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To Eugene V. Debs

By HENRY FRANK

(Recited by Mr. Frank at a great Socialist meeting in the American Theatre, Sunday, October 1, 1908.)

Hail, high-brow'd, kindly-hearted comrade, brave,
Whose weather'd frame fought through adversity
To hew a wider path of liberty
For humankind! Though scorned by every knave,
And base despoilers of the age (who crave
The masses but to heed their policy
With blinded eyes, till like a bonded slave
They shed their blood in toil and penury)—
We hoist thee on our gleeful shoulders high
Above the brazen scoffers who demean
Thy name, and shout till from yon echoing sky
The thunderous roar of our acclaim shall wean
E'en traitors from their golden spoils, to cry
For betterment where'er men toil and try!

'Twas human sympathy, that from thine eyes
Pull'd off the bandage once thy vision marr'd,
When bludgeon smote with bludgeon, and the scarr'd
And smitten victims of the Strike, like flies,
Again were caught with sugar'd promises
Then erst thou sawest, in prison cell, with blurr'd
And moisten'd orbs, the fell and damning lies
Of false and fundamental laws, that herd
The sweating, wealth-producing masses, all
Like cattle—whipp'd into servility
By fear of wage—necessity's stern call!
Then burst thy heart, and rang from sea to sea,
Thy clarion cry: "Awake, O slaves! Be free!"



EUGENE V. DEBS
America's Greatest Orator Will Speak
at the Everett Theatre Sunday, January 24.

DEBS TO 'HIS BROTHER'

No one can say or do a thing of this kind like Debs. "Inmate 9756" of the Michigan penitentiary, after sending presents to his friends at home, sent \$2 to the "Good Fellow" editor of a Detroit newspaper for use in making happy the children of the poor. His letter was a marvel of simple pathos, particularly where he said: "The money I send was honestly earned at the rate of 15 cents a day."

Debs saw the letter and immediately sent a reply to the lone "Inmate 9756," no doubt most prized present he ever received. In part the letter read:

"My Dear Brother—I send you my greeting with my heart in it. You may be a convict, but you are my brother, and when your message came to me I was touched to tears. There is more of real religion of Jesus Christ in the spirit you breathe out to the world from behind prison bars than in all the orthodox sermons ever preached. You love the little children, even as he did, and you are in prison, while he was crucified. You had the misfortune to be born into a society not yet civilized. The society that sent you to prison devours its own offspring. It is this Christian society's homeless, neglected babes to whom you, one of its convicts, feel moved to send the pennies coined from your blood and agony. What a sermon and what a rebuke! If you ought to be in the penitentiary, I know of not one who is fit to be out."

That is all. It is complete within itself. It is Debs, not words, but a living message.

est faces I felt that something more powerful, penetrating and articulate than mere words was passing between the audience and the speaker. For a moment it seemed to me that a soul was speaking from the eyes and frame of 'Gene, and that, regardless of difference of language and all the traditional barriers that separated him from the multitude about him, they understood and believed all he said. I remember how my heart beat, and how tears began to flow from my boyish eyes. I was ashamed for fear someone would see me. And it was not because of anything that 'Gene was saying. It was solely because of something back of the man, something greater than the man, something bigger, more powerful, and more moving than any words or expression. And after the thing was over I went to him, helped him on with his coat, and fondled him as I would my own father or brother. And as we went away together there kept coming into my heart the words of Ruth:

"Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee. For whether thou goest I will go, and whither thou lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

THAT AUTO COMPETITION

Side Lights on the Proposed Ordinance

ATTITUDE OF THE SOCIALIST COMMISSIONER

Some time ago paid officials of the Everett Railway, Light & Water Co., together with their attorney, called upon the city council to induce that body to pass an ordinance regulating auto busses. The fundamental grievance was that the auto busses were making fearful inroads on the sacred profits of the street car company.

Although the arguments presented to the council were clothed and couched in terms of public morals, public interests, and demands, fair competition, etc., when reduced to their lowest terms, what remained was a request that the council regulate the auto busses by ordinance in such a manner as would practically put them out of business.

At this conference it was suggested that the company attorney and city attorney draw up an ordinance covering the auto-bus traffic.

What Kelly Did.

Commissioner Kelly got busy at once and ordered the blue lights off the auto busses. These lights were carried to designate them from private autos.

Mr. Kelly wrote to various cities of the Coast in search of ordinances relating to auto-bus traffic; in short, he showed the people at once where he stood on the question. Finally the railway and light company submitted a proposed ordinance, and Mr. Kelly had copies of others from cities where the business was regulated to suit the street car companies. Out of this assortment was to come an ordinance that would fill the needs of Everett.

BUS DRIVERS ORGANIZE

In the meantime the auto-bus drivers formed an organization and affiliated with other labor organizations of the city. The bus drivers were refused a license pending the passage of the proposed ordinance.

WHAT SALTER DID

Commissioner salter, representative of the labor interests of the city, appeared before the Chauffeurs' and Teamsters' union and explained to them that the public was entitled to a regulated service; that in cities where the jitney bus question is an issue the common people were evidently with the jitney bus men. Also, as the street car companies assumed the privilege of suggesting ordinances that would protect their profits and further their business, the chauffeurs had just as much right to prepare an ordinance to meet the public approval and protect their business.

The union selected a committee which met with Attorney Loutitt and drew up a proposed ordinance which was introduced at the council meeting January 5th, but owing to Mayor Clay's absence it received no discussion.

