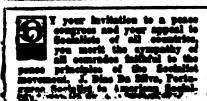
SOCIALIST GOES TO CONGRESS FROM NEW YORK CITY



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Meyer London Is REACTION EVERYWHERE BACK IN THE SADDLE Victor By 1,000

Moyer London, the brilliant young Socialist attorney, who has fought valiantly in the cause of the workers of New York City. 🗠

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was definitely confli gram to The Amer from Julius Gerber, of the New York Sc of the New York St.
telegram reads:
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Twelfth New York dist. The American Socialia

don's election from the .
Press, the figures at that i given as follows: London, 5,868; Goldfogle, the Tammany condidate, 4,944, and Borowsky, the Hearst candidate, 1,133.

That London's election was as-

sured by the early returns is seen in a telegram, received from Chester M. Wright, managing editor of The New York Call, the morning after election. He wired:
"With seven election districts to
hear from at 2:30 A. M., Meyer London. Socialist, in Tweitth District,
leads by about 1,000. If there is no theft in the remaining districts, London will be elected to congress

by 1,200. London, himself, with Charles Edward Russell, who has worked untiringly all day, will

watch until the last tally sheet is marked. marked.
"Elizabeth, N. J., elected Harry Kopp, to the city council and lost snother ward by small margin. Haledon, N. J. re-elected its Socialist mayor, William Brueckman, a councilmant stid four marshalls in the face of fusion and bitter and district state of the dirty fight on election day. Schenec-tady pulled through strong running

October Membership Shows New Increase

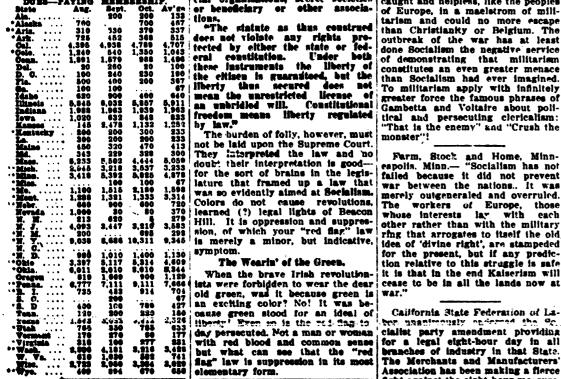
second in the face of a general re-publican landslide".

While the election returns were coming in the monthly membership report of the Social: t Party was completed showing another encour-aging increase for October. This in spite of the fact that all interest during the month was centered on the campaign. This starts the big winter campaign for more members and a bigger party.

We show the actual paid memberwe anow the actual paid member-ship for August, September and October, giving the average for the three months in the last column. To this must be added the exempt membership, these members being on a par with Gues paying members in all respects, but on account of unemployment or sickness, they are unable to pay dues.

of the states; these stars indicate that such states show an increase in the average membership over the

average shown in the same manner that month. The states that show double.stars the average membership for the past two months. There are nine such states, twenty-three states showing



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be considered as encourable.

On The 'East Side' SOCIALIST PARTY THE ONLY HOPE HENCEFORTH O N THE WHOLE the results of the pre-

sent campaign are good. The Socialist Party comes out of the battle stronger and better than ever. It is not alone in the election successes

But in others we have gained. Averaging te results we may fairly claim that the ual steady, inevitable advance which alys characterizes the socialist movement vgain in evidence.

It is not alone in the election success the Socialist Party makes progress.

- elements enter and that particularly case of a minority party which is aly without a daily press, fighting for anition and beset not only with clever and powerful majority parties, but also with a reform party that offers at least a promise of success for radical action outside the Socialist party.

ELECTION GAINS.

Glancing at the election results the Socialist Party is not without its laurels. As we go to press word comes of the election of Meyer London, of the 12th New York district to the United States Congress. This is the second socialist elected to congress in America and shows that the party stands close to the line of victory in New York as well as in Wisconsin and elswhere. The election of London to Congress

partly atones for the failure to land Berger

Red Flag Is Crime

In Massachusetts

Massachusetts has outlawed the Red Flag. The final edict against it has been written and handed down

by the state supreme court.

This is one of the results of the

the state legislatures this winter where they will be met, however.

by an increased number of Social-

ists. The story of the war against the

Red Flag in Massachusetts is told by the New England Socialist, or-

gan of the Socialists of the New England states, as follows.

Here Is The Story.

John Karvonen, the Finnish com rade who was arrested during a par-

ade on November 13, 1913, for carry-ing a red flag and was found guilty

in the Worcester Superior Court, has had his "guilt" confirmed by the

Massachusetts Supreme Court. The

decision is as follows:

"If the flag is of the forbidden color in its essential and domin-

mere circumstance that it bears also an inscription or device of another color is not enough to prevent it being a red flag. "That this flag happens to be the usual banner of a society affiliated with a political party is

sweeping and make no exception in favor of political parties, so-cial organisations, secret societies or benediciary or other associa-

"The statute as thus construct

"The statute as thus construed does not violate any rights protected by either the state or federal constitution. Under both these instruments the liberty of the citizen is guarantoed, but the liberty thus secured does not mean the unrestricted license of an unbridled will. Constitutional freedom means liberty regulated by law."

The burden of folly, however, must not be laid upon the Supreme Court.

not be laid upon the Supreme Court. They interpreted the law and no doubt their interpretation is good—

for the sort of brains in the legis-

lature that framed up a law that was so evidently aimed at Socialism.

was so evidently aimed at Sections. Colors do not cause revolutions, learned (?) legal lights of Beacon Hill. It is oppression and suppres-sion, of which your "red flar," law

The Wearin' of the Green.

When the brave Irish revolution-

day persecuted. Not a man or woman with red blood and common sense but what can see that the "red flag" law is suppression in its most

old green, was it because green is war." an exciting color? No! It was be-

symptom.

and Gaylord in the Milwaukee districts, while the nearness of their victory gives reason for greater hopes for the next congressional battle.

In Pensylvania, the re-election of James H. Maurer to the State Legislature indicates that success is coming back to the party in the legislative field there. It is too early to report results in other states except in Wisconsin and Illinois. In Wisconsin the socialists are reported to have carried the county, electing the steriff, district attorney and others. As usual a strong group of representatives are elected to the state legislature.

In Illinois the party re-elects Madsen and Mason to the legislature, but loses Stedman and Harris. While the loss of the two latter is to be regretted, yet in view of the loss of the Chicago daily paper two years ago, the consequent disheartenment of the movement and the terrific landslide back to the democratic and republican parties, the holding of two seats in the state legis-

lature is regarded as an encouraging result. Returns from other states are slow in coming in, but it is believed that the party is either holding its own or making steady

fairs. There are deeper meanings to the events of this campaign.

A hasty survey of the field shows this one overshadowing result of the election: Reaction everywhere is back in the saddle. Feform radicalism is everywhere beaten down. Nothing is left for the people now but socialism.

Joe Cannon goes back to congress from Illinois. Penrose of Pennsylvania wins over Pinchot by over 200,000. Governor Ferris of Michigan, whose attitude towards the miners in their strike in the Calumet district was all the reactionaries and mine owners could desire, is re-elected. And Geo. A. Carlson, republican, Rockefeller candidate, goes into the governor's chair in Colo-

And, strangely enough, on the very day that the working people were casting their ballots for democratic candidates in many sections, the democratic president, Woodrow Wilson, was calling out the federal troops at Forth Sheridan, ordering them to Arkansas to suppress a strike of the miners at Bache-Denman. This is the first time the federal troops have been called out against the working class since 1894, when president Cleveland called the troops to Chicago.

RADICAL REFORMERS ANNIHILATED.

Another significant feature of the election is the complete elimination of the

Many of the Progressive candidates were men of brilliant talents and national reputations. But the landslide mowed them

down just the same. In Illinois Raymond Robins, who felt certain of election to the United State Senate, ran third. Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, Pinchot of Pennsylvania, Murdock of Kansas, all went down to defeat. Everywhere, (except in California) the Progressive party seems to have been a bad third. New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Indiana, Illinois, all tell the same

story, while Wisconsin, which is the home of the original progressive movement, has witnessed the almost complete elimination of the La Follette progressive forces. Thus the radical reform movement, re-

to have utterly failed. The reactionary forces have weathered the storm of the spasmodic outburst of two years ago and are everywhere crawling back into power. What are the people to do now? What

presented by the Progressive party, seems

remains? Socialism and the Socialist Party re-

main. Its program is as clear, logical, rational and constructive as ever. Its membership is slowly but steadily growing. And, its voting constituency is withstanding the shock of every imaginable sort of attack, strategy and landslide, holding its lines intact across the nation and for the most part MELMS AND ZABEL ELECTED BY making steady, sure gains.

making steady, sure gains.

The field is clearing for the final fight between plutocracy and the people, — between the many and the few, - between capitalism and socialism.

The future is ours!

RE-ACTIONARIES IN THE SADDLE. But election returns after all, are only Progressives. the criftwood on the tides of national af-

Ryan Walker Joins Staff

Of The American Socialist

Ryan Walker, the most famous of

Socialist curtoonists, creator of

"Henry Dubb", has joined the staff

of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST.

he talks and it is hard to tell which

is the more interesting, the stories he tells or the pictures he draws.

While his lectures are highly amus-ing, they are full of hard facts and

cialist as well as non-Socialists throughout the United States. He be-

came especially famous through his

full page cartoons in THE COM-ING NATION.

