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A SONG OF UNITED LABOR

(By F. Finsterbach)
 Today we meet to celebrate
 Another year of toil.
 The hands that sow, the hands that reap,
 The hands that till the soil;
 The hands that fashion, frame and mold
 The wares of shop and mill;
 The hands that delve beneath the sod
 With shovel, pick and drill;
 The hands that carry forth the fruits
 Of industry and skill;
 That speed the trains, that spread
 The sails
 For ocean breeze to fill
 Now pause to send this message forth,
 This message free and bold:
 As labor must create all wealth,
 All wealth shall labor hold.
 Unite the east; unite the west!
 Unite from shore to shore!
 Unite the north; unite the south!
 Unite the wide world o'er!
 Unite, for we have naught to lose,
 Save the oppressor's chain;
 Unite! unite, nor shrink, nor pause,
 We have a world to gain.

FALL INTO LINE!

(By Ralph Korngold)
 The first of May is International Labor Day.
 On that day the working classes all over the world pause to review its battles, to take stock of its victories and defeats, to gain fresh inspiration for the struggle yet to come.
 The past year has been replete with the most bitter lessons for the American labor movement. The happenings in Colorado and Michigan, deplorable as they are, have served a useful purpose. They have served to impress upon the minds of the American workers the fact that in the United States, no less than in Europe, the capitalist class and the capitalist state are its bitter and uncompromising enemies, that the honeyed words of the politicians are so much chaff when the issue of profits is at stake.
 During the past twelve months the chasm between the workers and the capitalists in the United States has perceptibly widened. One hears ever less of the twaddle about identity of interests, and ever more condemnation of the compromising and fawning attitude of some labor union officials. At the same time we are drawing closer to the labor movement of the rest of the civilized world.
 A Labor Day ordained by the capitalist state, with capitalist politicians to serve as our mentors, becomes less and less to our liking; the international holiday of labor with its vision of hope, its bold spirit of defiance, is becoming more and more our labor day.
 Fall into line, Comrades, fall into line!

NO EXCUSE FOR HARD TIMES

(By Eugene V. Debs)
 There is absolutely no excuse for hard times in the United States. We are at the very center of fabulous and inexhaustible riches, enough for all and an hundred times more, and in the very midst of these we are unable to feed and clothe and shelter ourselves, and we present a spectacle tragic enough to make stone images to shed tears.
 At this very time, A. D. 1915, the times are harder than they have ever been in all the hundred and thirty-nine years of our national existence.
 The fact that capitalism has collapsed and that the political state of capitalism paralyzed, except in the function of creating bogus issues over which to humbug the people and keep them divided and fighting sham battles while they are being bled by the vampires that have seized upon the nation's industries, and control the government with no other object in view than to perpetuate their own plutocratic piracy and keep the people in poverty and subjection.
 The Times Are Hard Only Because the People Are Soft.
 Socialism makes it clear as the noon-day sun why the times are hard whether the Republican or Democratic party is in power, and whether Roosevelt, Taft or Wilson occupies the executive seat at Washington.
 Socialism proposes that the industries of the nation shall be taken over by the nation and operated by the nation for the benefit of the whole people; when this done, we will never again know the light and curse of hard times.

NEARLY SIX MILLION MEN LOST OF WAR

PARIS, April 18.—The total loss of men by all nations at war during the first eight months numbers 5,950,000, according to figures compiled for the Avenir, a Socialist paper in Rome. The amount of money spent during the first six months is estimated at \$8,400,000,000. The same article calculates that nine or ten months more will exhaust the reserves of men, and that the country which will suffer least from this exhaustion will be Russia.

WHY DO WE HAVE A RED WEEK?

By JOHN M. WORK.
 A short time ago a non-partisan woman's organization in the ward where I live arranged a meeting to be held in the assembly hall of the high school building and invited all candidates for mayor—Republican, Democratic, Socialist and Prohibitionist—to come and speak. All of them accepted the invitation. The Republican and Democratic candidates, although they could not well decline the invitation, knew that it would be a political mistake for them to appear on the same platform with the Socialist candidate and thus permit themselves to be compared at close range with a candidate who really stood for something. Certain great capitalist dailies had been each day announcing the places where candidates would speak. On the day in question, these announcements were left out. Had the announcements been published as usual, the chances are that the magnificent hall, seating two thousand people, would have been full. As it was, there were three or four hundred people in it. The Socialist and Prohibitionist candidates came and spoke. The Republican candidate sent a representative to report that he was sick abed. The Democratic candidate did not come nor send any explanation.
 While we Socialists carried away the honors of this meeting such as it was, we were cheated out of reaching at least fifteen hundred more people because we had no far-reaching press of our own.
 Furthermore, we would have elected the mayor of Chicago if we had been able to hammer Socialism into the ears of the people in the way in which the other parties were able to hammer the names of their candidates into the ears of the people by means of the great dailies.
 Every day the papers were full of news about the campaign which the Republican and Democratic candidates were making. Of course the news was written up as if they were the only candidates who were worth mentioning. The puny efforts which we were able to put forth were utterly insufficient to offset this constant hammering of the names of these candidates into the minds of the people. As a result, they got most of the votes and one of them was elected.
 So we have a Red Week because it is an imperative necessity that the Socialists of America should have a press that will be as far-reaching and as powerful as the capitalist press.
 Only thus can we get our message to the people with such incessant repetition as to beat down the opposition.
 What I have said about Chicago applies also to most of the other portions of the country. We are unable to carry the elections because we do not have the press with which to constantly reach the people.
 Therefore we must build up such a press.
 We have the nucleus. All we have to do is to develop it.
 Another reason why we have a Red Week is because we need more party members. We do not want to invite any half-baked Socialists to join the party. We are better without them. But there are thousands of genuine Socialists who are not in the organization, and they should be invited to join. Red Week is a concerted effort along these lines. It is a time for concentration—a time to let other things go, in order to work for the cause.
 Let's learn to do team work—to advance upon the enemy in perfect order and in battle array. Let's lay aside our usual way of spending our spare time, and for one week devote it to the cause.
 Get subscriptions for Socialist papers.
 Invite genuine Socialists to join the party.
 If all of us will do this, we can add a hundred thousand members to the party organization and a million subscriptions to the party papers.
 I hereby promise to do my share.
 Will you do yours?
 You.
 You who are reading this article.
 Stop reading—lay the paper down—ask yourself, "Am I a nonentity or am I a live, active force for good in the world?"
 Then, resolve that during Red Week you will spend every spare moment in getting subscriptions for the Socialist papers and inviting genuine Socialists to join the party organization.

