

The suicide rate was the highest in the years 1907 and 1908, when industrial conditions were worst. Taken in five-year periods there seems to be a steady increase in the rate save that the exceptionally high proportion in the years mentioned causes an apparently slight decline for the last five years.

Figures for 20 Years.
The figures in full for the 20 years and by five-year periods are as follows:

Suicides in 100 American Cities, 1894-1913.			
Year	Population	Suicides	Rate per 100,000
1894	14,009,143	2,123	15.2
1895	14,509,040	2,204	15.2
1896	14,996,618	2,340	15.7
1897	15,384,527	2,571	16.7
1898	15,559,608	2,621	16.5
1899	16,235,080	2,590	16.0
1900	16,756,990	2,726	16.3
1901	17,251,169	2,850	16.5
1902	17,745,361	3,145	17.7
1903	18,339,573	3,511	19.2
1904	18,733,793	3,762	20.1
1905	19,254,710	3,647	18.9
1906	19,837,889	3,536	17.8
1907	20,421,054	3,969	19.4
1908	21,004,288	4,582	21.8
1909	21,587,499	4,531	21.0
1910	22,170,708	4,377	19.7
1911	22,755,723	4,453	19.6
1912	23,334,475	4,397	18.8
1913	23,917,482	4,470	18.7
1894-1898	74,758,936	11,868	15.9
1899-1903	86,226,173	14,820	17.2
1904-1908	99,251,764	19,496	19.6
1909-1913	113,766,887	22,228	19.5

So far as statistics are available there is no reason to believe that the suicide rate in the small towns and country districts is less than in these cities where there is a complete registration. Calculating on this basis the total number of suicides in the United States each year is in excess of 15,000.

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SOCIALIST PARTY OF WASHINGTON
 STATE OFFICE PRESS SERVICE

Postpone State Convention.
 The following motion for state referendum has been proposed by Local Everett No. 1:
 "Moved by Local Everett No. 1 that the state convention be postponed for one year.
 These reasons are submitted by the local for the motion:
 (1) The state executive committee announces that it is probable that there will not be enough funds on hand to pay the delegates' mileage.
 (2) A convention composed of delegates who have to pay their own railroad fare will be of doubtful value. The party membership would not be truly represented, since many of the wage working delegates would have to remain at home.
 (3) Even if there were ample funds on hand it would be a serious question whether the funds could not be used to better advantage by building up the organization than by paying the expenses of a convention, which would be at least \$600.
 (4) Some of the principal functions of the previous conventions such as the nomination of party officials, are now exercised through party referendum by the membership direct.
 (5) There are no great problems before the membership such as there are in campaign years and no business to come before the convention that could not be transacted as well in other ways.
 Since the date set for the convention was March 13th, and since no constitutional amendments can be submitted within two months of that date, all seconds to this motion MUST be received by the state office by January 12th.
Hogium Referendum.
 The proposed referendum from Local Hogium No. 2 to strike out Article XV of the state constitution, has received the required number of seconds, and ballots have been sent to all locals this week.
 Invite Karl Liebknecht.
 At its recent meeting the state executive committee of the Socialist party of Washington unanimously adopted the following resolution:
 Whereas, We recognize the fact that the action of the Socialist representatives in the German Reichstag of voting for the war appropriation dissolved their connection with the Socialist party and totally absolved comrade Karl Liebknecht from his duty of voting with the others under the unit rule, therefore be it
 Resolved, That the state executive committee of Washington wishes to express its satisfaction with, and confidence in, comrade Liebknecht and hereby extends to him the hand of comradeship and an invitation to become an honorary member of the Socialist party of Washington.
 The best Coffee for the money is our Favorite Blend, 3 lbs. for \$1.00 or 1 1/2 lbs. for 50 cents. M. H. Clausen, 2812 Rocketeller. Telephones 581.