Spokane (Wash.) Review .- "The

tarism and could no more escape

outbreak of the war has at least

done Socialism the negative service of demonstrating that militarism

constitutes an even greater menace than Socialism had ever imagined.

To militarism apply with infinitely greater force the famous phrases of

Gambetta and Voltaire about poli-

"That is the enemy" and "Crush the

Farm, Stock and Home, Minneapolis, Minn.— "Socialism has not failed because it did not prevent

merely outgeneraled and overruled The workers of Europe, those whose interests lay with each other rather than with the military ring that arrogates to itself the old

idea of 'divine right', are stampeded for the present, but if any predic-tion relative to this struggle is safe it is that in the end Kaiserism will

California State Federation of La

cialist party amendment providing

for a legal eight-hour day in all branches of industry in that State.

The Merchants and Manufacturers Association has been making a flerce

fight against the eight-hour measure, which was voted on last Tuesday.

Socialists Win Again. - Socialists

have won a complete victory in the long fight for free speech in Musk-

ogee, Okla. Success came when Judge R. P. DeGraffenreld freed

the soundest common sense.

Civil Service Heads Deliver New Blow At Free Political Activity

ployes is attracting nation-wide

this is one of the results of the nation-wide campaign against the for this paper but is going out on attention. Red Flag conducted by anti-Social ists immediately following the 1913 national campaign. These same anti-socialists will no doubt be back in entertainer. He draws pictures while white the substrate of the substrate o Non-Socialists write in and urge that the campaign be continued. One of our correspondents sends in a clipping from The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, Oct 29, 1914, which shows how drastic the rulings of the United States Civil Service Commission really are vice Commission really are.
Our correspondent calls it, "Another stab at political action". The "stab" is as follows: Walker started to draw for THE APPEAL TO REASON, well known Socialist weekly, back in the days when that paper was in the beginning of it existence. His pictures soon attracted attention among Socialist as well as pon-Socialists.

that has been in effect for years and civil position outside or his own emcloses the doors entirely against ployment. Quite a number of the public service employment outside armory employes are at present of their occupations. When the no-election officials. Their places will call a meeting of the delegates to the international bureau. The So-Walker will start out on the lecture platform about the middle of January, 1915. He will tour all of the United States, beginning in the Ciliest who makes the United States of t

"Mr. Gillett took the matter up Socialists in Maine, carried a broadwith the civil-service commission side against the suppression of free "Mr. Gillett took the matter up simple fact is that Socialism was Tuesday and yesterday received a speech and political liberty by the caught and helpiess, like the peoples of Europe, in a maelstrom of milireply from the civil-service board. Mr. Gillett telegraphed the civilservice commission as follows: 'Civil than Christianky or Belgium. The

armory lead some muchinists there WHAT ONE VICTIM SAYS. Here is what one of the victims

"I read with great interest your article in the Oct. 21th number on erushing political activity among civil service employes, to which body I belong. I wish to thank your paper for said article and for the campaign which you have initiated".

The campaign of The American So- | who are election precinct officers

States civil service commission tele-graphed Mr. Gillett the following reply yesterd y: 'Employes may not serve as election officers. Former "Stab" is as follows:

"Acording to notices posted at the United States shops in this city, no employes will be allowed to serve as precinct officers on election day. This ruling discontinues a practice that has been in effect for years and closes the doors entirely against public service employment outside armory employes are at present ruling based upon incorrect infor-

er should communicate at once with The AMERICAN SOCIALIST LECT-URE DEPARTMENT. The terms have been made especially low, so as to enable as many locals as possible to take advantage of the lintent of the among times to the lintent of the mining on the ground intent of the mining of

sion in its last issue.

The Dayton (Ohio) Herald, under the heading, "Socialists Will Protest Ruling" says that the Dayton Socialists are on the job fighting the supfederal civil service.

Washington (Pa.) Observer. England is offering the biggest practical demonstration of the workability of many of the Socialist the ories that has ever been adduced." AMBRICAN SOCIALIST, 3 months

Socialist "Internationale" Soon To Meet At Hague

That there are now greater and The campaign of the American Socialist in behalf of the politically
enslaved federal civil service employes is attracting nation-wide
attention.

Non-Socialists write in and urge

who are election precinct officers brighter prospects of rallying the
at polling places to fear they must
refuse service. These places are
wholly nonpartisan, paid by the city,
and obviously outside the intent of
the rules as I anderstand them.
Four years ago on a similar question
Socialist Bureau has been transbrighter prospects of rallying the Socialist Bureau has been transferred temporarily from Brussels to

The Hague, Holland.
The cable was received by Walter Lafersiek, national secretary of The American Socialist Party, and came from H. Van Kol, one of the members of the International Socialist Bureau from holland. The International Socialist Bureau

has been located for years at Brussels. Belgium. The work of the bureau was handicapped for the time being by the capture of the Belgium capitol by the German

armies.

this has now been accomplished. According to information received step will be to call a conference of Socialists of neutral European countries, when the holding of an international congress will be disc-

Probably the most enthusiastic effort to restore the Socialist "Inter-Europe comes from Portugal, from J. Dias Da Silva, editor of the official Portuguese Socialist organ, and delegate to the international the proposed International Socialist Peace Congress immediately at Washington. He writes:

Votes For Washington

Socialist Party of Portugal, and in my capacity as delogate to the International Socialist Bureau, I

After election, things are bound to be a little slow; BENIDES SEVER- horrible war it is impossible to hold AL THOUSAND OF OUR THREE MONTHS SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE the congress in Europe. At the same time if it is not possible to hold the congress at Washington, I believe We know that it would be cause of regret to all of you to see the circulation stamp, which however, is bound to happen unless quick and rigorous zetion be taken. with you, that it should be held either at The Hague or Copenhagen. "In this difficult hour it is the duty of all militants to unite their energies to bring an end to the WE ARE GOING TO RENEW OUR OFFER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST FOR THREE MONTHS FOR TEN CENTS. most horrible of all wars.
"This is my opinion which is also ists. I have just addressed your appeal to the executive committee This offer ought to enable you to put thousands of subscribers on THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST list.

the opinion of all Portuguese Social-

Here Is Story Of Fight For Food

Here is the story of the People's Monster Petition! We repeat it in BLECT TWO SOCIALIST TO THE brief for the benefit of our new ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE. brief for the benefit of our new

We review it again for our old readers who may have put it aside temporarily while waging the congressional campaign.

Now that the campaign is over the work of pushing the People's Monster Petition offers itself as the biggest work of the hour and of the

Nation In Aroused.

Immediately following the out-break of the war in Europe the people of the nation were aroused by the sudden and unwarranted inoy the sudden and unwarranted in-creases in the cost of food stuffs. The food barons were speculating in the necessities of life. Out in California this form of

robbery was resented. J. Stitt Wilson, member of the Socialist Party

Wilson urged that the fight be taken up nationally by the Socialist Party. This was ordered done. The committee ordered that a national campaign be conducted for the cir-culation of a People's Monster Peti-

The work of circulating this petition throughout the nation was placed in the hands of Winnie E. Department of the National Socialist Party. Since the inauguration of this ists of all countries, you merit the sympathy of all comrades faithful to the peace principles of the Scotalist new signatures are received by

we have set. Present indications are that this number will be greatly exceeded. Various non-Socialist newspapers throughout the country including the Newspaper Enterprise Association, which supplies copy for the Serlops-McRae, and other ac-called independent papers, have given this move considerable publicity. Socialist papers in all languacopies of the Petition repeatedly.

Elect Maurer To The Legislature In Pennsylvania

James H. Maurer, Socialist Party national executive committee and President of the Pennsylvan federation of Labor, has been clost ed to the Pennsylvania state lexislature according to a telegram received from Charles A. Maurer editor of the Reading (Pa.) Labor Adversis.

Maurer was elected to the state legislature from Reading in 1910 hui was defeated in 1912.

WIN VICTORIES IN MINNESOTA AND MASSACHUSETTE.

Charles H. Morrill has best pre-elected to serve his sixth term he the Massachusetts state legs by the workers of the shipe facturing city of Haverhill.

D. O. Devoid has been effected to the Minnesota state legislature from the Sind (Minnespelle) district. Albert Bastis and C. F. Dight have been elected aldermon in the ultile and twelfth Minneapolis vigras-ing a total of four. Themes Lear is making a close run for congress in the fifth congre district.

Edmund T. Melms was elected.
Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Was and Winfred C. Zabel was elected.
District Attorney after a victional contested struggle in which the parties used every influence, the sinister and otherwise, to defen

Victor L. Berger, Candidate set Congress, was defeated by less than a thousand votes. Winfield R. Gay-lord who was also running for Congress failed of election by a very narrow margin.

Despite the great Democratic individual in Chicago the Recialists of the northwest section of the tall succeeded in re-electing their two representatives to the Illinois legisteries and in rolling up a big vote representatives to the Illimute legis-lature and in rolling up a big wide for the rest of the Socialist Unite. The two men elected were Joseph M. Mason, a molder and Christian M. Madeen, a painter. Masjin rive ceived 14,530 votes, beating the Progressive candidate by almost 3,000 votes. Madeen secured 9,366 votes, defeating the Progressive by 2,600 votes.

votes, defeating the Progressive by 2,600 votes.

The Chicago newspapers cairies on a campaign of silence, against the Socialists, yet they run which you of 7,052 for Thompson for distingues, leading the progressives by 1,800 votes.