REFERENDUM ON WAR

Following are the locals that have seconded local Everett No. 1's referendum on war since last weeks report.
 Local Rockland, Mass.
 Local Gold Bar, Wash.
 Local Elkins, West Virginia.
 Local Orin, Wash.
 Local Richmond Precinct, Wash.
 Local No. 1875, Marshall, Tex.
 Local Hamilton, Ohio.
 Local Monroe, Wash.
 Local Milwaukee (Finnish) Wis.

THE STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE

The struggle for existence has a very common cause. And the remedy is to take away the cause. The cause of the struggle is that those who work do not own the means by which they work, and are, therefore, not the masters of the things which their work produces.
 The remedy for the struggle for existence is to make those who do the necessary work the owners of the means by which they work, i. e., factories, mills, mines, railroads, etc. Thus only can they become masters of the things which their work produces. The remedy is Socialism.
MAN A TOOL-USING ANIMAL.
 Man is a tool-using animal. The necessities of life for the millions are produced by man with the help of tools. Without the help of tools we could not be fed, clothed or sheltered. Some tools are simple and cheap. The spade, the sewing machine, the pair of scissors, can be bought and used by one man or woman. The person who owns and works the spade, sewing machine or scissors is the master of the product of his work. If all the tools were as simple and cheap as these there could be no Socialism. But most tools are not simple and cheap. Tools a thousand times dearer and more complex than the spade, the sewing machine and the scissors, take their places, because the dearer and more complex tool can produce a thousand times as much as the cheap and simple tool can produce, per worker.
 But these new tools are far too complicated for one man or woman to work. And these new tools are far too dear for one man or woman to buy.
 You see what happens when the one man worked with the tool which the one man owned, then the things that tool helped produce belonged to the man who worked the tool; for the man who worked the tool was the same man who owned the tool. But when the many men work with the tool which other men own, how can we expect the things that this tool and men produce to belong to those who produce them? We cannot, for the many who work the tool are human tools of those who own the steel tool.
HUMAN TOOLS
 The human tools can only use the steel tools when the owners of the steel tools give their sanction. Hence the human tools, wage-workers, are at the mercy of the owners of the tools of production. The owners of the complex tools can dictate terms to those who must use them in order to live. The only chance you have for survival in the struggle for existence is to get permission to use the tools, or, to gain sufficient power to obtain possession of the tools under collective ownership.
 The Socialists are out to get possession of the tools so that the whole human race can have free access to the tools and the products of their joint (co-operative) labor.
 This can only be accomplished by gaining control of the public power, by capturing the political power of the state, and transforming the now collectively-used, and privately owned tools into the collective property of the human race.
 Naturally each political unit, or national group, must enter the struggle for political power in its own territory, but guided and informed by the principles and tactics of Socialism.
 The full crew law of Pennsylvania has been repealed in spite of the efforts of James H. Maurer, Socialist representative and the signing of petitions by hundreds of thousands of union men asking that the law be retained. Maurer declared that the railroads have spent \$20,000,000 in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to secure the repeal of the full crew bills.

WORKS FOR NOTHING; BOARDS HIMSELF

Under the present system of property, industry is carried on solely for the purpose of bringing profit to the capitalist class.
 Profit-getting is merely the process of getting something for nothing.
 In order for one person, or persons, to get something for nothing, another person, or persons, must get nothing for something. This is self-evident.
 The profits accruing to the masters of wealth-production, the capitalists, are measured in the material things produced by those whose labor carries on industrial process.
 Into these material things is coined the very lives of the laborers. They actually produce all the wealth; their masters, the capitalists, take it.
 That is how the masters obtain their sacred profits from which they wax sleek, fat and rotund in appearance, also grow great in pomposity and power.
 What the capitalists get costs them nothing, the laborers pay the bill.
 A similar happy arrangement once existed between the chattel slave and his master.
 Later on it was the same between the feudal lord and the serf.
 Now it is the capitalist and wage-slave.
 The capitalist is the legitimate successor to the chattel slave-master and the feudal lord; the wage-slave to the chattel slave and the serf.
 The modern wage-slave gets his wages, which are equivalent to the cost of his keep, while he works. The chattel slave and the serf got the equivalent of wages—their keep—and their masters fed them whether they worked or not.
 When the modern wage-slave has no job, which means no master, he gets nothing.
 His wages are paid out of the products of his own labor; therefore he pays his own wages. This is equivalent to his WORKING FOR NOTHING AND BOARDING HIMSELF.
 Where the Capitalist Obtains His Profit.
 The profits, as well as the living expenses of the master come from the sale of the products created by the wage-workers. Most of the value crystallized in these products is in the form of unpaid for wage-labor power. This represents what the slave pays for the privilege of working for nothing and boarding himself. He gives the capitalist products to the value of ten dollars and the capitalist gives the workers wages to the value of two dollars (government statistics.) The worker, therefore, hands the boss eight dollars a day for nothing.
 The masters are few, the slaves many. The masters could not retain their soft snap without the consent of the slaves.
 Periodically the slaves have an opportunity to withdraw that consent. This is termed an election of public officials.
 Most of the slaves refuse at such times to withdraw their consent. They seem to be satisfied to continue working for nothing and boarding themselves; in fact they apparently enjoy paying eight dollars a day for the privilege of obtaining two out of ten dollars produced by themselves.
 The masters are perfectly satisfied that they should.
 This plainly shows the identity of interest between capital and labor, master and slave.
 The satisfied slave is just merely an ass with his hind legs only.
 As the four-legged ass is not altogether willing to pack his load, this explanation is due in the way of an apology.
 Our equine friend is hereby assured that in dubbing the satisfied slave

MAY-DAY BIDS YOU ORGANIZE

By CARL ULONSKA.
 Today, the greatest cause in all this world is being celebrated—the cause whose stirring hopes and ideals thrill the minds and souls of millions of intelligent men and women and fill them with a new spirit of rebellion and action—that cause is international Socialism!
 Are you taking your part in this cause that should mean so much to you. Are you on the firing line organizing and educating your fellow workers? Are you in this fight for freedom or have you surrendered?
 To the stranger: What is the Socialist party?
 Perhaps you are a stranger to this organization that represents you and you ask what is the Socialist party? Summed up concisely it is just this: The greatest organization wherein you have a place—in short, it is a party that represents you and belongs to you. Financed and built up by men and women just like yourself. The party organization is open to every intelligent working man and woman, whether he works with his brain or muscle. A small amount of dues is paid by every member, which is used to spread Socialism in the towns, the counties, the states, the nation and the world. The members of the Socialist party elect their own officials and can recall them at will. This party is the only organization that is truly of, by and for the workers.
The Organization Welcomes You
 Socialism stretches out its benevolent arms to every man, every woman, every boy and girl—it has a message for YOU; its message is one of freedom and emancipation, its place is one of service and loyalty; if you can write, come in and write for Socialism; if you can sing, come in and sing the songs of the revolution; if you can speak, come into the organization and help spread the message of freedom broadcast; if you can distribute literature, come in and help us educate other workers by distributing our leaflets and pamphlets, whatever you can do, no matter how small, it counts toward our emancipation. COME IN. The organization needs you, it needs your counsel, your suggestions, your comradeship, your personality; it needs you in every way AND YOU NEED IT equally as much; you need its training, its discipline, the organization, the education, the co-operation. Your place is in the Socialist party because you owe it to yourself to be there! Join now; get in the local of your community—if there is none, then organize one.
 Arouse from your lethargy and apathy!
 Awaken from your indifference and despair!
 Too long have you been accustomed to lose your battles—organize now and win!
Organize—May-Day bids you organize.

