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### Southern Farmers Strong For Socialism-No More Room For **Erroneous Ideas. Says Editor**

Socialists Contribute 15 Articles To One Issue of Great Farm Paper Sweeping Aside All Misconceptions Advanced by Opponents--We Herewith expense, by the manipulation of the Publish the Winner.

The farmers of the South are intensely interested in Socialism. The editor of The Southern Ruralist, published at Atlanta, Ga., and claiming a circulation of a quarter million copies, admits that they are. He made this discovery by inviting the Southern farmers to write articles giving their views on Socialism, both for and against. He received 173 articles. Of these only 28 were against Socialism, leaving a total of 145 in favor of Socialism. The editor had planned to put the best of these articles, for and against, in one issue. But the Socialist articles were so many and so good that he got out "The Farmer and Socialism" issue of his paper and published 15 of them,

reserving the anti-Socialist articles for the succeeding issue.

In an editorial entitled "A CLEAN SLATE" the editor gives his own views of the Southern farmers' interest in Socialism as follows:

"Both sides of this great question of Farmer and Socialism were to have been presented in this issue of the Ruralist. We found ourselves, however, confronted by a very serious difficulty. The subject is of such vital importance that we doubted the possibility of any half dozen short articles conveying such a real understanding of the subject as its importance demanded. Moreover, the number and character of the articles contributed by our Socialist friends overwhelmed

"We determined that the sincere men and women who could write such articles deserved the fullest and freest hearing we could give them, Therefore, instead of compelling them to divide time with their opronents, we decided to let the Socialists have their say without restriction or opposition. We shall produce articles on the other side in the Ruralist for August 15th, and compensate the authors so liberally that they will not object to the arrangement.

"There is no better proof of the arrangement.
"There is no better proof of the interest of Southern farmers in any question than the number of communications sent to the Ruralist upon that subject. We received 173 articles upon Farmer and Socialism in response to our invitation. Of these only 28 opposed Socialism

"The fact that 145 Ruralist subscribers sent in articles advocating the advantages of Socialism to the farmer does not indicate a corresponding preponderance of Socialists among Southern farmers. It does, however, indicate certain things worthy of careful consider-There is no longer room for some of the erroneous ideas entertained by those who have been emphatic opponents of every tendency supposed to be Socialistic.

We have been told that Socialists were mostly unpatriotic foreigners. Yet these Ruralist articles come from the most purely American section of our country. It has been claimed that the progress of Socialism has been confined to manufacturing centers. Nevertheless every country community in the great agricultural States of the South has contributed toward this issue of the Ruralist.
"The names signed to these articles have the same origin and might with equal propriety have been signed to the Declaration of

"There are other misconceptions which we believe should be removed before one can possibly be in position to consider this ques-

tion upon its merits. There are people who insist that Socialism is opposed to Christianity. In reality it stands upon the Golden Rule and would put the fundamental tenets of the Christian faith into actual practice.

"Other well meaning but ignorant opponents insist that Socialism stands for "free love," and wrecking of home ties. There is no foundation for such misconceptions except the unfortunate practices of a few individual Socialists. It would be equally unjust to claim that because certain alleged Christians practiced divorce, the Christian

Here is the official promulgation of the advocates of Socialism upon this matter as approved by the American Institute of Sociology:
'All teachings favoring free love or other forms of sexual impurity
or the destruction of the home have no basis in scientific Socialism and are uncompromisingly repudiated.'

"With the elimination of these things for which Socialism does not stand we wish to mention one fundamental plank on which it does stand. Socialists insist that all questions of the adoption or rejection of any social or political proposition shall be determined by a referendum of all adult citizens of both sexes. They place their whole case in the hands of all the people and abide by absolute majority

"To us the most interesting feature in the mass of letters accompanying these articles was the confidence expressed in the fairness of the editor of the Ruralist. That opinion is above price. The men who hold it shall have a clean slate on which to present their

Case."

The first article, which won a \$10 prize, was sent in by J. B.

#### By J. B. STORIE

C OCIALISM is not, as some people seem to think, a cut and dried theory, hatched in the fevered brain of some fanatical IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE MADE

Important Changes are man. I had a sunshine Club, and Socialism or any other "unsound" secretary-treasurer of the Southforeigner. It is evolutionary in character and rests upon a histor- BY ADOPTING REFERENDUM A. we had long been in the papers as ical, economic and scientific basis which offers the only really rational solution of modern economic and industrial problems.

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tion among capitalists.

er share of the wealth produced.

### NOT ALARMING!

Friends of The American Socialist are alarmed about the continued drop in circulation.

To those faithful comrades who are straining every nerve to get new subscribers and to get old to say that the situation is by no means as alarming as it

Last fall, thousands of six months' subscriptions were put on by the Seidel, Walker and Ameringer Lectures. These subscriptions are now coming off in great bunches, and as this year's Lecture Course has not yet started, there is nothing to offset it.

By the time this paper reaches you the dates for the Lecture Course will have been made up and the sale of tickets will begin. From then on we expect a steady rise in the circulation.

Next year, we hope to avoid a sudden drop during the summer by having a summer course of lectures as well as a winter

course.
In the meantime, let every

Fraternally yours, RALPH KORNGOLD.

Circulation Manager.

but get it again with compound interest when he buys his farm machnery and other necessary supplies He has seen the ownership of farm after farm pass from the hands of those who till them into the hands

of the capitalist class until today

but a small per cent of actual farmers own their homes. He has seen fabulous fortunes amassed, almost over night at his markets upon which he must buy and sell. He has seen the wives and children of farmers of the South converted into "field hands" until illiteracy prevails to an alarming degree, only to have the fruits of their toil coined into dividends for

parasitic class. All this, and much more, has forced many farmers to the conclusion that their only salvation, in an economic sense, lies in the formation, by the farmers, wage workers, and all others who render useful service, with hand or brain, of a political party, to be used by the workers as a means to sweep them-selves as a class into political supremacy. When the political power has been captured by the workers they will use their power to legalize collective ownership of all those things upon which the people in common depend, leaving to be owned and controlled by the individual only such things as are privately, or individually, used. In other words, they will harmonize the method of ownership with the method of use. For example: The railroads, telephone and telegraph sysems, coal mines and all large scale industries, upon which all depend, will be owned by all. A municipal lighting plant, like a local school louse, will be owned and controlled by the people locally who use it, while tooth brushes, pocket knives, automobiles, private dwelling houss, privately worked farms, and all other things used privately, or indured dividually, will be owned privately Power. or individually by those who use

WHEN THE people own the means of wealth production and distribuof wealth production and distribu-tion it will then be impossible for and a half years old—for why Trustees to fire me. bination of any kind to place themselves between the workers and their opportunities to work and levy tribute upon their toil. For the first time in human history the useful workers will enjoy the full fruits of

In transferring the ownership of public utilities from private and corporate hands to the hand of the public collectively the workers will be moving along lines of procedure marked out by many precedents of the past. The postal system, the public schools, the public roads, and many other things that we now own ogether were at one time private property, and the people paid divi-dends to their private owners when they used them.

The Socialists in working for the collective ownership and democratic control of collectively used property are simply keeping pace with the march of material progress and in-dustrial evolution. The means of wealth production and distribution the development of industrial and commercial activity.

expulsion of any member elected to cialists excepted) that he was an and (6) They had no objections to basis on which is built... pol- gan to change their form and to propriate moneys for military or itical and intellectual history of that epoch."

and expensive machines their some and to change their form and to evolve or grow into complex and expensive machines their some and the minimum and sinchness and death and all other samples of adversity were the best things that is changed. Hereafter these will be could happen to people to chasten When the tools of production ownership gradually passed out held on the first Sunday after the and the means of distribution of the hands of those who used first Monday in June. However, the rainbow of character, etc., ad held satisfactorily were crude and simple we had them and into the hands of individual commercial and simple we had them and into the hands of ing of the National Committee shall individual ownership and use groups of nonusers called capof these things, and individual italists. First it was the "partmentioned the National Committee snall
be held next year. At the time
mentioned the National Convention competition was the prevailing nership", followed by the "cor- of 1916 will be held. The restrictions placed upon the National Comorder. As the crude and simple hand tools of a century ago be
which has finally evolved into the "trust," which which has finally evolved into the "trust," which which has finally evolved into the "trust," which has finally evolved into the practically eliminates competition among capitalists.

