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# WAR'S LESSON TEACHING HUMANITY TO DEMAND SOCIALISM

By EDWIN D. SCHOONMAKER

THIS war is not something which, meteor-like, without any connection with our world life, dropped upon us from the skies, and which will presently go back into the skies, leaving only ruined buildings and the scarred earth to remind humanity that a storm has passed. Slowly, through long years, it has projected itself from the soul of the peoples of Europe as an ear of corn is projected from its stalk. And when peace has returned, the consequences, we may be sure, will flood back into the soul of man and show themselves in all the activities of the future.

To Socialists, therefore, as well as to those who, for one reason or another, oppose Socialism, the point of vital concern is how seriously the ideal of Socialism has been affected by the present war; in a word, whether what we have witnessed is indeed the downfall of Socialism or, as is not impossible, a violent clearing away of those encumbrances for the removal of which the educational process was too

Socialism — what does Socialism mean? Evidently mass action as opposed to individual effort. For when we eliminate the dividual accretions, when we boil down the thousand and one definitions by which mea have sought to outline and express the seal meaning of this world-troubler, this is the residue, that it is an associated effort. That this effort during the last half-century has been consciously directed toward industrial ends, toward a more scientific production and a more equitable winds and the wife of the collection

et that the essence of Socialism is co-

And anything that stimulates toopera-tion, in whatever direction it may turn the energies of men, is certain to bring results that sooner or later will show themselves in every part of the social structure, just as at the coming of spring the awakening influence of this season is seen in every living portion of the landscape.

CONSIDER FROM this point of view the meaning of war. Here, it is evident, is the oldest Socialist movement among men, the one enterprise in which in all times and in all countries men have shown not only a willingness, but a passion, to sacrifice themselves for what they conceived to be the common good. War alone has been the great corrector of the too

highly developed self.

That demon which we see to-day strewing the fields of Europe with the slain, he, it seems, was the first, as he is still the one inspiring, instructor in the supreme glory of the effacement of the individual, or more exactly, let us say, in the creation of a social choir in which there is a happy blending and a joyous cooperation of Darts.

Time and again during the last eight months we have heard the expression, "the war machine." The term itself indicates a consciousness on the part of men that here is a social thing that is working toward a given end with that perfect unity of action which characterizes a piece of machinery. And not solely because of the monstrous work in which it is engaged, but also because of this nice adjustment of part to part and the smooth movement of the whole, we think of the thing as inhuman.

Educated to the idea that life, to be life. must be a competition between persons, that friction is somehow necessary to individual and social efficiency and wellbeing, we are sterile of images with which to set forth in human terms the marvelous cooperation of part with part and every part with the whole which we see in the national war movements in Europe. and therefore we call them machines.

But if we will only watch the working of these machines in themselves, apart from their collision with one another, we shall find that there is something admirable here, something which as far surpasses the organization of the peaceful work of the world as harmony surpasses discord.

to the bloody husk? To what flaw in man's character or to what blunting of the finer faculties of the mind are we to ascribe

### INSPIRING ARTICLE

NOTE:-Socialists who have read the article by Edwin Davies Schoonmaker on "THE FALL OR RISE OF SOCIALISM" in the April issue of The Century Magazine, declare it to be the biggest inspiration they have received since the beginning of the great slaughter in Europe. The article aims to be "A Study of the Humanities of War and the Barbarism of Peace." But it is also an irrefutable reply to those who eagerly hope for the "Collapse of Socialism" as one re-sult of the European conflagration. Feeling that every Socialist in the nation, and every Socialist sympathizer, would be eager to read this article, the editor wrote to William W. Ellsworth, president of The Century Co., for permission to republish this article. The reply received was as follows: "We shall be glad to have you reproduce a part of the article on 'THE FALL OR RISE OF SOCIALISM' from the April Century with full credit to the magasine." So we are publishing the best parts of this article, knowing that when the reader has finished he will realize how small an obstacle even the hideous monster of war is to the irresistible, world-wide, forward movement of the masses, that finds its expression, its hope, its ideal in Social-

that when a nation goes forth to destroy there flashes through the millions of that nation a marvelous comradeship, and the moment the purpose of the war has been accomplished and the armies are disbanded to return to the machinery of peaceful industry, these comrades are obliged to unlearn all those fine lessons in cooperation for the common good and begin again that competitive struggle with one another which in many ways is more cruel and de-structive both to the individual and to society than the armed conflict that is go-

ing on today?