JESS WILLARD SCAB-HERDER

Jess Willard who won the championship from Jack Johnson recently, is one of the thugs who served the Illinois Central during the strike at East St. Louis a few years ago. He served as a special deputy under U. S. Marshall Hitch. The Illinois Central is fighting organized labor today.
 an "ass with two legs only," no insult was intended.
 It requires something more than his insufferable ignorance to hold the four-legged ass to his task. It requires a harness or a pack saddle, both of which he will escape if he can. All of this is greatly to his credit.
 But the ass with the hind legs only? (?) (?)

'SOCIALISM WON'T WORK'

(By H. W. Watts)
 Under the rule of capital the tools of production have grown so powerful that they can, at the most, be used but a part of the time; for the reason that wages of the workers can purchase but a small portion of the output. Though they are a glutinous and extravagant lot of bric-a-brac, the capitalists and their parasitic retainers, cannot consume the things the workers produce. Consequently a considerable portion of industry must shut down. Everything goes on the "bum," as the saying is.
 The critics of Socialism are fond of showing up its "impracticability" and explaining how it "wouldn't work." And the wage-workers sit up on their hindquarters like prairie dogs and bark in unison against threatened application to the life of the nation of a principle of economics that "would not work." And when their bellies ache with longing for the grub that seldom comes, they never seem to realize that pain is the result of the continuous application of a principle of bourgeois political economy that never did and never can work out to the satisfaction of human needs. No, not even as far as the actual necessities of life are concerned, to say nothing of anything beyond that.
Bourgeois Teaching
 The Socialist philosophy should be shunned as a pestilence. It stands to reason that all the people would immediately starve to death if they had unrestricted access to the means of production, for the purpose of satisfying their hunger! Let us stick to good old capitalism under whose beneficent sway fully half, or perhaps two-thirds of us, can hope for little more than the barest living. What if hundreds of thousands of little children go to school and bed hungry? What if thousands toll in the mills and the mines while big husky men tramp the streets in search of work? What if hundreds of thousands of women sell their bodies on the streets? Isn't it better to stay with these things than to try something that "would not work"? Sure, Mike. Let us refrain from innovations and experiments. Let us cling tenaciously to what we have been used to for centuries, even though we average not more than one meal a day, and can never hope to have comfortable homes wherein we can live in peace and security, and feed our children and keep our women folks out of the red light districts; let us have worry and want rather than follow false gods into the wilderness of "impracticability and disaster." The scant meal a day in a rented shack, or tramping the road for work under capitalism, is better than free access to land and machinery, abundant wealth and enjoyment under a system that "wouldn't work."
 See that you don't vote for anything else than the continuation of the present system of wealth production at the next election.

"IT IS MAY DAY"

(By Seymour Stedman)
 May Day is the most salient and significant of all days selected by man for the purpose of celebrating from the beginning of time.
 Christmas is celebrated upon different days, in different lands and New Year's at different times, but May Day is as international and universal as the class conscious toiler.
 "It is May Day" that bespeaks the international character of the workers' hopes and proclaims his inter-racial solidarity. This day the workers come, not with bent heads and prayers for forgiveness, confessing sins, but in the pride of conscious strength and growing power, censuring and accusing the brutish masters whose system breeds coarseness and makes for pain and death.
 On this day the Universal Workers raise their standard up to the stars, and in unity march on with a purpose to be realized—the revolutionizing of the world's process of production, that there may mature a race in the glow of creation, blinding to those who find existence tolerable only in the shadows of this civilization of capitalist tyrants.
WILL PENSION MOTHERS
 OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—A mothers' pension law was one of the last acts of the Oklahoma legislature. The law provides for the partial support of women whose husbands are dead, or prisoners, or in a state institution for the insane, when such women are poor and are the mothers of children under the age of 14 years. The allowance provided for shall not exceed \$10 per month when she has but one child the age of 14 years, and if she has more than one child under such age, it shall not exceed more than \$10 per month for the first child and \$5 per month for each of the other children. Only certain counties are included in the law.
 "War is the work of butchers."—Kipling.

MAY DAY AND THE REVOLUTION

(By Eugene V. Debs)
 We are again about to celebrate the annual holiday of the International Socialist movement. The thrill of May Day is even now in our veins and our hearts beat faster as we contemplate the glad tidings of this day to the workers of the world.
 May Day is above all days in the year the day of the working class; the day of rejoicing and fraternal greeting; the day of high hope and lofty aspiration; the day of national and international celebration.
 Not yet have we of the United States risen to the heights of this grand occasion and given to May Day its revolutionary significance as have our comrades in European and other nations; not yet have we grasped the full and splendid meaning of this day to our class and to humanity, but this year I trust our celebration may be worthy of the day and that this jubilee of the working class may respond from coast to coast with the glad tidings of the coming revolution.
 May Day was not granted as a boon to the workers by their patronizing masters to tranquilize their discontent, but was chosen and set apart by themselves as the day upon which to arouse themselves from their lethargy, lift up their weary bodies from the earth, clasp hands with their fellow workers, and solemnly vow to break their fetters and emancipate themselves from slavery.
 May Day is henceforth emancipation day for the working class. On this day the revolution breathes the breath of life into the nostrils of the workers and the awaking pulsing workers recruit with eager, passionate spirit the swelling ranks of the revolutionary movement.
 Each and every industrial center and each agricultural district should this year join the May Day celebration and make its observance so general and fill it with such ardor and enthusiasm as to compel attention to the program of the day and the significance of the event. The very thought that labor's holiday has been internationally proclaimed and will be celebrated by the workers of every nation on the face of the earth; the very contemplation of the fine spirit of the day and the eager greeting of comrades to comrades and nation to nation, voiced in every tongue known to man and borne to us on every tide and every breeze, is of itself enough to thrill us in every fiber and set every drop in our veins tingling with the fervor of international solidarity.
 On this day of the down trodden masses the inspiring message that Socialism brings to them must be heard around the world. The electrifying shibboleth of Marx must be echoed and re-echoed everywhere.
 "Workers of the world unite: you have nothing to lose but your chains. You have a world to gain."
 Unity and solidarity must be the watchword of the day. Industrial and political organization of the workers, all the workers, regardless of race, sex or creed, must be urged with all the force and persuasiveness at our command. Without organization the struggle is vain and the cause lost. The commonwealth of the workers that is to be must be organized primarily in the industries where they are employed and the time to do that is now, and May Day is the day to emphasize its supreme necessity.
 The political power of the workers must also be developed through the Socialist party, the only party organized and controlled by themselves; the only party which represents their interests, expresses their aspirations, and fights their battles in the war for emancipation.
 May Day, pregnant with new and bounding life and rapture of resurrection, is the glorious harbinger of the social revolution, the gleaming promise of industrial freedom and social justice to all the workers of the world.

