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FIRST WEEK IN MAY IS RED WEEK

CALL FOR ACTION RED WEEK

There has never been a time within the memory of man when Socialism was more badly needed than it is today.

As a result of the reign of capitalism half the world is at war. Death, disease and destitution cover the face of Europe. The vilest human passions are unleashed.

In our country several million men are unemployed. The cost of living is rising. The greed for profits on the part of the American capitalists is prolonging the European horror and is bringing us close to the abyss of war. The capitalist class and the capitalist newspapers are working diligently for an increase in the army and navy. Two of our comrades, Fred Holt and Pat Quinlan, are in jail because of their faithfulness to the cause of labor.

The first week in May is RED WEEK—the week set apart by the

national committee or special activity in behalf of Socialism. Let us make this week memorable in the annals of the party by virtue of the results achieved.

Capitalism is ravishing and destroying; let us EDUCATE AND BUILD.

We suggest the following program for RED WEEK and devoutly hope that it will be carried out.

1. Make a special campaign for members.

2. Aim to cover your community with literature at least once a week during the month.

3. Have your local send in \$1.00 for four sub-cards to THE WASHINGTON SOCIALIST to help in the great campaign the paper is now making.

Comrades, if Socialism is worth having it is worth working for, and we rely on it that during RED WEEK especially, you will give your full measure of service to the cause.

WHY DO SOCIALISTS

N T DIVIDE UP?

(By R. A. Dague.)

"How can a rich man be a consistent Socialist?" Can he keep his riches without stultifying himself? Why does he not practice what he preaches and "divide u, thus demonstrating (?) his honesty and the truth of his doctrines?"

I have many times heard these questions asked and objections made to Socialism, but the number who make such inquiries are steadily growing smaller, due, doubtless, to the fact that the principles of Socialism are being better understood by intelligent people. Socialists never did advocate "dividing up." That accusation is false, and was put in circulation by the enemies of Socialism. Socialists do not believe in a charity that degrades both the giver and the recipient of alms. One of the foundation corner-stones on which Socialism is erected is "reciprocity"—giving in return an equivalent in value for what one receives. They do not believe in getting values for nothing; therefore their chief motto is: "Every adult should be a worker in some useful occupation, manual or mental, and receive the full net value of his labor."

To that end they insist on a readjustment of our system of industrialism and the elimination of speculation, or profits, and interest-taking. It is through these methods that a favored few amass great riches without labor or returning any equivalent for the property they secure. No more wicked and unfounded falsehood was ever uttered than the lie started, and still going, that Socialists want to "divide up."

Socialists are not opposed to riches. Their efforts are directed to so equitably adjust the production and distribution of wealth that a few crafty speculators and manipulators may be prevented from amassing colossal riches by unfair methods without giving value in return for that wealth while the great masses are cheated out of their honest share. Socialists point to the fact that nature provides in great abundance all the raw material necessary to support myriads of human beings, such as lands, water, timber, coal minerals and electricity. Nature's laws are such that men must apply their labor to those raw materials. They must cultivate the ground, build houses, dig the metals and perform labor, but nature leaves to man the liberty to adopt the rules under which labor shall be apportioned to or shared by individuals.

In the savage and uncivilized peoples of the primitive age, the rule of "might makes right" prevailed. The strongest and most brutal savages enslaved the weaker ones and compelled

them to toil for their masters. The workers received no more than was necessary to keep them in condition to perform labor. That custom in a somewhat modified and less brutal form is still in force and effect. Capitalism, or the present system of industrialism is still conducted on that plan except the big chieftains who become the possessors of the earnings of the workers, secure it by crafty methods rather than by use of the war club or stone hatchet.

The total wealth of the people of the United States is estimated at one hundred and forty billions of dollars. The alarming fact is that the tolling masses who created that wealth are owners of but ten per cent of that colossal sum, while a few millionaires own ninety per cent of it, for which they returned no equivalent in value. Did they become possessors of the wealth by useful labor, mental or manual? Oh, no! They got it through profits and interest-taking legal methods for getting something for nothing, and they made both the law and the methods.

PLEA FOR NEWER PATRIOTISM

Charlotte Perkins Gilman, noted Socialist lecturer, editor, poetess, novelist and philosopher, was the speaker chosen for the first lecture given in this state under the educational organization presided over locally by the County Supt. of schools, Mrs. Lizzie Jones. The lower floor of the Everett Theatre was filled with attentive listeners as Mrs. Gilman made her strong, logical plea for an enlargement of the popular conception of patriotism, urging also the necessity for some method for the enforcement or arbitration treaties. The fact that wars are an inevitable expression of the capitalist system of production for profits, and can never be eliminated until the cause is removed—production for profits, instead of for use,—was carefully side-stepped by Comrade Gilman, for the occasion; which was a disappointing feature of an otherwise very well organized lecture. Commonplace in content, so far as Socialists are concerned, the lecture seemed to be full of new and radical departures to the bourgeois part of the audience. Mrs. Gilman is never dull, even when doing a bourgeois stunt.

The amusing part of the whole affair was to see Mrs. Lizzie Jones chairman of a meeting called to hear a Socialist speaker of international fame while apparently blissfully ignorant of the fact. But where could one look to secure a speaker worth while without falling afoul of a Socialist? Nearly every artist, poet, writer, orator and scientist of the day is either avowedly, or tacitly, a Socialist. So what could the poor woman do?

LEST WE FORGET

IN MEMORIAM

LUDLOW, APRIL 20, 1914

LUDLOW—AN EPOCH

(By John R. Lawson.)

When the great history of industrial conflicts is written, Ludlow must stand as an epoch.

The 20th day of April, 1914, and therefore each succeeding 20th day of April, must live forever as a flaming protest against the use of bayonets and torches in the hands of mercenary gunmen, clothed with the authority and kahki cloak of our state or nation.

On the open plain and nesting at the foot of the great Rocky Mountains, seeming to seek shelter from the friendly hills nearby, was Ludlow—Ludlow with her 1,200 souls, representing twenty-one nationalities.

Located here was the largest industrial tent colony the world had ever seen. The inhabitants had been attracted to this canvas city from the unsanitary houses and dangerous mines in the canyons. They came, with their scant belongings, hoping to secure justice and social industrial and political freedom. They were fleeing from absolutism and tyranny.

Their good slogan was "One for all and all for one," and under the protective banner of the United Mine Workers of America this great harmonious family assembled, to work out their own salvation, lawfully, fairly and according to the lines of true citizenship.

They knew no imaginary boundary lines, no creed, no other nationality but the one of their adoption. And there was no discrimination. They enjoyed their innocent games and pastimes. All through a long winter they remained peaceful, contented and of good cheer. They had a sublime confidence in each other and a profound faith in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

Yet this law-abiding Ludlow, with its friendly mixing races of the hard toil, was to become the storm center of the greatest industrial struggle which labor ever had forced upon it. It was indeed the Gibraltar of the striking miners, but it remained a calm, placid, undisturbed rock against which the great corporations hurled in vain their waves of persecution, coercion and intimidation.

Beautiful Solidarity.

Here stood the little band of mixed dialects, shoulder to shoulder and with such dauntless courage that the members awakened the respect and sympathy of the entire nation. Standing by the men, with a mighty trust, were the wives and mothers, the sisters, and, greatest of all perhaps, the little children. No murmur of dismay or fear came from them as they endured the cold wintry blasts of the Rocky Mountains region. They might be browbeaten, robbed, plundered, yet they stood resolute, determined and unafraid to the end.

Arrayed against them was all the vast power of gold, with the millions which gold always attracts. Fresh was the army of the Baldwin-Feltz, there from its spoils in West Virginia and coming as veterans to Colorado. These human vultures of society had been recruited from everywhere—from all those places which might hold a man who would sell himself and his gun for the dollars of capital. They came with their high-power rifles, steel armored automobiles, machine guns and great searchlights which played upon the homes night after night, only presaging the hideous yellow light of the flames which would in the end consume those tents and those within.

Unable to destroy the union or break their glorious spirit of individual members, the coal corporations called out their bought-and-paid-for militia. Then, in a few short weeks, the operators had another open ally—the miners another open enemy.