Moral: There is nothing like having a real representative of the workers where he can serve the class that elected him on their own platform.

PRICELESS GAINS.

Nor can I count him happiest who has never been forced with his own hands his chains to sever
And for himself find out the way divine;
He never knew the aspirer's glorious pains,
He never earned the struggler's priceless gains. —Lowell.

'POLITICS IN THE SCHOOLS'

SOCIALIST TEACHER IS REFUSED LIFE DIPLOMA

Clear Case of Persecution

Mrs. Lida Copeland, Socialist candidate for county superintendent of schools of Lewis county, Washington, has been refused a life diploma by the Bellingham Normal.

Mrs. Copeland taught three years in New York, receiving the highest testimonials from the county school commission, and she holds a New York first grade certificate now in force. She has taught in this state for the last twelve years, and she has a permanent first grade certificate which was granted upon evidence of 72 months' successful teaching.

In 1909 she graduated from the Bellingham Normal, and 90 pages of her lesson plans were on exhibit at the A.-Y.-P. exposition. Two years after graduation she was recommended by the county superintendent, but she was told to apply again. The following year she was principal of Ashford and was recommended by many parents and a majority of the board. Her diploma was again denied and the secretary of the faculty wrote her that probably a more kindly spirit would be helpful in her case. After insisting upon knowing in what way she had failed in her duty as teacher she was told that if in future a majority of her references would recommend her that there was no reason why a favorable decision would not be given.

The next year she served as primary teacher at Randle, where her work was highly appreciated by parents; but she incurred the spite of Principal Paul Orr, because she was elected to a position for which he had applied in a summer school in the adjoining district! Paul Orr was a preacher; but when his daughter was born a few months after his marriage, people did not care to hear him preach. But Orr is a good standpat voter, and it is said that he holds a life diploma.

Last year Mrs. Copeland was elected principal at Venes, and County Superintendent Carrier refused to record her contract! However, when he found that all the directors, of whom two were Socialists, were determined to stand by the contract, he recorded it. Last March the county superintendent decided to consolidate Venes with Winlock and so place the control of the school with the Winlock board. At the meeting called to talk over consolidation he used insulting language towards Mrs. Copeland because she opposed his plan and threatened to put her out of the county! But such strenuous objections were made that he did not deem it wise to consolidate.

Prof Carrier Gives Teacher the Double Cross.

Mrs. Copeland was re-elected principal of the school, and she was recommended for a life diploma by 50 people from 46 different families, including all the directors. Superintendent Carrier told her that he would recommend her, but later she was informed from the Normal that he did not. Her diploma was refused on the ground that 7 out of 8 county superintendents on principals did not report favorably. According to the statement presented many superintendents who recommended her for a permanent first grade, later did not recommend her for a Normal life diploma. Why was the change made? The blacklisting schemes against Socialist teachers are pretty well known. In many cases those who would speak favorably of her work were not consulted, but every effort was made to secure testimonials against her by appealing to those who were opposed to her because of her political belief. While at the Normal she incurred the dislike

NEW YORK'S JOBLESS

Many Women Sufferers

Astounding Figures Obtained Show That New York Has Many Men and Women Out of Work.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—According to figures compiled for the public forum of the Church of the Ascension in Fifth avenue, announced tonight a partial list of the unemployed in Greater New York totals 562,000. The number of homeless persons in the city who have not the price of shelter is estimated at 60,000. One hundred and twenty-five thousand of the unemployed are women. Samuel Strodder, who conducted the investigation, said he found that immorality was increasing greatly.

SOCIALISTS OF WASHINGTON SHOULD PREPARE FOR SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Secretary of the Socialist Educational Bureau J. M. Salter announces that the March school elections are drawing near and that anyone interested in working class control and influence in our schools should begin to agitate for participation in the coming school elections.

Suggestions relating to the elections and articles relating to school problems from a Socialist point of view will be gladly received by the bureau. From now on the Socialist and labor press will be urged to take up the fight for working class control of the schools.

OUR FUTILE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pearson's Magazine for October has a splendid article with the caption, "Our Futile Public Schools." Here are a few items from this article worth remembering:

"The public school system represents an investment of \$1,221,695,730.00."

"The annual cost of maintenance is \$446,726,929, about \$5.00 for every man, woman and child."

"Not one-half of the children ever finish the sixth grade."

"This represents to the nation a loss in human resources of \$250,000,000,000."

"There are in round numbers 500,000 teachers in the U. S."

"Of this number not more than 100,000 are trained for their work."

"The public schools belong to the people. Get the facts about them."

"To remain ignorant is to remain a slave."

WHAT WAR TAUGHT

"It was war which led to the discovery that it was easier . . . to get wealth by appropriating the products of others than by producing the wealth at home. Appropriation paid better and became more honorable than production. Appropriation became the work of the soldier, production the work of the slave . . . The victorious tribes appropriated by war both the lands and the people of the conquered tribes, and in so doing developed the strong military man who in turn used the military power, created and formerly used in order to enrich his tribe, now to enrich himself instead . . . At last private ownership of both land and slaves is the further fruit of war."—Pages 52-53, The Struggle for Existence, by Walter Thomas Mills, A. M.

A man who isn't intelligent enough to live for Socialism, deserves no better fate than to die for capitalism.

of Dr. Mathes because of the stand she took for Socialism in his sociology class. Mr. Mathes has admitted that she is a woman of excellent character and ability as a teacher.