NATIONALISM CAUSES WAR

BOSTON.—"The cause of this war and of all wars is an exaggerated selfish nationalism," declared Prof. Charles P. Fagnani, in a speech in this city.
 "It is the national domineering spirit that has caused all the wars of history—a predatory nationalism," continued the speaker.
 "Every political power vested in a king or an emperor—that has ruled or is ruled—has set up as an idol the political state, that is all powerful and that cannot do wrong. It is symbolized in these days by some beast or bird of prey with talons or claws. Today nationalism stands forth before the world in all its unclean possibilities of destruction. Nationalism is fast becoming an anachronism, and the spirit of internationalism grows every day. Our commerce is international.
 The business men who do not value the trade of the Socialists enough to advertise in the Washington Socialist do not deserve to have it.

Be Sure and Attend the
International Labor-Day Celebration
 to be held at
Socialist Party Headquarters
 1612 California St., Everett
Sunday Evening, May 2nd, 8 p. m.
 Ed. FRANCOIS, President of the Everett Trades Council and A. W. BOND, recent editor of the Arlington Chronicle, will be the principal speakers of the evening.
 Music will be furnished by a seven-piece orchestra, and Anderson's mandolin trio.
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ORGANIZATION NEWS

LOCAL EVERETT NO. 1 TO HOLD BUSINESS MEETINGS FRIDAYS

At its regular business meeting held last Sunday, it was moved, seconded and carried that the business meeting of local Everett No. 1 be changed to every Friday evening at 8 p. m. The first meeting will be held Friday, April 30.

The local has also decided to make a special effort to get new members for the local and new subscribers for the paper during "Red Week."

There will be another distribution of leaflets on May 9, a week from Sunday. More distributors are wanted. Call around Friday or Saturday evening of that week and get a bundle.

OUR DEMAND!

The social means of production and distribution should be co-operatively owned, because publicity operated and publicly needed.

NO PROPERTY SHOULD BE PRIVATELY OWNED WHICH CAN BE USED TO EXPLOIT ANOTHER. IN OTHER WORDS, NO MAN OR MEN SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO ROB A NEIGHBOR THROUGH THE OWNERSHIP OF HIS MEANS OF SUBSISTENCE. WE ARE AGAINST RENT, INTEREST AND PROFITS.

PICNIC GROUNDS ARE WANTED

Have you a plot of ground close to the city of Everett that the Socialists can have the free use of four or five times this year? We want a place that is cleared so that we can have some sports during the coming summer. If you have a piece that you would be pleased to let us have the use of drop us a line and we will come out and see it. Address, Washington Socialist.

"JITNEY ATTACK"

Here are a few more "jitney attacks upon capitalism."
C. W. Garrett, Charleston.....20
Joe Fulmer, Everett.....10
T. M. Johnson, Everett.....2
C. M. Davis, Everett.....2
Ed. Clifton, Ferndale.....2
Wm. Baer, Ferndale.....2
F. H. Storrs, Ferndale.....1
Mrs. Mary McIntyre, Ferndale.....1
John McIntyre, Ferndale.....1
Jas. Livingston, Ferndale.....1
Local Anti-War took up a "jitney collection" at their meeting. Every "jitney" helps. Who's next.

A BARGAIN

C. A. Swanson of the Everett Public Market is offering you a bargain in groceries this week. Look up the ad, take it with you and get the bargains. This is a new advertiser and we want him to know that "it pays to advertise in the Washington Socialist."

THE ROCKEFELLER-BELMONT CONFESSION

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

The testimony of the Rockefellers, senior and junior, and of August Belmont before the Federal Commission of Industrial Relations is conclusive. Not a shadow of doubt remains. By their own confession they and their class are leeches upon labor and parasites upon society. Not only have they admitted it but they have sworn to it and their confession under oath is now a matter of record with the federal government.

All three of these eminent multi-millionaires testified under examination that they knew nothing about the industries of which they are the titular heads—that they had not the remotest connection with the employees engaged in such industries and that accordingly, they functioned solely in robbing these employees of the wealth earned in the sweat of their honest faces.

This is the sum and substance, the pith and purport of the Rockefeller-Belmont confession now on file in the archives of the federal government. This is the contention of the Socialists, so long and persistently and indignantly denied by their brood of retainers, confirmed in the sworn confession of these industrial potentates themselves.

It now remains only to take these eminent labor robbers at their word and relieve them of the burdensome function of relieving the working class of the wealth they produce, even as they have so long ago been relieved, in the evolutionary process, of all useful or responsible connection with productive industry.

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The manufacturer, the storekeeper and the financier complain of hard times, and are compelled to lay off some of their employees.

Some workers become members of the ever increasing unemployed army. Others are partially employed and have to cut down expenses. In order to generate the necessary power to labor these workers must cut out all those things not necessary for the generating of that labor power.

Some of these workers are socialists and being without the necessary funds, and having to sustain life in their bodies, they naturally fall to renew their subscription to the paper that is published in the interests of the working class alone.

Now the question arises, who is it that must keep the paper in the field so that it can deliver its message of freedom to the toiling masses?

The merchants who realize the value of the Socialist's trade has an ad put in the paper. But somehow when times are bad—the time when they should advertise—they fall to come through with their ads, and, in some cases, after having advertised, are slow in paying for their ad.

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At present the greatest burden falls on the Editor and Business Manager. Although the wages paid them is insignificant compared to the amount of work done, still they are at present compelled to donate about 80 per cent of their wages weekly to the support of the paper.

This kind of thing cannot go on for ever, and the limit has about been reached, so if the readers of this paper wish to continue receiving it, they will have to send in the necessary funds.