Colorado's Unfringed Vultures. No man, woman or child who lived in that corporation-ridden zone will ever be able to erase from the memory that period of time when the Colorado national guard occupied the district.

Undisciplined, dishonest, unclean of body and mind, unscrupulous and treacherous, these supposed guardians of human rights and human liberties had no respect for motherhood, womanhood or childhood. Their one common desire was to break the strike and do the bidding of the master—the coal corporation. Neither the pen of a Hugo, a Zola nor a Poe could describe the infamies of the militia during their occupation of that had been a peaceable strike district.

And in the end, when some of the better members of the militia had gone home—when some of the men who still retained a heart that could throb for the oppressed, begged off in disgust or were furloughed—those high in command recruited their dwindling ranks from the mine guards and paid gunmen of the corporations. They actually concealed beneath the

uniform of a state, desperadoes, wanderers, non-citizens and men who never intended to become citizens.

The April Holocaust.

And then came April 20, 1914, the morning after the Greek Easter which was still being celebrated by the Greeks of the colony. It was a morning to call for its awful sacrifice of human blood, and to insist on that wanton sacrifice.

After that the deluge! A condition bordering on civil war, when frenzied men, bereft of their loved ones and crazed by awful disaster, cried out, "Oh, God, help us, for we know not what we do or whither we may turn!"

At last the federal troops came and peace once more.

Generations yet unborn will meet upon this sad but eventful day in commemoration of t innocent children, helpless women and brave men, martyrs in the cause of justice and human right.

Louis Tikas, the Greek leader and murdered hero who refused to desert the women and children of the Ludlow camp, paid for his heroism with his life. Flyer and Bartolli went into the unknown with Tikas. While military prisoners they were bludgeoned with rifle butts and riddled with bullets—a barbarous act of warfare from which would have turned away, sick with disgust.

Ah, yes! But these men and the women and children who died with them, builded a monument in the hearts of all wh love courage and fidelity, a monument more spotlessly pure than any white shaft of marble ever reared by human hands.

Upon this day, then, shall we unfurl the flag of Ludlow. Its colors are the crimson, the blue, the gold, the white. And we shall resolve to free the land of ignorance and slavery. We shall destroy the greed of gain. We shall break the oppressors hold and inspire the hearts of men to deeds of good. Boldly and fearlessly we shall work for liberty, strike for the right, nor fall to cry aloud so that all may hear: My brother shall be free.

IN MEMORIAM

A Tribute to a Small, But Heroic and Mighty Band.

(By Samuel J. Lewis.)

They did not wear the scarlet coat, For blood and fire were red, And Arson's blood was on their hands When they found them with their dead. And poor dead people that they burned And murdered in their bed. —Paraphrased from the "Ballad of Reading Goal."

The twenty of the Mighty Soul arose in the morning and looked toward the coal-riddled hills. The April sun—the rising sun, the warming sun—shone full in their wan, tired and harassed faces.

It was the glorious sun of a new day—April 20, 1914—peeping its promise over the hills of Ludlow town.

A dull, reverberating sound is heard from a nearby hillside. The report catapults against the mountain and is thrown off in echoes, to hurl itself against other hills and become other echoes, which only die as they race up canyons and against sheer rock-sides.

There comes another startling explosion, to be disrupted and scattered into the echoes that din on eardrum and appal the spirit. Two bombs! The signal for attack! Down, then, come the troopers—two score of them left to guard where guards were not needed—left to goad harass, badger and browbeat where all should have been peace—left to scheme and plan for a deluge of smoke and death where all should have been happiness! Left to turn the joys of life-giving spring into the drum beats of untimely destruction.

It came as suddenly as the flashing sword of death! Rifles rattle hideously! Sabers swished frightfully in the yellow of the morning. Machine guns sputtered, choked, vomited their leaden hail. Disaster! Cataclysm! Fire and sword!

An Awful Crime. The story has been told. It gains nothing but sorrow and horror in the repetition. Forty fully armed, war-caparisoned, strong, strutting men against a thousand huddling, running, weeping, pleading, crazed and terrorized human beings. And twenty mer, women and children—strikers and their loved ones fell—fell in that horrid storm of lead and flame. Fell by gunshot, bludgeoning, from rifle butt, by blow from saber, by burning in the fired tents, by smothering in the black holes beneath those tents to which they had fled to escape Arson's awful clutch.

They slew them as the beast is slain They did not even toll

A requiem that might have brought Rest to the startled soul. But suddenly they mowed them down

And hid them in a hole. All day this one-sided battle continued. All that day through men probed in their tracks; mothers sobbed over the dying babe on their bosoms, only to be stricken themselves; children were stifled, bullet-riddled, asphyxiated!

And when kindly night descended—when the golden sun of the morning set blood-red in the west, changing his promise to the living to the benediction for the dead—those rifles, machine guns and torches had sounded "taps" for a score of workers of God's world.

A Grim Picture. Here, then is the grim picture of Ludlow—the smoky, blurred and blackened painting that must mar the galleries of the twentieth century.

And what of it? Just this. That score died in their own cause. They perished for what they thought was right. They laid down their all—their lives—that others might live and work in peace. Their greatest sin was that they held out against capital's greed.

Like Another, long before, who had given His life to bring solace and comfort to the hearts of men, so did that twenty die to insure industrial peace, betterment and greater reward to the sweating, striving, toiling hosts of the earth.

For Ludlow is the beginning and the end! Ludlow carried the emphatic notice the horror, wantonness and futility of the very things which created Ludlow. Ludlow aroused the people to the realization that capitalistic rapacity had overreached itself in producing Ludlow.

Ludlow sounded these mpthic notice that there must never again be another Ludlow!

Twenty of the Mighty Soul brought these things to pass. As they stood upon these brown hillsides and watched their canvas homes go up in smoke and flame waiting for the next bullet to single them out as victims, had they been given the prophetic eye they might have seen a kindlier, more indulgent spirit of the future in the ashes of the present.

Perishing from the earth they might have foretold that the day had closed on privately hired guards, gunmen, wandering soldiers of fortune and those men who live by coercing, threatening and killing their fellows—a closing of the day on intimidation browbeating, harassment and starving to those who do those things for unholy wage.

Departing into the shadows, they might have seen all the publicity, the investigations, the condemnation of the monstrous system responsible for Ludlow; the wrath of an aroused people, the action of an indignant congress and the move of a president—all these things and more growing out of their valorous death at Ludlow, but all bringing the emphatic word that there must be no other Ludlow.

There might have been a stauncher unionism—crown mightier because of their own growth and hardships—moving forward and onward and upward, until it proved to all the world that in it, and it alone, lay the common man's hope of the future.

They might have seen that unionism winning its peaceful battles of the future, because the Mighty Score of Ludlow has shown to capital that it is better to treat and confer and reason than it is to slay and maim and burn! These men and women and children of the hard life, the grinding toll, the sweating days, the many tears and few joys—this People of the Great Sorrow and Great Spirit—might have seen all this. They might have understood that their tremendous sufferings would help the tragglers of all time to come—that their names on each succeeding April 20th would be honored and their memories revered as the Saviors and the Rebukers of Greed, the Heralds of Peace.

And standing on the summit of life, with the depths of eternity at their feet, and the setting sun shining golden in their faces, they might have cried out to all the world: "Behold the great martyrs. "It is a far and better thing that we do than we have ever done! It is a far, far better rest that we go to than we have ever known."

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SALTER SAVES MONEY FOR CITY

STREET DEPT. EMPLOYEES HAVE SANITARY QUARTERS

It beats 'ell what happens when a Socialist official is put in charge of public work. Hardly a week has passed during the term of Salter's administration as commissioner of public works but that some improvement is not introduced somewhere, somehow.

Socialist officials are not out to "save money for the tax-payers" at the expense of the men who do the city's laborous "dirty work. But they always effect economies through elimination of graft, political favors, jobs for votes only, etc., or by the substitution of scientific methods for slipshod lack of organization and sheer waste.

Saved City \$150.80 Last Month. During the past month Commissioner Salter fitted up a blacksmith shop in the city's yard, in connection with the barn, also a repair outfit; hired a man at the prevailing wage scale in Everett, did the city's work, and saved the down-trodden tax-payer \$150.80. And he's going to do this right along hereafter.