removed. Election of the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary will be by a referendum of the membership. The term of office is extended to two years, beginning July first. The Woman's newspapers (outside of the police With this change in our methods and manner of producing and distributing wealth, and the consequent development of the capitalist class, National Committee and the Gen- column); I was then welcome, too, has been born a new class in American society — the proletariat, or eral Correspondent of the commitpropertyless worker - with nothing tee are eliminated. Instead of a committee for special propaganda to sell save labor power. The struggle between these two classes—the capitalist class and the workamong women, there is provided a fund to be used exclusively for this ing class - has been growing fiercpurpose, under the direction of the Executive Secretary. The restricer as the years have rolled around. tions upon voting are drawn a little Each class strives to secure a larg-THE FARMER has tried to deceive himself with the idea that he was an uninterested spectator to this struggle of the classes; that he occupied a kind of half way ground between the two - part capitalist and part worker - and, therefore, stood to win no matter defined. The percentage required to did them about Socialism, my new the million to come? From the factor and incidentally spoke of per cent for all proposals except changes in the constitution which require 8 per cent. A new article task of any or all of the national is a small which in Southern dollar endowment. From whom was the million to come? From the wars of age. She was a school working class? Not on your tinnntone that has a woman Mayor, 22 the million to come? From the vears of age. She was a school working class? Not on your tinnntone that has a woman Mayor, 22 the million to come? From the vears of age. She was a school working class? Not on your tinnntone that has a woman Mayor, 22 the million to come? From the vears of age. She was a school working class? Not on your tinnntone that has a woman Mayor, 22 the million to come? From the vears of age. She was a school working class? Not on your tinnntone that has a woman Mayor, 22 the million to come? From the vears of age. She was a school working class? Not on your tinnntone that has a woman Mayor, 22 the million to come? From the vears of age. She was a school working class? Not on your tinnntone the million to come? From the wears of age. She was a school working class? Not on your tinnntone the million to come? From the wears of age. She was a school working class? Not on your tinnntone the million to come? From the million to come? Fr which way the battle went. In this self-delusion the farmer has been ably aided by the politician, the press and, too often, by priest and Gradually the fact is being forced home to the farmer that he, like the is adopted, placing the Young flags. People's Socialist League under the Geo

### Voice of Capital Spoke and Kendrick Shedd was 'Fired' From Rochester's University

Carnegie and Rockefeller and Kodak King Contribute Liberally and College Looks for Million Dollar Endowment from Same Source—Here's Story by One Who was Exiled.

Here is the story of how Kendrick Shedd, the well known Socialist, was ousted from the University of Rochester. These facts take their place beside the indictments of other universities and colleges that have already appeared in The American Socialist. Place Pennsylvania, the University of Utah, the University of Washington, the University of Colorado, and Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., and the result will be a mountain of evidence against the control of popular education by the big interests of plutocracy. Here is Shedd's

#### By KENDRICK SHEDD

ANY people have been "fired," and a lot more are to be. Oklahoma Socialist movement and if present indications count for anyor weakness; others because of their bad reputation; and still others because they were using their positions for the propagation of heretical ideas.

Teachers, too, get theirs. I am one of them. I had been for four years a student at the University of Rochester (N. Y.), and that also been an instructor there for twenty-one more summers -and as many winters. Then my salary stopped, and I looked

educational institutions, like the ital, and I was to suffer for it. churches and almost everything of the University, nor in two

any individual, corporation or com- put our birthday before the day when our eyes were first open?

istic banquets until attendance upon them had become a veritable the Committee of the Board of How can a mo on them had become a veritable the Com "chestnut." I used to keep a list rustees. of those multitudinous addresses. I After a few days, I was told that it? wish now that I hadn't burned it up my resignation was desired. I with my "barrel" of addresses, ser-wrote it—with a gun behind me, so sick of the thing I used to be.

in fact in his own city and state, in and out of the college;

Angel with a Capital A. I had a my being a Socialist!! thousand times proven that poverty Please take another and unemployment and sickness them and bring out the beauteous

days and my nights (unconsciously) as to the actual conditions of life; just so long I was a "good boy," and a grand influence in the educaand a grand influence in the tion and inspiration of the young, and my picture was often in the for giving publicity to your ideas and my picture was often in the police and convictions are inconsistent and convictions are inconsistent at all University functions, and was a steady boarder, so to speak, at public school and church doings, all over the town, and out of it.

closer, any party member to be expelled from membership who votes it. I began to think; I began to tell loved Mayor Edgerton, the figurein any political election for any of my new ideas, as occasion came— head of the party that carries Rocandidate other than Socialist party though not in my class-room. There chester in its vest-pocket). The members, nominated, endorsed or I taught German, and other lanrecommended as candidates by the guages. I was hired for that and I om friend of the Board was the bosom friend of the Mayor, and the man Socialist party. A new section is kept consistently at it. Finally I who had nominated him in the conadopted relating to controversies was asked to make an address in vention was the legal officer of the within state organizations and the the largest Social Center in Rosections relating to foreign speak-chester one Saturday evening, where

elsewhere for the wherewith to an atheist. I had mentioned the keep my family from the poorhouse. Why? This article will house!!! Yes, my name was Dinnis. tell you. It will also be another good example of the undoubted truth (undoubted by those truth (undoubted by those lew," so to speak, in my own town whose eyes are open), that our and country. I had hit sacred Cap-

else in sight (or out of it) are months; but I was being watched.
under the heel of the Money The enemies of Socialism were on the job with both feet and the rest My first red card is dated
June 17, 1910. I was born a

of their anatomy. Everything I said from that time on, if radical, was likely to appear exaggerated couple of months previous to and distorted in the press. The evithat. I am therefore some five dent object was to "put me in bad"

For over sixteen years I had been teaching, with perfect satisfaction, in a good college. For years I had also been in great demand as a Frank Bohn. My innocent remarks At the Ada, Oklahoma encamp-

and designing Capitalists so love to heretical and dangerous doctrines? have speakers spread. I then had a "lead-pipe cinch" on my job at the University. If you had been so bold of the Trustees admitted the follow- who recently served have changed from individually used tools to socially used machines. Co-operative effort and combination has been substituted for individual effort and competition. Socialism is merely the next step in the development of infact in his own city and state. you would have been hailed as a always taught my subject (language governor of Arkansas; Jennie Mcmadman. Why, it were impossible! always taught my subject (language governor of Arkansas; Jennie Mcmadman. Why, it were impossible! Referendum "A," 1915, just closed spreaders of sunshine and content.

Trustees thoroughly believed in the papers as thoroughly believed in the papers. ment and blessed charity. I had untrammeled constitutional right of

Please take another squint at these six fatal admissions made by the authorities of the University of on what possible ground they could force me out of a position I had lauseam. quarter of a century. But the Now then, the point is this: Just mouthpieces of Capitalism can alas long as I spread that sort of fool ways find a reason, when looking stuff; just as long as I spent my for it. But it takes considerable capacity along the rhetorical line to phrase the same. President Rush Rhees was equal to the situation, however. He wrote out the reason, and I am going to put it before you so that you may realize the enorm-

ity of my crime. He said:
"The methods you have chosen with the sober, thoughtful, scientific attitude to truth for which the University must stand."

THERE YOU have it. How's that

for a state's-prison offence? Isn't THEN SOMETHING awful hap- it a dandy? That's some crime. And pened. Somebody got me to reading something worth while. I liked it. The fact is, I had attacked their the college, and it was looking for whereupon the City Council,

and I was the wild Indian. See? LIEBKNECHT MOVES AGAIN FOR tion. El Socialista calls on Social-See? See? Money was shouting. The college wanted to grow and have increased "success." I stood in the way. So I was sacrificed! Expediency was struggling with Principle, and Expediency won. Simple as ABC. It is almost always

In less than a year after I was fired, the College had the million in the bank. (Query: How much was

worth?)
Another splendid illustration of the talking and controlling power of money, of the economic. Think

#### THINGS DOING IN OKLAHOMA By ADOLPH GERMER

This is the busy season for the

Oklahoma Socialist movement and thing, something is going to drop at the next election.

The Oklahoma movement, like that in other states, has felt the effect of the Democratic "prosperity" been unable to pay their dues, but they are finding means by which

this will be overcome.

No part of the movement surpasses Oklahoma for loyalty and selfabnegation.

The comrades travel as much as 100 miles to attend the socialist encampments. The whole family comes in a covered wagon, prepared to stay two or three or four days. We have met Comrades who have walked fifteen miles to an encampment and on the way did Socialist propagan-

da work among the farmers.

The Oklahoma Comrades have various and unique ways of paying their party dues; ways that indicate their devotion to the cause.