CHICAGO WOMANS SHELTER
 112 S. Morgan Street
 Chicago, Ill., December 16, 1914.
 Dear Friend:
 In desperate earnestness I come to you today pleading your aid for the great army of cold, hungry women, who, because women are losing their places of labor everywhere, are today walking our city streets wretched and discouraged.
 I come to you for the woman of fifty—alone in the world, friendless—too old for hard work, too young for the poor house, and for the girl—half fed—who lived in a furnished room, and after a week's sickness and loss of work is thrown on the street to weep and go hungry and be tempted beyond human endurance; and the baby; that baby whose mother works every hour in the day to support it. I come to you for this baby.
 The Chicago Womens Shelter gives immediate aid, good food, a clean bed, and a chance to wash her clothes (if she needs clothing we furnish it), and aids into employment the homeless, stranded woman; while since May 1st the attendance at our day nursery (in the Shelter Annex and co-operating with Alken Institute) has totaled two thousand little children.
 Thanking you for a quick reply, and with all good wishes, I remain,
 Yours sincerely,
 MRS. JEAN T. ZIMMERMAN, M. D. (Signed) Superintendent.

WOMANS PARTY OF COOK COUNTY
 Hotel LaSalle—Room 214
 Chicago, Illinois.
 Mrs. Jean T. Zimmerman, M. D., Superintendent Chicago Womens Shelter, 112 Morgan St., Chicago.
 Dear Madam:
 Your letter of the 6th Inst, appealing for assistance for needy women and children, received today.
 You draw a woeful picture, but not woeful enough. We throw to the jaws of lust and greed 100,000 women annually; millions of children whose lives are ruined by work; and more millions of all ages, victims of needless accidents. In fact nine-tenths of our people are either in the condition of those you seek aid, or in danger of sinking into it, or are in fear of it. When we fully realize our actual condition the war in Europe will not seem so very dreadful.
 Of the CAUSE of this condition you say not a word. Every lot or acre held vacant offers opportunity to these helpless victims. Vacant land offers good wages, payable just as soon as we give that land to labor. Our lands are the best in the world; they will yield all we need and more. The reason they now yield no more is because we allow greedy sharks to hold them for high prices.
 Land (and machinery) the source of all subsistence, is held from the people, and you are ignorant of the cause of poverty. It is as though all these women were thirsty, were forbidden access to Lake Michigan, and you wondering why they were thirsty.
 To stop poverty is better than to relieve it, urgent though relief may seem. Make your appeal to land monopolists who take the rent fund that belongs to their victims. The site rentals of Chicago amount to more than all taxes, besides more than enough to help the needy. You are content to allow this rent fund go into private hands whose hardest toil is to reach out for the unearned income. Wake up and strike at the cause of want, and you will not need to exhaust your pity and your strength in your present efforts. Study the enclosed platform of the Womens Party of Cook County, and work with them for land and liberty.
 (Signed)
 ANNIE WALLACE HUNT,
 Chairman Taxation Committee, Womens Party of Cook County.

Notice to Creditors
 No. 3286
 In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, for Snohomish County. In the Matter of the Estate of Flora M. Bartlett, Deceased.
 By order of said court made herein on the 7th day of December, 1914, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and to all persons having claims against said deceased or against said estate or against the community estate of said deceased and Geo. H. Bartlett, to present them with the necessary vouchers to the undersigned executor of said estate, at 236-23 Globe Building, Seattle, Washington, the place of business of said estate, in Seattle, in said county and state, within one year from and after the date of first publication of this notice or same will be barred.
 Date of first publication December 10th, 1914.
 GEO. H. BARTLETT,
 As Executor of said Estate.
 SUTTON & HOYT,
 Attorneys for Estate,
 238 Globe Building, Seattle, Wash.

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 The object of this action is to obtain a decree of divorce against the defendant, upon the grounds of desertion and non-support.
 PETER HUSBY,
 Attorney for Plaintiff,
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 You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication of this summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 10th day of December, 1914, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff, at his office below stated, and in case of your failure so to do judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of the said court.
 The object of this action is to obtain a decree of divorce against the defendant, upon the grounds of desertion and non-support.
 PETER HUSBY,
 Attorney for Plaintiff,
 Office and Postoffice address: Rooms 215-16 Stokes Bldg., Everett, Snohomish County, Washington.
 Date of first publication December 10th, 1914.