Last Tuesday Comrade Salter introduced an ordinance providing for a blacksmith and repair man at \$3 per day. The measure was unanimously passed and handed over to the city attorney for finishing touches. There will be no opposition when it comes up for its second reading.

Sanitary Dining Room. Heretofore the employees of the street department were obliged to eat their lunches in the stable, warming their coffee or tea on a stove that was more or less a source of danger by fire. Now things are different. A new clean, sanitary dining room has been built, and the men may now eat their lunches in agreeable, wholesome surroundings.

Implement Shed Built. Also an implement and wagon shed has been built to extend full length of yard, thus protecting the city's machinery, etc., from the elements and conserving them.

Moral: If the citizens of Everett want to see things done as they should be, elect Socialist officials, and they'll "deliver the goods." And no limning and hawing about it, at that.

Help in This Fight

Appeal for Funds in an Educational Fight to the Members of the Socialist Party of Oregon, Washington and Elsewhere.

Dear Comrades:

This appeal is made to the Socialists of this state and elsewhere for the purpose of establishing a principle which will be of lasting benefit to all teachers. The question of principle involved is whether the school law as it is written on the statute books of this state protects the rights of a teacher who does not entertain the same political ideas as those who hold political offices by the grace of the Republican and Democratic parties, or whether the law can be set aside when it does not suit their fancy or purpose.

The Law Reads:

"The board shall dismiss teachers only for good cause shown, and in case the board shall pass an order to dismiss, the material reason therefor shall be spread upon record by the district clerk. . . . In the trial of a teacher, when it is sought to dismiss him, as above provided, the county superintendent, or state superintendent, as the case may be, shall give the teacher due and legal notice a closing of the day on intimidation browbeating, harassment and starving to those who do those things for unholy wage.

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If your local has not already seconded it, see to it that they do right away. This makes a total of 24 locals that have seconded the referendum.

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portunity to be heard in his own defense in person or by attorney. (L. 1915, Ch. 172, p305.)

The supreme court of this state has held time and again that school directors have only such powers as are expressly granted them by law. In Comrade Foreman's case no motion to dismiss was ever passed by the board, no reason for her dismissal ever spread upon the records by the district clerk, no charge preferred and no trial given by the school board; but she was brutally ejected from her school though she was under contract to teach one more month which would have ended her school year. Relying upon the decisions laid down by the supreme courts of other states, where they have had occasion to pass upon statutes similar to ours, Comrade Foreman's attorney insisted that before the school board could introduce any evidence justifying their course, they should have followed the law prescribed above. But regardless of the plain mandate of law, the judge instructed the jury that this was not necessary.

Consequently an adverse verdict.

This is not a personal fight for Comrade Foreman. It is a question of vital importance to every teacher in this state. She has been under constant fire for a year and a half, and for a full year has been unemployed. This long fight has exhausted her resources and she needs the moral and financial support of every loyal comrade in the movement.

Unanimously adopted by the Socialist party of Portland at a mass meeting March 27, 1915.

Will Speak Sunday

"THE COLLAPSE OF CAPITALISM" SUBJECT OF SECOND LECTURE

By request of many who heard Comrade Salter's informing address two weeks ago, he will discuss further the same topic, "The Collapse of Capitalism," Sunday evening, April 18th, at 8 o'clock. Admission will be free, and there will be no collection. No one can afford to miss this timely discussion of the most serious problem of our times.

BAKER MILL RESUMES WORK

The F. K. Baker shingle plant resumed operations Tuesday morning with a full crew of men and there was no trouble given by union pickets, the men having been taken into the mill Sunday night. Mill men demanded police protection for the Baker plant, however, and two more patrolmen were named by the city commissioners, E. A. Hiner and J. O. Wiltsey. Commissioner Salter voted "No" on each appointment.

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SATURDAY VIRTUALLY DETERMINES WINNER

As to whether or not Katherine H. Hodgins wins the \$850 automobile, depends upon the hustling done by her backers between now and Saturday previous to 8:30 p. m. Because it's a cinch that whoever wins the 150,000 bonus votes for one dollar coupons wins the whole contest. So it's up to those who are anxious to see our favorite win to get in and make an extraordinary spurt between now and 8:30 Saturday—the time limit is 9 o'clock p. m.

If Mrs. Hodgins gets the support she deserves, she'll win hands down. If each of her supporters "lets George do it," she'll fall. And if she doesn't walk off with that automobile, the workers of this town deserve an "open shop" and any other evil that the system breeds.

SHOULD THIS PICTURE BE STOPPED BY CENSOR?

There was a picture shown at the Princess theatre this week, that should have received the attention of those who are making such strenuous efforts to establish a local censorship. We refer to the one depicting a character—Elsie Janis—alone in a touring car without a chaperone. Get that, reader—without a chaperone! It is time that this matter of preserving the morals of the community were given more serious consideration. If a local censorship be not soon established, there is no way of knowing just what will be hown next. Gracious

BOSTROM FLAYS OPPORTUNISM

In next week's issue will appear a brilliant denunciation of "Opportunism" by Comrade Frans Bostrom, in reply to Comrade Barzee's contribution which appeared in the Washington Socialist last week.

If Comrade Brazee wishes to "come back" in a later issue, the columns will be open to him; we can't promise that Comrade Bostrom will continue the controversy further than the forthcoming article. It's up to him. We are sure these articles are being read with much interest.

Another contribution from Comrade Barzee has just been received and will appear with Bostrom's next week.

Are You Interested?

YOU'LL HAVE TO ACT QUICKLY THEN SATURDAY NIGHT WILL BE DECISIVE IF YOU WANT TO SEE

Katherine H. Hodgins

Win that Automobile, Buy a Dollar Coupon by 8 o'clock Saturday Evening—BECAUSE

On April 17th, 1915, at 9 p. m., the four contestants who have SOLD the largest NUMBER of DOLLAR tickets to the Grand and Princess theatres, from the VERY FIRST day of the contest, will be awarded 300,000 Votes, as follows:

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deal with us to live better at less
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in "High Cost of Living" in Everett

ORGANIZATION NEWS

A JITNEY COLLECTION THE JITNEY FIGHTERS; ---HERE THEY ARE

There is a new way to make a "jit-
ney attack upon capitalism." At your
next business or propaganda meeting
have some comrade make a short talk
on this subject with the object of tak-
ing up a collection after the talk.

If you can send in the names of
some H. Dubbs in your district after
having taken up a collection, do so
and we will see to it that they get a
copy of Washington Socialist.

Forest this thing for all it is worth
and we will soon have the putes sit-
ting up and taking notice. Capitalism
is on its last legs and by making a
forceful assault upon its weak spot—
ignorance—we will soon be in a position
to usher in the co-operative common-
wealth. The end is in sight, despite
what the greuchers think about it not
coming in our time. All we need is
two years of energetic, enthusiastic
and intelligent work, and then our
only work will be to take hold, control
and democratically manage the means
of wealth production.

All shoulders to the wheel for a
grand assault upon the batteries of
capitalism.

LIKED JITNEY ATTACK

Portland, Ore.
Dear Comrades:
I'm glad to climb aboard at this
price. It's a picnic! Make it two.
KATE SADLER.

Comrade Charles Millward of Bay-
view lands three subs and rushes
them off to this office.

LOCAL REPUBLIC "COMES BACK"

Republic Wn., April 12, 1915.
Editor of the Washington Socialist,
Everett, Wash.

Comrades and Fellow Workers:—In
the issue of April 8th of the Wash.
Socialist we find two comments on
Resolution of Republic Local which if
the authors had carefully read the
Resolution, their comments would
have been unnecessary, as they both
agree with Resolution in that we
must first obtain Power of Govern-
ment by the Working Class.

But both fall as to any defined
Method of obtaining this Power as
also do nearly all Socialists Lecturers
and Publications.

Whereas, we hold that the Socialist
Commonwealth, as it answers and ex-
plains the queries of non-Socialists
as to Who, How, When, Where, Why
and What the Socialists propose to do
When they secure the Majority of
Power in the House of Congress.