PUBLIC LIBRARY AFFAIRS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION

Religious Bigotry in Evidence

Ominous portents and rumblings of revolt are in the air these days in the public library circles of Everett. The forces of rebellion seem only to lack a fearless leader and means of public expression to start something that will make the European war seem common-place. Mismanagement, inefficiency, violent opposition to certain church interference as to what shall appear on the shelves and paper racks, together with a sort of general dissatisfaction on the part of the users of the library seem to make up the basis for the unrest.

Mrs. Sansdown's term as member of the library board has expired and she has signified her desire not to serve another term. The city charter provides that the mayor appoints members of the board with the consent of the council.

The forces of dissatisfaction are insisting that some one of backbone, aggressiveness and impartiality be placed on the board; some one who will act as a check on the present management.

C. W. Anguish and Mrs. Katherine H. Hodgins seem so far to be the favorite candidates. What will come of the affair remains to be seen from further developments.

'SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN'

It is discovered that in one Massachusetts school district, 1,628 children make a practice of visiting markets, freight yards, wharves and garbage piles to pick over refuse for food.

"They pick," says the report, "in all sorts of weather, with bare toes sticking out of their shoes on the coldest winter days. Their hands shake so they can hardly hold their bags. Frequently, children pick from refuse barrels material which they eat upon the spot."

We suppose that it was the parents of these children whom Massachusetts police clubbed, not long ago, because they started to send their children to regions where they would be well cared for.

Progress! Civilization! Culture! Plymouth Rock! The Land of Promise!

Hundreds of freezing children scrambling for the choice food morsels of dump heaps!

There were some pictures that Dore didn't get into his expose of Hell!—Seattle Star.

KILL 1, IT IS MURDER; KILL 10,000 IT IS PATRIOTISM

By EUGENE V. DEBS

If you, for a private grudge, kill a man, it is murder. If 10,000 of you, at the command of your masters, go out to slay 10,000 other men of another nation, they call it patriotism. An easy way to end war is this: Let the capitalists do the fighting. If you do, there will never be another war. You workmen are told it is your duty to die for your country. When did the working class ever have a country?

The capitalistic classes own the country. Are they prepared to die for it? Oh, no, that's what you are for. In peace you produce wealth for them; in war you fight for their profit and glory. You do not fight upon your own account. Why fight on theirs? They do not even thank you for it; why, they won't associate with you, and by the way, what has become of The Hague peace tribunal?

The war in Europe was declared by the ruling classes. Never in the history of mankind has war been declared by the working classes.

With the end of industrial competition will come the end of war.

DEBS!

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

EVERETT ACTIVITIES

Local Everett No. 1 at its regular session last Sunday night took in four new members. These, together with the old members paying up, kept the financial secretary busy cancelling stamps.

Promptly at 8 o'clock Chairman Davy announced that the trial of H. P. Whartenby was the next thing on the docket. Comrade Whartenby plead not guilty to the charge of party treason. Cutting out all the hot air on both sides, it amounted to this: Whartenby claimed that, inasmuch as he was under suspension at the time, he was out of the party and the local had no jurisdiction. This point was thrashed out and the chair ruled he was still a member of the local. The rest was easy, as there was no question about his filing for the office of school director. When put to a vote he was found guilty, 22 to 1, and on motion to expel him from the local carried 23 to 0.

The old question of changing the business meetings to some other night of the week and holding propaganda meetings on Sunday nights, was again laid on the table until next meeting. We opine that like Banquo's Ghost that question will not down and we might as well thresh it out one time as another. Come out everybody next Sunday night and help us settle it.

Dr. E. J. Brown, the stormy petrel of the Socialist party, was in Everett Sunday night. We wonder why?
F. G. CROSBY.

System is to Blame.

"I'm working for my own pocket all the time." When Richard Croker voiced this statement a lot of good people held up their hands in righteous indignation. But why should they? This one time chief of Tammany Hall was simply more honest than a lot of people. Croker was no hypocrite. He worked for his own economic interests and admitted it. What else can the average man do under the present damnable system but work for his own pocket?

It's not men who are wrong. It's the system. The system makes men do wrong when their natural instinct is to do right. No normal man gets any pleasure from seeing other men live in poverty and want. This is a world of plenty. Every intelligent man knows that there is enough produced for all to live in comfort, but every intelligent man also knows that in order to live in comfort under this system of rent, interest and profit he must work for his own pocket. What a lot of otherwise good and intelligent men do not know is that a better system is possible, a system under which all may live in comfort without detracting the least from the opportunity of others to live likewise in comfort.

A change from the private ownership of the means of life to collective ownership of the means of life will do it. Under Socialism a man can work for his own interests without hurting the interests of others. He can't do it today under capitalism. As things are we are all Richard Crokers to a more or less degree.

"TEN MEN FOR NINE JOBS"

There are at all times in Chicago 100,000 men who want employment but can't find it.

"If Christ came to Chicago" what would He do at viewing these figures? Would He become a member of a sanctified clubhouse called a church and snivel about charity?

Would He don a preacher's garb and become one of "The things that mount the rostrum with a skip, and then skip down again; pronounce a text; Cry 'Hem!' and reading what they never wrote Just fifteen minutes, huddle up their work, and with a well-bred whisper close the scene?"

Would He fritter His time writing empty essays on "Drink the Cause of Poverty" and the like? Not He. The voice that "spake as never man spake" would ring with the truth about unemployment and its accompanying evils.