CHARITY VERSUS JUSTICE
 DeQUER ILLUSTRATED LECTURES TO BE GIVEN IN MONROE NEXT WEEK

"Charity is necessary until we get a just social order," is substantially the argument used by charity advocates, when told that justice is better than charity. To this argument there is a logical reply. Since those who oppose a just social order are the ones who make charity necessary, then these should do all the contributing to charity funds. Those who are working for the measures that will establish social justice should refer all charity solicitors to their opponents. Whatever spare funds the worker for justice may have should be devoted to justice. To give any of it to charity only weakens support that might be given to justice. For this reason the following correspondence is of interest between a charity solicitor and a worker-for justice.
 Dear Friend:
 In desperate earnestness I come to you today pleading your aid for the great army of cold, hungry women, who, because women are losing their places of labor everywhere, are today walking our city streets wretched and discouraged.
 I come to you for the woman of fifty—alone in the world, friendless—too old for hard work, too young for the poor house, and for the girl—half fed—who lived in a furnished room, and after a week's sickness and loss of work is thrown on the street to weep and go hungry and be tempted beyond human endurance; and the baby; that baby whose mother works every hour in the day to support it. I come to you for this baby.
 The Chicago Womens Shelter gives immediate aid, good food, a clean bed, and a chance to wash her clothes (if she needs clothing we furnish it), and aids into employment the homeless, stranded woman; while since May 1st the attendance at our day nursery (in the Shelter Annex and co-operating with Alken Institute) has totaled two thousand little children.
 Thanking you for a quick reply, and with all good wishes, I remain,
 Yours sincerely,
 MRS. JEAN T. ZIMMERMAN, M. D. (Signed) Superintendent.

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 Of the CAUSE of this condition you say not a word. Every lot or acre held vacant offers opportunity to these helpless victims. Vacant land offers good wages, payable just as soon as we give that land to labor. Our lands are the best in the world; they will yield all we need and more. The reason they now yield no more is because we allow greedy sharks to hold them for high prices.
 Land (and machinery) the source of all subsistence, is held from the people, and you are ignorant of the cause of poverty. It is as though all these women were thirsty, were forbidden access to Lake Michigan, and you wondering why they were thirsty.
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CAPITALISM'S SUPREME MOCKERY

On Friday, December 25th, the trading class of the world will celebrate capitalism's supreme mockery—Christmas! We are supposed to make merry on the 26th of December each year in honor of the birthday of Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified "undesirable citizen" of the year 33 A. D.

And they who fatten on the labor of robbed womanhood and betrayed childhood today make a great pretense of worshipping the "dangerous agitator" of Galilee! the "most undesirable citizen" that Jerusalem could produce for that memorable lynching bee, organized by the Holy City's "better class of citizens."

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So they crucified Jesus, as the most dangerous man in Palestine—as one who made bold to say, "It was said by them of old one way; but I say unto you another and a different thing."

"So! you're against the laws of Moses, are you? and against the rule of Caesar, also! Very well, we'll have some of our satchels call loudly for your crucifixion at an opportune moment; we'll put you where you can't stir up discontent among our happy and contented workers."

And they did crucify Jesus, without due process of law.

And they killed the body of Jesus; but they could not kill the seeds of truth, sowed by the humble carpenter of Nazareth; truth that is yet destined to make the workers free.

WHAT JESUS DID

There has ever been a great deal of discussion about just what Jesus really taught. As our information on this point is all second-hand, or even less authentic, much difference of opinion may be honestly held with reference to this question.

When it comes to the general trend of what Jesus did, it has always seemed to us that, if the Four Gospels have any historic value at all as biography, there is less room for dispute on this point, especially when we consider what class of people it was who clamored for his death, and who tried so hard to entice him into some verbal offense against Caesar's rule.