That if this proposed Amendment
be taught to all, adopted at the So-
cialist National Convention and placed
as the most important Plank in the
Socialist platform would eliminate all
of the present and future Evils at-
tributable to the present system of
money—such as War Poverty, Graft,
Theft, Intemperance, Prostitution, In-
heritance, Taxes, Charity, Unemploy-
ment, Bribery, Interest, Rent and
Profits on Labor.

This measure if adopted and en-
forced will immediately remove all
Capitalist Ownership and Control of
the Public Commodities, Lands, In-
dustries, Mines, Minerals, Patent
Rights, Telephones, Telegraphs and
Transportation, as this form of Cur-
rency by being Privately non-trans-
ferable and Canceled as soon as used;
the Government alone would be en-
abled to Control, Operate, Collect and
distribute all the public commodities
Transportation and Products of Labor.
No objection to this Amendment
can be raised by Race, National or
Religious Denomination except he be
a Parasite on Labor; and by having a
logical Platform it should be easy to
make Converts enough to obtain this
Power both National and International
wherever adopted.

Proposed amendment to Socialist
Platform:

That all Socialist members of Con-
gress pledge themselves immediately
on obtaining Power in the House of
Congress to pass a Law to Demonetize
all of the Existing Forms of Money—
Gold, Silver, Nickel, and Copper—all
Stocks, Bonds, Warrants, Mortgages,
Leases, Options, Policies and Agree-
ments for payments with a Monetary
Consideration.

And will issue a Privately non-trans-
ferable currency based on the Days,
Hours and Minutes of Labor employ-
ed.

That by-laws be enacted by the
Socialist Referendum regulating the
cancellation and Distribution of this
Currency to all Capable Workers,
Minors, Sick, Feeble, Old, Cripples,
Convicts and Foreign Countries.

These Laws to take effect as soon
as this form of Currency can be Print-
ed and Distributed to Government
Depots established in all sections of
the Country Required.

Moved and adopted by the Socialist
Local of Republic, Wash., March 12.

Get your trunks, suit cases and
ladies' hand bags—or have them re-
paired at Everett Trunk Factory, 2815
Rockefeller. Trading stamps.

TEXAS LAND FOR SALE OR EX- CHANGE

Lot 16, Section 286, 10 acres in San-
ta Rita pastures; located in Jim
Hogg county; 10 miles from Hebron-
ville. Address Rufus Wren, Gold Bar,
Washington. Mention this paper.

Owner paid \$15 an acre for this land
during the panic of 1907, purchasing it
at what he considers a big bargain.
Land is suitable for early truck,
oranges, lemons, grapes, figs, etc.

The following have sent in from one
to twenty "jitneys" for the "jitney
attack upon capitalism." Five cents
or more in stamps will do the trick.
Don't be ashamed to send in a "jit-
ney." A small amount from every
rebel will work wonders. If there is
some Henry Dubb in your neighbor-
hood who should be reading this paper
send us his name. The following are
a few of the contributing rebels:

- Local Everett, No. 1.....31
- B. H. Davis, Edmonds.....20
- E. D. Mitchell, Anglin.....20
- Carl Malmgren, Everett.....5
- Mike Kronholm, Bryant.....3
- Gus Piltz, Mukilteo.....2
- Kate Sadler, Portland, Ore.....2
- Walter Ode, Orlin.....1
- Comrade B. H. Davis of Edmonds,
sends in a dollar for the "Jitney at-
tack upon capitalism."
- Local Eugene, Oregon, orders a
bundle of ten copies a week.

MORE NEW LOCALS

Comrade Emil Herman organized a
local at Maple Falls and another at
Glacier since last report. Comrade
A. L. Hull organized a local at South
Fork, Stevens County. Several other
locals are in process of formation.

EDMONDS COMES IN STRONG

Edmonds, Wash., April 7, 1915.
Washington Socialist,
Everett, Washington.

Dear Comrades:
Enclosed please find \$1.00 which I
have collected for the Jitney attack
on capitalism.

Fraternally yours,
B. H. DAVIS, Fin. Sec.

AND HOW'S THIS?

Anglin, Wash., April 4, 1915.
Washington Socialist,
Everett, Wash.

Dear Comrades:
You will find enclosed check for
two dollars, (\$2.00) one to apply on
my subscription and one to send the
paper to some poor brightened Dubb.
In hopes it will help to brighten up
his thinking machine a little.
Yours for war on the plutes,
E. D. MITCHELL.

RAISE A SOCIALIST CROP THIS YEAR

Has your Local taken any steps to
raise a Socialist crop this year? A
few sacks of spuds will do wonders
in the fall. If any comrade has a piece
of land he will turn over for the use
of some Local for this purpose let us
know and we will put the nearest
Local in touch with them. There is
yet time to get in a crop of spuds. Get
busy. DO IT NOW.

UNUSUAL PROGRAMME IS BEING ARRANGED

Preparations are being made for the
most novel and elaborate programme
for a May Day celebration ever un-
dertaken in Everett, to be held at
Socialist Hall, Sunday, May 2nd. All
the unions of Everett will be invited
to co-operate with the Socialists in
celebrating this international Labor
Day, making of the occasion not only
a day for development of working-
class solidarity, but for protest against
war and race hatred. Several good
speakers will be invited to make ap-
propriate addresses, and a musical
and literary programme of unusual
novelty is being prepared. The key-
note of the occasion will be SOLI-
DARITY, INTERNATIONALLY.
Further particulars will be given next
week. Begin to boost for the meet-
ing now. Help the committee in
charge to make this the biggest event
of years in Everett.

Don't forget the "Red Week." Di-
vide your local membership into two
teams, then get the teams to compete
with one another in the getting of new
members of the losing team to par for
a feed. "Red Week" is the first week
in May. Get busy.

LABORITES MAY JOIN SOCIALISTS IN DAILY VENTURE IN DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio, April 12.—A move-
ment is on foot looking to the es-
tablishment of a daily paper to carry
on the fight organized labor and the
Socialists are making against the
enemies of unionism. So far the only
organ in the city that has been fight-
ing for the trades unions was the Mi-
ami Valley Socialist, the weekly pa-
per of the Socialist party here, whose
subscription list is steadily climbing
upward.

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clopedia of popular medical and social
service, \$2.00 at Hill's Book Store,
2929 Colby.

Nearly four hundred women ap-
plied for patents in Engling last year.

CAPITALISM HAS PROVED A FAILURE

More Than Half the People Without Homes.

THREE MILLION ARE IDLE.

By T. D. JONES.

They tell us "Socialism is imprac-
ticable." Socialism has never been tried,
while we have tried private ownership
pretty thoroughly in the United States.
And what has been the result?

We started as a nation a little more
than a hundred years ago with a com-
paratively unlimited amount of the
richest land in the world; with the
greatest race of people of modern
times, with the Anglo-Saxons, and, as
we boasted, the most favorable form
of government for the development of
mankind and his opportunities for hap-
piness. But what has been the out-
come? The census gives it to us in
plain figures. More than half the peo-
ple have no homes. And you call that
a success? Why, how could we have
made more of a failure?

Is the private ownership of railroads
a success? Most of them were built
and equipped entirely by donations of
land and money or loans. They have
collected immense sums of money in
freight and passenger fares and have
been bonded to European capitalists
for more than the first cost of the
roads, complete. In spite of these in-
credible resources the management
under private ownership has been so
inefficient that, in nearly every in-
stance, the road has been put into the
hands of the government under a re-
ceiver to have its tangled affairs
straightened out.

But our merchants and business men
surely have scored a success? No.
The census shows that 90 per cent of
the business men fail.

The 3,000,000 idle men in this coun-
try are 3,000,000 certificates of the
failure of private ownership when
viewed from any angle, but looked at
from the capitalist point of view, that
they are necessary to bear down to a
point where profits in business are
possible, it rises to the magnitude of
a colossal failure. Four million must
be idle that the other millions may
produce enough for all to eat and
wear. Could impracticability be car-
ried further?

But consider our inventions and la-
bor saving machinery, the increase of
even this wonderful age, increasing
man's capacity to produce a hundred
times in some instances. Every use-
ful invention throws the workers out
of employment and makes it more dif-
ficult for the mass of people to make
a living. You say this is nonsensical.
We agree with you, but it is true, and
only proves that the whole system of
private ownership when investigated
with a view to the "greatest good
for the greatest number" is impracticable.