A Maintenance Fund

We are going to start a maintenance fund, and those of you that can afford it can put into that fund what ever small change you can spare. We don't ask you to put in a week's wages, nor two or three weeks wages, as the editor and business manager have been doing. All we ask you to do is to make a small contribution, so that the whole burden of the unavoidable deficit need not fall on the shoulders of the two men who are giving the best that is in them to make the Washington Socialist worthy of the cause.

At the first of the year the paper was completely out of debt, but owing to strikes and unusually hard times in Everett, the business men and the workers have been unable to give the necessary support to the paper.

The cost of getting out the paper has been reduced to about \$55 a week, covering all expenses, which is the smallest cost for production of a paper of this size and quality which we know of in this country.

The deficit of the paper to date is \$150.00; and is due on wages to the Editor and Business Manager, covering the last three months.

Now the question is, do our readers want us to do the work and carry the entire burden of this deficit? Would it not be better, all around, for each one who reads this statement to voluntarily bear a portion of the weekly deficit, amounting at present to about \$15, rather than allow two men to bear it all? Assistance may be given either by a certain sum donated each week, or month, or by a flat contribution to the maintenance fund.

BOSTROM-BARZEE CONTROVERSY

Two Contributions Next Week.

Comrade Bostrom and Comrade Barzee will each have a contribution in our next issue, dealing with the question of Opportunism and Party Treason. We bespeak for these articles a most careful reading and serious consideration. There is much to be learned from such a discussion, if followed thoughtfully, and the arguments carefully weighed. The issue raised is ever before us, and cannot be dodged. It is the fact of this essential difference in the point of view of Socialists which will make impracticable a state-owned paper, anywhere, for some time to come. Real harmony in the party can be established only through years of education along the lines of this Bostrom-Barzee discussion.

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ITALIAN SOCIALISTS ARE AGAINST WAR

Legislative Leader Says Country Can't Afford to Go to War for Mere Sentiment.

Opposition to Italy's participation in the war is expressed by Deputy Filippo Turati, of Milan, one of the Socialist leaders, in a letter published in Milan last Monday. Importance is attached to Signor Turati's letter as it is believed to reflect the attitude of Italian Socialists. Signor Turati writes:

"Italian Socialists have the strongest sympathy for the allies, feeling that the violation of treaties designed to protect Belgium has presented a common peril, and cordially desiring Anglo-French victory.

"Sympathy thus aroused may properly stir the nation to exercise its moral influence to take diplomatic action, and may even lead to the formation of volunteer military organizations. Nevertheless, such feeling of sympathy is not sufficient reason for armed intervention by the whole nation, whose soldiers are called to the colors by conscription.

"There is not in the history of nations, even of those many times stronger and richer than Italy, an example of any of them, which on account of purity of motives and desire for exacting justice, became the avenger of the wrongs such as fill the pages of history. There is no such a case because practical reasons always forbid such altruistic action."

Signor Turati closes his letter with the declaration that the Socialists of Italy would make themselves more useful to the proletariat of other nations by remaining neutral than by joining in the war.

FEDERAL OFFICIAL SAYS FARMING IS NOT PROFITABLE

CHICAGO.—Discussion of farm earnings entered the western freight hearing with the testimony of W. J. Thompson of the United States department of agriculture.

Thompson, who is in charge of the section of farm economics, told of data gathered by federal officials in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. He testified that in that district one farmer out of 22 earned more than \$2,000 a year after deducting all expenses and 5 per cent on the actual investment.

"One farmer out of every three in 273 farms considered in the three states," said Thompson, "paid for the privilege of working his farm."

His statistics on rented farms gave the average earnings of a tenant farmer as \$870 a year. The figures applied to 247 tenant farmers, and he testified that the owners of the farms received an average net return of 3.5 per cent on their property investment.

The cost of growing an acre of corn was placed by the witness at \$20.30 for an average yield of 45 bushels to the acre.

"Based on the actual selling price offered after harvest," said Thompson, "the farmer received only 2 mills profit on a bushel of corn. The cost of raising a bushel of oats, figured actual data from 577 acres, was 49.9 cents, and the average price received for oats was 38 cents, a loss of 11.9 cents a bushel.

"There is no profit in raising oats. That crop has been grown by the farmer to preserve the rotation of crops," said the witness. Counsel for the railroads objected to the introduction of the testimony on the ground that it was irrelevant to the question of the proposed advance in freight rates.

Arguing the submission of the testimony, Clifford Thorn, counsel for the western commission, urged that as the railroads had repeatedly brought in the question of "what the traffic would bear" in their presentation of the case, the evidence on the farm earning was material. "We contend," he said, "that if the business of farming is unprofitable and yields a lower return than other industries, it has a bearing here."

Commissioner Daniels ruled that the testimony would be received, intimating, however, that the farmers who kept accounts were not as expert in farming as the average.

LOW WAGES FOR GIRLS

ALBANY, N. Y.—At a recent hearing on a bill to create a commission to inquire into the wages of women and minors and make the facts public, with recommendations, Dr. Woolstein of the factory commission, from which source the bill came, declared that statistics show that 2,000 department store girls in the state receive less than \$3.00 per week.

Mrs. Florence Kelly, representing the National Consumers' league, believed that no class is so rapidly increasing as the young girls engaged in occupations. She favored giving these workers the necessary money to maintain their health.

The Los Angeles city council has adopted a resolution introduced by Fred C. Wheeler, Socialist member, creating a committee on unemployment. The unemployed problem will not down.

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ALBANY PASSES 72-HOUR WEEK

PERNICIOUS LEGISLATION IS PASSED IN SENATE FOR CANNERIES

ALBANY, N. Y.—The state senate has passed the Rawley Thompson bill, designed to increase the hours of labor for women and minors in canning establishments from sixty-six to seventy-two hours a week. The measure has now been approved by the house and is now before Governor Whitman, who is being urged by trade unionists to veto the proposal. Senator Brown led the fight for the bill and insisted that twelve hours a day was none too long for a woman or a minor to work in a canning establishment.

"This bill is vicious legislation," replied Senator Wagner. "It is desired by a few who place the almighty dollar far above human rights and who, in the selfish desire to increase their profits, will not hesitate to drive and exploit women to the last ounce of their physical endurance.

"It is desired by the few who, to their shame be it said, will sacrifice the womanhood of the state at the altar of Mammon.

"This legislation is universally condemned by the great mass of the people of the state who have at heart its best interests and welfare, and has been aptly characterized as a vicious affront to the decency of the Empire state."

Later: The bill has been vetoed by Governor Whitman.

MASS ACTION TOWARD ONE END

(By Charles Edward Russell)

The first principle of individual success is concentrated attention and the first requisite of mass success is the combined attention of all its units on one subject.