The hand that drove the money changers out of the temple would lay the ax at the root of the system that puts idle money in the banks and idle men in the streets.—The Citizen.

THE "BO'N ORATAH"

It is narrated that Colonel Breckinridge, meeting Majah Buffo'd on the streets of Lexington one day, asked: "What is the meaning, suh, of the concoise befo' the cot' house?" To which the majah replied: "General Buckneh, suh, is a bo'n oratah."

"What do you mean by a bo'n oratah?" "If yo' or I, suh, were asked how much two and two make, we would reply 'foh.' When this is asked a bo'n oratah he replies: 'When in the co'se of human events it becomes necessary to take an integeh of the second denomination and add it, suh, to an in-

PARTY NEWS IN BRIEF

By H. W. WATTS

Last August the Socialists of North Dakota started a fund to buy automobiles and put organizers in the field. Today six counties have a fully paid for automobile and an organizer in the field campaigning.

The international peace conference of Socialists of neutral nations scheduled to take place in Copenhagen, January 17, has fallen through. This is due to the fact that the Socialist movement is made up of slaves who are patriots first and Socialists when their masters don't need them.

Coal to the amount of 524,000,000 tons was produced in this country during 1914. Could you do with a little more heat in the house?

The "Gleichheit," the Socialist women's paper of Germany, has been suppressed because of the publication of an "Appeal to Socialist Women" to crush the war article by Clara Zetkin in its columns.

The Alberta, Canada, government have decided to devote \$45,000 to the relief of the unemployed. This, it thinks, will have a tendency to stop agitation by Socialists.

District Attorney John D. Fredericks of Los Angeles, has admitted that he paid Orle McManigal, self-confessed dynamiter, \$1,000 when he was released from jail in 1913.

Fourteen chapters of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society have been organized in American colleges during the past year. This makes a total of 60 chapters.

The Socialist party of Great Britain have been compelled to suspend all meetings due to the passing of the defense of the realm (consolidation) act. The king, by an "order in council," has made it possible to condemn anyone to penal servitude for life who, by any act, subverts the mind of the public and stops anyone recruiting or joining the army.

Two weeks ago Local Everett No. 1, with the assistance of comrade Heller, started to put on a Saturday evening show. The local received half of the net receipts. Owing to the splendid (?) support given by the Socialists of Everett, the shows which could have been continued indefinitely have been abandoned.

The Protestant British government of Protestant England have sent a minister to the Vatican.

Rolls of toilet paper are being sold in the streets of London, England, upon each slip of which is a photo of the kaiser, and the hawkers cry of "What to do with the kaiser," raises a grin on the faces of the passersby. Is this culture?

Between 15,000 and 20,000 women stenographers and office workers are declared to be out of work in California.

Wheat is selling at \$1.50 a bushel. Price of bread is being raised all over the states and the reformers who have been satisfied with half a loaf find that they have to pay as much for half a loaf as they previously paid for a loaf.

Karl Liebknecht in a New Year's message calls upon the workers of the world to unite in a war against war. He declares that the masses everywhere loathe this war and says that among German workers there is a much greater degree of opposition to it than has been generally supposed.

There are 31 Socialists in 13 state legislatures and one Socialist in congress in the United States.

One year ago Pittsburg Socialists were lecturing to from 40 to 100 people at their Sunday meetings. Today, as the result of using "movies" at their meetings they are lecturing to from 2,000 to 5,000. At one meeting they sold 1,200 pieces of literature and took up a collection of \$125.

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tegeh of the same denomination, the result, suh—and I have the science of mathematics to back me in my judgment—the result, suh, and I say it without feah of successful contradiction, suh—the result is fo'. That's a bo'n oratah."—Lycceumite.

EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM UNDER SOCIALISM

Fear of Want Will Soon Leave People's Minds.

THERE WILL BE WORK FOR ALL

The Socialist remedy for disemployment is to take the employment of the people from private hands and place it in their own hands, to be managed by their government, made democratic and subject to their will in every particular.

This can be done only through the people owning the things with which they work. When they owned the simple tools that once were used and could get a portion of land to work when land was cheap they could employ themselves. They can no longer own the big machinery of production individually. If they are to control it, be able to employ themselves, they must do it by owning it collectively.

When a few people own the machinery which the many must use they can keep those people without employment at their will.

They become autocrats of industry. This is why you must ask for a job. They will not employ you unless they see a prospect of making a profit from your labor. If they make a profit from you you do not receive the full value of your product. Ownership of the tools becomes the means of exacting a tribute from you. That tribute insures that you will always remain poor and that the owners of the tools must grow richer and richer.

If the whole people owned the machinery with which things are produced and distributed it follows that they would all be able to employ themselves. It would be necessary the public policy to so adjust things as to give every owner an opportunity to work. If there should be such a thing as overproduction then it would result in leisure or vacations for all. Moreover, all would have means whereby they could afford to take vacations. There could be no more toll taking. The workers would receive the full equivalent of what they produced instead of a small portion of it, as now. Even if it should not be paid to them the surplus, now called profits, would come back to them as the owners. This would at once end poverty and the evils that go with it.

The Socialist proposition is that the people shall organize society and industry to do things for themselves instead of trusting that to individuals who have no interest in it except to make money from it. Socialists ask the completion of the work of civilization that was begun many years ago. At one time the roads were privately owned, and there were tollgates at intervals. Now they are publicly owned and tollgates are at an end. But there are tollgates on the railroads and in the markets, because they are privately owned. At one time the carrying of mail was privately done and you paid whatever owners could get. Now it is collectively owned, and you get everything at cost. The express business has been a private monopoly until the parcel post came, and you know already how the public institution is saving the people money. At one time the schools were private and only such as had money could pay tuition. When the public school came it meant that nearly everybody was enabled to learn how to read and write.