#### Raising Their Dues.

They rent a piece of land, sow with cotton, corn, oats, onions, etc., till and harvest the crop collectively, sell the product and use the SUCCESS CAME to the conspira- proceeds to pay dues, buy literature

also been in great demand as a speaker at functions of the public schools, of the churches and Sunday schools, the Christian Endeavor, the Y. M. C. A., and the Y. W. C. A.; also at all of the Capitalistic benguests, while the development of the capitalist benguests and the pay decided and twisted into crimes in the next morning's papers. At the Ada, Oklahoma encampment, while speaking on organization and methods of paying dues, and aged woman comrade spoke up and said, "If I have no other way find what awful things I had (not) to pay my dues, I'll sell a chicken said and I was duly called before

How can a movement fail with such loyal and determined Souls in

The Oklahoma movement has developed some wonderful local talent. mons, and other "slobber." But I to speak. Were the thing to hap did in an hour when I was heartly pen again, the College could kick a national reputation, but they have me out bodily, but I would not resign. Why? Listen. For what which accounts for the rapidly in-YES, I WAS very popular in my crimes should a teacher lose his creasing vote which was more than own city just as long as I preached contentment and success and all the other stuff that the ignorant for using his position to spread ture. The State is divided into two en-

George D. Brewer, Fred. W. Holt, who recently served a six months' eastern Oklahoma Encampment Association and the writer are in the destined to become one of the mosmovement.

In addition to the encampments Rochester. Then ask yourself up- under the direction of the two associations, independent ments are held, so that Oklahoma is a bee-hive of Socialist agitators. Eyes On Oklahoma!

> These encampments have helped to build up the movement in this State to what it is today and will nelp to further strengthen it in the future.

Keep your eyes on Oklahoma! Last election the workers elected six legislators, five in the House and be doubled and the prospects are exceedingly bright for the election of several congressmen.

"WE" AND "OUR" WHEAT CROP. "We" are harvesting a record wheat crop. It will run up to comething like 966,000,000 bushels are great farmers. "We" ought to be prosperous. But "we will not be: for the gamblers will juggle this wheat, fix the price of it and loot "us" out of the greater part of the "prosperity" that "we" have earned. "We" are such an easy lot that they pick us without even giving us an anesthetic.-New York

An English suffrage paper mentions a small town in Southern home to the farmer that he, like the wage worker, is dependent upon these great commercial and industral combinations for a market for his labor power, or for the products of his labors, which amounts to the same thing, and these modern Shylocks not only demand their "pound locks not only demand their "pound of flesh" when he sells his paradase.

1s adopted, placing the Young flags.

Gee Whizzzz!!! You ought to Gee Whizzzz!!! You ought to have seen the head-lines the next time on. have seen the head-lines the next time on. have seen the head-lines the morning and from that time on. have seen the head-lines the next time on. have seen the head-lines the round of the Spokesman of the Trustees told me with their own lips that moncounty and state organizations of the Socialist party.

The full tabulated report by states will occurred the same thing, and these modern Shylocks not only demand their "pound of flesh" when he sells his produce.

The full tabulated report by states will occurred the Socialist League under the Gee Whizzzz!!! You ought to even greater things from the same stand of electing one of their own morning and from that time on. had fallen from grace. I was now the fallen from grace. I was now the fallen from grace. I was now one of the "undestrable citizens." I was a dangerous lunatic, a villifier port the institution as long as "that plete satisfaction of everybody in the town."

### PEACE IN GERMANY.

Socialist anti-militarist in the Ger- command. man reichstag, has notified the German government from his post in the eastern war theater that he will ask at the opening of the reichstag entirely to abandon the idea of the annexation of conquered territories are similarly inclined."

NO FREE-SPEECH IN SPAIN. The Spanish Government has is-

ists to resist this repressive meas-Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the leading ure with all the strength they can

DEFENSE OF THE HOME.

In the House of Commons, on April 29, Mr. King said that a litwhether the government is willing the girl, Dolly Hammett, aged 9 years, has been taken away from school, and employed at shaving and enter into immediate peace the soldiers at Budbroke Barracks, pour parlers if the other belligerents Warwickshire. — Woman's Dreadnought.

It really is not time to open the mills yet. The 1916 crop affords sued an edict prohibiting all public meetings. Thus do neutral Governments, even, take advantage of the war to suppress democratic agita- take.

# Mr. GOMPERS REPLIES

more representatives of their own class-Socialists-to the state legislatures.

At the fall elections of 1912 they elected 22 Socialists to nine state legislatures. In the fall of 1914 they chose 31 Socialists to represent them in 13 different state legislatures. In 1916 this number will be greatly increased.

In every case the great rank and file of labor, organized and unorganized, have applauded the efforts of the Socialist legislators in their behalf. The proletariat of the land, the farmers, have

joined them in their applause. Right now there is a great controversy between the economic movement (The American Federation of Labor) and the political movement (The Socialist Party) of the workers. The question in dispute is whether the worker should secure the eight hour

workday through his labor union or through his political union.

THE AMERICAN Federation of Labor, at its Philadelphia Convention, November 1914, voted against securing the eight hour workday through legislation. While the Socialist Party, the political union of the workers, enthusiastically supports every effort of labor to more and more shorten the workday through economic activity, it also has pledged all Socialist legislators, with the political power that has been given them by the workers, to propose and energetically support an eight hour law for all of the workers. In this way the workers press on, with the aid of

their industrial and political organization, to win the desired goal. Nor was the Philadelphia A. F. of L. convention at all united in the stand taken. The votes cast against an eight hour law totalled 11,237, while a total of 8,107 votes was cast in favor of an eight hour law. This vote shows that there was a great difference of opinion. This vote did not settle the controversy.

In order to draw the serious attention of the trade unionists of America to this action of the national convention of the American Federation of Labor, the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, prepared a booklet on the question, "ARE THE WORKERS OF AMERICA OPPOSED TO AN I GHT HOUR LAW?" This booklet seeks to place the facts before every trade unionist.

The facts presented in this little booklet appealed so strongly to Mr. Samuel Gompers, the president of the American Federation of Labor, that he devoted 28 pages of the August issue of The American Federationist, the official organ of the A. F. of L. to a defense of the action of the Philadelphia A. F. of L. conven-

Through an arrangement with the Socialist Party Literature Department, THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST is able to announce a plan this week that will make it possible not only to place a copy of the statement, "ARE THE WORKERS OF AMERICA OPPOSED TO AN EIGHT-HOUR LAW?" in the hands of every organized and unorganized worker in the land, but will also enable tens of thousands to secure a copy of Robert Hunter's famous book, just published, "LABOR IN POLITICS."

Here is the plan! In its Labor Day Issue, dated Sept. 4, THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST will publish in full the statement of the Socialist Party National Executive Committee, "ARE THE WORKERS OF AMERICA OPPOSED TO AN EIGHT-HOUR LAW?" While the booklet sells for five cents a copy, which would make its free distribution in this form prohibitive; its publication in THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST'S Labor Day Edition will make it possible to put it into the hands of a million workers at small expense.

THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST, therefore, wants 10,000 workers to each order 100 copies of this Labor Day Edition, which will make an issue of one million copies. This bundle of 100 copies will cost 50 cents. But, in addition to the 100 copies of the Labor Day Edition of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST, containing the statement, "ARE THE WORKERS OPPOSED TO AN EIGHT-HOUR LAW?" you will also receive five copies of this statement in booklet form, FREE! So that while you distribute the papers at your Labor Day Celebration, or from house to house, you can keep the booklets busy among your shopmates for months to come.

But we feel that there are a large number of energetic workers who will want to distribute at least 200 copies of THE one in the Senate. In the next AMERICAN SOCIALIST'S Labor Day Edition. To all those election that number will at least sending in \$1 for 200 copies we will also and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies we will also and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies we will also and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies we will also and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies we will also and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies we will also and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies we will also and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies we will also and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies will also and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies we will also and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies are also copies and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies are also copies and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies are also copies and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies are also copies and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies are also copies are also copies and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies are also copies and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies are also copies are also copies and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies are also copies are also copies and the sending in \$1 for 200 copies are sending in \$1 for 200 copies, we will also send 10 copies of the booklet, "ARE THE WORKERS OPPOSED TO AN EIGHT. HOUR LAW?" and in addition one copy of Robert Hunter's book, "LABOR IN POLITICS," which usually sells for twentyfive cents. Those ordering a bundle of 200 copies for \$1 will therefore receive 75 cents worth of literature in addition. You can't afford to pass by this offer. USE THE BLANK BELOW

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1915.

Our Slogan ORGANIZE FOR 1916!

## **NEWS OF THE WEEK**

Here is all the week's news worth while boiled down for workers so busy fighting for Socialism they do not have time to read the daily cap-

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11.

#### THAT PROSPERITY.

Every time the plutocratic press lets out another prosperity howl the Chicago United Charities produces a bunch of figures to show

raise funds is by almost picturing conditions as they are. Otherwise contributions would not be forth
March, rather than submit to the gressive laboring people cannot do On the day that the United States

government issued its monthly report showing that the American farmer this year is raising a bounteous harvest, the Chicago Charity Trust declared 15,000 persons, most of them women and children, were starving in the nation's second city. It also declared that it is caring for 2,000 more helpless individuals now than one year ago. In spite of the much advertised therefore, conditions are now worse than ever. The report, furthermore announces that the coming winter

monplace that no one will remark about it.