Beyond doubt great power lies in the mere psychology of the same thought at the same time in a large number of minds. I think this is why May Day, as observed by the workers of continental Europe has been found so useful to their cause. On one day in the year the attention of great masses of men and women is drawn to Labor, its function in society, the monstrous injustice that it suffers. No doubt this is one of the reasons why the cause of Labor makes faster progress relatively abroad than it makes with us.

We have this year more than ever pregnant subjects for our most serious thought on May Day. We have the desperate situation of the workers of America, bearing an always increasing load of injustice, and we have the immediate work to be done for our own party.

No one who has observed the great increase in our membership in the last three or four months can fail to see that we have now before us our greatest opportunity. Let every member of the Socialist party observe May Day and Red Week by securing at least one new member. It can be done. The time is ripe. The material is ready at your hands. Far more than 100,000 men and women are ready to join the Socialist party if we will but give them the opportunity. No Socialist who at the end of Red Week has failed to secure at least one new member can feel that he or she is worthy of the greatest movement ever known on earth.

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Q... Can I force a tenant to surrender the premises on a lease if default has been made in payment after I have notified him to move, or shall I accept payment? How long will it take and what will it cost to remove them?

A. You had better accept the payment. It would cost you from \$25 to \$50 to put them off, and it would take perhaps a month, presuming that you could legally do so.

HOME RULE IN IRELAND

"I am the commander in chief of the forces in Ireland. I alone have the power to give licenses for the possession of explosives. I have prohibited the sale or importation of arms in Ireland, except under stringent conditions. I have suppressed certain newspapers. I have seized certain printing plants and machinery. No one else has any power to do these things except at my delegation," said Major General Friend at the trial of a man convicted of carrying explosives.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

The railroad employes on all the government roads in Canada have threatened a walk-out unless the government keeps its agreement with the employes which to date they have failed to do. The general manager says that "the government would not accede to the demands of the men and that the Dominion railroads will be run by the army if the strike is carried out."

TO CONSCRIPT WOMEN

A German capitalist paper has offered prizes for an essay on the question "how is a public training for girls corresponding to the military service for men, to be formulated?" The German Socialist organs say that the object of the offer was to collect proposals to be laid before the proper authorities, so that conscription for women might become law immediately after the war.

WHY THE DIFFERENCE?

Those who carefully scan the field of trades unions must be convinced that there are great differences in the power and influence wielded by them. Some organizations with great natural advantages operating in their favor are weak and unimportant, while others with great natural barriers hindering their progress are strong and influential in their dealings with employers.

The person who will take the trouble to search out the cause for this condition of affairs will generally find back of the weak unions a lack of willingness on the part of the membership to bear the necessary burdens of organization. The very fact that they are organized is evidence beyond dispute that they are willing to share in the benefits to be derived therefrom.

The world is full of people willing to accept anything that comes without effort on their part, but those willing to pay the price of progress and improvement are all too scarce, and in improvement are all too scarce, and in this regard the trade-union movement is no exception to the general rule. The movement does not suddenly and entirely change the course of nature, though it does have a tendency to curb greed and stimulate unselfishness among its members.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Socialist Victories

Robert Trink, Socialist of Marlow, Oklahoma, has been elected alderman, making the second Socialist of that body.

J. A. Nixon has been elected mayor, Roy Teagarden, city clerk, and Isaac Morris councilman of Krebs, Oklahoma.

H. A. Burns has been elected mayor and F. Hayes street commissioner of Cleveland, Oklahoma. The Socialists also elected the city treasurer and three members of the school board.

Adam A. Skirving and John Lundberg have been elected to the school board of Billings, Montana.

The Socialists of Gustin, Mich., have elected the entire township ticket.

The Socialists of Burchard, Neb., have elected a school trustee.

H. L. Kinug of Womble, Arkansas, has been elected city treasurer.

The Memphis, Tenn., Socialist vote increased as follows: 1909, 81 votes; 1911, 178; 1915, 522.

The Socialist vote has been at least doubled in most all the places where Socialists had candidates in municipal and county elections.

J. Maggett was elected supervisor and Gus Hinderman highway commissioner of Homestead Township, Mich.

B. Greenburg has been elected city justice and V. Gram to the park board of Devils Lake, N. D.

Three nominees of the Socialists of Berkeley, Calif., qualified at the primary election just held. They are: J. Sitt Wilson for mayor, Jno. A. Wilson for city council and Herman J. Stearn for the school board. Wilson ran 600 votes ahead of the present mayor.

WHEN 'JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME' HE'LL GET NO JOB

So satisfactory has the experiment of employing women as street car conductors proved that the corporation tramways committee of Glasgow, Scotland, decided to employ women to fill the vacancies caused by the men enlisting for service at the front.

ENFORCED PATRIOTISM

The commander-in-chief of the First Bavarian army corps has decreed that, for the duration of the war, agricultural laborers are not to leave their posts without permission from their employers until the harvest has been brought in. Failure to comply with the decree will be punishable by imprisonment for one year.

CAN DO NOTHING

Ten thousand jobless men who made a procession three miles long, assembled in a square at Winnipeg, Canada, and asked for work or bread. Premier Roblin was asked to divert government money to the purchase of food and to raise a loan of \$20,000,000 for placing jobless men on Canadian farms, to be sold to them on easy payments. The premier said he could do nothing.

NEW TRIAL DENIED

CANYON CITY, Colo.—A new trial was denied David Robb and Ben Richardson, members of the United Mine Workers of America, convicted of voluntary manslaughter in connection with the attack by striking miners upon the Chandler mine of the Victor-American Fuel company. Richardson was sentenced to serve from one to three years in the state prison, and Robb from two to five years. Robb is the organizer of the national organization.

139,347 TOTAL BRITISH LOSSES

LONDON—The total of the British casualties in the war from the beginning of hostilities up to April 11 is 139,437 men according to an announcement made in the House of Commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, Under Secretary for War.

GLASGOW STRIKE ENDED

The strike at Glasgow, Scotland, was ended last Friday. The demands of the strikers, numbering 500, for an increase in their wages of \$5 a month was granted. Several trans-Atlantic steamers had been held up by the strike.

Statistics from Cleveland, Ohio, show that in the year ending December 31, 1914, there was a big decrease in marriages and a big increase in illegitimate births over preceding years.

The hearing in the contest of Winfield R. Gaylord, Socialist, of Milwaukee, for the office of Congressman William J. Cary has progressed far enough to indicate wholesale frauds in the election of Cary.

LABOR'S RIGHT TO ORGANIZE

John R. Lawson, international board members of the United Mine Workers, has been placed on trial for the murder of John Nimmo, in October, 1913, during the Colorado coal strike. The prosecution admits that Lawson was not concerned in the actual killing, but is being tried as leader of the strikers.