Socialism proposes merely an extension of the principle employed in these things in order to enable all to live without being held up by private interests.

There are those, of course, who will tell you that Socialism favors free love, is against religion and other similar nonsense. They are merely trying to keep you from throwing off the yoke because they in some way profit from your exploitation—either that or they do not understand. Socialism intends only to free you, to enable you to do and think for yourself.

Others very innocently ask where we can get the money for doing all these things. We will get it precisely where the present masters of industry get it—from the people who can work, from ourselves, by turning our "custom" to ourselves rather than to tribute takers. Only in doing things for use rather than profit we will save the entire tribute of rent, interest and profit, so that instead of making the few fabulously rich we will make all secure from want, from disemployment and from war.

Two Million Germans Idle by War. Geneva.—Since the beginning of the war 2,000,000 workers have been thrown out of employment in Germany, according to a report from Munich which has been suppressed by the police. Almost every manufacturing town lies at least partly idle for lack of raw materials. There are half a million women among those who have lost their jobs.

We Need You All. We are going to build a new world. We can spare none of you. We must have all of you—every producer, every worker with hand and brain.—Robert Hunter.

It yet may become necessary to land marines to protect Mr. Carnegie's peace place at The Hague.—Indianapolis Star.

January Clearance Sale

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35c Ladies' Underwear, each	25c
\$7.50 to \$10.00 Fall Coats	\$5.00
\$2.50 Silk Petticoats	\$1.90
10c Outing Flannels, yard	8c
15c Curtain Serim, yard	10c
25c Turkish Towels	19c
12 1/2c Gingham, yard	10c
\$2.98 Plaid Wool-Nap Blankets	\$2.00
65c Ladies' Union Suits, suit	49c
\$1.00 House Dresses	75c
Ladies' Suits	HALF PRICE
\$4.00 Tunic Dress Skirts	\$2.95
18c Galatea Cloth	15c
15c Dark Flammelette, yard	10c
\$1.25 Bed Spreads, each	95c
12 1/2c Huck Towels	10c
\$1.25 Bed Comforters	\$1.00
\$1.50 Ladies' Wool and Lisle Union Suits, suit	\$1.00
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Q. I am writing you in regard to an accident that I received in a U. S. government tunnel, known as the Gunnison tunnel of Colorado in the month of January, 1910. I haven't been able to do much work since, and haven't been able to sleep to amount to much, and a great many times I haven't been able to eat. I am sitting up in bed writing this letter to you. In this accident there were 9 men killed and 4 of us injured by breathing poison fumes and gas. I didn't receive one cent from the U. S. government for my injury. Don't you think that the government should pay me something?
 —J. O. W.

A. If the work on that tunnel was done under contract, then you could sue the contractors. If the government did the work by day labor, it should pay, but can't be compelled to. You cannot sue the U. S. government except on some claim arising from some contractual liability, or where some "law of congress" expressly provides for it. Congress has not provided for the payment of claims arising upon torts, or actionable wrongs, happening at a government project.

Q. I am a subscriber to the Washington Socialist, and wish to avail myself of your advice. Question: How long before a doctor's bill for eye glass lenses becomes outlawed? Can he prosecute?
 —W. R. P.

A. A bill becomes outlawed in three years, unless the debtor leaves the state, or his whereabouts within the state is unknown. The statute of limitations does not run during such absence. He can not "prosecute" any criminal action.

No. 4608
 In the Justice Court Before Noah Shakespeare, Justice of the Peace, in and for Everett Precinct, Snohomish County, Washington.
 John Barlow, Plaintiff, vs. Bert Anderson, Defendant.
 TO BERT ANDERSON:

In the name of the State of Washington you are hereby notified that John Barlow has filed a complaint against you in said court, which will come on to be heard at the justice's court room, in the court house annex, in Everett, Snohomish county, Washington, on the 5th day of February, 1915, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and unless you appear and then and there answer, the same will be taken as confessed, and the demand of the plaintiff granted.

The object and demand of the complaint is to recover the sum of Ten Dollars with interest for money loaned to you by the plaintiff.
 You are further notified that the Great Northern Railway company, a corporation, has been made garnishee defendant herein, and that certain money belonging to you has been garnisheed.
 Complaint filed January 4th, 1915
NOAH SHAKESPEARE,
 Justice of the Peace.
 First publication January 14th, 1915. 3.

No.
 In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, for Snohomish County. Mary Johnson, Plaintiff, vs. John B. Johnson, Defendant.
 The State of Washington to the above named defendant, John B. Johnson:

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.
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NOT A MAN FOR CANNON FODDER

By MAY WOOD-SIMONS
 The question of what attitude the Socialist party of the United States shall take on armament is now fairly before us. The efforts of the armament trust to increase the military strength of this country and the necessity for the party to state its position on the attitude it wishes this government to take when peace negotiations come, have forced the question to the front.

The peace program formulated by the peace committee of the party is in the hands of every party member. As a member of that committee I voted against the position taken by the majority of the committee, on the question of disarmament.

There is, I believe, but one position the party can take on armament. We should stand for complete disarmament, without qualification.
 The first part of the program relating to disarmament says:

"1. National disarmament shall be affected immediately upon the adoption of the peace program by a sufficient number of nations, or nations of sufficient power so that the international police force developed by the terms of the program shall be adequate to insure the protection of the disarmed.