If we could withdraw ourselves from the social organism into which we are born and which we accept as the natural order of things, and view for the first time the activities of men, we should be much less surprised that men should go to war from the fierce struggle of a competitive system than that they should return to a competitive system from that hand-in-hand adventure in cooperation and brotherhood in which, in these epic movements, from the first to the last drum-beat they are ab-

Only when nation is attacking nation, it are peoples capable of swarming forth in that unity of spirit to establish which as a permanent relation among men has been the supreme aim of idealists since society began.

IT HAS BEEN said - and of all arguments against Socialism this probably has been the most effective-that only by competition of man with man is it possible to kindle and keep burning that divine flame of enthusiasm which is essential to individual efficiency, and therefore that anything tending to eliminate competition would tend inevitably to reduce society to

sluggish monotony. Yet from one end of Europe to the other. along lines of battle in which thousands of men, rivals of yesterday, are drawn up shoulder to shoulder, cooperating with one another with such singleness of aim as to make almost sacriligious the least suggestion of rivalry, along these interminable lines runs an enthusiasm which it would be impossible to increase were every soldier fighting for his private gain. Nowhere is there a thought of self, and yet the gathering millions, come, many of

everywhere there is ardor. If competition of nation with nation in an armed enterprise, socialized as we see it is to the smallest detail, is sufficient to kindle so vast an enthusiasm among men, the real lesson of war and nave clung only petrtion of nation with oution in the peaceful industries, socialized as are the present war movements, but working toward a las the heart of a child never dreamed of: divine purpose, the peaceful and joyous i swords and guns and cannon of every des-

moral order of the universe it would be were it true that cooperation for the com-mon good is profitable only in war, but that in peace this same common good requires for its advancement the utmost license of man to prey upon man! Under a truth like this, could the human mind realize it, humanity would stagger to a despair darker even than that caused by the present brutal catastrophe. For this would clang to forever the door of hope.

Strangely enough, just as we are thinking these thoughts and wondering if it is indeed possible to kindle and keep alive in men engaged in their normal occupations of production something of the enthusiasm which has been aroused by the present savage excitement, along comes one of the foremost of American manufacturers who, having caught a glimpse of the new age that is dawning, has for a year had his vast thousands at work upon a profit sharing basis, and testifies that so marvelous has been the increase of enthusiasm among the men to whom this good fortune has come that the company has found it necessary to hold them back lest in their overzeal they go too far.

Now if this has been the result simply of a small sharing of the profits, is it unreasonable to suppose that even greater results of this kind would be obtained if the interest of these workers were extended not only to profits, but to ownership also?

HE IS A POOR STUDENT OF HU-MAN NATURE WHO DOES NOT KNOW THAT MEN ARE MORE IN-TERESTED IN FREEDOM THAN IN WAGES.

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our great employers is curious to know the full capacity of men for efficient production and for advancement toward a thrifty and self-helpful human life, let him begin a gradual distribution of ownership with the promise to the men that the plant shall be theirs just as soon as by a wise discharge of their increased responsibilities they can prove that they are capable of complete ownership. Then we shall see whether the business of killing men is more fruitful of enthusiasm than the healthful activities of peace and growth and independence.

But not only in the unity of emotion which it has engendered, but also in the practical working of this emotion, the present war is probably the most perfect demonstration of the efficiency of Socialism that the world has ever witnessed. To produce this efficient cooperation. what centuries of training have been required! How slow man has been to learn the advantage of applying even in war this great lesson!

When we remember that in the beginnings of society armed bands, the embryos of the present armies, were obliged somehow to find their own food, and that among all early states down even until within recent times, every soldier was expected to supply his own arms and equipment, it begins to dawn upon us that our present amazing efficiency in things military is due almost solely to the fact that the state of war has for centuries been in process of socialization, that the individual who yesterday was obliged to take thought for his clothing, for his armor, even for his own food and shelter, has to-day only to do his duty as a soldier to be free of all these cares.