The Colorado politicians who attacked Judge Ben Lindsey know now how the Russian generals who attack Times.

At the general election in Japan 1,500 persons were arrested for bribery. Indiana papers please copy.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

TENNESSEE DEMOCRATS DOUBLE CROSS WORKERS

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Every pledge made to labor has been broken by the Tennessee state legislature. The Democratic platform upon which the party rode into power after four years of Republican rule, has been treated as the sheerest kind of a "scrap of paper."

The fellow servants' bill and the workmen's compensation law have been reported for rejection by the Senate Committee on Judiciary. The abolition of the convict contract system plan had also been repudiated.

During the campaign last year Democratic political spellbinders waxed eloquent about the Democratic party being the true friend of the workmen. As proof of this they would read from the platform the measures above mentioned.

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MACHINERY AND LABOR

One of the characteristics of the wage worker is that when he has a full stomach, he seldom stops to think whether or not he will always have the means whereby to fill it.

Does the average worker know that the productive power of labor applied to machinery is on the increase? That labor-saving machinery is constantly being invented and improved upon?

Does he even stop to wonder why it is that with all the up-to-date machinery, steam engines, electricity, telegraphs, etc., that the working class, as a class, are no better off than their ancestors of one hundred and fifty years ago?

The wage worker thinks he is better off because civilization has reached a higher plane, and because his master—the capitalist—through the press, pulpit, school, etc., tell him so. "Behold," say the masters, "we have electric light, where previously we had candles; we have luxurious Pullman cars, in place of stage coaches and miserable roads; we have swell autos and fine horses; we can travel and visit the beauty spots of the earth." Yes, verily, "we" are better off.

Of course, they are, but the wage worker very rarely has these things; hence the condition of the wage worker is hardly better than that of the workers before the advent of steam, etc.

You have heard your grandfather talk of the "good old times." History tells us that the workers that lived during the transition period did not care for the change. It took many police and many soldiers to hold them down, and even then they smashed the machines and burned the factories.

Do you think that if they had had a ballot that they would have voted for the system that they hated? Not on your life; they were men!

The working class of one hundred years ago smashed, burned and buried the machine that was doing their work. We know better now; we know that the machine does not get the profit that is displacing workers; we know that the owner of the machine gets it. So if we wish to benefit ourselves, we must ourselves own the machine, not smash it. We must destroy, not the machine, but private ownership of social necessities, social utilities.

Is machinery still displacing labor? Yes, the process is continuous. We give below a few examples of the extent to which the invention of labor-displacing devices has increased the capitalist's army of unemployed:

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PAMPERED SONS OF UNION SMASHERS CRIB THEIR ANSWERS

The habit of stealing, or cribbing, or buying answers to examination questions is becoming so common among the pampered sons of the union-smashing class, it has become necessary to "police" the state university during examination periods to prevent this despicable practice.

THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH

By virtue of the fact that the political power of the state is in their hands, the owners of the machinery of production and distribution of social wealth are enabled to maintain their economic domination over the rest of the people, the wealth producers; that is the key to their supremacy, and at the same time it is their most vulnerable point.

ONLY ONE NEEDED

Senator Ellhu Root said in a speech a few days ago that the records show 62,000 laws enacted by congress and state legislatures in the past five years, and 65,000 decisions by courts to interpret the laws.

BLIND WHO WON'T SEE

With the minimum wage law one of two things will occur; either the employes will give better and more efficient service, thus paying themselves for the increased wage, or the larger payroll will be a dead loss and we shall have to ask the consumer to pay the difference in increased prices.

It wouldn't occur to Mr. Straus in a thousand years that the profits might be shared with the employes in better wages. No, indeed.—Ex.

Girls will replace negroes as waiters on Wheeling and Lake Erie dining cars after May 2.

Our Rights

What is a right? We find it difficult to frame, in so many words, a definition expressing its significance fully. Roughly, a right is that which we may have without let or hindrance.

What rights have we the workers? Have any measure of "inalienable rights of man" that were the slogan of the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?" To life? Penniless and jobless, let us see you assert the right to live? To liberty? Why then do you cringe so slavishly before the boss?

The right to work? Glorious right. Exercise it you unemployed millions. The right of free speech. Try it on Spokane or San Diego, Canada or Europe. Free press? Not on your life. You have only that privilege.

In a class society only the ruling class has rights. The subject class can have none. It may have some privileges disguised as rights of which it is not policy to deprive it except in extreme cases.

And that is all there is to right—might. Of course we have always been taught to the contrary. "Might is not right," they have told us, since we could listen. As Post of peanut shell fodder fame would say, "there's a reason." They know that when it comes to a test of strength we have the might, if we know how to use it, and why. So their salvation lies in teaching us and fooling us thus.

ARE WE PREPARED?

Editor, the Washington Socialist: It seems to me that political developments of the last few months have been particularly favorable to the Socialist cause. Most of us have been looking forward to the time when we might achieve some measure of political success, and that time is apparently near at hand.

Again, the two old parties have demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt that they are hopelessly reactionary. If the voters had any doubt one year ago of the true position of the Republican party, that doubt has been dispelled by the last legislature.

Likewise the Democratic party has shown its servility to the masters, as has been said recently, "we have not merely a Republican legislature to fight, but a Democratic governor, as well." Ernest Lister is both incompetent and reactionary. There is no hope for progress through the Democratic party and the people know it.

MORE MEN ARE MADE IDLE IN CHICAGO

Five thousand more men were added to the 125,000 already idle from the strike of the Carpenter's union, when all the big lumber yards closed last Saturday. Cement finishers, drain layers, marble fitters, tile layers structural iron workers and sheet metal workers will be locked out by the employers May 1 unless the unions sign a uniform building trades agreement.

So many unemployed went after a job of switchboard operator in New York recently that the police reserves had to be called out to disperse them.

WAGES DECLINE IN LAST EIGHT YEARS RECORDS SHOW

Workingmen in the United States are considerably worse off now than they were a few years ago.

The "real wages" of 1,500,000 workers declined steadily from 1907 to 1913, according to the bureau of labor statistics, in Washington, D. C.

According to the first tabulation of real wages ever made by this bureau and now being shown by means of a graphic electric chart at the Panama-Pacific exposition, the bureau concludes that where a dollar in 1907 would buy 121 food units, in 1910 it would buy only 107, and in 1913 only 100.

This startling decrease in the purchasing power of the dollar was accompanied by a slight decrease in the hours of labor, and a somewhat more marked increase in rate of wages.