"2. No increase in existing armaments under any circumstances."
 Of this statement one can say, as a prominent professor of geology used to say to his class, "Perfectly general, perfectly meaningless, and perfectly absurd."

Illogical Position of Socialist Party.
 Lay aside the poor logic involved in the statement and read this of Roosevelt's in the Independent:

"My proposal is that the efficient civilized nations—those that are efficient in war as well as in peace—shall join in a world league for the peace of righteousness. . . . They shall also agree to act with the combined military strength of all of them against any recalcitrant nation."

In other words Roosevelt's proposal as to a league of nations with a pooled military force is parallel with that of the proposed Socialist program. Take the second demand for no increase of existing armaments; in what is that an advance on the position of the Czar of Russia when he called the peace conference at The Hague?

The Socialist who takes the position that Socialists must hold themselves ready to fight a war of defense must recall that every nation now at war in Europe is to its own mind fighting a war of defense. Have they not been told so by their respective governing bodies? What is the definition of a war of defense? Even Bebel found it difficult to say just what should be considered a war of defense. If it needed anything to make plain the twaddle that this talk of a war of offense and defense can give rise to among Socialists the present war furnishes it, in which every nation is crying, "The blame is yours."

Fear of Rising Tide of Socialism One Cause of the War.
 Just here let the Socialist take note of the fact that the French Yellow Book, the official statement of the French government, holds that one of the principal causes of the present war is the fear which the ruling class in Prussia has of the growing strength of democracy as represented by the Socialists, and there is little doubt that a war could weaken and disorganize this power of labor that menaced class rule within their own boundaries was welcome. Every country of Europe fears the strength of the Socialist movement in its own territory. The London Times states of England's ally, Russia, that the war has saved Russia from the revolt of the workers that was threatening.

The Socialist then who votes for an armament at all will find himself before long marching with this same armament in a so-called war of defense which is in fact largely a war to destroy the working class movement feared more than any outside enemy by the reactionary governments.

It is argued by others in defense of the peace program as formulated that we would lose the support of many if we took a straight stand for disarmament and that we must therefore be practical. That is a good question for the politician to raise. I doubt its truth but whether true or not it is not the attitude that the Socialist party can take on a great question that involves the deepest principles of the party.

A Lesson From Europe.
 The Socialists of Europe have temporized with this matter for years. What has been the practical result? No bloodier war of history was ever fought than the one being fought to-day and perhaps none in which more hatred is being evolved.
 Again it is argued in defense of this program that the Socialists cannot stand for seeing this nation disarm

SOCIALIST PARTY AND LABOR UNIONS

Harmony Should Exist Between These Great Forces.
ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED

Political organization and economic organization are alike necessary in the struggle for working class emancipation. The most harmonious relations ought to exist between the two great forces of the working class movement—the Socialist party and the labor unions.

The labor movement of the United States has of recent years made marvelous progress in all directions. It has steadily increased in numbers and has reached trades and industries which were before unorganized. It has in many instances concentrated its power and increased its efficiency by the amalgamation of related trades into federations and industrial unions.

Many unions have opened their meetings and journals to the discussion of vital social and political problems of the working class and have repudiated the demoralizing politics represented by the National Civic Federation. The organized workers are rapidly developing an enlightened and militant class consciousness.

The reality of this progress is attested by the increasing violence with which the organized capitalists wage war against the unions. This improved economic organization is not a matter of abstract theory, but grows out of the experience of the workers in the daily class struggle. Only those actually engaged in the struggle in the various trades and industries can solve the problems of form of organization.

The Socialist party therefore reaffirms the position it has always taken with regard to the movement of organized labor:
 First—That the party has neither the right nor the desire to interfere in any controversies which may exist within the labor union movement over questions of form of organization or technical methods of action in the industrial struggle, but trusts to the labor organizations themselves to solve these questions.

Second—That the Socialists call the attention of their brothers in the labor unions to the vital importance of the task of organizing the unorganized, especially the immigrants and the unskilled laborers, who stand in greatest need of organized protection and who will constitute a great menace to the progress and welfare of organized labor if they remain neglected. The Socialist party will ever be ready to cooperate with the labor unions in the task of organizing the unorganized workers and urges all labor organizations that have not already done so to throw their doors wide open to the workers of their respective trades and industries, abolishing all onerous conditions of membership and artificial restrictions. In the face of the tremendous powers of the American capitalists and their close industrial and political union the workers of this country can win their battles only by a strong class consciousness and closely united organizations on the economic field, a powerful and militant party on the political field and by joint attack on the common enemy.

Third—That it is the duty of the party to give moral and material support to the labor organizations in all their defensive and aggressive struggles against capitalist oppression and exploitation, for the protection and extension of the rights of the wage-workers and the betterment of their material and social condition.

Fourth—That it is the duty of the members of the Socialist party who are eligible to membership in the unions to join and be active in their respective labor organizations.

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When the rest of the great powers are armed to the teeth that we must at least stand for its remaining armed until the other powers are disarmed or have agreed to disarm. Again, no. Either we must stand for complete disarmament or we must go the whole road with the Chicago Tribune and the armament trust and wish the nation armed to the limit in the most up-to-date war fashion. A little armament with modern warfare will do no good, it will only be useless in the face of better equipped nations. If it is defense through war that the Socialists believe in let them say so without quibble and stand for the preparation of the nation accordingly.