The tocsin sounds, and the clothing appears; the rifle, instinct with life, it would seem, leaps to his hand; for the cavalry man the horse with bridle and saddle is ready. For every man his implement is at hand. Long trains are in waiting, and with what unimaginable conveniences! Kitchens with cooks capped and aproned hospitals with doctors and nurses, cots and bandages, medicine for the least blister of the foot. A whole society is in motion. Comforts such as men dream of in their homes are here in abundance. To them, from long years of galling economy. it is as though some magician were abroad assembling out of the air these wonders. The age of whilehood has returned the has only to run to the great father and be is it we had to samilar configuration with the most wholesome food, and digebook with his major scientific c and have poured out at his feet such toys the astounding fact that the machinery of | development of the race, would render the cription; trains and motors, submirines

day. And in what quantities! Usually when a plaything has been broken, there are days of deprivation. Not so here.

AND ONCE in motion, consider the care, the attention, which the great father bestows upon his children. Man who was yesterday an orphan is to-day a cherished offspring. And of how devoted a father! Every part of the equipment has been arranged with a view to the greatest facility and comfort of motion and repose, from the tooth-brush to the shoe cut to fit the exceptional foot. He has only to march and rest and eat. Where axes are needed, there are axes; for trenches there are spades. And on the firing-line he has only to shoot. The hand is there with the ammunition. And let him be wounded, and instantly the great father becomes the great mother. The despatch and thoroughness with which he is attended are

limited only by the capacity of the service. Not here neglect, with idle doctors all about. Money or no money, he is cared for. For once his real worth as a man is appreciated. This is the most astonishing thing about the present war. It has made of the miner, the mason, the factoryhand, the street-car conductor an asset of such value that for the first time it has become, with no opposition even from the capitalist press, the sacred duty of society to see not only that he is well fed and well clothed, but also that at the public expense he is supplied with doctors and

And as he lingers between life and death, never a thought of who is to meet the expenses of the burial, never the hell that perhaps wife and children will starve.
The great maner and the great monteer will provide for them.

Never before in the history of the world, I repeat, has there been such a practical demonstration of the Socialist theory the theory that somehow or other the individual would be better off and society better off if the latter would take charge of that part of the business of life which is necessary to the efficiency of the individual whether in peace or in war.

What do those who claim that Socialism has fallen understand by Socialism? Because the Socialists of Germany and France and England and Russia failed to prevent the present war or, further, at the first shot sprang at one another's throat, has Socialism therefore failed? Are there still intelligent people who do not know that the prevention of war has nothing to do with the essential aim of Socialism, but is simply one of those things of minor importance which Socialism hopes to accomplish in its great march?

It would be strange indeed if the leaders of a great modern movement that had for its aim the reorganization of society did not see that the real objective of any social crusade worthy of the name is the socialization of the days of peace. The ending of war, however desirable, is subordinate to this, the betterment of the normal life. For who does not see that we do not end war when we put a stop to war between nations?

It is only the most superficial view of war that would confine its meaning to a conflict between states. Any wide social struggle that is attended in its natural course by great suffering is war. For the essence of war is a needless competition, whether between states or corporations or individuals, that results in widespread suffering.

No one acquainted with the social conditions among vast masses of the population of almost every nation can fail to be aware that even before August 1, 1914, some great destroyer was abroad. It is unnecessary to dwell upon these things. WE NEED, IN PASSING, TO PICK

OUT ONLY ONE FACT: THERE IS NO CHILD LABOR IN WAR. IMAGINE WHAT it must be like to

thousands of those now in the armies of Europe to wake in the morning with the new sensation that the day's wants have been provided for, to have fall into their as as though the heavens had onened overcoats. For undoubtedly there are in The same of the same of the same

know what it is to walk shabbily clar the streets of Paris and Berlin and Lordon and Petrograd, wondering where the next | meal is to come from and where they are aside is in all practical respects like the death has been socialized while the ma- man apathetic?

and flying-ships: search-lights for the to find lodging for the night, or who, dissolution which sets in in the body of a connery of file has been left competitive:

What a monstrous indictment of the night and wonderful telescopes for the falling sick, have been tormented with the man when the spirit has taken no dissolution which sets in in the body of a connery of file has been left competitive:

thought of what will become of them? There are thousands of fathers, doubtless, who will hurl themselves upon the bayonets of the enemy with less anguish, knowing that, if they fall, their families will be taken care of, better than if they were to die in their own beds, having been brought home injured from the field or the mine or the workshop. In a word, there are in these vast hosts that face one another in Europe to-day multitudes who

Was there ever such an opportunity for effective propaganda as that which the present extraordinary circumstances have supplied? Thick within the lines of march, among the trenches, in the hospitals, are those who understand and can explain why it is that the great father,

absent in time of peace, is present in time

will find conditions of life on the march

and in the trenches preferable to those

from which they were mustered to the

And there will be leisure between battles, between charges, between the coming and going of nurses, for discussion of this strange anomaly. And we may be sure that there will be many a hardhanded philosopher of the trenches who will make clear this monstrous paradox.

And with what freedom of speech, what security from police interference! Mouths that yesterday were muzzled are to-day unstopped. For the first time in Europe Socialism is being heard. Certainly for the first time it is being seen. And that is half the victory.

Hitherto it has been necessary for the

missionaries of Socialism to present a theory. They have been on the defensive for la 1 a practical demo. Leation This was vesterday when he girded on min more than anything else was the crying sword. And if for any reason his tools weakness of their cause. They had nothing to which they could point as proof that their theories were workable. Just then, as though some high god had lifted the barriers into a new age, the very state that had opposed them and throttled them to the very limit of its power found itself demonstrating the proof of their claims.

AND NOW, with this great experiment in actual operation, it will be easy to show that our war system is centuries ahead of our peace system and that the chief reason for this is that peace has refused to learn anything from war, while war has listened with open mind, and has utilized for its improvement every idea that peace has brought forth.

There has not been one discovery or invention that peace has added to her equinment which could possibly be of use in war that has not been appropriated and. if necessary, altered to meet the new requirements. From the simplest sword clear on up to the most complex dreadnought, the whole intricate machinery of war had its root in some tool or other which the aboriginal man used in foodgetting or in his early industries.

War differs from peace, therefore, simply in its receptiveness to ideas. Compared with modern methods of producing and distributing the necessaries of life, car latest methods of destroying life are vastly more scientific.

For while war has absorbed all the knowledge and adopted all the excellent devices of peace, that one vital thing which more than any other accounts for the conspicuous success of martial enterprises, the harmonious interworking of the individual with the common good, has thus far had no meaning to humanity. With the unbuckling of the sword, the great society has disappeared.

We sometimes think that the distinguishing characteristic of war is the killing and maining of men; but it is evident that this is not the real distinction, for men are killed and maimed in time of peace. The essential and the one marked difference is this, that during war a nation is a society, whereas in peace it is an aggregate of individuals. So true is this, indeed, that if a denizen from some other world, acquainted with our normal activities during peace, should visit us now when we are at war, he would have difsuch uniamiliar comforts as mittens and | ficulty in recognizing in this smoothly i moving, harmonious unit the disorganized [ Pay stenday

Compared with the spirit that annuace a society at war, the disintegration that inevitably ensues when the sword is laid

CONCEIVE OF THE immeasurable bridge over which, when the present war is done, the soldiers of the different nations will be obliged to pass. It will be like a transit from one world to another. All those splendid ties of comradeship, that extraordinary devotion to the common welfare, the almost romantic attachment of the part to the whole, will dissolve as a vapor. That powerful state whose energy and watchful care were everywhere fathering its millions will also have come to an end.

And in its place there will be another state as different from the former as one thing can be different from another. The socialism of war will give way to the in-dividualism of peace. Society will become unsocial.

Once the rifles are stacked, once the uniform is laid aside, there is severed that intimate bond between father and children. Instantly the relation between the individual and the state becomes one of cold formality.

That man who in the battle-line was so precious, so deserving of every attention, becomes a thing of little concern. Henceforth his willingness to serve society is not enough to guarantee him even his daily bread. He is an outcast from the great home. So long as poverty does not drive him to crime, there is no limit to the misery into which, so far as the state is concerned, this soldier of peace may not wander. Orphaned, he must now shift for himself. If his labor is required in some other part of the country than that in which he finds himself, there is no free transportation for him now, as he sets forth with his tools in his hands, as there become useless, he must supply himself

or go without. And the generals of production, the Frenches, the Joffres, the Hindenburgs, and the grand dukes of industry may exploit him to their hearts' content, may dismiss him into starvation. The great father will nowhere interfere except it be to prevent the very thing which in war he insisted upon.