Whatever it was that Jesus taught about the hereafter, it seems certain that he devoted about 90 per cent of his time and efforts to "raiding against the rich," "attacking class against class," and "attacking religion." When he wasn't busy along this line, as a "dangerous agitator," a sort of I. W. W. leader, he was putting forth efforts to feed the hungry, comfort the imprisoned, bring solace to the afflicted, heal the sick, and establish communism among the useful workers.

In these activities Jesus is linked up morally with the Socialists of today, and hardly belongs in any sense to the class in control of the modern church—a church which Jesus would probably repudiate, were he with us in the flesh today, judging from what he did, or is reputed to have done, in his own day.

A COMMENDABLE WORK

PLAN THAT SHOULD BE GENERALLY ADOPTED

The wide-awake secretary of Okanogan county, comrade W. C. B. Randolph, of Omak, has arranged with the capitalist county paper for a weekly column devoted to the exposition of Socialist philosophy and party news.

The Chronicle's editor evinces good business judgment in thus opening his paper to matter of such vital interest to so many residents of Okanogan county, as many Socialists will now give him a patronage heretofore withheld. Let the good work go on, and be followed by county papers everywhere.

TO CHRIST

By HARRY KEMP.

Oh, Jesus, thou art mocked by folk on every side. Who roll along the avenues in carriages of pride! They have great widows, panned with gorgeous-colored glass. From which the simple sunbeams take on splendor as they pass.

Oh, Jesus, thou art the God of tyranny and hate. No didst Thou bid that in Thy courts these cursed legends wait; Thou wert compassionate, and with the poor didst walk;

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"—FOR PEACE ON EARTH, WHY? GOOD WILL TO MEN

"Merry Christmas!" We are to make merry in memory of the Man of Sorrows! A fitting paradox for this day and age.

Why should we be merry? Is the rank earth purged—war, suffering, sorrow gone? Are the faces of babes and mothers that were but yesterday pinched with hunger and drawn with pain now beauteous in health and happiness?

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A GOOD RESOLUTION FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

Most resolutions made for the New Year are very flimsy propositions, and ought to be marked in big, plain letters: "Fragile, Handle With Care!"

But there is such a thing as making a New Year's resolution that is unbreakable, and warranted to keep in any climate. Let us suggest this one: Resolve firmly, with jaws set, square ones if handy, that you will begin the year 1915 with a dollar's worth of Washington Socialist subscription cards in your pocket, to sell at the earliest possible moment, and that you will never rest, nor let any one else rest, until the subs. are sold.

Begin the New Year working for the rebuilding of your own Socialist press, and you will be apt to keep up the good work during the whole twelve months.

Be honest, now, reader of these lines; do you know of any thing better that you can place to your credit during the year 1915 than helping to get subscribers for the Washington Socialist? Isn't it doing a good and absolutely necessary work? And is there any better way of increasing the value of its service to the cause than adding new names to its subscription list? Of course there isn't.

Therefore it follows that there is no better work for YOU at the beginning of the New Year than the placing of four three-months subs. on our mailing list. Make this your New Year's resolution, and make it stick!

Dr. Foote's Plain Home Talk, a cyclopedia of popular medical and social service, \$2.00 at Hill's Book Store, 2329 Colby.

The holiday season is here, no better time for having a good photo to send the home folks. Myers Studio is the right place to go.

Music rolls for Xmas. Everett Trunk Factory, 2815 Rockefeller.

Ladies' hand bags for Xmas at Everett Trunk Factory.

THE CARPENTER'S BIRTHDAY

Christmas commemorates the birth of a Carpenter.

He was cursed in his day, by the rich men, by the cultured classes, by the people who called themselves respectable in contradistinction from the toiling masses, by the ministers of religion, by the advocates and officers of the law, by the self-appointed defenders of public order and pillars of society.

He was denounced as a disturber of the peace, a destroyer of the family and the home, an underminer of public and private morality, a dangerous agitator, an enemy of God and of Man.

"The common people heard him gladly," we are told. But the "forces of order" triumphed, and he died the death of a criminal.