EXPLOITING DOVE OF PEACE. Organized labor has made several efforts to foster a peace movement. One of the most pretentious of these is Labor's National Peace Council which seems to be the special which seems to be the spe cial effort of Rep. Buchanan, democratic congressman from Chicago, formerly international head of the structural iron worker's union.

Buchanan's organization received at least two strenuous rebuffs during the past week. One of these came from President Wilson, himself, who declared he had no time to discuss peace with a committee representing Labor's National Peace ouncil. Buchanan replied that the President was no doubt more con-cerned about the desires of Big Business than he is to discover the heartfelt sentiment of the common

It is refreshing to hear from a democratic congressman, something that we have known right along, that the desires of Big Business rule supreme with the democratic administration at Washington. With the democratic administration's pre-

clairvoyant trust.

Zeppelin raids in England kill 15. Turks bor, who declared it to be a proswept back by allies. British cruiser India sunk off the Norwegian coast.

German organization and not representative of labor.

Two German warships victims of British submarines in Black Sea.

Oarranza informs United States and Scotth American republics that failure to recognize him would meet with armed resistance.

The cause of peace is not advanced by individual efforts to exploit the dove of peace for political purpossections, even though subsidized by The cause of peace is not advanced by individual efforts to exploit the western railroads given more rate Carnegie's millions, will not stop raises by Interstate Commerce Commission.

THURBDAY, AUGUST 12.

Germans take Lukow, big railroad center in Poland, and continue pursuit of Russians. Redmond, Irish leader, refuses to aid Pope's appeal for peace.

United States prepares to act in Mexico, ignoring Carranza. Will issue warning for all factions to cease strife.

Lloyd George, British minister of munitions, announces that 345 plants have been declared "controlled establishments" under the munitions of war act.

New president of Haiti is elected by national assembly but United States will retain control until order is restored.

Allies give Du Ponts order for \$70,000,000 worth of powder.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13. Russians report having repulsed German fleet at Oceal. Activity of German fleet in Baltic is increasing.

Propose \$500,000,000 credit for Entente powers in United States.

Claimed that large bodies of revolutionary troops in Mexico have surrendered to Carrany; on account of rumors of possible in the world-wide Socialist movement has dedicated itself. That is what the American Socialist movement is striving to accomplish. And it hopes to be so successful that the breath of war will not be dice that the war profiteers are And it hopes to be so successful that the breath of war will not he able to blow the American people into the European hell.

THEY WILL NOT BE GOOD. duces a bunch of figures to show that there is more unemployment and more hunger abroad in the land than ever before.

The prostituted scribblers may find this very disconcerting, but the only way organized charity can raise funds is by almost picturing.

We have just received a copy of The Deseret Evening News (Salt Lake City, Utah) for July 31. It devotes a page and a half to a display of the faces and good qualities of the 19 new members of the University of Utah faculty who have been seen do break the strike of the strike and subsequent investigation. In numerous of the strike of

> inate the university. The Deseret Evening News, official mouthpiece of the Mormon reds. Church, states that, "The 19 persons who have been chosen for positions on the faculty have been selected with a great deal of care from some 500 applicants."

ness interests of the state that dom-

The laudable qualities of the anplicants for positions in the discredited University of Utah are no doubt those demanded of all strike breakers. They will not be asked to teach what they believe but what they believe bu

The American Socialist because there will then be enough ing mental slavery that will be imposed upon them by the triple alliance of the reactionary industrial, political and religious forces of the state, will ultimately result in a new revolt. The University of Utah today stands as the greatest disgrace in the nation's educational system. While the state universities of Pennsylvania and Colorado one truth-telling professor, the University of Utah drove a score of rebels from its class rooms. But the great mass of the people of Utah, as well as Pennsylvania and Colorado, have not yet had their day. When they do the ousted professors will be restored to their positions and intellectual freedom will finally come into its own.

#### This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press

RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY. (From The Cleveland Citizen.) The bitter religious controversy that has been precipitated into the political arena, particularly in the West, and which has gradually paration for war, and with the keen spread Eastward, appears to have MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

German fleet attacks Riga, Russia's Baltic seaport. Germans take Praga commanding Vistula River.

United States and Contral American republics agree on plan to insure peace in Mexico.

Gen. George W. Goethals to quit as labed of Canal Zone, Nov. 1.

United States Commission on Industrial Relations having hard time to reach dection on report to congress.

Government crop report shows record yield of 5.500,000,000 bushels of wheat, oats and corn.

AUGUST 10.

desire of Big Business w and corn participation in the war, our participation in the war at an early date is almost assured.

It will take more than a personally conducted peace movement, like Buchanan's national council, to keep this country out of war. It cannot do this even with the support of the late Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan, who spoke at one of its meetings in New York City.

AUGUST 10. Sixty prisoners from Chicago's Bride well work on streets without guard.
United States Battleships sent to Vera Crus, Mexico, for alleged purpose of protecting Americans and other foreigners.
Two Chicago detective sergeants convicted for accepting bribes from heads of claim of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Lackstvoyant trust.

City.

Buchanan's peace council, existing agarding political matters. They ask that men and measures be considered by the second rebuff, the repudiation of Samuel Gompers, president of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Lackstvoyant trust. effect on the new class of politi-cians who have bobbed up during the last couple of years, and who hope to gain prestige and power by playing upon the religious pas-sions of voters, only time will tell. Certain it is that the big interests, which fear the injection of econom ic problems into the political field, will, as a rule, do nothing to discourage the buzzing of the religious 'bug." Nothing pleases them more than to have the working people divided on racial and religious lines. for when they are fighting among themselves unity is out of the question and little progress can be made to improve living conditions for the toilers. The success of the Steel Trust, Meat Trust and other combines in preventing organization and keeping their workers on an economic level worse than slavery has been largely due to their ability to pit the Americans against the foreigners and the latter against each other. In large plants in the Pittsburg region, Chicago and elsewhere the racial and religious rivalries and hatreds that have been engendered by straw-bosses would shame the most brutal overseers during slavery times. The result is seen in the enormous fortunes that have been piled up in a brief lifetime by a few thousand plutocrats on the one hand and on the other the cruel poverty that exists among the miltyrannical edicts of the Big Busi- otherwise than frown upon all attempts to becloud present day economic and political problems by the raising of racial and religious hat-

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# IVES OF RICH MEN A WRONG CHOICE

By JOHN M. WORK

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW says in his poem, "The Psalm of Life:

"Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time."

This statement is true, provided we are very careful as to what men

ve call great.

There are many good people who think that a rich man is a great man. If we grant that rich men are great men, then Longfellow's statement to longer holds good, for a careful study of the lives of rich men does not reveal noble traits of character, but quite the opposite.

OF COURSE there are no doubt a few exceptions to prove the rule, but the fact is that as a general thing the rich people of the United States are not only the most greedy, but also the most vulgar people in the country. The lives which may of them live are such that no person of average decency can respect them. By being rich, they not only rob the rest of the people of their just due, but they also rob themselves of the opportunity to be decent.

Their selfish appropriation of the wealth of the nation not only results in their own undoing, but it also results in the physical, mental, moral, and spiritual starvation of millions of others. It results in a carnival of death.

If we decide for ourselves who the great men are, we cannot take any exceptions to Longfellow's statement, other than that we ought to try to leave footprints in the rocks, rather than the sands, of time. Footprints in the sand are quickly and easily obliterated.

BUT, FOR the benefit of those who believe that rich men are great men, I rise to move the adoption of the following as a variation of the stanza:

Lives of rich men all remind us We should shun the reek of slime, Not, departing, leave behind us Bloodstains on the sands of time.

### THE WORLD OF LABOR

By MAX S. HAYES

Five more miners' officials are against the Rockefeller prosecution. They are Edward L. Doyle, cal union officials. The defense sought to quash the murder indictpresent Governor of Colorado. Judge Graham refused the plea. Horace

. Hawkins, chief cousel for John wholly on the possessors. R. Lawson, issued a public statean order restraining him from trying further cases of miners. Hawkins also calls attention to the affidavits made by jurors showing the

war, and their successors forever, is the poorhouse. There were the unlaid the burden of seeing that those derfed factory workers and the great
who have given money to war shall
share none of the losses.

Would it not be granting rights were used to obtain Lawson's con--when he wants to be.