Socialists voted straight tieses, magically the same vote being sa

executive committee, started a state-wide protest. In hundreds of meet-ings thousands of signatures were secured for the People's Monster Petition.

practically the same vote being pe-ceived for all candidates with the exception of William A. Cunnas, the exception of the ticket about

demanding the establishment of Food Supply Depots and other facilities necessary in order to maintain a just market for the sale of the necessities of life, direct to the being added to the Party. With the further perfection of this organition, Socialists are expecting to several members in the city con next spring and to elect of

the law making bodies of and Illinois. Seymour Stedman was only de-feated for the state legislature in the south side by the marrow

AMERICAN WAR NOTES

The Zeppelin which root "In my capacity as editor of "The blanks are forwarded to individuals weeks age from Fort Poverty to and organizations ager to circulate reconnoiter the high cost of beat them. All Socialist locals, union organizations and such other Clubs as getting hooked on the upper here we have been able to reach have been circularized with letters and pertions.

Jesus met with a serious serious serious desirable with moon. According to a wire less, received from the captain, the pertitions. International Socialist Bureau, salute you with fervor and give my vote for Washington as the place to hold the peace congress.

"Owing to the fact that practically "Owing to the fact that practically been circularized with pertitions.

"STARVE THE WAR AND FEED direction of the Milky Way as see AMERICA" was the Slogan adopted by the National Office for the Peti- of Chicago yesterday morning. In

direction of Lake Michigan. The himself from the enveloping mave-ment by going up in the air on a sky-blue aeropiane which captled h innienting apparatus for great

The May army which has sur-rounded the Free Employment effice since last November has hammoned down the outer defenses and en-tured two John.

Portugal will receive your appeal their former herfilite towar. The with enthusiasm and will send two delegates to your country." ARERICAN SOCIALIST, 3 mentas—10c. PREPARE NOW FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL FLECTION OF 1916, delegates to your country." NEARLY EVERY THREE MONTHS' SUBSCRIPTION WILL MAKE A SOCIALIST VOTER. AMERICAN GOGIALIST, 3 men OUR TRIAL OFFER: THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST THREE MONTHS FOR TEN

Almost anyone will give you ten cents for a trial subscription to the American Socialist. The American Socialist staff-sud-Fucie Nam will ow the rest.

HENCEPORTH THIS WILL BE A STANDING OFFER.

PREPARE NOW FOR 1916

You have worked faithfully for some time and have doubled the circulation in a little over two months.

blost manuscrack statementation, July 975-1944 at the posterfice at Chicago, Ill., upder the Act of March 8 1878,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1914

NO CRIME TOO BIG.

for capitalist politicians to commit in order to get office.

ado coal miners during the recent it is as yet regarded mainly as campaign.

The Colorado coal strike showed

a good pelitician.

During the closing week of the weapon of the capitalists to congressional campaign, when the minds of the workers were on the ballot box. President Wilson made by the Colorado coal miners was uppermost in his thoughts. "COLORADO MINES TO BE CLOSED" shrieked the headlines one day. The colorado devidence of the colorado coal miners was uppermost in his thoughts. "COLORADO MINES TO BE CLOSED" the people when the people own the government, and it will also do the ballowing day they accessed "It should be compared to the colorado con the colorado c following day they screamed, "U. S. a thousand other things now

moeratic ticket. And election day

House in Washington that the de-mocratic administration had no intention of closing the Colorado coal whatever in mines nor of seizing and operating public utility. them. That would anger "John D. and the democratic Party would do anything to escape ruffling the feelings of the head of Standard

This master betrayal stamps President Wilson as the arch-political criminal of the day. Such deception litter rebuke of the entire American

working class.

Every worker should dedicate the next two years to consigning the democratic Party to political oblivion along with the republican and progressive parties. The year 1916 will afford the workers another opportunity to shake Rockefeller and his kind from the backs of the nation.

This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press

THE GOVERNMENT AS BAKER. (From The New York Call)

It requires a long stretch of imagination on the part of the average man to see in bread a public utility scribers before Dec. 1, who are at that she is a member of the party. its production. Usually it demands will be given a set of THE LI-a great war, a tremendous earth-BRARY OF CLASSICS, a set of 30 quake or fire or some such catastro- cloth bound books. crisis has disappeared, bread as same.

naturally ocases to be regarded as Among the locals to enter this a public utility or necessity, and week are Medford, Wis., and Flushtts production goes back into priling, Olio.

But governments have baked bread and distributed it, not only these of crises, but in normal necessary, these haloyon days of times also. And in the near future war, in burning cities, villages, facthere is little doubt that the governitories and homes. In at least one STARTS SUNDAY, NOV. 8. onts will take over permanently army they carry it in canteens.

The general public will, however not be supplied as yet with govern-ment-baked bread, though there is absolutely no reason, beyond the in-terests of private bakers, that they should not be. Doubtless that will come in time in New South Wales. The New South Wales Government THE MOST PRACTICAL TRING IN

RALPH KORNGOLD,... Circulation Mgs is by no means a pioneer in this matter. Municipal governments in Published every Saturday by the Secialist Europe, notably in the cities of Party Noticeal Office, 869 West Madis Auropic, have long since assumed Few people, however, can imagine

There is no crime in the whole naism about the matter either. It calendar of wrong doing too great was strictly a business proposition.

The strangement was strictly and are new eperating street rail-The strangeness of the govern-ment appearing as a baker is only President Wilson stands guilty of ment now prevailing. Instead of the greatest crime committed in all being regarded as an instrument of cal campaigns when he deceiv- the community, to be used for every function that pertains to its welfare,

The Colorado coal strike showed community, too dignified and import-that the democratic administration and to undertake such a trivial matthat the democratic administration was on its knees before American eapitalism. It showed President Wilson cringing before John D. Beckefeller. The curtain had been risk-lessly drawn aside and the carrest of our political as well as industrial government revealed in the person of the nation's biggest money monarch.

The capitalist conception that gives the protect of capitalist interests which perceive their profits endangered by the government in a small way fulfilling its function as an instrument of the community.

The capitalist conception of the people and upon the development of the industrial forces. Both of these facts make for socialism.

The Socialist Party, while it is revolutionary in its final aim, is none the less evolutionary and constructive in its method.

The democratic party had to efface the memory of this unexpected shapes into the darkness. And Prestignat Wilson did the work well. He bolish private profit. In other words, showed himself a past master at government, instead of being an in-deceiving people. He proved himself strument of the community, must confine itself to being a tool and them a free and unlimited field for private exploitation. If it goes be-

to private enterprise for the sake of private profit. There will be no "pa-Many workers were no doubt de-octved. Again they marched up to the ballot box and voted the de-when it is predominantly recognised when it is predominantly recognized passed and Rockefeller still ruled through their instrument, the government, doing for themselves collections. that it is simply the community a Celerado and in the nation.

The was later given out at the White | vely what was previously left to prevails, there will be no difficulty ment of ariculture.

whatever in recognizing bread as a What, then, are the facts concern-

would ORGANIZE TWO WARRING TEAMS

AT FOND-DU-LAC, WISC.
"Local Fond du lac has decided to MAT THE LIBRARY OF CLASSICS. We organized our efforts in two warring teams under two capable cap-tains, our secretary, C. H. Sackett. and Dmil Valkoske, our candidate for Assemblyman in the first District The lucky team that sends in the most subscriptions to the American Socialist will be entertained by the

losing team with a chicken supper.
"The result at the first meeting was 15 members. Let me tell you comrades that our local is on the right track. We are after party mem-bers and subscribers to The American Socialist and we will get them, too."

That Local Fond-du-lac means business is evident. We are receiving large orders for "sub" cards from

This contest will end December 1. You have still time to enter. Do not forget to address all communications ment is made in view of the fact that 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ills.

phe, before it appears a natural if more information coheering and commonplace duty for a governthis contest is desired, please write mient to assume the functions of a to this office and we shall be glad baker for the time being. After the to send you details pertaining to

JOHNNY'S TANK STRAMERS. It appears that coal oil is very

By CARL D. THOMPSON

thing in the world.

and are now operating street rain-roads, gas, water and electric light plants and other public utilities. Every such acquisition is a step toward socialism. Almost all the rain-roads of the world, outside of the United States, are now owned by United States, are now owned by the various governments. Every time a government acquires a railroad it takes a step toward socialism.

Everywhere the tendency is it

Every method that improves con-

by socialists for many years.

In the first place by such measures we can stop the increasing pauby socialists for many years. perization, and consequently also the enervation of the masses of people.

But the main reason for

favoring such measures is because if logically carried out, they offer possibility of a peaceful, law-and orderly transformation of

WHAT DO THE WORKERS GET. The average wage of the working class in America is \$518 a year in the manufactures, \$500 a year in mining and \$537 a year in farming. These figures are taken from various sources, such as census reports, mental grasp, special reports of the government. The moral I wish to impress, is individuals. When that conception on mining, and reports of the depart-

> ing the working class, in the ag-gregate, and on the average, in the l'nited States under the present capitalistic system? The facts are

The working class on the average is falling short more than \$250 a ing and shelter, leaving them nothing for the higher things of

pitalistic system is slowly, inevi-tably undermining the physical stamina of the nation. Surely here is a matter worthy of the attention of the greates statesmen, as well as every true

lover of humanity.

And upon facts like these rests
the demand of socialism.