But the rise in food prices wiped out these advantages and left the laborer considerably worse off in 1913 than he was in 1907. With the same tendencies at work, it is evident that he is still worse off now than he was in 1913.

These conclusions are based on all the wage reports issued by the bureau of labor statistics, and cover both the general wage and the union wage scales.

THE WORKERS' PROBLEM

The capitalist class has become a nuisance. It is now not even ornamental. Wallowing in the wealth stolen from labor, the position of the capitalist in human society is strongly suggestive of a hog in the trough. He is neither good to look at, good for the trough, nor good for the rest of the pigs who are kept from their feed by his vulgar bulk.

The trouble is to get rid of the non-productive capitalists and their thieves' game of profit-making, merely through ownership of the means whereby the real wealth producers live. This can only be done by the workers mobilizing their power for the purpose of wresting from parasitic capitalists their control of the political and economic power.

The instrument whereby the capitalist class enforces its regime of rapine and robbery against the working class, must be seized by the workers and its powers used for their deliverance from capitalist bondage. The means of production, mills, mines, factories, railroads, etc., must be converted from private or capitalistic property, into the collective property of the working people, so that they may utilize them for the comfort and sustenance of themselves and those dependent upon them.

In the conquest of the public powers, the legislature, military and judicial, by the working class lies the solution of the problem. With that point of vantage gained the garb of capital will be stripped from the means of production and the control of economic power placed where it properly belongs, in the hands of the only useful portion of human society—the working class.

SUCCESSFUL COMPETITION

Liquor dealers, says The Christian Work, summarizing a circular of the National Board of Censorship of Motion-Pictures, are finding their business so noticeably hurt by the popularity of the "movie" that they are taking steps to interfere with this popular amusement, and so get back some of their lost trade.

"It has been widely reported that the company circulating Jack London's story, 'John Barleycorn,' among motion-picture houses in one State was offered \$25,000 to suppress it until after election. The liquor-men of Connecticut are filled with apprehension as they see their profits dwindling. They are fighting for a law compelling motion-picture exhibitors to pay to the State the same license-fee as the liquor-dealers pay for the sale of liquor.

"But what would be the result if this bloody fury were allowed to run its course unopposed? Either tyrannical domination by the conqueror or blood split till both sides were absolutely exhausted. In any case Europe's economic, democratic and socialist development would be retarded a century.

ALL STOLEN FROM LABOR

Rent, interest and industrial profit are only different names for different parts of surplus value of the commodity, or the unpaid labor enclosed in it, and they are equally deprived from this source and from this source alone.—Karl Marx.

INTERESTS THAT PROFIT BY INTERNATIONAL SLAUGHTER First May Day Since Opening of War

(By J. L. ENGBAHL)

We are told that the men who guide the destinies of the nations at war are not yet ready to quit.

This is not at all surprising. The men who guide the destinies of the nations at war are running few risks, and are reaping huge profits as a result of the saturnalia of slaughter unleashed on the European continent.

The men who guide the destinies of the nations at war—the rulers and great financial and industrial giants—are not found in the trenches. There is little chance of their well-groomed bodies being torn by shot and shrapnel. There is little chance of their families being turned starving out of house and home.

On the other hand we read how in bleeding Austria huge frauds have been discovered in the furnishing of war supplies. The patriotic Austrian capitalists have been selling shoes with paper soles to the government for the use of the soldiers at the front.

We read how the Hapsburg dynasty has provided against emergencies by buying \$17,000,000 worth of American real estate and securities. No wolf is going to howl at the Hapsburg door even if things go against them.

We read how in England army contractors are piling up millions while refusing any increase in wages to the workingmen, in spite of the increased pace of work and the increased price of food which has cut down the purchasing power of wages to a considerable extent.

We read how the Krupp factories are working night and day time turning out shot and shell and cannon. The Krupp people worked hard to create the war, even going to the extent of bribing the French newspapers to keep the French people stirred up against Germany. Victory or defeat, it all means money for Krupp. If the Russians take German cannon, Krupp gets another order.

American Capitalists Not Ready for Peace

The American capitalists also are not yet ready for peace. The DuPont Powder company, the United States Steel corporation and the Standard Oil Trust are doing very well, thank you. They do not object to a national prayer day for peace, such as we have recently had by order of President Wilson, but this is only because they are quite ready to take their chances on the efficacy of prayer.

They are not, however, willing to take their chances on the proposal of the Socialists to stop exporting ammunition and food to Europe.

Prayer does not hurt dividends, but to "starve the war and feed America" would mean a big loss in profits.

Socialists Oppose the Continuance of War

The Socialists of the Nations at war, however, are becoming more and more determined that they are not going to wait until the masters are ready to quit—they are going to make them quit. Louder and louder are becoming the murmurings of discontent.

The Independent Labor Party of Great Britain has openly thrown down the gauntlet to the government and is calling upon the workingmen to refuse to enlist.

In Russia five Socialist members of the Duma have been sent to Siberia. The Russian members of the Duma heretically refused to grant any war credits to the Russian Government. They refused to accept the responsibility of the slaughter of Russia's workers.

And now in Iron-ruled Germany where we have been told the Socialists enthusiastically supported the government, a ringing manifesto has been issued calling upon the workers of France and England to help put an end to the war. Part of the manifest reads as follows:

Ringling Manifesto

"The Number of men who have perished through the monster of war on the eastern and western fronts surpasses a million. The number of wounded is three higher.

"Those who are responsible know that the material damage caused by the invasion can only be repaired with difficulty. The damage caused by the invasion of eastern Prussia was estimated in January at over a hundred million dollars. The figures amount to billions in Belgium. The European war expenditure already exceeds sixteen billion dollars. The bill increases daily and the working classes will have to pay for it.

"Besides exhausting us the present war is ruining future generations. While the cry of national defense could be used with sincerity at the beginning, the imperialists on both sides now make it clear that they are fighting to destroy the rival nation.

"The indisputable fact today is that we occupy the better military situation because our territory is uninvaded. Germany, therefore, should be the first to raise the cry of peace. We want no annexations, but the political and economic independence of all and compulsory arbitration.

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"Yea! For profit, profit, profit, all these broken hearts are made— In the holy name of trade!"

Can ye tell me, kings of commerce, when machines should on them wait, Why the burden bears the hardest on the weakest in the State?

Can ye tell me, O ye masters, why invention's mighty breath Only fills the sails that hastens with the children on to death? "Yea! For profit, profit, profit, all these broken hearts are made— In the holy name of trade!"

The initiative and referendum has into law, and the repeated betrayals again been buried in the Kansas Legislature. In two different State elections the two old parties have promised to enact this much desired reform on the part of the politicians is getting on the nerves of those people who are independent enough to think.