Our transportation lines as vehicles
of the interchange of products between
different sections of country are glaring
failures. California fruits rot in the
orchards when there is a large crop
because freights eat up the profits.
So it is with sweet potatoes in
Georgia, corn in Kansas, apples in
Missouri, Irish potatoes in Minnesota
and watermelons in Oklahoma and all
other products of the soil. Capitalism
is a failure.

By LINCOLN BRADEN.

If seasons of unemployment and ter-
rible suffering, like the one we are
now passing through, are inherent in
the economic system under which we
live and are therefore unavoidable so
long as that system shall last it would
seem as though wisdom would drag
the system and not its victims out into
the limelight for criticism. I am led
to drop this remark by the senseless
slurs upon the unemployed now going
the rounds of the capitalist press.

Is an army of 4,000,000 of unem-
ployed an evidence of the incompetence
of the master class, an evidence of
the failure of the capitalist system, or
is it proof of the worthlessness of the
unemployed?

What do you think of a system that
will throw out 4,000,000 of worthy
men and let them starve or seek char-
ity? Or, assuming the utter unworth-
iness of the unemployed, what are you
going to do with a system that reduces
4,000,000 of worthy men to incompetency
and shiftlessness and then throws
them out to starve? Which is the
greater outrage upon mankind—to
throw out worthy men and let them
starve or make wrecks of them first
and then throw them out to starve?
I leave it to you, gentle reader.

"The Honor of the Flag."

At the court martial in Denver Lieu-
tenant Linderfeldt of the Colorado na-
tional guard declared that he was will-
ing to accept full responsibility for all
that happened at Ludlow. He was
"defending the honor of the flag."

It was in defense of "the honor
of the flag" that the machine guns
were turned loose upon the tent colony.
It was in defense of "the honor of the
flag" that the tents were fired by the
militiamen. It was in defense of "the
honor of the flag" that the women and
children were suffocated under the
burning tents while the murderous fire
of the machine guns swept the canvas
walls of the colony.

Is there no limit to this kind of
blasphemy?—Editorial From New York
World.

SHY ON "HANDS"

The three mills said to be "run-
ning" in Everett are really on a slow
walk, with about a dozen skilled (?)
workers divided between the three un-
fair mills. Running a scab joint is not
all it's cracked up to be. The Tim-
berworkers are confident of winning
union conditions before the summer
months are over if not at an early
date.

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broided crepes, also novel-
ty stripes; 27 in. wide;
25c value. Sale price.... **19c**

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white ground with floral design;
worth 15 cents.
Sale price..... **12½c**

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Q. What is the best way for people to secure their property for their family in case of death. Is it best to make a will? What is the cost of making out papers of that kind? Please answer through the Washington Socialist. A. It is, of course, always in order to make a will. But it is not always the best method. There is always considerable expense attached to probating a will; just as there is in cases where nothing is done and an administrator is appointed by the court. There is a better method. The laws of this state, Sec. 5919 of our code, provides that husband and wife may enter into an agreement covering any and all of their community property to the effect that upon the death of either of them, the property shall vest in the survivor, ipso facto. But this is in the nature of a deed rather than a will. The preparation of such an instrument should not cost you more than two or three dollars.

TELEGRAPHERS UNDERPAID, SAYS COMPANY HEAD

The United States Industrial Relations committee is sitting in Chicago, hearing evidence pro and con in the telegraph operators' fight for higher wages and recognition of their union. President Newcomb Carlton and Vice-President Brooks of the Western Union Telegraph Co., both admitted that the wages of the operators are too low. Edward Reynolds, general manager of the Postal Telegraph, declared that wages are all right as they are. "They are paid as much as they could earn in any other work," he said. While President Carlton was willing to grant a wage increase, he was out and out agin' the unions. He admitted the principle of collective bargaining and said that a "responsible organization" of Western Union telegraphers could be dealt with. "Our opposition to the union are well understood," he said, "and we will fight."

Konenkamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, referred to some of the Western Union methods as "criminal" and the operators conditions as "slavery." He continued that if one union suffered because of its leaders' personality, he would pledge that within 90 days after the Western Union recognized the union they would all resign.

Edgar Barrett, a Western Union employe, admitted that he was formerly employed as a "spotter." Henry Lynch, a telegraph operator, claimed his unionism forced him into exile in Winnipeg, Canada.

lots, three miles; house 30x14, two stories; school eight months, 20 pupils. The place is now \$6,000. Will take one or two small houses in Everett, at from \$1,000 to \$1,500, balance part cash and long-time payments on remainder.

For more definite information, write me at above address. If I make a deal through the Washington Socialist I will give the paper \$100. I like your paper and your war-cry. I am a Red.

Yours for the revolution, J. M. BORFORD, Illa, Washington.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ANSWER TO ENQUIRER

No Percy, there are no occupiers of stalls in the Sanitary market, 1400 Hewitt Ave. that advertise in this paper. We make weekly attempts to get advertising from some of them but all to no avail. There is no reason why you should deal there as the merchants who advertise in this paper sell their goods just as cheap and supply the same, if not better quality. We cannot give you their reasons for not advertising but if you ask them yourself they may be able to give you a reason.

An election campaign is on in British Columbia. In Vancouver there are 25 candidates in the field for six offices. These are 6 Conservative, 6 Liberals, 6 Socialists, 6 Labor men and one Independent. More are expected to get into the race in that city.

The unemployed of Vancouver British Columbia recently got rambunctious and raided several stores and helped themselves to the good things lying around. The police were called to the scene and the raiders disappeared. The government has since stepped in and taken the responsibility of feeding these unemployed. This is the kind of prosperity Canada has received (?) on account of the removal of the shingle tariff. The tariff should by all means be put on these shingles as soon as the Republicans suggest, and thus give the prosperity (?) to America that is now Canada's.

MILWAUKEE SOCIALISTS AGAIN ELECTED

Comrades Mrs. Meta Berger, Paul J. Ramstark, Morris Stern and Miss Elizabeth H. Thomas have been elected school board directors. This gives the Socialists five members on the board and constitutes one third of the board. Joseph E. Cordes was also elected as civil judge. The returns show a notable increase in Socialist vote over the preceding year.

CHICAGO SOCIALISTS ELECTED

Two Socialists have been elected to the City Council. They are Wm. E. Rodrigues and John C. Kennedy.

AND ANOTHER ELECTED

Thomas Wight, Socialist, has been elected Alderman of the Rhineland, Wis., City Council. The combined votes of the two opponents totaled less than half of that received by Wight.

The installment of bulb blowing machines at the Corning, N. J., glass works has resulted in the laying off of from 75 to 100 expert bulb blowers in the big factory. A number of the blowers and gatherers who have been accustomed to earn \$5.00 and \$6.00 a day have been given an opportunity to gather for the machines at \$2.00 a day.

Two Socialists have been re-elected to the Audobon, Pa., school board.

The ruling class of England has finally succeeded in breaking down the child labor law to the extent of securing the right to work 12-year-old children on the farms, who may be exploited 10 to 12 hours a day, besides losing three years of schooling.

THE RED FLAG

(By Frank B. Norman.) The red flag is a symbol that red blood is sacred. That it shall not be shed nor exploited.

It is a prophecy of a time to come, when all creatures with red blood in their veins shall live in love and serenity and lie down in peace together. Its adherents proclaim the brotherhood of man.

While it may be foreign in origin, coming from far off Calvary, yet it shall in time encircle the earth. It shall be a canopy over the earth at rest, at last, in peace, when all other symbols shall have crumbled into dust and been forgotten.

WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

Socialism is the public ownership and the popular management of the means of production and distribution which are now used to exploit the masses of the people out of the bulk of the products of their honest toil. Socialism stands for the private ownership of everything that ought to be used in private. It stands for private property in everything except those things which can be used to exploit others.—John M. Work.

GUARDING THEM.

The Employer—"By the way, the children usually eat with us." The New Governess (firmly): "I must object to that." "Why?" "They're sure to pick up such faulty notions of grammar."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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AND STILL ANOTHER

The Socialists of Kennett, Cal. are in control of the public schools as a result of recent elections.