Let it be voiced in any of the cities from which the present armies have been must ered that in peace, too, for the common good, private property should be seized as it was seized in war, and those very governments which led in commandeering the machinery of peace will be the first to stifle the suggestion that this tried and proved policy be continued.

It is only in war that the state has independent action; in peace it is controlled by the captains of industry. When the exigencies of war require the drafting of boys of sixteen or eighteen years of age, society becomes alarmed; but there is no alarm when children much younger are drafted into the ranks of life-destroying labor. It is the unusual, not the unjust that shocks us

SOONER OR LATER, if the world is to stand and mankind is to continue to advance, Peace will have to go to school to War to learn the art of caring for men. That divine altruism which we see fusing in one great glow the armies in Europe to day will somehow have to be blown abroad through the infinite to-morrows.

The millions who in the trenches to-day see on every hand the manifold advantages of cooperation will not forever tolerate the lack of this fine thing in times of peace. Not forever will a mere extension of boundaries and huge indemnities to be used by the state in the preparation for further wars be accepted by men as compensation for the bloodshed and ruin of homes.

Something more personal must be their reward, something that will lighten the burdens of their daily life and infuse through their daily labor that sense of comfort and that rare spirit of copartnership which is the sustaining power of the armies to-day.

When these millions return, scarred and hardened, from the great adventure, from destinies which their own hands have shaped, it will be with a stirring consciousness of mighty power, of ability to

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fications necessary to hold office, William Kramer to carry the case which are that the candidate shall to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

### FORWARD TO THE 1916 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN THAT WILL

S TART now to prepare for a great 1916 presidential campaign that will mark a huge advance in the progress of the Socialist movement of the United States.

That was the predominant sentiment MASIN THE COURT PARTY HATTONAL COM: mitteemen 'as they closett their 1915 meeting in Chicago and left for their homes.

Thus, with 18 months of preparation, it is felt that the eyes of the nation will open wide the day after election in November, 1916, as the numbers of the increasing Socialist host are totalled.

The next step in this long campaign will be taken in June when the new national executive committee meets in Chicago. This committee, consisting of Adolph Germer, James H. Maurer, Emil Seidel, George H. Goebel and Arthur LeSueur, is considered one of the strongest the Socialist Party has ever had. They are all veterans of the Socialist movement and will be heard from in their work before the Socialist Party national convention meets in Chicago, June 11, 1916, to build the platform and decide on the final effort in the presidential struggle.

Socialist interest in next year's struggle will be aroused early by the holding of the national referendum for the selection of presidential and vice presidential candidates. The call for nominations will be issued in November and two ballots will I executive committee and executive secretary

no doubt be taken to secure a majority for any one candidate.

It is hoped to raise a considerable fund for the financing of the campaign by securing pledges. This work will start immediately. Plans for the greatest "Socialist Week" in the history of the party will also be, advanced from time to time so that every pound of strength in the party will be put forward when the next "Socialist week" arrives, the first week in May 1916. This "Socialist Week" will see the Socialist presidential campaign well started with every Socialist in the land putting forth an effort to secure new party members and new subscribers for Socialist publications.

THE DIRECT election of the national secre tary and national executive committee of the Socialist Party were among some of the radical changes in the national constitution adopted. The fight to restore the election of the na ty membership was led by Morris Hillquit York, in a brilliant argument against the adoption of the report of the committee on constitution, which provided for the nomination of national officials by the national committee. and such nominations being sent to a referen-

dum vote of the membership.

He maintained that the report of the committee was a pretence of democracy and not de-mocracy in substance, and that if such a change was to be made at all, the membership should the given nower to nominate as well as elect

"We adopted the method of election of our

for the purpose of securing efficiency," said Hilleuit, "but I am free to say that I realise we made a mistake, which ought to be rectified.

If the membership is capable enough to elect officials from among those candidates which we select for it, it is also capable of nominating

Hillouit moved that the committee on con however, a manuacut to make the provisions in the constitution which existed prior to 1912. This was done and the change in the constitution was unanimously approved.