But I do not believe that this is what the American Socialist movement stands for. I do not believe that it wishes to be committed to any such position. There is no half way measure, we must take a position against all armament.

Certainly we should have learned something from the five months' war in Europe. The thing we should have learned, it seems to me, is that the Socialist party of this country must now take as its motto, "Not one dollar for armament; not one man for war purposes."

JAURES' SUCCESSOR HINTS AT REPUBLIC

Says England and France Will Aid German Socialists.
WILL BE PEOPLE'S VICTORY

Paris.—Deputy Vaillant, who since the death of Jean Jaures has been one of the foremost leaders of the French Socialist party, expresses the opinion that the actual conditions of the dominant military autocracy prevailing in Germany if not overturned by the Germans themselves must be destroyed by the allies, which means the dismemberment of the empire. If the Germans take advantage of the opportunity to institute a republic in itself, says M. Vaillant, will be a guaranty of their future good behavior and will be welcomed, at least in England.

"By their successes," M. Vaillant asserts, "the armies of England and France are daily winning the right to weightier influence. A victorious campaign will give France and England the capital if not the preponderating role in concluding peace and will permit them if not to decide at least to intervene successfully in the democratic interests of peoples and in the interest of a definite peace."

Flaunting the Flag.
 "I sometimes wonder why men ever now take this flag and flaunt it," said Mr. Wilson, speaking at the Flag Day celebration arranged by the employees of the state, war and navy departments. And he proceeded to unfold the thought. "If I am respected, I do not have to demand respect. If I am feared, I do not have to ask for fear. If my power is known, I do not have to proclaim it. I do not understand the temper, neither does this great nation understand the temper, of men who use this flag boastfully."

Here is a fine challenge indeed to the spirit of jingoism. It should sink in the force of the utterance is the more apparent, considering the source. The "Tampeco incident" is fresh in memory. Was not the country told that its flag had been "insulted" at Tampeco? Did not the insult provoke a great pothier at Washington? Have not American lives been sacrificed to avenge the insult? Did not the administration, without a second thought, "demand respect," "ask for fear" and "proclaim its power" from the cannon's mouth? As an example of "flaunting" the flag where in all our annals is there another to match this one?—Providence Journal.

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RIISING COST OF LIVING

As it becomes better known that the average wages paid by manufacturers bears no relation to the rapidly increasing value of the product per worker, the old gag that business men "pay all they can afford," etc., is not so often played up; instead, we see the bosses and "commissions" getting down to the good old Marxian method of how to determine what wages to pay in this or that locality; namely, what is the average cost of the average wage-slave's "keep" in a given time and place.

Not long ago investigators found that \$900 a year was the minimum sum upon which a working-class family of five could live and breed—allowing, of course, merely for sheer necessities, things needed to keep up the worker's "efficiency." The average wage of heads of families is far below this, being something around \$600.

Now comes another, up-to-date figure from New York City. The bureau of standards of the board of estimates, which fixes all salaries in municipal departments, has decided that \$1,200 a year is a living wage in this city. In a report to the board of aldermen it is stated that these figures are taken as the basis for what is termed higher and lower grades of work.

How can the government regulate the trusts while the trusts are busy regulating the government? Don't be FOOLISH. Use your head for a think tank as well as a hat rack.

If the people don't own the trusts, the trusts will own the people.

GENEROUS RESPONSE

PLAN FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION APPROVED BY LOCALS EVERYWHERE

Several Birthday Parties Given MORE TO FOLLOW

These are busy days around the office of the Washington Socialist. Plans are under way for the birthday number, and already many responses have come in, the first two being John Wilson, of Loon Lake, and M. J. Donahue, of Quincy.

It is our intention to send sample copies of this special issue to every nook and corner of the state.

Local Trafton gave a birthday party on the 9th, and Local Arlington on the 11th. Other locals have plans in the making. As stated before, the results will be published on Feb. 4.

Readers of the Washington Socialist should congratulate themselves that the paper is doing so well in a financial way, in view of the fact that many Socialist papers throughout the country are quite discouraged over the depression caused by the hard times of the past year. One in particular, and a state-owned paper, at that, makes the frank statement, in last week's issue, that in spite of the utmost economy the paper now faces an indebtedness of \$3,000, and a weekly deficit of from \$10 to \$20. They complained that pledges were not being fulfilled, and stated that if more interest was not manifested they could not much longer carry on the fight.

This is the tenor of the statements made by many other of our papers

THOSE WICKED CORPORATIONS

The animosity manifested toward corporations by so many people who are nevertheless opposed to public ownership of public utilities, is merely an expression of smouldering envy and spitefulness. They belong to that large class of flag-worshippers who rob their own government by evading taxation, customs duties, or through any means at their hand. They are legitimate children of capitalism, mean, dishonest, and "patriotic"—with their mouths.

Socialists are not against the trusts. We do not want to smash, curb, nor regulate them. All we want is to OWN them.

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GOOD MONEY IS NOT EASY TO BORROW

THREE PER CENT LOAN SHARKS TRYING TO ROB FARMERS

How the Trap is Set.

With good prices in sight for non-perishable farm products, the farmer who is short on the ready money feels safe in borrowing a few hundred plunks to tide him over a few months' shortage. The gink with the easy-payment plan is right there to serve him—right!

Good money is worth 6 per cent anywhere, or more; so, comrades of the farm, don't get into any of that 3 per cent bunkum.