Boss Barnes, at least temporarily

### WHY NOT MONEY, TOO?

compelled to fight for their lives takes it, summarily and without lessly been fitted to that pace in compensation. When it requires production that capitalism previousmen's liberties, it abolishes them, men's liberties, it abolishes them, by demanded, and they were respected by the Colorado district U. M. W.; W. T. Hickey, secretary of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, and J. O'Connor, therein, without permission or payaccelerated production is lack. . J. Potestio and J. Cassady, lo- ment. It batters down cities, demolishes cathedrals, and devastates ments on the claim that Prosecut- fields, without hesitation or consiappointed to succeed Carlson, the rights. War takes what it will; the loss is immediate and total, and falls

But when war wants money, it postpone the sentencing of Lawson to permit him to appear in court must lose nothing. He gives it only upon the case at all and to secure war, and their successors forever, is

Would it not be granting rights corrupt and coercive methods that enough to capital if it were merely were used to obtain Lawson's con-viction. Colorado justice has be-thing else — if capital were merely come so rotten, thanks to Rockefellerism, that even some of the hencile able as life, liberty. fillal and natable as life, liberty, filial and patmen who are part of the machine, ernal duty, and the other foundations are being sickened by the stinking of human existence? It would be mess. Several have declared in public addresses and interviews that the cases affiliate the minor country war needed capital, let it simply submersion had been. the cases against the miners ought to be dropped, that the State is it. That is the way it gets men. Is gaining an unenviable reputation, and that that plous champion of banker from his funds than to separate the banker from his funds that the banker from his funds that the banker from his funds that the banker from his funds the banker from his funds that the banker from his funds the righteousness, John D. Rockefeller, arate the husband from his wife, jr., cannot know what is being done the father from his children, the workman from his occupation, the family from its home. War justifies this course toward everything

else - why not toward capital? make war unpopular with the ruling she has brought to full flower mod-This course would, to be sure, The most unusual things are But is that any disadvantage? War the resources in capital, built up by sometimes likely to happen in the suppopular with women, now, but robbed and long dead and forgot most unexpected places. Thus, a they are powerless to prevent it. committee in the New York Constitutional Convention, which everynow, but they are helpless to stop cry being made in England itself,
it. If capital ran the same risks in worst bunch of reactionists that ever war that life and liberty do, it would warn us here in America before we, assembled under one roof, actually be unpopular with capitalists also agreed to favorably report a propossion empowering the Legislature voice and power. They have no This week the "Organize For 1916" fund passes the \$1,000 mark. The total shown this week, up to the end of August 12, is \$1,128.78. The contributors this to sanction a scheme permitting other interest or right. If they were to sanction a scheme permitting other interest or right. If they were convict-made goods to be sold in so treated, the capital for necessary open market. On the other hand, wars could be obtained just as the

> city than by the contract method and we will travel it to the end if ed sidewalks by city labor without a British loan here, fountains of the intervention of contracts. The wealth would be tapped which now

izers in the Socialist movement, is program, presented to such a gather son to his city bastile, to protect ing to help in the effort to organhimself from the "mob" he imagines ize this state for 1916 should write the present time.

# OF ANCESTORS

By FRANK MacDONALD

I doubt if there is any phase of I doubt if there is any phase of the war which makes me more than ever opposed to militarism than the "industrial problems" about which the statesmen glibly talk. It is especially so in the case of England, the first capitalist nation, the one which has behind her as inheritance seven generations of capitalist exploiters and which brought imperialistic militarism to such perfection that she controls, either as fection that she controls, either as colonies or as financial dependencies, much of the world.

If there is any Socialist who is puzzled as to England's Workshop difficulties they should turn back and consider in the light of present developments the chapter on the "The Working Day" in Karl Marx's Capital, or reread "The Condition of the Working Class in England in 1844," by Frederick Engels. you will find more clearly than anywhere else the explanation of why the English toilers cannot be whipped on to greater speed in produc-tion, why ammunition-making has lagged, and why they do not put forth that gigantic effort for the Motherland that posters, authors and statesmen are calling on them

Their ancestors will not permit

There are in some working class districts representatives of the eighth and ninth generation of starved workers. They have ruthly demanded, and they were fed to the point where they could maintain that pace. Now, in the emeraccelerated production is lacking.

WHILE ENGLAND was producing an aristocracy and upper middle class that had Macauley's ideal of ing Attorney Fleming was a mine deration. Life, liberty, property, culture, "the ability to read Plato operators' lawyer and was illegally family — these cease to exist as in the original with your feet on the fender," while she was producing the suavest, and therefore the most cunning, of all diplomats, she was likewise with relentless skill producing a working class marvelously ment in Denver in which he attack-ed Judge Hillyer for refusing to postpone the sentencing of Lawson

But when wan transported and most adapted to the ends of capitalism, and no other. The pick of the work-ing class of the four countries went into the army and the navy, and with his client. Hawkins was before the State Supreme Court on
the day Lawson was sentenced (that
body having set the date) contesting the right of Hillyer to pass
upon the case at all and to secure

must lose nothing. He gives it only
if he chooses, and then only on the
guarantee that he and his children
after him shall be paid interest in
full and principal in full. On those
who have lost everything else in
the poorhouse. There were the unof age their only refuge would be the poorhouse. There were the un-

English literature for the last century is full of the misery and debasement of these men and women who made England's commer-cial glory. The novels of Mrs. Gaskell, Charles Reade, the Alton Lock of Kingsley, in Dickens to a less extent and the whole of the Chartist

Not all the workers in England are the genial, rough-neck, humorobs, Arthur Morrison, Neil Lyons and the files of Punch. There are the voiceless, laughless, hungry workers behind them, and it is to these that the appeal to save England by working harder is being

I have instanced England because robbed and long dead and forgottoo, have reached that stage of capitalist development. Owing to our greater natural resources, and to the vast waste and slovenliness of our manner of production, we have not yet reached it.

WE HAVE our mill towns, child labor, woman labor, the long workday, miserable pay, intensified production. We have not as yet car-ried that as far as it will go. There are not behind us, as in the case of England, quite so many over-worked and under-fed ancestors. But we are headed along that road our militarists prevail. The New York Times, our lead

ing Tory paper, recently said in its customary tone of bland urbanity-"If it ever should appear that the fate of ideals of government common to England and this country were dependent upon the success of are sealed through doubt of any such necessity being possible."

The fountains of wealth, by the way, would be used to command American labor power. England's ideals of commerce are represented in the weakened working class as well as in the Bank of England, but it is not for the working class the Times speaks, but for the Bank of England. Just now there is one fight we must make all along the line, that

is against war and against a big army equipped with munitions furn-ished by private plants. I believe the fight should be pushed in every way and from every platform, and it is for that reason that I am heartily in favor of the Socialists, as Socialists, participating in the Labor Day demonstration to be held in Chicago by the Friends of Peace. It does no good merely to talk our Socialist peace program to one another. We can do that until our voices rasp and our eardrums are numbed. But the Socialist peace ing as will assemble in Chicago cannot help but forward the cause of

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That the following be added to the slatform of the National Socialist Party: We demand that the constitution of the United States shall be amended as fol-

We demand that the constitution of the Jnited States shall be amended as follows:

The power to declare war against a nation that has not attacked the United States of America shall rest solely in the people, to be exercised by them only on lirect ballot. The power to resist attack thall remain and be in the hands of the President and the Congress, and shall be exercised without resort to special authority from the people. This nation shall not be regarded as having been attacked, however, within the meaning of this constitution, unless it shall have been invaded by an armed force or otherwise attacked in force in such manner as plainly to indicate the intent of the assilant to begin war. Unfriendly acts short of actual acts of war shall not be eased sufficient to authorise the making of war by the United States without direct vote by the people. Nothing herein is stated, however, shall be construed as any limitation upon the power of Congress and the President to prepare for emergencies by making such preparations as they may deem necessary for the defense of the nation.

Congress, by a majority vote of the membership of each house, shall have been prevented. To blame the Socialists of any oncountry against those of any other. If we act wisely we can be of great service in forming the new International. The present war being the rational result of any one country or all countries for not having prevented the war is equal to blaming them for not having put an end to capitalism.

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the LeSucur, appealing from the action of the irty:
the National Executive Committee on request submitted by Meyer London referring to following the peace proposals of the German com-

# Vote closes August 22, 1915. Kindly use the inclosed voting blan I am inclosing copy of communical addressed to your committee by Jo V. Stilaon, Translator-Secretary of Lithuanian Federation.

ELECTION OF PARTY OFFICIALS.
NEW YORK: Louis B. Boudin, 803
Broadway, New York City, has been elected National Committeeman to succeed
U. Solomon, resigned.

ected National Committeeman to succeed U. Solomon, resigned.
KENTUCKY: By an election just closed, J. L. Stark, 720 South Seventh Street, Louisville, Ky., has been elected state secretary, and national committeeman.

NOTICE OF EXPULSION. Prom the State Committee of Pennsylvania.
W. S. G. King has been expelled from
the Socialist Party. He was a member
of Crawford County Local, Pennsylvania. WOMAN'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 10, 1915.
To the Woman's National Committee.
Dear Comrades:—I submit to you herewith the following motion:
Woman's National Committee Motion (5). Woman's National Committee Motion (5).

By Malkiel.