A Socialist has been re-elected to the school board of Kallispall, Mont.

A Socialist has been elected school commissioner of Oshkosh, Wis. The fire chief and firemen of Summit, N. J. where the silk workers are on strike, refused to turn the hose on the strikers and sympathisers when ordered to by the mayor.

The students of the University of Pittsburgh have taken up the study of Socialism and have organized under the Intercollegiate.

In special elections for members of the State Legislature of Elfeld and Cannstat, Germany, the Socialist candidates were elected without opposition.

CAPITALISM IS ALRIGHT

New York City's expenditures for charitable purposes in 1904 amounted to \$5,736,856.04. Ten years later they had grown to \$10,865,965.11, an increase of 89.3 per cent.

At its convention on April 6, the Independent Labor Party of England adopted a resolution expressing strong disapproval of the participation of the party in recruiting campaigns. It also adopted a resolution condemning the government for its anti-drink order.

The split in the ranks of the German Social Democracy is taking definite shape. The two camps are lining up their forces and each are getting control of the different Socialist papers.

WE SHOULD WORRY

That troops will eventually be used to force strikers back to work is a foregone conclusion. Lord Kitchener's letter to the striking dockworkers, in which he threatened drastic measures met with roars of laughter from the strikers at their mass meeting.

Dun's report for the first quarter of 1915 shows 7,216 business failures and the liabilities of the defaulting firms amounting to \$105,703,335. Only once has this sum been exceeded, this being in the panic year of 1893, when liabilities were \$121,500,000.

WAR IS HELL

A newspaper correspondent says an average of 1,200 soldiers are taken from the German trenches insane each day.

HELL HERE, TOO

More than 400,000 men in 28 states will be thrown out of work in from 30 to 60 days unless the government persuades England to permit America to import German dyestuff, according to a delegation which appeared through Secretary Tumulty to President Wilson for relief.

Statistics have just been issued which state that child labor is directly responsible for an annual expenditure in this country of \$25,000,000 for relief work alone.

WHAT SOCIALISM IS

(From the Encyclopedia Britannica.) "Socialism is that policy or theory which aims at securing by the action of the central democratic authority a better distribution, and in due subordination thereto a better production of wealth than now prevails. Socialism has been, and still is, very frequently associated with irreligion and atheism. The same remark applies to continental liberalism, and partly for a like reason; the absolute governments of the continent have taken the existing forms of religion into their service and have repressed religious freedom. On religion, as on marriage, Socialism has no special teaching."

MY POLITICS

Being a Study in Capitalization and the Correct Use of Words, as Well as a Confession of Faith.

I am not a Democrat because the Democratic party is not democratic. I am not a Republican because the Republican party is not republican. I am not a Progressive because the Progressive party is not progressive. I am a Socialist because the Socialist party is democratic, is republican, is progressive, and is Socialist; and I am a Democrat, Republican, a Progressive and a Socialist.

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PERFECTION OF SOCIETY THROUGH EVOLUTION

Socialism Is a Stage Yet to Be Reached.

SCIENCE PREDICTS CHANGE.

Evolution is the continuous and ubiquitous manifestation of an occult and inherent tendency toward perfection.—Lamarck.

Socialism is a conscious endeavor to substitute organized co-operation for existence in place of the present anarchical competition for existence, or the system of social organization calculated to bring this about. This definition, though it gives, perhaps, adequate expression to the active and practical side of Socialism, leaves out of account altogether its theoretical basis. From this point of view, Socialism is an attempt to lay the foundation of a real science of sociology, which shall enable mankind, by thoroughly understanding their past and present, to comprehend, and thus, within limits, to control the movement and development of their own society in the near future. Consequently Socialism in its wide sense is not, as is still commonly thought, a mere aspiration for a better state of society, still less only a series of proposals to mitigate the evils arising from the present social arrangements.

Modern scientific Socialism essays to give an intelligible explanation of the growth of human society, and to show that as each step in the long course of private property, through chattel slavery, serfdom and wage-slavery, was inevitable, so the next step from capitalism to Socialism is also inevitable.

The object which Socialists have in view is that this, the final transformation, should be made consciously by an organized, educated and intelligent people instead of unconsciously, and therefore tempestuously, by groups of discontented, embittered and ignorant workers. Agitation against the injustice of the present system of production therefore is only valuable so far as it educates men and women to appreciate the tendency of the time and to organize for the attainment of the definite end which the evolution of economic forms has made ready. Whether the great change will be brought peacefully or forcibly has no bearing upon Socialism in itself, but depends upon the stage of development which has been reached in each civilized country and the attitude which the dominant class may adopt in relation to the demands which the economic situation impels the producing class to make.

With the establishment of national and eventually international Socialism, mankind resumes the definite control over the means and instruments of production and masters them henceforth for all time instead of being mastered by them. By such co-operation of industry, whose power over nature is increased by each fresh invention and discovery, a carapace of repression is lifted from the faculties of each individual, and wealth being made as plentiful as water by light, wholesome labor, all freely contribute to increase their own happiness as well as that of their fellows.

Human nature assumes a new and higher character in a society in which the surroundings are such that life is not, as today, a constant struggle against the pressure of want and the temptations of misery. Instead of the personal, limited, introspective, individual ethic in which the duty toward society necessarily involves the highest duty toward a man's self. Woman, relieved of economic and social subjugation, will assume her place as the social equal of man.

So far, therefore, from individual initiative and personal freedom in the highest sense being limited and stunted, human beings will have the opportunity for attaining to a level of physical, moral and mental development such as the world has never seen. The golden age of society is, indeed, not in the past, but in the future.—H. M. Hyndman in Johnson's Encyclopedia Article "Socialism."

The Church's Problem.

Will the church, as one body, ever awake to her opportunity to be, not the clubhouse of the well to do, but the spiritual expression of the American people?

Not until her sympathies are so awakened that what concerns every man, every woman, every child, concerns the church. Life is one, be it in time or in eternity. If the church is not interested in solving the problem of poverty, the problem of the unemployed, the problem of lack of opportunities, the problem of industrial accidents, the problem of the child, the problem of woman in industry, she cannot excuse herself on the ground that here is the problem of eternal life. For life in time is a part of eternal life, and the environment of the life of probation is that which tends largely to pull upward or to pull downward in eternal life.—Living Church.

The rulers of Europe seem to be fighting desperately—with their mouths. Their weapons are accusations and excuses.

The Bible says faith without works is dead. It is therefore in order to plan against war as well as to pray against it.

"Carnegie tells federal board capital and labor will some day rank as one." But which one?—New York President Wilson should get behind the jitney merchant marine if he wishes to popularize the service.—Chicago News.

A Chicago professor declares there are six races in Theodore Roosevelt. But not presidential races. The colonel has got them pretty well out of his system.—Kansas City Journal.

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The state of Kansas has undertaken the job of finding out what meats and other foods are to be used by the housewife in her efforts to reduce the cost of living. Twenty-four white rats are to be experimented on to find out which are the best and cheapest foods for wage slaves to exist upon and produce wealth and reproduce their kind.

It is really wonderful how these legislators look after our interests. How thoughtful of these men to use white rats to experiment with. There are thousands of hungry people; but if the officials were to experiment on them with different kinds of meats and cereals and fruits they might die of starvation or over-consumption. There are tons of meat in the cold storage plants and millions of heads of cattle grazing in the fields, but it would never do to place these at the disposal of the hungry workers, for they might choke themselves by eating too much, and they might even get fat and lazy and insist upon lying around instead of producing wealth. There are millions of acres of vacant land in the hands of speculators, but it would never do to compel these speculators to give up their land to enable the average man to use it, because we would then depopulate the cities and thus do away with the average man's pleasure of hunting a job. It would also blot out the beauties of the country as constituted by the forests with their giant trees. Think what an eyesore it would be to see fields of wheat, vegetables and fruits and roving cattle instead of the "giants of the forest."

Yes, we are indeed lucky to have such great men in our midst. To think that these men should go to the trouble of determining by experimenting on white rats, which are the cheapest and most nutritious foods makes us swell up with pride.