Another radical change which invited no op-

position, was that reducing the percentage required to initiate referendums from ten to five percent, and the percentage required to initiate amendments to the constitution from 20 to eight

AN ELABORATE program of organization and propaganda was outlined and adopted. A special department of organization was establirhed to be under the control of the executive secretary. The purpose of this department will be to give special attention to organisation. Special attention is to be given to the

unions and to naturalization.
One of the issues that has been neglected in former years which the committee lays special stress upon is propaganda among farmers, especially relative to landlordism, tenantry and

An advisory committee will be elected to act with Cong. Meyer London in his congressional activities. He has been requested to introduce bills for a universal maximum six hour work day; a national compensation law to apply accidents, sickness, disability and death, old age and unemployment pensions; a bill dealing with the high cost of living and another for a universal national suffrage law.

THAT THE work of the national committee

## MARK HUGE ADVANCE IN PROGRESS OF AMERICAN SOCIALISM

this year would be much more thorough, and that it would take up considerable more time, than in previous years, became evident during the second day's proceedings when half a day was to the discussion of the Information Department. The American Socialist and the So-

The committee adjourned for the atternoon to give the numerous with-committees an opportunity to get to work and prepare their reports, while the evening was turned over to an informal discussion on how best to reach the women of the nation with the Socialist propaganda.

The policy of having all the reports of the officers of the national Socialist Party read and discussed before being sent to the sub-commit-tees was proposed to the national committee by the executive committee and adopted. Thus on the first day J. Stitt Wilson present

ed the report of the national executive commitdiscussing the annual report of Executive Sein reviewing the work of the Information De Thompson, while two additional hours were consumed in the reading and discussion of the reports by J. L. Engdahl, editor of The American ocialist and of the Socialist Party Press Serv-

It was felt that this advance discussion would bring out the varied opinions of committeemen from all sections of the country and thus help the sub-committees frame the recommendations that will later be submitted to the committee as

GREAT APPROVAL of the work of the young people's Socialist organizations was given by the different national committeemen here at the opening of the third day's session of the national committee, when J. A. Rogers, Jr., Director of the Young People's Department present-

ed the report.

It is report.

Regers stated in his report that the number of Leagues had increased from 42 to 130 in the past year and a half. A national young people's organization has been inameded and it is expected that it will be self supporting within the next set of the religible weareness assume that it will be a self supporting within the next set of the religible weareness assume that it will be a self supporting within the next set of the religible weareness assume that it will be a self supporting within the next set of the religible weareness as a seminate of the religible weareness and the religible weareness as a seminate of the religible weareness and the religible weareness and the religible weareness as a seminate of the religible weareness and the region of the religible weareness and the religible weareness and the region of the religible weareness and the religible weareness are religible weareness.

ce committeemen were enthusiastic ever the great progress of the League. Numerous instances were cited by the different committeemes of the great work being accomplished by the Leagues in their sections of the country. "During the last campaign in our state,"

"During the last campaign in our state," said Allen, Pennsylvania, "if it had not been for the young people we would have had no real campaign. In every town where I spoke, it was the young people who had actual charge of the meetings. In some places the League hat gone into towns and built up a Socialist movement, where the Party had been unable to do nanthing." anything."

anything."

"In New Jersey we certainly realize the great work being accomplished by the Y. P. S. L." said Goebel of that state. "In some places where the Party has been unable to reach the older people because of religious prejudice, the young people have reached them and are doing work to present the process of the poole in the process of the proc work we never could do." .

Others who praised the League work were

Maurer, Pennsylvania; Strebel, New York; Duncan, Montana; Oyler, Nebraska; and Wilson, California. The general centiment of the com mittee was that every inducement should be offered the Leagues to continue their good work.

partment it was thought that the \$2,500 spent for the maintenance of the department the past year would prove far more fruitful if it was set aside for the purpose of putting woman speakers and organizers on the road.

Theresa Malkiel presented the majority re-

IN ABOLISHING the national woman's de-

port. She recommended that the weman's committee be given executive powers, with complete authority to handle the funds for the work among women, to publish literature, send out speakers, appeal for funds, and elect and control the woman's national correspondent.
The reports brought forth great discussion.
It was generally behinded that the powers re-

quested by the woman's committee would place it on a par with the national executive committee, creating an executive committee for men and another for women, and that this would lead to confusion and chaos. The belief pre-vailed that the National executive committee could do all the work which the woman's committee is attempting to do far more effectively.