"MOTHER" JONES NOT MEMBER. "Mother" Jones is not a member to Contest Editor. American Socialist, in the congressional campaign just closed she actively supported the The Sunday before election in Chicago she addressed the Chicago Federation of Labor espousing the can-didactes of Raymond Robins, progressive, opposed by Adolph Germer, Socialist, vice president of the Ill-inois Mine Workers and national executive committeeman of the Socialist Party; and of Cong. Frank Buchanan, democrat, opposed by Carl D. Thompson, Socialist, in whose behalf both the local and

Wales, in Australia, is the latest to frightened women and children and can be obtained will tour this state could never be submitted to the

1. 1915 and will continue until May 30, 1915. Among the speakers that The states covered by the Lyceum and get a home practically paid for, selves — at least get our money's John D. Rockefeller has again Course are Maine. New Hamppahire when the large lumber plant, which worth and not work while we are broken into the limelight with his Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. It is planned 'cok fire one dry day last summer "Our Socialist Party" has certainto carry on an intensive campaign and completely destroyed the plant by solved the problem of perpetual millions will not enable him to blot motion here in Washington as elseto carry on an intensive campaign and completely destroyed the plant middle the purity intensive to Socialist news and all the business district leaving papers and for new members to the party through this Lyceum course. An asimission fee of 10 cents win be charged for each lecture or au ceats for the entire course of five lectures. With each meason ticket purchased there will be give; the chief of oil "Raymond. Here they could not satisfactorily get on, and as they learned to be rebuilt, they, using some of the delayed-payment interence money claims Summed Up" by Morris Hill.

Here they were confronted with the fact that the plant would not place in the hands of every person that attends thee licetures one piece of Socialist interactive.

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Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

GETTING SUBSCRIPTIONS.

In criticism of the letter in Oct. gram for such cases and choose the better: Had the government owned the mill plant, the loss would have THE MOST PRACTICAL THING IN

THE WORLD.

Socialism is the most presided southwally kept before us the urband and would not have been aloss to the entire United States. It was a loss most properly national and would not have been thing in the world.

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ver, Colo. in Oot. 17th issue, that sound like a message from a live one when he says, let us have "A Million Voices for Socialism." Now how are we to get them? Let us appeal for further information to those who have become nauseated with Appeal Army subscription hunters, and see if we can originate a doing business, than the unpaid donation work of a faithful army of devoted comrades who are proud of the Appeal Army and its record, which has kept innocent comrades from the gallows, and spread the first rays of dawning class conclousness among many thousands who have gone on and pursued economic studies and no longer need the Appeal to stimulate them to efforts, but they have not forgotten that their minds were once in the clutch off capitalist ethics, and that it required the persistent efforts of others to get them started in the primary class, and the dear old Appeal furnished them the first that broadened into a world wide

that we should not underestimate cal the value of the Appeal to Reason, American Socialist, or any paper that reaches out for the beginners. We should not despise the lessons we have passed over, and consider them puerile. We need agitation to stir up the Dubbs, and we need catholic church. to have new readers, all we can get. Never slacken your efforts to

DO WE UNDERSTAND! le and ultimately abolish.

reasoning imagine that the matter

nation until such time as to do so would be more profitable than peace for the master class, and when that but never a word from our silvery hibition. the function of the baker, as well also you need coal oil and gasobe ultimately regarded as a public lightles, and you absolutely MI'ST

the Government of New South

The winter educational lecture

The winter educational

Now compare the Socialist pro-

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS. by the government at on and a government insurance fund would have replaced all the buildings and

It seems to me quite an import ant point and would determine the movement right at this par-ticular time.

It is a fact that cannot be dis-guised that many hitherto active comrades are becoming luke warm in their socialist activities and are giving them to the anticatholic move-ment that is sweeping the country. I am not discussing their motive or their judgement but merely stating the fact. It seems to me quite evident they are acting under the belief that the church has officially Conn. June July. August. Average attacked socialism.

Last winter I debated with Peter

answered "it is most assuredly. After the debate I asked the sam question of Bading a priest of one of His reply was "The Pope's Encyclical is the official pronouncement of the church on the Labor Question and incidentally on Socialism." This was substantially identical with the answer of Collins. I am aware however that neither Collins nor Bading are the official spokesmen of the

Now it is certainly a fact that the same manner that most non-socialyear of a sufficient income to enable them to live a decent life, and
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wages, and automobiles, planos, wages, and automobiles, planos, whether or not this constitutes an phonographs and such bric-a-brac attack by the church is a nice quesas extra inducements, may be there ition. It is contended that the Pope would'nt be such a "deafening noise" is held to be infallible in spiritual eminating from the editorial rooms, matters only and that his utterances but until the social revolution has on these matters alone are the utter

mic. etc., he speaks only as an in dividual and therefore does not bind

If this be true then there has been DO WE INDERSTAND!

The amount of support being given the suggestion of Comrade Benson that the Constitution of the United States be amended so that tion already contained such a clause, the authority for information on this

I. S. McCRILLIS.. Des Moines, Iowa

FROM THE BOTTOM UP.

ist Rulers" are too wise to ever we the rank and file, are not only seriously think of getting any advice Henry Dubbs for the capitalist class ing state, it will me unuseriously think of getting any advice Henry Dubbs for the capitalist class ing state, it will work anywhere. It is people in general on such but are bigger ones for the Socialists be apprised of the whose behalf both the local and national party orvanizations put up a strong campaign in the hope of securing a victory.

Let Socialists be apprised of the facts, and cease to be influenced by the lies of the liquor interests, they game, and work like beavers every nation until such time as to do so time "Our Leaders" get a new as a matter of course agitation for time comes we will have war re- tongued orators in our local, our

Now comrades, we want a party wales, in Australia, is the latest to frightened women and children and appear in the garb of the baker. It is require a bakery plant and man-fulure, it is announced, and will supply all the and when it is seized as contraband bread at 2 cents a pound.

WAR ISSIE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Can be obtained will tour this state during this period. Cornelius Levalue, will explain the propaganda and organisation tour of the state Nov. 8. His first date will be at New Haven, Sunday eve. Nov. 8, in Socialist Party Hall 129 (Groupe Street.

The winter Lyceum course of the New England States will begin and society as a whole, and believe in the party democratically managed. That will give us a good chance to find out who our point the bottom up, by the majority, the where legislation will be during this period. Cornelius Levalue of disapproval.

If I am right in my conclusions, we want a party where legislation will be done from the bottom up, by the majority, the minority to do only such executive Michigan State Secretary, are - flood the Senators in the TREATMENT OF A CASE—
COMPETITION COMPARED WITH
COOPERATION.

A certain family, among several others located at Lebam, a thriving little town, some 15 years established in Washington, had striven to live that the solution of the solution o

by right of paying twenty-five cents a month. If it is not what it represents itself to be, a party of, for, and by the people, let us one it for taking our money under false pre-tenses, until it becomes in reality what it preaches. Let us not de anountil they put out a referendum so we at least will have the privilege to hand over the party to "Our Dear Leaders" and then dishand. MRS E. WALLNER.

The American Socialist, Neuro pathic Ward, Chicago, Ill.

I don't know what "department" t

tactics and propaganda to the dis-pleasure of certain "Nutmeg State" comrades, so the fling at "Connectiant point and would determine in cut progress" in that "Eliminator" quite a large degree the attitude of letter, proves a delightfully funny boomerang. (Duck, brother duck!) Fortunately, Connecticut comrades

have a saving sense of humor.
But the cockeyedness of that illtimed effort to mitigate the rebuke to the Boss of the "Bug House Bunch" as Local Tyler, Texas, has long been known from El Paso to Los Angeles, is made manifest from a study of this week's "Party Membership Record.'

Last winter I debated with Peter Collins and in the course of his remarks he quoted from the Pope's Encyclical relative to Socialism and when I followed him I asked the question: Is this Encyclical from ECTICUT," vociferates National Committeeman Doyle of Alabama.

Nearer which end, dear Comrade? 1,029 1,383 1,891. 1,434. Alabama — 280 — 93 Appeal furnished them the first strued as an official pronouncement Nearer which end, dear Comrade? simple rudiments of a line of study of the church against Socialism. He your optic nerve seems to be as badly crossed as that "Rio Grande

> The "firing line" is in FRONT! You are heading for the back door. Goody-by.

Z. M. Davis, West Haven, Conn. P. R. None. Oh yes; there is. You may have

meant that TEXAS is "nearer the firing line", not Alabama, so here's the record: Population (1910 Census.) Conn. 1.114.746.

The Tex. "Membership Record" is:-June. July. August. Average. 2,520 3,020 1,543 2,361

Tex. 3.896,542.

Also "progressing" backwards you'll notice. 'bout face.

Z. M. Davis. THE LIQUOR QUESTION. It was with considerable interest

that I read Comrade Kintzer's letter in your issue of October 24. It presented a problem already becoming an important subject for discussion in the councils of the So

ration cannot think well. One who drinks to excess cannot think at all. Proof is found in the fact that men stand for Socialism at the ballot ibox. For Socialists are thinkers.
The beverage liquor traffic destroys mentally, as well as morally and physically. To this extent it is an enemy of Socialism, and I see in its passing a forward step in the march of Labor to liberty.

Comrade Kintzer can do the movement considerable service by informing us from time to time con-According to Comrade Bell's ring, e the rank and file, are not only work there, and if it will in a min-

EDMUND R. PRUMPAUGH, Omaha, Nebr

ABOLISH LIQUOR TRAFFIC. The recent convention of the So cialist Party of the District of Columbia took a stand on the liquor

House of Representatives in the so-cialist party until we either starve

John D. Rockefeller has again

money offering to aid the suffering Belgians. Even in this work his

QUES AND ORPHANS.