There are plenty of the choicest cuts of meats but they are not for the common wage worker. There are plenty of delicious fruits, but they are not grown for us. There are plenty of all kinds of eatables and wearables, but we did not produce them for ourselves, hence we cannot be entitled to them. If the markets of the world are glutted with the unsalable products of our labor, we should content ourselves with knowing that we have done our duty in producing these things, and that if they cannot be sold to the "heathen Chinese" or the dusky Indian, that we should take our medicine like the soldier on the battlefield. And should be die of starvation, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we shall get our reward in heaven.

WHO WILL BE NEXT TO FALL?

Lockout of Chicago Sheet Metal Workers to Be Enforced.

CHICAGO, April 13.—The Building Construction Employers' association issued an order today for the enforcement tomorrow of the lockout against the sheet metal workers. The order was issued despite the fact that the sheet metal workers had not notified the association that they would abide by the general lockout order of a week ago, which was directed at all the building trades allowing their working agreements to expire.

The employers' association leaders said the sheet metal contractors would be ousted from the association if they refused to enforce the order.

WAR—WHAT FOR?

(By George Kirkpatrick.) Sent to any address on receipt of 50c at this office.

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Our idea of an apostle of optimism is the French professor who figures that the Allies will get to Berlin by 1943.—Columbia State.

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"THEY SHOT AT YOU"

Comrade Mary L. Geffs, of Colorado, gave a stirring description of the Ludlow massacre in the course of an eloquent speech at Socialist hall last Sunday afternoon.

As Comrade Geffs has promised to write for the Washington Socialist of some of the things she learned at first hand from survivors, we shall not attempt to repeat here the awful story of April 20, 1914.

We wish to say here, however, that we have only congratulations to offer State Secretary Katterfeld for bringing into Washington so able a teacher and stirring a propagandist as Mary L. Geffs.

WOULD-BE CENSOR LOSES OUT

Commissioner Salter's opposition to a local board of censors, with Clay and Kelly both against him, has been sustained by so overwhelming a popular (straw) vote that Chief of Police Kelly had to back down.

The conclusion was reached Tuesday and the city attorney instructed to draw up an ordinance to that effect. They declared that they believed but few pictures which might be objectionable would be brought to the city, but the board would be ready in case a picture, unpassed by the national board of censors, or other such film, should be brought here for exhibition.

JOIN THE CROWD

Theatre parties go out from Socialist headquarters every night, carrying votes for Katherine H. Hodgins, in the Princess-Grand popularity contest. And the votes are heaping up, too.

The records of the 13th census of the United States show that landlordism is exceedingly strong in the first city of America, where the Astors and others got hold of the land when it was cheap, and now reap fortunes every year through taxing others to live in New York.

The per cent. of homes owned is 11.7 per cent; those that are listed as owned yet that were encumbered, is 69.8 per cent. Homes rented, 8.3 per cent of the whole. The number of persons to a family is given at 4.7.

In Manhattan borough the number of homes owned is even less than in New York, being 2.9, the per cent of rented homes being 97.7. The number of persons per dwelling there is 30.9.

The call to arms in Europe is hardly more general than the call to arms in the United States.—Kansas City Star.

The Socialist worker being out for a democratic government, the Socialist teacher must also be out for a democratic prestatement of it; a statement, not only Democratic as to its alleged intent, but democratically accepted.—Peter E. Burrows, in "Revolutionary Essays."

HOW DID MARK AND ENGELS DISCOVER SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM?

When we hear some "approved" authority caustically making a display of the profundity of his platitudes on social and economic subjects, either on the "popular" platform or through the columns of the capitalistic press and magazines, we should immediately think of the following and take the measure of the presuming "authority":

The human body is an organism. Its organs and functions are organized and perform co-operatively when the body is in a state of good health.

Embryology—Formation and growth of organisms. Biology—Life of living organisms. Morphology—Form and structure. Physiology—Functions. Evolution—Growth and revolutions. Pathology—Treats of morbid conditions.

The digestive function of the human body supplies life to the body through the blood. Its condition determines the status of the entire body. If the digestive function is deranged in any manner the body pays the toll. Parasites may be disturbing the digestive function, robbing the body of due nourishment.

Society is an Organism. Society, or the social body, is an organism by close analogy. Its parts and functions are organized and would perform co-operatively if the social body was in a state of good health, or democratic in industry and economics.

The following-named sciences are of society, or the social body, and its health, or democracy:

Sociology—Origin, history and social phenomena. Ethnology—Natural races and families of man. Anthropology—Science of man in general.

Evolution—Growth and revolutions. Economics—Vital function, out of which comes the science of economic determinism.

Economic Determinism—How the economic function and its history determines the status of society.

Class Struggle—The "pathology" of the social body. Morbid condition.

Scientific Socialism—The above sciences as a whole. Shows the conditions upon which industrial democracy is based.

The economic function of the social body supplies life to society and its individual units. Its condition determines the status of the social body.

If the economic function is deranged in any manner (through the morbid growth of parasites or otherwise) the social body pays the toll.

Parasites are now disturbing the economic function of society and robbing the social body, essentially the working class, of due nourishment.

No other class—than the working class is necessary or essential to a healthy state of society. We do not need two classes—master and slave—parasite and producer—in any form whatever.

When the economic function of society gets to working in proper order we can have industrial democracy, i. e. Socialism.

We must learn how the parasite class is robbing the useful, productive portion of society and organize to stop stupendous theft, and—stop it.

Then the social body will be in a state of good health.

It is up to the working class of society to furnish the cure. The parasites will never do it. Parasites do not act that way. Just think of the sleek parasites who prate of being "prominent citizens and taxpayers." So many times have they shown us that they do not hesitate to form themselves into mobs and drive out of town the men that have done the necessary work of building the homes and industries of the country which they do not own. And for no other cause than that these men are tired of being robbed.

Just think of the parasites of Europe at war, killing off the useful life cells of society. Is it not time to wake up? PROLETARIAN BILL.

WAR—WHAT FOR?

"There is only one important warfare on this earth, and that is in the intellectual warfare against that ignorance which is the source of all wars."—Theodore Schroeder.

LUCKY DOG.

"She calls her dog and her husband by the same pet name. It must cause frequent confusion." "Not at all. She always speaks gently to the dog."—Jugend.

A CAUSE OF SUFFERING

The necessity under capitalism of a woman first looking for a home and secondly for the man she loves, is provocative of untold suffering. It is responsible for the countless tragedies buried in the bosoms of men and souls of men being dead, and only the husks remaining.—Memphis Democrat.

There's a joke on somebody somewhere when a fellow asks for 15-cent cotton and gets \$9.50 flour.—Boston Transcript.

METHODS OF SOCIAL PROGRESS

"We cannot have Socialism until individuals get good enough to quit doing the wrongs which cause industrial trouble."

That was jabbed at me by a friend, and leads me to observe that there are two lines of effort needed to make men good. The ordinary way is personal work for private morality and the other is the improvement of conditions which react on society for good or evil.

We do not wait on individual effort to rid this state of the saloons, but voted away the saloon system by collective action, thus changing the conditions or environment. We may now work on the individual at leisure.

If a highwayman takes our property by force, we don't wait for his slow moral education, but have the law on him.

Highway robbery demands the compulsion of the state and just as surely does industrial robbery. We can be just as effectually robbed by a franchise in some public necessity as with a gun, and neither form of robbery has ever, or will ever, cease wholly by moral suasion.

But take an explanation: Before the civil war some states passed laws forbidding the whites to educate the negroes. Here we have a law made for a definite purpose and well enforced, to keep the negro in ignorance for the profit of his master. It worked.

Since then the public school system has been open to the negroes and behold the result! Everybody's Magazine says that the winner of the prize given by them for the best letter on the liquor question was won by a student in Booker T. Washington's school. Some change, huh? And that change was brought about by a new law made for the definite purpose of educating the people and providing a way for it and was well enforced. It worked, too.

Man-Made Institutions May Help or Hinder.

Institutions made by man hinder when they are made for that purpose and help when so intended and enforced.

With these school systems in mind, we may find parallels in industry. In an ignorant past we gave individual cinches to the things of life, such as land, water power, mines, forests and many other public necessities.