I move the adoption by the Woman's National Committee of manuscript of leafelet written by Comrade Stern, to serve as one of the two leaflets promised by the National Executive Committee, and to be printed in a 250,000 lot as soon as possible.

Copy of manuscript inclosed herewith, Kindly use the inclosed voting blank, Vote closes August 30, 1915.

Fraternally submitted, Walter Lanferslek, Executive Secretary.

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As a result of the recent provinfighter for the working class, was We are told that Socialists have fighter for the working class, was elected to the Winnipeg city council in December 1913. As alderman he that what was said was written from do big things for his class.

J. E. Nash, one of the founders of the Socialist Party in Minnesota, and twice candidate for governor. was fatally injured recently by being thrown from his wagon. He retary for many years and had served his state as delegate to nawas 72 years old. He was state sectional conventions.

Vorwaerts exhorts schoolmasters not to excite the minds of pupils against war prisoners. In Dresden, it seems, unruly pupils have thrown stones at English, French, and Russian prisoners engaged in garden-

grow, is giving away a few five-acre fruit tracts. The only condi-me to the unkindest cuts of all. The tion is that figs be planted. The position taken having all the ear-owner wants enough figs raised to marks of a similar vote catching supply a co-operative canning fact- proposition eminating from the same ory. You can secure five acres and mind not so long ago. When we an interest in the canning factory by were told that our defence of the writing the Eubank Farms Company, 664 Keystone, Pittsburgh, Pa. rights had cost us 10,000 votes, the They will plant and care for your writer's reply at that time was the trees for \$6 per month. Your profit should be \$1,000 per year. Some well lost, we don't need that kind think this man is crazy for giving of a vote to win.

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ruled that:

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MATTER OF IMPORTANCE. write on what seems to me a matof far-reaching importance to the Socialist movement in the United States. I understand that a referendum is being voted on in California whether there shall be fusion of the Socialist Party in that State with a capitalist party. It seems to me that the coming year is to be in many ways a critical time in the history of the Socialist movement. In all probability, the people of this country will have to vote on the question of a new military policy next year. It is possible that this issue of militarism will be made to overshadow all other issues. In that event, unless Socialists believe that a policy which merely concerns this nation as one of the so-called great powers is a paramount issue to the workers, is it not the business of the Socialists of this country to do all in their power to defeat this attempt of men of the Rooseveit type thus to throw one side infinitely more vital issue of working class emancipation?

If fusion is even an open or debatable question among the Socialists of California, it is equally so anywhere else and will be next year in the nation. If the Socialists of California may unite with a capitalist party for local ends, the Social- of the Justness of our cause and the ists of the nation may unite with a national capitalist party - as the Social Democrats of Germany have done — for national ends.

If the preservation of the United

States government by military force is admitted by Socialists to be the primary or paramount interest of the workers then the need of a So- have absolutely GOT TO GET BUSY cialist Party is open to question. But if the Socialist movement is what its founders believed, no form of government now in existence can be recognized by it as necessary to the working class or vital to its interests. Will the editor please answer the

following questions:

1. Does the Constitution of the Socialist Party give to every State organization complete autonomy, so that it may decide for itself a question of fundamental socialist prin-

semblage and bring test cases in the TION. — In order to get the full courts if necessary. ratic effusions on the land question cial elections held at Manitoba, Can- published April 24, and that the ada, Socialism will now be repre-readers of The American Socialist sented in the provincial parliament may understand his remarkable for the first time. R. A. Rigg was brand of Socialism, the writer will elected for North Winnipeg by a give a few choice selections taken majority of 218 in a three-cornered from his original article first pubcontest. Rigg, who has a splendid lished in the Otter Valley Socialist,

successfully championed the prole- a wrong viewpoint. This statement tarian cause on many occasions. In shows a very superficial knowledge the provincial parliament he will of party history. The facts are that an exceptional opportunity to the agrarian question has engaged ig things for his class. the attention and serious thought of Socialists wherever party organiza-tion existed. Our present farmers' program is the result of years of deliberation in National and State bodies. The writer had the honor of serving on the first National question, also with Comrade Ameringer and other Comrades in Okla-Space will not homa years ago. permit giving this attack on our program the criticism it deserves in this letter. The writer, however, hopes that this industrial crisis, which is coming upon us with such cyclonic force, shaking the very foundations of capitalism, will IS HE CRAZY?

The owner of a large plantation in Mississippi, where the fine figs take a shorter cut to the goal than

away such valuable land, but there Contrades, we need not come to may be method in his madness. Contrades, we need not come to the farmer with a Utopian dream of

Co-operative Commonwealth. Shades of the immortal Marx, what The national committee of the Socialist Party in providing for an Open Forum in The American Socialist ruled that: next. These latter propositions are what gets me, where patience ceases to be a virtue, and now for the first time take off my hat to the Donks of the Oklahoma Legislature, who in the ponderosity of their wisdom and

statesmanship have recently decreed that D-M is not a cuss word and can be used when occasion requires

The real farmers by the broadened vision which Socialism gives are fast emancipating themselves fetich of land ownership and need no op-portunistic sop and while most of us have no illusions as to our status in the movement (our last percentage of 17 to 61% craftsman and other wage workers is on the increase) we believe that as the commissary or keeper of the bread basket we hold a very important strategical position and the writer also believes that the time predicted by Marx and Engels for the establishment of industrial (unions) armies is close at hand and in the final struggle the small farmer and renter will be largely in evidence, shoulder to shoulder with the proletariat demanding the unconditional surrender for the Capitalist Class. Yours for clean cut straight Socialism,-JOHN G. WILLS, Granite, Okla.

ORGANIZE FOR 1916!-We Com rades are all with you on the party slogan. But times are hard for us working people. Lots of the "Faith- \$16.000.000 without a cent increase in the Party, through inability to keep paid up, even at this critical of the Party's existence. The truths of socialism were never

more potent than right now. Is our present organization and are our absolute truths we stand avi, should be growing in Party Membership by leaps and bounds, during ness is very bad, but it shows the hand writing on the wall for the hand writing on public affairs absolute truths we stand for, we sold. rades.

Our methods are surely at fault. and revise our duespaying system. We must reduce the dues to \$1.50 per year. Give the National Office one third, the state organizations one third, and the comrade one third, and the comrade one third in the form of a year's sub to The American Socialist.

Samine S. FISHBACK, Fort Smith, The American Socialist.

Let the locals care for their own financial problems. Stop issuing dues stamps, and issue only dues

in full.

cruit one year, and that he will read tee to forward them to me at the the Paper during this interval, we earliest possible date? will be making real socialists, and Reliable information never, until we adopt this plan can phase of the question will be most

paid up Bona fide party members. ports, etc., containing precise and ceptionally capable chemist. He Get busy and put this change in dues paying methods in operation, service to the committee are urged Montreal. Prof. Skirrow resigned paying members next year, and a ist equal to the Membership.

The change will boost, not depress the Party's finances. It will boost the Party's enthusiasm, power and prestige, it will boost the workers into power, and will also boost the Capitalist System into the Junkpile.

For the sake of the Cause, let's try it! — V. D. EDDY, Green Cove Springs, Fla.

the bank and trust companies and tion. the Chancery court being in the The people are being looted of

sessment of the city property has been raised from \$5,000,000 to over

bonds lying in the strong boxes of some of the "Interests" on which the poor are paying out their child-ren's means of support to meet the interest that have never even been

brutal ministry of public affairs that has brought it about, it spells final doom for the corporations! Times are so dull here that the business men are organized to take turns on the street soliciting funds to advertise the communal resources to bring in outside trade which they

THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND cards good for one year's Party Dues | THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC. - May I, as Chairman of the Committee elect-We hustlers are tired of convert- ed to report on the Liquor Traffic

we expect to get ahead.

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The reactionary Conservative government in New Zealand, headed by Premier Massey, is having THE END OF PROFIT & WAGES rough sledding at present. The government controls 40 votes in A New Factor in the Class and gle. 5000 Agents wanted at once.

Parliament and the opposition 39. Good pay. Send name and address Good pay. Seignes Publishers, Mt. The latter is composed of some real Liberals and Labor and Social-THE JITNEY FIGHT IN FORT ist members. There is a colored SMITH.— The jitney fight, as The American Socialist said in a recent issue, is nationwide. Its violence he has broad sympathies with the last broad sympathies w in each locality is more or less a opposition, and, as he controls the matter of the locality's character as balance of power, he has become a matter of the locality's character as a capitalist stronghold, or a city mighty interesting personage. If where the masses rule. In Fort Smith, Ark., the fight is Massey, as the opposition would very bitter, the traction company, surely win in another general elec-

"Socialism and Peace" will be the midst of one of the most gigantic big subject that will be considered at the first national summer con-The people are being looted of ference ever held by the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, which will take place at Hampton Falls, N.