The claim of the majority of the woman's committee that they were discriminated against committee that they were discriminates against by the national executive committee was vigor-ously opposed by Janet Korngold. She showed that far more money had been spent by the Na-tional Office in pushing propaganda among wo-men during the past year, than had been apent for other organization work, despite the fact that the financial depression existing has made it one of the most difficult years the party has experienced.

The chief argument advanced for the contin-

uance of the department and the committee was that it took a special kind of propaganda to reach the women and that only women were capable of understanding what was necessary.

The woman's national committee, which will remain in office for the next year, was elected, there being a contest for only one seat. All others were elected by acclamation. The contest was between Elfa Reeve Bloor and Margaret Prevey of Ohio. Bloor was elected by a vote of 33 to 15. The other members of the committee elected are Emma Connolly, Alabama; Freds Hogan, Arkansas; Belle Foreman, Oregon; Anna Maley Ringsdorf, New York; Theresa Malkiel, New York, and Gertrude Riley of New

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BURDENS BORNE BY LABOR or the form of stronger demands for greater democracy. If the war lasts through the summer there By ROBERT HUNTER

S OMETIMES one sees a great building supported by columns fashioned

like the giant figures of human forms. And across the massive shoulders of these men is an entablature on

which rests the structure. In Greek these men were called Atlantes, which is merely the plural for Atlas who was one of the older family of gods and bore up the pillars

It used to be very common in formal architecture to place these two giant figures at each side of a great doorway.

It is not easy to learn now all that the ancients meant to tell by

NEARLY EVERYTHING they did was symbolic and it is possible they meant to typify by these figures Labor bearing the burden of the world. And indeed when we think of what Labor has done for the world it

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It seems beyond belief that those who produce food, clothing and lighting for the seems impossible that a great class, numbering a vast majority of important questions, but has never the population, tolling day and night to produce all the necessaries and been right on any phase of the labor all the luxuries of the world should yet themselves live from day to day question, now joins hands with Rockefellar in trying to hush up the dread, incertain existence.

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### This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press

WALSH STILL WORRIES.

(From The Milwaukee Leader.) We are getting stronger every day for Walsh of the commission on industrial relations. He has succeeded in making more desirable enem- due us have been paid during the les than any man in the country. Every newspaper that defends

Rockefeller in trying to hush up the Colorado horror.
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## AN OPEN LETTER

F ROM THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY to the WORKING-CLASS OF THE UNITED STATES.

DO THE WORKING-PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WANT A LAW LIMITING THE WORKDAY TO EIGHT HOURS?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THEM.

Mr. SAMUEL GOMPERS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, says THEY DO NOT WANT IT.

The American Federation of Labor, largely through the influence of Mr. Gompers says, THEY DO NOT WANT IT. The Executive Committee of the SOCIALIST PARTY says THEY DO WANT IT. The one Socialist Congressman and the thirty-one Social-

ist legislators are ready to work and vote for an eight-hour

Many state federations of labor also have declared for an eight-hour law. Mr. Gompers wants to keep you from getting an eight-

hour law. His stand and the stand of the American Federation of Labor are cited as arguments against the eight-hour law by

the pitalists who are fighting it.

What have you to say about it? This Manifesto of The Executive Committee should be distributed BY THE MILLIONS.

Locals should see to it that a copy is put into the hands of every union man.

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Socialist. The prize was wen by Wm. P. Kruse. Here is the letter: New York, April 2, 1916.

Dear Comrade:-It is high time for the American Socialists to realize that the greatest task now confronting them is to strongthon their movement. The ealy way to do this is by spreading KNOWLEDGE, — the most effective means to that end is the PRESS. We have built up easiderable mass of papers magazines — we have a prese-dally, weekly, menthby proceduly, worly, mount-ly — for agliation, education, propaganda — we have papers galore; — but we have only one OBGANISATION paper, ewned and controlled by the Party membership for its own me and benefit. The paper is "THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST."