This we call a system of private ownership. It belonged to the era of small things, and served the people well while it was applicable. But now with great natural forces such as steam and electricity and great machines which multiply labor power and eventually displace it, we are facing a new situation which calls for readjustment of our industrial system.

The chief fault of our industrial system is that it places too much power in the hands of individual men, for our human nature is not able to keep its balance under such a strain, and we see them wielding that enormous power for selfish ends.

Well, what shall we do? My friend says persuade them to stop. We answer that we cannot change their ideas while they are enjoying their cinch. This we know from a study of history.

Men get their ideas largely from their surroundings and the surroundings are made by the systems or institutions set up for various purposes.

"Economic Determinism."

If that environment reacts favorably upon a man, experience shows that on an average he will not be convinced that he should dig his own grave by letting go. In other words, property makes us conservative. The rich easily find a way to excuse themselves and hang onto their cinch. Here the theory of public ownership says that the fault was not the individual rich man, but lies far back when society made the law allowing separate ownership of the means of making a living. This was a collective mistake, that is, made by us all, and the remedy must be collective, so we take the question—not to the rich man who owns a cinch, but to the whole people at the polls and let collective wisdom devise a wiser and more efficient plan of making a living for the nation under new conditions.

The old law made gods of separate men by giving them unnatural powers, and they quite logically proceeded to act accordingly, but the new law will simply restore them and all of us to our rightful place side by side in a pure democracy and the haughty arrogance of the rich will melt away as frost before the rising sun.

This is a Socialist way of convincing the man in power, we get results, because he cannot help himself. And the new condition allows him to become something better than a god—a man!

We get results at once, and we surely need them at once, just as we did in the liquor fight.

The bad morality arising from the old order lies in the fact that it was founded on private profit or cinch.

It bade us gouge the public and the system is founded on the public good, its organization is framed that way, for it places all men in the public employ. There is no private cinch left open, and we predict that great managers will, when harnessed to the public wagon, pull just as hard forward as they ever did backwards, and even more so!

Only in a system framed up for public work—where we all belong to the same company and work on the

Political Socialists, vs. Socialist Politicians

(By Bruce Rogers.)

A Political Socialist believes the Socialist and a Socialist Politician is another. A Political Socialist believes the Socialist program may be accomplished in part or in its entirety through political effort, and engages in such effort. Politicians, however, are all alike, no matter what their several party denominations may be. A Political Socialist is determined upon a certain revolutionary program outlined by scientific landmarks and lighthouses. On the other hand, a Socialist politician, like all others, is without fixed principles of any kind. They are all afflicted with the same itch. A politician is a lusty cavalier riding always toward the perfumed couch of his own yearning. A Socialist politician is merely one who chooses the Socialist livery stable as the place to get his political horse. With the old party politicians he burns with a desire to ride the workman up to the palace gates and then hitch the patient ass on the outside!

How We May Know Them.

As the Socialist movement approaches its historic achievement we are pestered more and more with his ilk. Their most fruitful hatches are the ministry and the legal profession. I do not mean this parallel to be all-inclusive. There are notable exceptions both in and out of its hypothetical terms. Both these callings are on the run. Most people have really come to regard them both less than burglars. Slowly, painfully, they are losing their erstwhile usefulness to capitalism. The capitalists, with a keen sense of what is worth while to them, are rewarding these worthless less and less, and turn more and more to the newspapers for their modern battle-ments and castle walls. As the grass grows shorter for the preacher and lawyer, they look with longing eyes at the Socialist meadows for new pasturage. They both come into our movement with a vicarious psychology. They desire to "save us." Inwardly neither thinks we can ever, ever save ourselves. One is an intermediary at a mythical throne of grace, and the other wishes to continue a go-between to an archaic throne of his own building. The one wishes above all that we keep our enraptured gaze upon gates above—the other that we continue to rear imposing judicial joss-houses on earth. Neither will ever be willing, that for the good of mankind, we forget his particular bunk.

My test of the genuineness of such a comrade would be: Let them both renounce the traditional fraud of vicarious salvation, spiritual and temporal. Let the parson give up his

HELP WANTED

(By Ellis O. Jones.)

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HABIT.

Habit with him was all the test of truth; "It must be right; I've done it from my youth."—Crabbe

THE EXPORT FAKE

Think of the workmen pointing to the long list of exports and rejoicing because the products of their toil are being sold abroad to enrich the capitalist class! As Socialists we protest in behalf of the thousands of unfed, half-clothed and homeless workers against such a policy and necessity. What we want is that the goods produced by labor should go to labor. Socialism would secure to the laboring class this wealth. It would inaugurate a system wherein opportunity to labor would secure to all and where the product would be kept by those who produce it.—Charles H. Vall.

Evolution is the continuous and ubiquitous manifestation of an occult and inherent tendency towards perfection.—Lamarck.

Altruism is the principal that mankind ought to serve those who are serving it, but not those who are not serving it.—Allen Upward, in the New Word.

It is the plan of work that changes same job, can we expect men to act primarily for the public good.

everything and makes men do joyous work for the common good, that would never dream it was in them.

W. C. B. RANDOLPH, Omak, Wash.

cloth, the lawyer his green bag, and take common proletary lot with us.

"Practical Politics"

Not the least source of politician mischief-makers among us are the political camps of the capitalist parties. They are the muzzled pork-hunters and lame ducks—the minor political game. Denied seats at the grimy table they turn to us, quickly pregnant with desire for office. With his mind whetted and keen-edged in "practical politics" he sets to work at once to show us "how to win," to denature our program so that it will be palatable to the middle class. Beware of this. Should Socialism become acceptable to the bourgeoisie its usefulness to workers will be at an end. To my mind the process has already reached the danger point. There is one unfading sign by which this particular breed may be known. He is in evidence only when there may be something in it for him. He becomes active only around election time, and then he talks, votes, votes unceasingly. He is full of interesting statistics about the votes in previous elections. If he is a nominee, we are bound to win. If not he has doubts about it and can tell you why. When the smoke of the election has cleared his breed vanish like coyotes before a spangled sunrise. Just often enough to keep in good standing he sees the secretary and pays his dues—and many excuses.

The Self-Seeker

Last and saddest of all, our own movement develops a pernicious type of politician. He disrupts, quarrels, destroys, confuses and fosters distrust. He develops an aggressive faction and becomes its leader. He loses sight of the common enemy and merely combats his comrades. He is long on attendance at the meetings, but short on distributing literature and getting subs for the Socialist papers. He generally knows the party constitution to a tee, and can quote it right off the bat just like that. The very surest of all signs by which he may be known is that he is proud of his personal parliamentary agility. His mind is set to a hair-spring trigger when it comes to that and he pops a point of order on the most negligible occasion. He is never so happy as when engaged in a debate over nothing. Knowledge of these things is a most desirable thing, but the genuine Socialist will use them with a due sense of proportion.

Over the whole matter I should say that the political Socialist as distinguished from the Socialist politician is the comrade worth while who can readily take a rank and file position and who gladly does the common work of the revolution.

STIRRING DAYS FOR LIVING MEN

(By Eugene V. Debs.)

These are stirring times for living men. The day of crisis is drawing near and the Socialists are exerting all their power to prepare the people for it.

The old order of society can survive but little longer. Socialism is next in order. The swelling minority sounds warning of the impending change. Soon that minority will become the majority and then will come the cooperative commonwealth.

Every working man should rally to the standard of his class and hasten the full-orbed day of freedom.

Every sympathizer of labor, every friend of justice, every lover of humanity, should support the Socialist party as the only party that is organized to abolish industrial slavery, the prolific source of the frightful evils that afflict the people.

Classes and class rule and their attendant progress and poverty, money and misery, turmoil and strife, are inherent in the capitalist system. Why? Simply, because one set of men owns the tools by which wealth is produced while another set uses them, and there is an irrepressible conflict over the division of the product.

THE FUTURE STATE

(By Walter Crane)

Oh, men and women true, once more take hands, Join hearts and heads and clear the crooked maze, Set love and justice up o'er these our lands, Let truth be honored, honest work have praise, When each and all are workers, hand and brain Divorced no more; no toil to bear the hand Of degradation; when the common gain Is each one's good—fast then our state shall stand.

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