H., Sept. 4-6. Among the speakers will be John Spargo, Florence Kelful" are lapsing on their dues, and in values, within the last three kaye, J. G. Phelps Stokes, Vida Scudder, Wm. English Walling, Dr. J. M. Rubinow, Charlotte Perkins There are thousands of dollars worth of the city's improvement Dr. Jessie W. Hughan and others.

John G. Ziegler, of Bemidji, Minn., launch in Marquette Lake, Although a prosperous merchant, Ziegler had taken an active interest in the Socialist movement and was editor of "Plain Facts." which had drawn the fire of all reactionary organizations. The Bemidii Socialists are making arrangements for an appropriate public memorial.

Senator Troelstra, one of the leading Socialists of Holland, is seriously ill as a result of his collapse during the recent party convention at Utrecht. Troelstra made an extended address against the government's military policy and bitterly attacked the proposals to increase the size of the army and navy. At the conclusion of the speech he fainted and has been in bed since.

In Berkeley, Cal., the Socialists are negotiating to purchase a Baping men and getting their party and the attitude of the Socialist tist church, which will be converted pledges signed, when their dues are Party thereto at the next National into a meeting hall and general 2. Assuming that the national going to lapse, and we are thus go-organization has the decisive voice ing to lose our efforts. When we rades and sympathizers who have to the commit-in matters of vital policy, is there can be dead sure of holding the re-

Another radical educator has resigned at the University of Utah which institution has been making requested, all such items will be sils in Utah have demoralized the the institution into a fourth-rate be blamed for that.

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Have you started in a rut, or are you about to start in one on the journey of life?

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ET US counsel together and see if there is not something in life worth while for you. The People's College established in Fort Scott, Kansas, is your College. Those who founded it, and those in charge, have no other thought in life than

Undoubtedly each one of you who reads this has personally observed the great need which this country has for working class lawyers. If you want to know what the law on any particular subject is, you are compelled to go to some capitalist-minded lawyer and pay him to tell you. Very few indeed, have the opportunity of going to a Comrade or brother to get such advice. This is a condition for which each one of us should be ashamed. It is not only a shameful thing that we have no working-class lawyers, but it is a positive crime and each one of us is responsible for the condition.

There is no mystery in the law notwithstanding the legal fraternity as it is now organized, tries to make the people think that the law is mysterious and hard to learn, and harder still to practice.

Every socialist in the United States is familiar to some extent with the work done by the Appeal Law Class. Many of the Appeal students have been admitted to practice and are making good. But when they are all admitted, we will still be far short of the supply of working-class lawyers needed.

Good law is or should be good sense. Any man or woman who has a good mind, and who can read and write the English language understandingly, can thoroughly master the law, without losing one day from his or her usual occupation or employment.

#### WHAT ONE OF OUR STUDENTS HAS ACCOMPLISHED

EFF FOWLER was born and reared on a farm near St. Joe, Arkansas. At twenty-one years of age he was married and had no means of making a living, other than by his manual labor. To support himself and wife, he worked out among the farmers of his acquaintance, and for this service received One Dollar per day. His education was limited, but he had a bright mind. One of our friends who happened through that country met and became acquainted with him. Afterwards this man came to Fort Scott and told us of quainted with nim. Aiterwards this man came to fort 800t and told its of Jeff Fowler and gave his opinion that Jeff would make good in the law. We wrote him and solicited his membership in our Law Class. He took very little interest in the proposition at first, and we practically drove him into the class by continued solicitation. Twelve months after this Comrade was enrolled with us he was admitted to the Bar. TODAY HE IS EMPLOYED IN SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LITIGATION THAT HAS EVER BEEN CARRIED ON IN THIS STATE.

We procured him employment by the settlers in the Sunken Land District in Arkansas. These farmers had made settlement on lands that large Timber Companies wanted, and these corporations were causing the arrest and eviction of the farmers and persecuting them in every way possible. Fowler has made some success in their cases, although he has only been at work a few months on them. He writes us that he is getting this business in shape and feels sure of ultimately winning the titles to this land for his oldents.

He has within the last few days been employed by a homesteader, whose land has proven to be valuable lead mining property. As usual a big corporation is trying to get the farmer's land, since it has grown so valuable. The property involved in this litigation is estimated to be worth ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

This is only one instance of what our students are doing Many others are doing nearly as well. One of our students at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was admitted to the Bar a few days ago. There were seventy-five men who took the examination with him—many of the University Lew graduates. Our Comrade, H. F. Young stood sixth in his grades, out of the whole number taking the arguments.

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NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

That the "On" Generals have a big surprise in store for the supporters of the "On" cause, is stated by those on the inside of affairs. The long expected Lecture Course Brigade is due to arrive within a short time. The brigade is made up of the pick of the hustler army, is armed to the teeth with the most up-to-date ammunition in the form of Lecture Course "sub" cards and when it gets into action is expected shatter the ranks of the "Off" army completely.

It is even stated that the "Off" army is advancing over a road that is completely mined with sub-cards and that the slaughter will be ter-

#### **ROLL OF HONOR**

A. D. JUDD, California: ''I am glad o see an able paper like The American socialist.'' He orders another bunch of

JAMES L. MILLER, Arkansas: have picked up a volunteer so kindly enter his name with the "On" army.

for another 4 years.

LOCAU DUVAL, Florida: has voted to subscribe for The American Socialist for each of its members. Eight new members will take their places on the firing line."

The workers hate these systems because they make their lives monotonous; because they rob them of all love for their work, because they make their lives monotonous; because they rob them of all love for their work, because they

ALICE S. EDDY, Arizona: lines up 8 are brutalizing and degrading. in her community and sends their names to The American Socialist. C. G. TAYLOR, Michigan: enters the ng with a force of 10.

G. A. LEHMAN, Illnois: lends aid to the "'On" army. He gets on the firing line with a force of 8, all of whom are anxious to begin the fight on General Plute's army.

M. A. SMITH, Texas: leads 16 volun-L. G. BOYD, Oregon: "I regret that I can only send in four others this time." A. D. WEIDNER, Chio: sends along one half dozen who will join in the charge for the 60,000 Hill.

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# MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST SOCIALISM MEANS SYSTEM every worker is treated fairly, and that he receives what is fairly due him. Being a worker yourself, you will want your brother worker to will want your brother worker to

By WALTER LANFERSIEK

THE CRY of the modern world is for more system world is for more system who with the boss doesn't are honest and fair, you will want to be treated no better.

We know from the census just by systematizing the world, we in distribution.

strange is it may seem. Let us see why.

THE TAYLOR system is praised, by the employers, of course, as a fine system. Under it, a man's or to the south in winter and the in sperforming a certain task with five movements of the hand or arm and it can be performed with four, and it can be performed with four, farmer's work is never done," and the farmer's work is never done, and the child, find out his capabilities, and put him at one of these meetings. He located the fourth one of these meetings. He located would be system; now it is chaos.

The work is the thing and the child, find out his capabilities, and put him at one of these meetings. He located would be system; now it is chaos.

The was glad of the chance to the fourth one of these meetings. He located would be free from the fourth of the fourth one of these meetings. He located would be free from the fourth one of these meetings. He located would be free from the fo In the meantime, however, General Plute is beasting that the pick of his force, the "Dubb Brigade" under command of General Henry under command of General Henry Dubb, will drive the "On" army bear that if anything can be done agree that if should be be does the solution of the hand or arm when it is never done," and it is a well-known fact that agree that if anything can be done agree that if anything can be done agree that if should be be does the solution of the beautiful to the solution of the beautiful to the solution of the second by a pool-parlor, and the work is never done," and it is a well-known fact that agree that if anything can be done that if anything can be done agree that if should be be does the solution of the sol "On" army when informed of this, so done. But is that the purpose of the Taylor system? Not at all. It is done simply to get one fifth more work out of him, which means one would the old saying be true them work out of him, which means one would the old saying be true them. more wages.

Another method is to have the work come in such a steady stream that one is forced to work at breakneck speed and with great skill, or R. NEUGEBAUER, Connecticut: is here he will be swamped; when he fails other? Justice, like charity, begins gain with an order for \$4 worth of am they find another man who can at home. If we want to feed and munition.

J. J. PRUCHA, New York: keeps things stirring in his community. He buys a supply of initiation sub-cards.

MAX BURGHOLZER, Oregon: "I want to do something to keep the sublist of The American Socialist up to the 50,000 mark at least so here is a bunch of names to put on the mailing list."

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ANALY SUBJECT OF THE SUBJECT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE SUBJECT keep up the pace. And is this done wages.

Again the system of specializa o. F. CARLSON, South Dakota: enlists for 4 years with the "On" army.
FRANK M. HINOREIL, Onto:
American Socialist is a hummer.

American Socialist is a hummer. HARRY T. SMITH, New York: enlists ing larger pay, he gets less, although he produces more.