The modern observances of his birthday are full of reverent mention of his name. But among those who profess to worship him as God incarnate are those who, had they lived nineteen hundred years ago, would have clamored for his blood, and who today are following to the minutest detail the example of those who cried "crucify him, crucify him!"

He had not where to lay his head. And in our society which, trading on his name, calls itself Christian today, those carpenters and other workmen who have no place of shelter from the wintry blasts are mocked and maligned and persecuted as he was.

He bitterly accused the rich and powerful of his day. Woe, he cried, unto those who devour widows' houses and lay field to field for a pretense make long prayers. And in the shadow of churches dedicated to him, suffering workmen are threatened with the penalties of the law if they dare utter against their oppressors reproaches a tithe as severe as he pronounced.

ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

On December 25, 724, Saint Boniface, the Apostle of Germany, felled the great oak that was supposed to be the residence of Thor, the god of war.

The son of the chief was to be sacrificed to appease this god, who had forsaken his people; and St. Boniface thus saved the boy's life and secured the gratitude of the chief and most of the people. Since Thor did not show any signs of anger when the tree was cut the good priest showed the tribe that Thor's reign was over. Then the apostle cut a fir sapling, unspoiled by the blood of sacrifice, and called it the tree of the Christ-child, who had come to reign in peace and gentleness in the place of the great god Thor.

This old Teutonic legend is beautifully told by Henry Van Dyke in the "First Christmas Tree." The story is one that is being told everywhere now in this Christmas season as the glad tidings are sung—"Peace on earth and good will to men."

The Christmas tree, then, is given a very beautiful significance by the old German legend. Throughout Germany the tree is always the emblem of the Christ-child. It is the Christ-child, and not Santa Claus, who visits the homes and showers the children with presents.

Thus the religious significance, which is so often lost sight of in our country, is the dominant feature of the happy Christmas times. The season is pervaded by a spiritual atmosphere, rather than the materialistic and commercial atmosphere that is so often lamented in our own country.

The spicy odor of the trees, refreshing everyone, is to be symbolic of the peace and good will and service that ought to characterize our Christmas season.

The Socialist knows that you cannot base peace and good will upon industrial warfare and exploitation. He knows that you cannot have one day of happiness in the midst of a year of sorrow.

Therefore the Socialist seeks to lay an industrial foundation where the incentive will be for peace and cooperation, and not for war and plunder. Toward a society based upon that foundation our present society is tending, and this largely in spite of the conscious efforts of those who compose it. The Socialist works consciously and intelligently to that end. He demands that the workers, who are the only portion of present society who can co-operate in peace and good will without endangering their existence, should join to hasten the passing of the present society and the coming of the time when it will be to the interest of all to join in cooperative production and in common possession of the product.

Then peace could reign on earth and good will exist between men, not once a year for a few hours, but all the year.

All that is good in the Christmas spirit, all that is best in Christianity, can be realized only on the basis of an industrial society such as Socialism demands.

STANHOPE-DODGE, Publishers Box 1PZ, Larchmont, N. Y.

Ladies' handbags for Xmas at Everett Trunk Factory.

O MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS, SOME DAY!

By Henry M. Tichenor, the Rip-Saw Poet.

There's going to be a Christmas, some day. In honor of Jesus' birth, When devils won't be running things their way,

With hell turned loose on earth! There's going to be a Christmas, some day.

When the masters are no more— The devils shall not be here always, To curse mankind with war!

There's going to be a Christmas, some day. When the Comrades all shall sing A joyous, loving roundelay, Of a world without a king!

O do your very best, my brother, Do all you can, I pray, For the love of one another, To hasten this Christmas day!

O Merry, Merry Christmas, some day! In honor of Jesus' birth, When devils won't be running things their way,

With hell turned loose on earth!

THIRTY MILLIONS FOR POOR RAILROADS

A further increase in the freight rates has been granted to all eastern railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a decision from which Chairman Harlan and Commissioner Clements dissented vigorously, excepting lake and rail traffic, coal, coke, iron ore and certain other traffic on which the commission had heretofore fixed a rate adjudicated as "reasonable."