One of the charities supported by the Krupp money in Germany is a large orphan asylum. The Kruppe make the guns for German militarium. These guns are now making millions of orphans throughout Berope. Perhaps the Kruppe will now build additions to its orphan asyluma.

The chief beneficiary of the control of the chief beneficiary of the socialists held a meeting in which J. J. Kintner, a Socialist atterney. "Gave them the true gosy politics."

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The chief beneficiary of the enermous profits of the Krupp gun yearly, is Berths Krupp now Berngths from Jounce, usung iter the table gunmaker Krupp. The Garman ketter of a cted as her godished.

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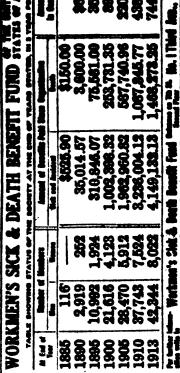
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THE PURPOSE OF SOCIALISM

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become a reality, there will be need ances of the church.

for the noises that follow the evolu
On other matters, political, econo tion leading up to the change. FRANK G. McMURRY,

North Yakima, Vash, the loyal lay member.

United States be amended so that war could not be declared by our country without the proposition being a socialist. But on the other hand if the Pope's Encyclical is such and if the Pope's Encyclical is such their approval or disapproval, causes an official attack by the church as me to wonder how many of us understand the nature of Capitalism which we seek to immediately griphle and ultimately abolts. Let us assume that the Constitu- we should be very careful about

Does any person capable of sound point. of declaring war would ever, there-fore, be submitted to those having the right of franchise? I believe we are safe in saying that our "Capital-

OFFICIAL BUSINESS. SECONDS TO REPERSONNE. Received since last publication.

Received since last publication.
By Level Columbus, Kass: (first published Sept. 18, 1914) That the action of the National Committee in submitting to Referendum a proposal (Referendum "D", 1914) to change the percentage required to initiate referendum, be declared uncenstitutional and the vote on some suspended and nullified.

Seconded by the fellowing locals: Aoma, Wash.; Tenino, Wash.; Ione, Wash.; Pedurah, Ky.; Woodland No. 3, Wash., Roberts County, S. D.; Olympia, Wash.; Falida, Wash.; Sandy Bend, Wash.; Central No. 4, Seattle, Wach.; Buckley No. 8, Wash.

States except by direct vote of the people themselves."

Seconded by the following locals: South Park Local 1339, Tex.; Paducah, Ky.; Roberts Co., S. D.

By Local Series County, Pa.: (first published Oct. 10, 1914) That a National Referendum be submitted to the membership for its endorsement of Allan L. Benson's suggestion that we work for an amendment to the constitution of the United States taking from Congress the power to declare war and placing that yower in the hands of the people, no war to be declared until authorized by the people, and those favoring war to be the first to go to the frust.

Seconded by the following locals;
Montgemery Co., Pa.; Paducah, Ky.;
Reborts Co., B. D.

By Local American Branch, Jamestown,

Montgomer, Co., Pa.; Padurah, Ky.; Reberts Co., B. D.

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Beconded by the following locals: Paducah, Ky.; Atticbere, Mann.

By Local South Bend, Indiana: (first published Oct. 10, 1914), That the following shall be added to the National Party platform: "That no war shall ever be declared by the executive officers of the United States until such movement shall have been voted upon by a referendment of the people and carried by a majority vote."

ity vote." onded by Local Medicon County,

NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS. PROPOSED MOTION.

PROPOSED MOTION.

By Germer, Elizate.

"That the following rule be inserted in the National Committee Enless after Eule 4.

"A motion which has remained open for seconds the required 15 days without sufficient seconds, may not be re-submitted, either in the same language or language with the same import, until 30 days after such 15 day peried, and in ease it fails to receive sufficient seconds on its according to the same interesting the second with missing it shall not thereofter be again abbilited antil 6 months have elapsed.

Behnitted for seconds, Nov. 8, 1914.

COMMENST.

This is another example of proof of the foily of such an "established institution" as a party-owned but officially dominated official organ.

The office cannot refrain from supressibly his own prejudics by socking to hill the effect of a letter he disagreed with by interting a heading at the very beginning of the lotter, reflecting on the character and purpose of the writer.

If comrade Doyle is a "chronic hicker" the comrades will find him without any suggestion from the officer.

(Busiement by the editor.—The heading "Kicha from a Chronic Kicher" was placed by Ownrade Doyle at the head of his own letter. Rumewen readers put their heading on their letters, evidently intending that that is the way they want them to go into the paper. In this case we felt that we were merely complying with the wishes of Comrade Doyle.)

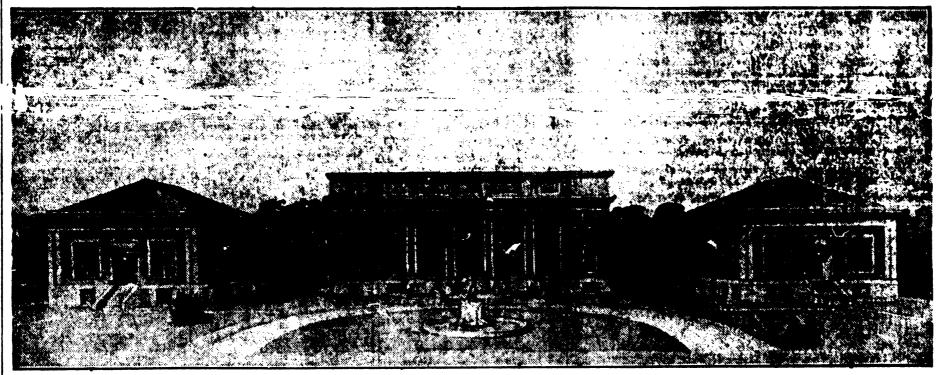
I more to amond the metion of Goobel "that the national office shall send out no appeals to the Leonic or other subdivisions of the party for denaitons of messay for any purposes without such action first being submitted to the Sational Committee and approved by a twe thirds vote of those voting on same" by substituting the word "majority" in place of the words "twe-thirds."

Twe thirds rule is contrained to minority

COMMENT. Two thirds rule is equivalent to minority

COMPUNET. I am not opposing an International Congress either in America or wherever convenient at the earliest plausible memori. We made better and more international—more Socialist congresses, to the end that the International spirit and taction subduce and destroys nationalism within the morement. the movement:
Shouldering the expense of fares, however, is an innovation—a pace we cannot

HERE IS ONE IDEA FOR NATIONAL PARTY-OWNED HEADQUARTERS



HE question of having the Socialist Party own its creased attention.

The last national committee meeting had this matter under discussion and the same problem will no doubt be taken up at the next gathering of this body in May. ` There will be a "Headquarters' Week" in December when efforts will be made to start a fund, with which to secure a party headquarters.

This Is One Suggestion.

This picture is merely a suggestion for a Socialist Party National Headquarters. It has not been adopted by the Headquarters' Committee of the Socialist Party but is offered as one of the ideas of what a party-owned beadquarters should be like.

The large building in the center would contain as much space on each floor as is now occupied by the National Office, and it is estimated that this structure would contain all the activities of the office for perhaps

ten years to come.

If it were found advisable later to establish a printing plant, one of the wings could be constructed for that purpose. The printing plant could be placed on the ground floor and the literature department would occupy the upper floor. If a printing plant were estab-lished it should be in a separate building, as a protec-tion against fire and also to segregate the noise that is inevitable in such an establishment.

The reference library connected with the Informa-

tion Department is constantly growing. Within a few years this will be a very valuable asset to the party, especially when we begin to elect city and state offi-cials in numbers. Such a library will require space, and should also be protected from fire, hence a separate building.

As this building is an integral part of the Informa-

tion Department, the department should also be housed in this building.

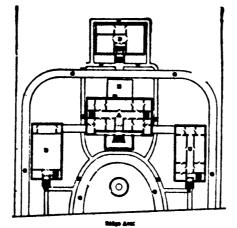
Rasis of Discussion.

In the rear of the main building, and detached therefrom, should be the steam and power plant.

The above general plan covers the needs of the party for an indefinite future period, but it should be under-stood that this plan has not been adopted, but is offered

simply as a basis for discussion.

The center building, with suitable grounds, would cost approximately \$100,000, and each wing would cost approximately \$40,000. The picture and estimates were kindly furnished by Henry Raeder, an Architect of



This metion is out of order, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting were published Oct 3. Metions to recind was included point of the Executive Expression to the Executive Expression of the Mational Committee.

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Bubmitted Cet. 17, 1914.

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As time states made after made a few remains the few regulated is days without a second, may not be re-mainted to the property of days of the state of the provided and the

these districts may direct.

Third submission.

I again move that Rule 13 of National Committee be atricken out.

I may to reverse the action of the production:

I again move that Rule 12 of the National Committee be stricken out.

I move to reverse the action of the National Congressional Campaign Committee in appropriating campaign funds to the Fourth, and Fifth Wisconsin districts.

COMMENSY.

An appropriation made to these two districts in 1912 has recently been paid, amounting to about as much as all other appropriations combined at that time.

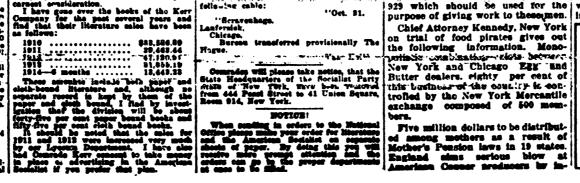
Now it is again proposed to pile on to that accessive denation just handed over, another denation that is larger than is prepased to give to any other district—and this while the other appropriations of 1912 have never been paid.