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## DISILLUSIONED VOTERS BEING DRIVEN

By GEORGE A. ENGLAND S INCE the last presidential election, the Party has received a strong upward impetus! from discouraged and disillusioned Old Party voters. The

political and social abuses, the natural trend of business evolution, the break-down of the Old Parties, the illuminating examilate class and the working class, ple of Milwaukee and other ciass constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the complex factors have joined in greatly stimulating the growth of Socialism in America. From in 1000 to 1000 the Socialism in America. From in 1000 to 1000 the Socialism in America. From in 1000 to 1000 the Socialism in America. From in 1000 to 1000 the Socialism in America. From in 1000 to 1000 the Socialism in America. From in 1000 to 100 Some time age we effered to the stadents at the Rand School a prise of \$5 worth of sub-cards for the best circular letter asking Socialists to subscribe to The American Socialist. The nrise was wan he

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Executive Committeeman and to the National Secretary.

But none of these offices is appointive: each is strictly elective.
And in every case where it is feasthle to change officers at successive
meetings, such changes are made. The idea is, of course, to train every member so that in case of need he can fill another's place. Socialists never mean to be crippled at any time by letting any individuals be-

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The initiative and referendum are: freely used for all measures of importance. Beyond this expression of popular will, no authority exists in the Party. There are to-day between 5.500 and 6.000 "locals" scattered all over the land. In the large tered all over the land. In the large cities, a local may have one or two thousand members and he divided into branches. Every vital matter is submitted as a referendum to the secretaries of all these bodies, by the National Secretary. The local secretaries, in turn, submit the motions to the individual members and so we see democracy actually chough. at work. The National Committee, which represents the Party in both and international affairs. which calls nominating conventions not recommend. and performs certain other duties, is subject to this same strict refer-

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discovers that so far as political ac-largely constitute the Party rank tion is concerned, he is no longer an and file. In some sections, as in irresponsible social unit, but must the Middle- and Southwest, farmers conform to the Party rules and ac- are to-day joining in large numbers. cept the dicta of the majority. His often as a result of the famous "en discipline commences; his political campment" propaganda. education goes on apace. He be- A recent poll of the membership comes a soldier in the local squad, discloses interesting facts. Out of company or regiment, as the case 6,210 average cases tabulated, these may be. The singular efficiency of percentages hold: the Party's propaganda rests in the cooperative effort of this network of locals, scattered broadcast all over the land, and ready at any moment to undertake whatever task of tional campaign, a strikers' defens movement, a series of protest-meet ings, anti-militarist agitation, or what-not. Socialists seem to be in defatigable. They can be depende on at short notice to call mass 

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By JOHN M. WORK

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THE NEXT thing in order was to let everybody know that the books

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In getting out campaign literature, for distribution to all the houses

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of readers.

The big dailies and weeklies and magazines, of course, cover a far wider territory. New York City alone has four Socialist dailies—

observed.

In Colorado the Legislature, according to union officials, has not one good mark to its credit, but it did enact laws making it little short.

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By MAX S. HAYES

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In Tennessee every pledge made broken by the Legislature, the party bosses treating the workers' redemanded that the faith be kept. In Michigan the same complaint

Next week. - How about the while the big interests can obtain pretty much all they really expect In California and Wisconsin slight gains are recorded, but they are greatly outbalanced by objection-able measures that have been forced through by the crack of the bosses

whips. In no State of the Union - with the possible exception of sparsely settled Idaho — has there been one vital, far-reaching, constructive law the masses. In Idaho a law was passed by the Legislature (drafted by a Socialist member) authorizing local officials to make provisions to

furnish work to unemployed per-Undoubtedly those who give little or no thought to the social forces that operate will be greatly disappointed because the politicians re-fused to throw out a few sops to hypnotize the masses while their

corporation masters got away with the big swag. BUT NO disappointment need be felt. The politicians never really promise very much to advance hum-The politicians never really an rights; they are chosen to cater to and safeguard property rights,

and they fully understand their ma-terial interests even if the workers don't comprehend theirs.

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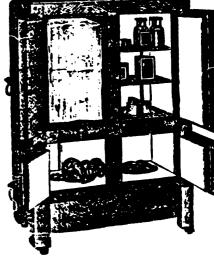
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