All railroads operating between the Atlantic seaboard and the Mississippi, north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, were allowed a flat 5 per cent increase for the last four years. The roads hoped to get increases adding \$50,000,000 to their annual revenue. The commission's decision is expected to give them additional revenue approximating \$30,000,000.

WILL YOU TAKE IT?

Here it is! An opportunity to hear America's greatest orator, the Spirit of the Revolution and the Herald of an emancipated working class—Eugene Victor Debs. To hear Debs is an opportunity of a life-time. A crisis is here and the working class has brought forth its men—men, strong, virile and resolute. Debs is one of the men, a fighter for his class on both the political and industrial fields; he represents the intelligent working class. He is the orator of the rebellion.

Debs will speak in Everett Sunday afternoon, January 24, at 2:30. Bring your friends and hear him. The admission to the lecture is practically FREE as by purchasing a year's subscription to the National Rip-Saw at 25c a ticket is given to the Debs lecture FREE. Reserved seats have been held for the convenience of out of town comrades, and may be had by paying 25c extra.

Here is a New Year suggestion—send your friends the Rip-Saw for a year and give them a ticket to the Debs lecture as a New Year's present. Make your New Year's present a shot for Socialism. The Rip-Saw sent to your friends for a year will make them YOUR COMRADES as well as your friends. This is an opportunity. Act NOW! Sell your tickets and send for more; remember, an educated working class is an emancipated working class!

Toilet dressing cases at Everett Trunk Factory, 2815 Rockefeller.

BOOKS ON SOCIALISM IN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following books on Socialism are in the free public library: Bellamy—Looking Backward. Bliss—Handbook of Socialism. Brooks—The Social Unrest. Converse—Children of Light. Ely—French and German Socialism. Ely—Socialism, An Examination of Its Nature, Its Strength, and Its Weakness. Engels—Landmarks of Scientific Socialism. Gilman—Socialism and the American Spirit. Gladden—Applied Christianity. Graham—Socialism, New and Old. Gronlund—The Co-operative Commonwealth. Kirkpatrick—War—What for? Kickup—History of Socialism. Morris—News From Nowhere. Morris—Signs of Change. Nordhuff—Communist Societies of the United States. Rae—Contemporary Socialism. Rauschenbusch—Christianity and the Social Crisis. Schaffer—The Quintessence of Socialism. Shaw and others—Fabian Essays on Socialism. Spalding—Socialism and Labor. Spargo—The Substance of Socialism.

INCREASING THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN THE NORTHWEST

A Seattle man who has just returned from the East brings word of one of the most diabolical plots to rob and ruin the workers that has come to light in a long while. Despite the well known fact that thousands of willing and efficient men in every department of industry are suffering from enforced idleness throughout the Pacific Northwest, the transportation companies are flooding the East with lying advertisements, calculated to induce men who can find no work in the East to spend their last dollars to go West, thus adding dividends to railroad companies, and horror to the burdens of useful workers.

A pamphlet issued by the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, entitled, "The Pacific Northwest," has this lying paragraph, on page 38: "There is no such thing as enforced idleness; every one has work who wants it. Farms, mines, orchards, factories, fisheries, each may choose the work he prefers."

"In such cities as Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane and numerous smaller cities and towns men are wanted; men to work in the mills and factories, on the docks or on shipboard." These pamphlets, of course, are not distributed in Seattle. They are wholly for Eastern consumption.

The distribution of such criminally mendacious advertisements should be punishable by imprisonment for life, since murder, suicide, and other evils naturally result from the tragic plight of many who place their last savings on just such "opportunities." When they find themselves duped, many become desperate, and become criminals of the most dangerous type.

But such rascality is no crime under Christian capitalism! The "crime" occurs when the duped victims steal a loaf of bread from the railroad magnates who robbed them of their all.

To New Readers

TO THOSE WHO RECEIVE A SAMPLE COPY OF THIS PAPER

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