There is no favoritism—of course not—be to make when the "get theirs."

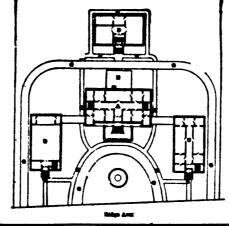
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EXPIRED MATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTIONS.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 19, 1914.



THE FLOOR PLAN



CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 31, 1914.

Tritcago, ILL., Oct. 31, 1914.
To the Executive Committee,
Dear Comredes:—
In the matter of the representative of
the Socialist Party to the Convention of
the Finnish Federation, in place of Comrade
Germer, who has notified un that he is
unable to attend, Comrade Maurer nominated Comrade Ameringer to serve in such
capacity.

capacity.

Please vote upon this nemiration.

Yours fraternally,

WALTER LANFERSIEK,

Executive Secretary.

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 2nd, 1914.

To the Executive Committee,
Dear Comrade:

I am in receipt of a letter from Robert
Wark, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Buffalo, New
York, requesting that you adopt and send
to the President the following resolution:
RESOLVED THAT: Because the purpose
for which the United States troops were
landed in Vera Crux has been served, and
because their continuance of occupation
of that port exts as an irritation to the
Mexican people, and a monace to the peace
between the two countries, the Socialist
Party request of President Wilson, as
Commander-in-chief of the army and navy,
to order the immediate withdraws of
American Soldiers from hexican territory.
Bigned Robert Wark, Secretary.

WALTER LANDERSIEK,
Executive Secretary.

The National Differents to the receipt of the

The Pullanel Office is in receipt of the "Oct. 31. "Berevenhage.

The 1914 congressional campaign is over. The fight starts imme diately for the presidential campaign of 1916.

The biggest work right now is to organize and increase our forces. This can be accomplished by a big membership campaign.

This campaign will be inspired and directed from the national office of the Socialist Party. Every Socialist local in the United States will receive a special organization letter from the national office this week. Look for it. Make it a special order of business for the next meeting of your local. This is important. It will be followed by other organization

This organization letter suggests that a "Work Committee" be appointed. The special letter prepared and which is to be turned over to this "Work Committee" is as follows:

Instructions To Work Committee

Dear Comrades of the Work Committee:-"First of all, hold a 10 minute session just after this work has been turned over to you. Then send a postal card to me and say: 'I am the Leader of the Work Committee. Send me The American Socialist list. John Smith, Huetle Street.'

"We want to get in touch with the live ones to give them help and encouragement. We cannot offord to waste time and money on the dead ones. Be sure to give the full address.

"I suggest that you select the Sunday following your first meeting, to make your first personal canvass for members. Sunday morning will be the best time. Men are at ease and will greet you with courtesy. Do not fear rebuffs. You will be surpsised at the friendly reception you will "Of course you must go to see Socialists and sympathizers only. Remember there are 15 Socialist voters to every member in the party.

"The best list to solict is the registered voters list. These are men who are not afraid to state openly their convictions. The next best list who are not arrain to state openly their convectors. In such that best is the subscribers of The American Socialist in your town. This list we will gladly furnish you. The Appeal list and the Rip-Saw list will be found to be of great value. Do not send to The Appeal or the Rip-Saw for their list. They will send the whole state list to your state secretary

The record appears to show that Kerr will sell about \$10,000, worth of paper bound literature this year and on that basis the proposition seems acceptable.

It appears that the price he makes is his lowest price unless we can make him a cash proposition, which, so far as I can see, is out of the question.

I wish also to mention in this seemmanication that to handle this basiness of Kerr's would require some additional space for the Literature Department, but, of course, if we expect to do a large business the quarters sufficient to conduct such business will be justified.

You will note that Kerr does not desire to complete the drai until next April for the reason that his present lesse runs until that time and if we take over his booklet business by with them secure smaller quarters, otherwise remain in the present lesser runs and life that sufficient to be complete the drain until that time and if we take over his booklet business by with them secure smaller quarters, otherwise remain in the present lesser runs and life we take over his booklet business by with them secure smaller quarters, otherwise remain in the present lesser runs whether there is any use in visiting him again.

If yed dasire any further information concerning this proposition, I shall be glad to make whatever investigations you may wish.

Your fraternally,

WALTER LANYERSIEK.

"I would suggest that you do not stay out for more than an hour each Sunday morning. You should be able to visit from two to six men in that time. Leave quickly if prospects are not good, and stay longer if a welcome is extended to you.

"Your Work Committee should meet for a half hour after you have made your visits. In that half hour you should compare notes, exchange names of those visited, etc. You will find that possibly some others on the committee are well acquainted with one of thore you have visited. If advisable, turn the prospect over to the one who knows him best, or

Work To Be Done New.

"At the following meeting of the local the Leader of the Committee should be sure to be present, to offer the application cards of those who may have signed, and to report prospects for the future. This will encourage the Local, and you may get others to volunteer for the work. Yours fraternally, Walter Lanfersiek.

That is the work to be done now. Take last week's and this week's American Socialist with you to your next local meeting and see that this matter is acted on promptly and effectively. The Socialist Party should do big things in 1916. The time to start the 1916 campaign is now.

The BREAD LINE Starve War-Food America

By Winnie E. Branetetter

his philanthropy to non-combattants beginning of the war that the auof Europe, four thousand tons of thorities are considering the advisprovision already on the way. RE- solility of forbidding saloons to ad-MEMBER LUDLOW and its slaughtMR women.

Profits of the Booth Fisheries gered babies and women, because the last winter.

Minnesota Shoe Manufacturer makes fight on minimum wage law for women and children, because it fixes the price of a commodity on the market, labor power. Trades Council of Ottawa, Canada,

askes federal loan for municipalities in order to provide work for the

and 80,000 unemployed in that chy.
The city has in its treasury 10,434,purpose of giving work to these men. in Colorado? Lasfersick.
Chicaga.
Bureau transferred provisionally The Mague.

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cluding copper among contraband

goods.
Foodstuffs sold abroad last month valued at \$68,490,889 nearly double that of September last year. There has been such an increase John D. Lockefeller, Jr., extends his philanthropy to non-combattants wives of absent soldiers, since the

philanthropic gentleman would not grant the just demands of the miners last winter.

Pronts of the Booth Passerrer passerrer philanthropic gentleman would not to end the last of December, will be between \$1,000,000 and \$1,200,000. The salmon business was purchased. sbout four years ago for \$1,500,000.
The profis (since that time, including, those of 1914, have been sufficient to meet the purchase price, and the company now has a clean asset in the salmon branch of its business.

One of the last letters of endorseunemployed.

City Controller Walton, Philadelphia, says there are between 30,000 Woodbridge N. Ferric, of Michigan. ant city, who sent the militia to crush the 1929 which should be used for the what can you expect from Wilson

> SPIRES-GOLDSTEIN DEBATE DATE Goldstein, the renegate So-religit yip has been lecturing equinct southing all over the United States under the suspices of the Kinghts of Ostenbean, may his Waterley in a de-bute with George Spicat, Nr., a So-cialist speaker of Harriord, Ocea. This booklet is a complete stamographic record of the dobate. It will pay you to read it. One copy, 10 comes 10 copies, 54 to express collect; I'd copies, 54 to express collect. L'attenel Office Socialist Parry 806 W. McZicon St., Ghicago, IL.

GARY SAYS EUROPE'S WAR WILL COST FOUR MILLION LIVES.

H Burope's war is maintained with its present violence for 18 months, the loss of life will be 4,000,000 and the property loss \$35,000,000, E. H. Gary, steel trust head, told the at its recent meeting at Birmingham, Ala. And Gary ought to know because the steel trust makes the guns and cannon that kill and

scar frime, the dream of stars will be realised and war will be a thing of the past, but it is painfully evident that those who believed that it had materialized, were reckoning in advance of their time."

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Non-Saha Lille. Gain

Well, we made it? The bustlers managed to make it an increase anyhow, although it was a hard tussle. Over eight hundred offs in one week is enough to keep anyhouch of hustlers busy. It was that big bunch of offs from Pennsylvania that is responsible for this. We had a fine or so short time subscribers in Pennsylvania and they are coming off in hig bunches. The comprises in Pennsylvania onght to get have and get these short time sub-

There are many things connected with the running of a working-class paper that the average subscriber has little idea about. Thus for exhan little idea about. Thus for ex-ample, last week, we had in the neighborhood of 1,200 changes of neighborhood of 1,500 changes of addresses. This on a circulation of less than 56,000 is nearly 8 percent of the total circulation. It gives you as idea how working people are compelled to more around, for it is hardly likely that the average workingman gues to the expense of mov-ing merely for the fun of it. It took

ing merely for the fun of R. It took one employe nearly two days to adjust these changes.

Now, comrades right after election a hig hunch of our three months' subscribers is coming off. We want you to put your hest foot forward and give an extra pull. Keep the circulation figures rising.

ROLL OF HONOR

tine tilein. Victor. Colo., writes that he has sold \$3 AMERICAN SOCIALIST subscription cards this

The Nrenska Rocialisten, Chicago, Ill. sends in a list of 17 this week. "I am going to beg for more 'subs' all the time. The American Socialist is the best paper in America." B. F. Jackson, Muldrow, Okla. G. C. Perter, Merrill, Nebr., comes in this week with a list of 29.