You see it's like this: Certain more or less fraudulent companies, gambling on the rural home-owner's credit and needs, are offering to lend the farmer money, on good security, at, say, 3 per cent interest, and to allow the borrower to repay the loan in easy monthly installments on the amortization plan.

So many farmers have fallen for this alluring scheme, it becomes necessary to warn them of the pitfall. The plan of these money-sharks is about like this:

How It's Done.

After writing for further details the company sends you an application blank, which you sign.

In a few days you receive from such a company a contract for the loan for which you applied. The contract which you receive is duly signed by the officers of the company. Then you realize that the application signed by you and the contract signed by the officers of the company together constitute a valid contract, and that you are now in for it.

Under the terms of the contract you are to begin at once paying off the debt of, say, \$1,000 at the rate of \$10 a month, but you have not got your \$1,000 yet. Moreover, you do not know just when you will get it. The only thing you know is that you have got to go right on paying \$10 a month. You have, however, the promise that whenever the company has the money to spare, you will get your loan. Another way of saying the same things is that when your turn comes, you will get it. This means that such a company has not got the money now, and that there are several other gentlemen whose turns come before yours. As fast as the company gets money it lends it out to these men each in his turn. When your turn comes, if the company lasts that long, you will get your money.

Now, where does this kind of company get the money which it is going to lend to you and the other gentlemen who have signed these contracts? Why, it gets it from you and those same gentlemen, and from no one else. Speaking to all of you collectively, it says, in effect, "Gentlemen, this company has no money of its own, but if you will pay your money into its treasury, we will then be glad to lend it back to you, if you will give good security, on very favorable terms, indeed."

If such a company ceased getting new contracts, it could not lend you your thousand dollars until you had paid in a thousand. It has no other source of income, and it can not create something out of nothing. If it continues to get new contracts after yours, then it can take the money paid in by those who follow you to lend to those who precede you. In this way your turn may come before you have paid in quite the full amount which you expect to borrow. But those who follow you will have to wait still longer on that account. If new applications should sign up rapidly and in large numbers, and begin paying their good money into the company, the company may then be able to give you your loan tolerably early. But that only postpones the evil day. Those who follow you in such numbers, will have to wait longer and longer, unless the applicants continue increasing in a geometrical ratio. But the longer this sort of thing goes on the greater will be the smash when it comes.

Moral: Don't accept any easy money. It's too dear.

It appears that while Villa can not say it very well, he knows what he wants, while Carranza, who could say it beautifully, does not know what he wants.—Chicago News.

Germany seems to have lost all of her foreign possessions with the exception of Milwaukee, St. Louis and Cincinnati.—Houston Post.

It may be an unpatriotic thought, but it is possible that those young Britons who are so slow about enlisting don't want to be killed.—Indianapolis News.

What a pity we can not mobilize a few million of those European ditch-digging soldiers on Mississippi levee-work.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

To Things for You To Do

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By CHARLES W. ERVIN

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Regularization of industry, establishment of public employment exchanges, systematic distribution of public work, prevention or absorption of surplus labor, unemployment insurance, and constructive care of the unemployed, are the six steps proposed in a practical program for the prevention of unemployment just issued in a twenty-page report by Dr. John B. Andrews, secretary of the American Association on Unemployment, from the association's headquarters at 131 East 23d St., New York.

"The time is past," says Dr. Andrews, "when the problem of unemployment could be disposed of either by ignoring it, as was the practice until recent years in America, or by attributing it to mere laziness and inefficiency. We are beginning to recognize that the causes of unemployment are not so much individual and due to the shiftlessness of 'wont' works' as social and inherent in our present method of industrial organization."

Employers, employees and the public as consumers, it is pointed out, all have a duty in helping to regularize industry. By establishing employment departments in their plants, planning output ahead, offering inducements for slack season trade and in other ways employers are urged to do what they can to make every job a steady job. At the same time employees are advised to encourage adjustments through short-time and overtime agreements rather than by discharge of part of the force, while discouraging excessive overtime by a demand for double pay for such work. "The slogan of the consumer should become 'shop regularity!'" says the program, in deprecating irregular and capricious purchasing.

SOME THINGS ADVOCATED

Public employment exchanges are advanced as a matter of business organization and not of philanthropy. Both municipal and state exchanges are advocated, supplemented by a federal bureau of employment to secure similarity of operation and of information throughout the country. Neutrality in labor disputes is made a cardinal principle for all exchanges. "Public work," says the program, "should be made to act as a sponge

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absorbing the reserves of labor in bad years and slack seasons and setting them free again when the demand for them increases again in private business." Successful operation of public works in several countries is cited.

Limitations on child labor, thorough industrial training, a revival of agriculture and country life, and a constructive policy of regulating and distributing immigration, are coupled with the regulation of working hours of adults as possible steps in preventing of absorbing the surplus of labor which intensifies the unemployment problem in large industrial centers.

For those who nevertheless are unemployed although able and willing to work, it is proposed that unemployment insurance such as is in operation in England since 1913 be established in America also. Out-of-work benefits by trade unions, either assisted or not assisted by public contributions, and a national system of public unemployment insurance, are suggested as possible methods. All have found successful application in various countries.

When all these steps have been taken, it is pointed out, there still remains the problem of the unemployed, including those who are sick, aged, inefficient, feeble minded, or semi-criminal, as well as those who refuse to work. To those different groups it is proposed to give varied constructive care, aiming wherever possible at their early restoration to normal working life and independence.

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