From Mulberry, Kan, comes a list of 14 names from Julian Bernarding.
"I will do all I can for the Ameri-

can Socialist writes Chas. A. Byrd. McComb, Misa.
R. E. Goslin, Arneld, Pa, bands us a lucky 13 list this week.
"Long live the American Social-

ist", enthusias/ically writes Victor Mackey, Convington, Mich. Vincent Heler, Chicago, Ill., says. "I like the paper and wish to thank the sender. That is my object of finding out who this kind person

Picase remember seven cards at the \$1.50 rate are sold at reduction and therefore no premium is offered for an order of this kind.
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The 1914 Campaign Book. The Human Naughter-House. The Carpenter and the Rich Man.

advantage of the above offer: T. F. Lockwood, Cleveland, Ohio. James Mussetter, Los Angeles,

J. F. Van Wye, Niles, Obio Paul Fragale, New Kensington.

A. F. Bergnes, Chicago, sends in

"The American Socialist is simply great." It is as clean and forceful as anything I ever read." J. E. Van Myr. Niles Ohio.

"I am pleased to note that the American Socialist is improving greatly and I believe it to be the

best Socialist newspaper in the country. Keep it up. "Nathan Marks, Philadelphia, Pa.
"Can't be heat," writes H. A. Schultz, of Plushing, Ohio, Ten names go on the list from his town. Jes. Glass, Passale, N. J. sends in list of nine, N. J. Falkanger, Grand

Porks N D does likewise should be read by every accisitat." liarrey Hodey, Northport, Wash For a club of cight subscribers at 25 cents each (Your choice of

(Russell)

Lists of seven have been received from it. L. Keler, Elberta, Mich. Cathcart, Clearfield, Pa. Tyrus Hotehiba, Belhi, N. Y. sends face the stench."

Nor would you understand if you were there to see these things. I

Clubs of four have been sent in by

John Frickson, Wichita, hannan. P. D. Hayer, Thompson, Ohio, Cha., h. aliech, Cieseland, Ohio,

M. Achhammer, Steubenville, Ohio.
The subscription price see the
American Socialist is 50 cents per par; 25 cents for 40 weeks in clubs of four or more. Chicago subscriptions are 25 cents for 25 weeks; 50

cepts per year.

The Congressional edition of the American Socialist was fine and I want the people of this town to ville. Ohio., distributes a few hundred in his community.

STORY OF 51 DEAD; LAW NOT ENFORCED

By ADOLPH GERMER Vice-President Minels Mice Workers

thought of never seeing their loved ones again. But such is the miners' fate. Fifty-one dead and accres

ed is the price paid because the laws had not been properly enforced.

About four weeks ago an explosion occurred in the same mine though no one was fatally injured. Ventilation, even going so far as writing to the County Mine Inspector asking that he come to make an busy and get these short time subseribers to sign up for 40 weeks.
They have had a taste of THE
AMERICAN SIGNALIST and we feel
AMERICAN SIGNALIST and we feel AMERICAN SOCIALIST and we feel come from the State Mine Inspector sure that they are hungering for before he could comply with the request of the men.

No Order Came.

Apparently no order came, perhaps because the matter was not brought to the attention of the State inspector. Be that as it may, the inppection was not main.
On the morning of Oct. 27. as

usual, the miners began to descend into the mine at seven o'clock. Some were still around the bottom while others had proceeded to their working places. All of a sudden a shock was felt and dust and smoke filled the openings.

Sad and touching stories are told by some of the survivors whose brothers, pariners or friends were killed beside them. It was about 7:20 that Jack Miller, the Local Miners' Union President, and a number of others were at the shaft bottom W. D. Williams was beside Miller when they were struck as if by a cyclone and all that Miller can re-member are the last words of Williams -- "By God Jack, what has happened?" At this Miller was overcome and did not regain conscious-ness until that afternoon.

Story of Two Brothers.

Another sad story was that of two brothers, who with several other miners were on their way in to their work. When the force of the explosion struck them they were in total darkness while men were groaning all around. Finally one of them, a

is." Here is an idea comrades, why the Coroners' jury he testified that not send the American Socialist to some other people who would thank gas will not generate in dangerous quantities.

Widows and Orphans.

the man or men working in such burse the general fund to the amount place must be witheld and the men of \$71,000. not permitted to go in until the dan-

have been spared, women would not he widows and children orphans. Again had the ventilation been perfect the danger would have been obviated and there would have been no possibility of the catastrophe.

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In Europe's Human House Of Slaughter By SHAW DESMOND

I have at least one case in my records where wounded men were thrown alive into the flames of a burning house. Looking down my plant for profit over the cost of the consumers of water and the notes, and those only made from maintenance and operation. Fe that taxpayers were substantially one as it may, however, this sparate and the same thing. authenticated cases, I see only drunken orgies of lust and blood of think it is a fine paper and in which women are locked in rooms after being separated from their husbands and fathers and maddened For a club of eight subscribers to the fellowing:)

be following:)

War What For! (Kirkpatrick)

Business the Heart of the Nation
Russell)

The fullowing communication have The following comrades have taken advantage of this offer:
Henry R. Miller, Painenville, Ohio.
Let and through it all the smell of the charred fiesh and rotting bodies. Henry R. Miller, Palmenville, Ohie.
Frank t. Pellegrins, Chicago, Ill.
Jan. Glans, Pannale, N. J.
Chan. D. Raymer, Sentile, Wash.
Lists of seven have been received are full of rotting bodies. We crawled into them to escape the hell of fire outside them—we went back to the open because we couldn't

N Pales Melvid re. Ill. also may to you that this war has made in larger of six. d. t. No wity, t severand, Onto., sends in a list of five. R. Pahn. Kenosha, Wis, appears with a list of the same number.

The Arizona State Federation of Labor at its recent convention passed resolutions against war in-traduced by H. F. Kane, editor of the Arizona Socialist itulietin.

The New York Public Litters reorts George R. Kirkpatrick's "War-

American "Neutrality" Is Standing On Weak Legs

Bo VICTOR L. BERGER

homes of the miners in Royalton, Ill., where \$1 lives were soutfed out in this character of thousands of rounds of ammunition.

The newspapers told us that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English the south that the south that the south that the south that the south the south that death was so near; they had so the south the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the "Himschaha" carried ever to English that the south that the

We also read of onormous orders of steel, copper, barbod wire and kindred American products going to the Estente, L e., to England and According to official reports, the experiation of cannot beef from America jumped from 364,698 pounds in Reptember, 1948, to 2,985,836 last month. Rore than 7,627,460 pounds of fresh ment were shipped abread last month, compared with 654,563 in September, 1918. The Entente, L. e., England and France, get R.

Nor is this all.

The war growth of grain exports was as marked. Bariey sales jumped from 251,454 bushels in September, 1918, to 2,781,296 bushels last month—

over 1,000 per cent. It all went to the Entents. Expert of unia grew from \$18,928 in September, 1912, to 10,780,165 in tember, 1914.

September, 1914.

Wheat jumped from 13...71,168 in September, 1918, to 25,966,160 in September, 1911, while rice exports increased from 1,486,005 pounds to 16,448,817 in the corresponding month. It all went to England and France. And hast week we read that the English refused to permit the import of a little grain from Helland into familiahed Belgium, although Germany effected to guarantee that such grain would be used for feeding Belgian eltiness only.

Trade between America and Germany remained at a standstill—September's exports being less than \$2,000—but that to Great Britain was well maintained, reports our department of commerce.

And that is called "neutrality."

Well. It is "business!"

Well, it is "husiness!"

To fully appreciate the danger of it all, we must also consider the

following:
About 90 per cent of our big capitalists and 90 per cent of the daily papers of this country are violently pro-English.

Above all it is also a fact that American and English capitalism has been in partnership for the last 50 years and the commercial fortunes of the two countries are closely connected.

American neutrality stands on weak legs indeed. Americans should, therefore, be careful. A war comes like a thief over night.

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CARL D. THOMPSON, Director.

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and the charter provides that the devoted to the expense of maintain-

Be that as it may, the law provides in substance that where danger is found to exist in any place by the mine examiner the "fire check" of the water plant, then it would not require a resolution to transfer this money to the city hall fund, but that the water commission could reim-

I think also that if the water plant

PROPITS OF WATER PLANT MAY enactment referred to governs your BE UNED IN OTHER UTILITIES. inquiry. It provides as follows: inquiry. It provides as follows:
"When cities own the waterworks foreign miner, though badly bruised succeeded in striking a match and one of the brothers saw the other lying dead a few feet away. Others told similar stories.

The bodies were charred and blistered; some were burned beyond recognition. It was a ghastly sight, one that I shall remember to the end of my days.

The common told similar stories and blistered; some were burned beyond recognition. It was a ghastly sight, one that I shall remember to the end of my days.

The common told similar stories are the common public utility law covers this same public utility law covers this same council of every city which shall construct or own and operate lightman that I shall remember to the end of my days. ing and operating the works, paying

ated entirely.

Am I right?

A. C. K.

Answer (by Daniel W. Hoan, City Attorney of Milwaukee): Your conclusion that the public utility law requires that a water plant must be operated for service only, not for profit, might be correct, were it not for the fact that a subsequent enaction massed by the Legislature, Whether or not, however, a plant should a ment governing the subject has been that the consumers for the fact that a should an profit on water be used for general large enough they have the better answer of capital enough to build the Rochdale "cash" policy they are supplied with cash money in proportion to their consuming power far being the consumers of the consumers of the dale "cash" policy they are supplied with cash money in proportion to their consuming power far being the consuming power far being the consumers of the dale "cash" policy they are supplied with cash money in proportion to the consuming power far being the consuming power or not, however, a plant should money from the consumers for the make profit under a public utility benefit of the taxpayers, which would law is involved in our Milwaukee be contrary to the spirit of the pubwater case. Professor John R. Comlic utility law. The position of they proceed to build a bakery;
mons assisted me in preparing a Professor Commons and myself is then a cannery; then a clothing factbrief, which I sta id i:... 1y io present that, notwithstanding the theory of to the Railroad Commission of Wisconsin at any time they call a hear-of the matter, under the law the ing, affirming our right to run a practice was permissible, and that

American Workers Do Not Even Touch The Fringes Of Their Possibilities

B. WINFIELD R. GAYLORD

importance to the entire working are going up against. class movement in this country.)

The Wisconsin co-operative law declares that after the passage of that law no person or corporation shall use the word "co-operation" unless they comply with the provi sione of that law with reference to the organization, control and management of the business and the they originate with the consumers, eat. distribution of profits.

n. Socialist is 50 cents per cents for 40 weeks in clubs or more. Chicago subscripte 25 cents for 25 weeks; 50 rysar.

Compressional edition of the in Socialist was fine and I see people of this town to it is people of this town to it is people of this community.

The competition at least as well as those moved by capitalists.

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Two Distinct Types.

conduct of the production and dis-tribution of commodities has two distinct types. These are to be recogincreasing their profits

That was an eminently satisfactory provision, to all friends of ho
nest co-operative movements and
efforts.

But the writer has been wonderCoosts and incigousary and quantities are section of the table of contents of the British underliably successful, as such. Even co-operative movement.

But note this: that all of this here consumers' co-operative movement.

intribution of profits.

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Young People's Dept.

J. A. ROCERS, Jr. . . Director

rious countries.

"Their countries exection that their ducing co-operatives have succeeded in the "thing" for "which" they have never furnished the motive nor the energy for the upbuilding of the world-movement for the New Jersey state committee of

The Committee endorsed the effects of the National Encountry Committee of the Secialist Party in leaguhing a national erganization. However, those were some disagreements with the rian as effected and the N. E. C. was requested to include the recumendations of the New Jersey committee in fits plan.

Objection was made to the section of the countitution which stated that any member of the league who was ever 23 years of age and who had been a member for more than one year, should become a member of the Sechilist Party, or be dropped from membership in the League. Instead the committee officerd a new section which requested that members who had attained that age should be "arged" to Join the Secialist Party.

The committee also recommended Bast in organized states the state committee shall pay to the national office the sum of one cent per month for each member in good standing, receiving dues stamps in return. In unorganized states the locals shall pay the sum of two cents per member as previved in the optimal plan. co-operation and they cannot do so, for a very good reason which lies close to the very heart of them. No Seed of Expansion. The reason for the existence of the producing co-operative is fulfilled when it has increased the income of the producing co-operators to the full extent of the possibilities of the situation in which it does its work. There is in it no seed of any expan-sion! Only when a similar group of co-operators can benefit by work-ing with another one of the same kind, like the cranberry growers of the nation, do we find them coming together. It can be admitted that they might organize with others of

correlated lines.

But there is no reason connected with the interests of the co-operating producers which would move them to organize the consumers in the market where they sell. Rather would their interests be opposed to

Even co-operative contracting con-cerns, in Pennsylvania and in the Wort, have mide good alonguide of the contracting firms and bouses.

me contracting firms and bosses.

Co-operative marketing has noble examples of success among shippers of live-stock, apples, berries, oranges, cranberries, eggs and chickens.

Co-operation for the purpose of improving the standard of breeds of domesticated animals and poultry have accomplished mendees in managements.

have accomplished wonders in

rious countries.

any such organization.

The consuming co-operators, on the other hand, have a motive so all-inclusive that the simple and logical following out of that motive leads them into the whole world of industry and commerce.

The establishment of a little re-tail co-operative store does not seem really so pretentious as the estab-lishment of a co-operative creamery. But the one can be complete in it-self; while the other can never be finished until it has developed its dea clear back to the point of pro-

The consumer looks into the WHOLE market; he is looking for quality as well as price; and when he has eliminated the profits of the petty retailer he finds that he had only begun his task. The organiza-Question: The city of Sheboygan, or lighting works, the water rates or charges for lighting shall be collected another one in the next neighborhood or city, But there is no competent of the city of Sheboygan, or lighting works, the water rates or charges for lighting shall be collected another one in the next neighborhood or city, But there is no competent of the city of Sheboygan, or lighting works, the water rates or charges for lighting shall be collected another one in the next neighborhood or city, But there is no competent of the city of Sheboygan, or lighting works, the water rates or charges for lighting works. tion and successful conduct of his store leads to the establishment of petition between these two, in the nature of them. They soon discover that they have all interests common And as soon as there are a dozen or more of them, they take the next inevitable step into the stream of world-commerce, and organize a wholesale co-operative company.

There are conflicting stories as to the cause of the explosion. The County Mine Inspector is quoted as having said that it was caused by miners carelessly going into a place that contained gas. However, before that contained gas. However, before the Coroners' jury he testified that if the proper ventilation is kept up, gas will not generate in dangerous. water commission holds at one of our local banks, to be used for a uniform for like services in all parts of the city hall building fund. I want to know whether it is legal to transfer this money, and whether the common council can order such a transfer independently. I contend that if the general fund forwarded \$71,000 to the water plant, then it would not require a resolution to transfer this money to the city hall fund, but that the works and then paying the principal the water commission could reimburge the general fund to the amount of the city hall see, therefore, that after the water commission could reimburge the general fund to the amount of the city hall see, therefore, that after the water commission could reimburge the general fund to the amount of the city hall see, therefore, that after the world's market with a greater relative confidence than, any other purchaser of similar consuming power. They have an absolutely cercreated in the construction or purchase of the plant, any balance or profit may be paid into the general fund. Since it is paid into the gen-The Human Niaughter-House.
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> their own factory.
> Employing some of their own people in their own shoe factory. ory. And the business world soo finds that it has a new factor - not a competitor, but a co-operative in-stitution which controls its own trade and manufactures for that

trade and its own use.

The next logical step is the raw material for the factory. Flour mills need grain; shoe factories need leather, and tanneries need hides; spice mills require bales and boxes

(Note.—Winfield R. Gaylord, chairman of the Committee on Co-operation of the Socialist Party makes this
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that those who are now being called upon by the progressive politiclans of all sorts to engage in the
great "co-operative movement", may
have at least a warning of what they
have at least a warning of what they
the control of the next is always a logical move.

Trans-Oceanic Steamship.
All of this calls for transportation The co-operative organization and facilities. Accordingly it is quite in onduct of the production and disoceanic steamship line owned by the same people who own the wheat nized acording as they originate with farms, the grain clevators, the flour interest according as they originate with the producers, for the purpose of increasing their profits on their yes! and the house in which the producers or on the other hand at people three the producers.

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namena, receiving dues etamps in return. In unergrained states the levals shall pay the sum of two cents per member as previded in the original plan.

The other important change requested was in the matter of referendum. The original plan fellowed the method now in force in the Socialist Party and required 10 per cent, of the membership to laitistic a referendum for a change in the constitution. The committee dealies to have the percentage necessary for both amendments to the constitution and other referendums to be five per cent of the total membership. They also desire to allow state committees in at least three states to initiate referendums.

There were several minor changes requested but the above are the most important. They cover those points on which there has been the chief difference of opinion and will probably be submitted to the Leagues together with the original proposed constitution.

PLAN BIG CONVENTION.

The Oakland, San Francisco and Vallejo Young People's Socialist Leagues in California have organized a Bay City Federation. They expect to add a few more leagues to their number in the mear future. The first meeting of the federation was held Oct. 24, at the headquarters of the Prisco League.

The purpose of the federation, as outlined, is to organize leagues in the Bay District (Ban Francisco Bay) and to assist those already organized; to have interleague activities and to co-operate with Walter Thomas Mills, state organizer of the Sacialist Party, as for as possible."

It was decided to hold a convention of the Leagues in San Francisco Feb. 20—32 inclusive.

The meeting expressed itself as favorable to joining the national Young People's Socialist League and recommended that each league and the constitutional committee act favorably in the matter.

An Inaugural Dauce will be held in connection with the proposed convention. It will take place on the opening day of the convention, Saturday, Feb. 20. Sunday evening a banquet will be given.

In order to raise funds to meet the expenses in connection with the convention, a three convention, a three convention as personnel by two members. The question selected for the contest is, "The Best Method of Solving the Unemployed Problem."

hold from the great working class

who can never organize as producers, and must organise as consumers at first —if at all— for the purposes of practicing co-operation, to withhold from them any word of inspiration or encouragement. If the facts above set forth do not show that the world-movement of co-operation is not peculiarly and most mightly and truly a movement for the working class, first as con-sumers, then their meaning has been

utterly misread and misunderstoo by me.
It is somewhat peculiar, in this connection, that for all that there have been and still are so many successful co-operative stores in small towns and among the farmers, there has never been but one successful co-operative wholesale concern

lead to any striking back into the life of the consuming community by the vital spark of co-operation. Indeed, too often the successful co-operative elevator has became a simple stock company, "taking it out of the hide of the fellows who wouldn't come in at the first fight."

The time seems ripe, now that American workingmen have gotten over their mutual and unpre race-hatreds, for the scattered retail co-operatives to take up a new life or propaganda and wider cofrom foreign lands.

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