AND YET IT is not the systems

that are at fault. When machines were first invented, men hated and destroyed them, because they saw that the machines would take their jobs. But the machines are still here and will remain. Shop systems are only enlarged machines, or perhaps one should say, a co-ordination of machines and methods, to do more

Suppose the boss installs a new out working harder, to earn twice your present wages, would you complain! In other words, if the system benefited you instead of the boost world. You is to arrange a more equitable distribution of the good things of this world. Of course, you can readily see that unless you own the things, you cannot distribute them. So the first thin system that would enable you, withboss, would you hate the system? Of course not.

Then it is not the system, but the fact that the boss uses the system to rob you just a little more, that makes you hate to go back to the shop on Monday morning, although you have no alternative.

Work or die.

System, efficiency, call it what you will, is here to stay. As we cannot take this new weapen away from the boss, there is only one thing to do, go him one better. Adopt a system that will put the bad features of his system out of business. It is easy enough, but you can readily see that it will take system to beat system.

AFTER ALL, what you need is a system that will enable you to get nore, not to produce more. We are producing enough now; we produce o much we have a period of "overproduction" every few years, after which we stop producing until it

is used up. Your problem in life is to get good food, and enough of it; good clothing, good shelter, good education, and amusement. Taylor systems do not help you get these things because they tackle the wrong probability. lem. We must tackle the problem of distributing the good things of the world; the other problem is a second to the world; the world to the world to

get justice, because your turn may come next, and you will want to be treated as well as he was. If you

—system in production, system how many mouths there are in this can eliminate billions of dollars of country to be fed, how many pairs waste. By scrapping all old and country to be fed, how many pairs of feet to be shod, how many backs out-of-date machinery in all factor-to be clothed. The manufacturers ies, we can produce immensely more. system because it means more system because it means more how many shoes may be needed this and the play, the lives of all of us profits. Even the farmer is beginning to use system in rotation of crops at a 11 but the tion of crops, etc. All but the orders for and then some. And so do. It would take the square peg

workingman; he does not use any system.

Workingman is he does not use any system.

Workingman is he does not use any system of society worthy of the name would find out just it is riding in an automobile when how many pairs of shoes were need. worker more work and less joy ed, how many pairs of shoes were need. It ought to be at work. Of it has conducted and finally disrupted the in his work; less pay and more needed. The factories would be put that the possibilities of a Michael League. unemployment; more heart-breeking drudgery wearings breeking drudgery wearings work. Your work would be done, and it would be your time for play.

fifth more profits, but not one-fifth Now we plant enough to feed the world; but is there any obligation on the American farmer to raise enough wheat and corn so that ten million men may spend several years of their lives killing each other? Justice, like charity, begins clothe Europe we can, and probably would, being paid full value for the service. But there is no reason why American farmers should be poor when they are producing such tremendous crops. The Wall Street system is robbing them.

> A REAL SYSTEM of society would be all-inclusive; in fact, unless it is, it is only a piece of a system. By systemizing the world, w

could arrange our lives in the way to do the most good to ourselves. Now we are forced to live as others dictate. If we could produce enough to satisfy the legitimate needs of all by each one working four hours a day, why work more? You might go golfing the balance of the day. They say it is good for tired nerves. Your nerves might not need it Socialism is a new system; it is then, but they certainly need it now. If by systematizing the world's work, you could do your share of the work in six months, would it have introduced a very practical

And the world can be systematized to do just that for you.

As mentioned above, the problem for you is to arrange a more equitthem. So the first thing to do is to produce them yourself. Not individually, because that is the way we are doing it now; but collectively, all working together for the good of all, not for the good of a few. In order to do that you must own, collectively, the mines, the mills, the factories, railroads, tele-graphs, stores, and all those things that are necessary in production. When we all own these things collectively, our ownership will give us the power to see that we get our proper share of the product

The fact that you, in the laws you permit to be made, recognize ownership in the things you need in order to live, gives your employer the power to exploit and rob you. Physical power is not in the rich; they are few, you are many. They have only the legal power of own-ership, which power is created by your laws. If you change the laws, giving yourselves the right of ownership, you will have the same power of control that the owners enjoy today.

YOU CAN, by law, see that there is work for all. The war govern-ments of Europe have created more You can see that useful faction is mum.

### THE STORY CORNER

No. 2-How Jim Collected His Information.

out of the round hole and put it he told a story that gave very little eral public. They were just narendless

These things cannot be left to breaking drudgery, weariness, sickness and death.

And yet the worker is the one

And your vacation would not be chance when we are born; we may of two neighboring leagues and determined to visit them to see for And yet the worker is the one And your vacation would not be chance when we are born; we may of two neighboring leagues and dewho needs more and better system, a ceaseless, agonizing search for not choose the right father, and termined to visit them to see for consequently be poor all during the himself how things were conductonly life we have to live. We take ed there. It would mean a little chances of ruin in business, in delay in getting started, but he profession, in labor.

delay in getting started, but he would be better able to handle mat-

> would not see a worker wear his life away in unsanitary surroundings; it would give him beautiful, light and airy workshops. It would take as good care of the wounded soldiers of industry, as the war nations take of the wounded soldiers of destruction. When years of labor had whitened the temples of its faithful workers, it would see that wealth?" There were only two detheir last days were made peaceful and happy, as a reward of work well

hills" would be forever gone.
Under any sane system, woman

Socialism would so systematize the world that there would be no poverty, excuse for most crime would be eliminated, insanity would

Socialism is a new system; it is the great hope of the workers.

demoralize you to spend the other educational system. At the suggeshalf year in "seeing America first?" tion of the Tades Council, the af-Those who have seen America do not claim that it is demoralizing. cial order at their meetings to hear lectures from the Socialist members machines and methods, to do more and better work. We may hate them, but whatever is good in them will remain.

Such hatred may be natural but it is unreasoning. Let us reason together.

Don't expect it to be handed to you. You are handed Taylor system, but nothing good for you will be handed to you. You must put this system in yourself. You will have to fight for it.

As mentioned above the trank of the Legislature, who enlighten the unionists regarding the methods that obtain in the General Assembly. It is shown how bills calculated to benefit the working class are regarded and treated by so-called "servants of the people, how of the Legislature, who enlighten called "servants of the people, how they are railroaded to hostile com-mittees, kept in pigeonholes as long as possible, and finally amended out of shape or defeated outright. The doesn't really comprise the whole State, and that they must co-operate with the union people in smaller izations and urge them to also elect from those lectures in arousing the workers.

en districts where the Labor nom-inees were not contested. The Lajust about double that of the Con-

Jim found that the job of organizing a Young People's Socialist League was not as easy as he had expected. His sister had promised to help him all she could, but it was uphill work trying to get the Highschool girls to consider the proposition seriously. And in the shop he did not have altogether plain sailing either.

into was a disgruntled fellow who claimed to have been a member of ization had made much of an imsuch a League back in Natogg. And pression on either Socialists or genencouragement, - a story of dry. clique fights and wrangles that de-

This story by no means discoured Jim, but it convinced him that he THE TAYLOR system is praised, your boss, the man who uses a system to Europe.

Today all the play is enjoyed by profession, in labor.

Society should take the child, find ters when they did get under way.

not an illuminated parade to be sure, — but still a wee bit of welcome. But none was forthcoming,
— in fact the members regarded

The principle event of the eve ning was a debate on the subject "Shall bithulithic paving blocks be baters on each side, - but seemed to be neither beginning nor done. The poor-house would be end to their speeches; both sides abolished, and the fear of "over the thrashing around so furiously in the tangled meshes of their own argu would take her place side by side not make head or tail out of what with man, sharing all his responsiment, that they themselves could bilities, his problems and his hap-piness. Marrying "for a home" was being said. From later past ten the debate was over and the floor was thrown open for "free" would go out of fashion, and women could really select the mate of their could really select the mate of their choice, as every man would be assured a chance to earn a living, and would receive the full value of his personalities, but never once reflecting anything like that spirit of comradeship which the letter of the National Secretary had mentioned.

He went home realizing that unless

sociability and unity could be as-

sured, a League was bound to split THE OTHER League advertised its affair as a regular business meeting. It was held under very favorable surroundings, in a large room attached to a Comrade's home. The Yipsels welcomed him attached to a Comrade's gladly, but expressed deep regret that he had chosen "only a husiness meeting" as the occasion of his visit. There was only a small attendance, but those present certainly let themselves be heard from. an hour was taken up in wrangling over the report of the entertainment committee, the bone be held before or after a propised Chowder Party, — the matter being argued with great fervor on both Milwaukee unionists are being put with great fervor on both sides. As soon as it was settled, Jim was glad to note that they for-

But when it came to hear the towns in securing stronger organ- Educational Committee report, no one could be found to give it. At Socialists to the Legislature, instead of machine politics controlled stated that no meeting had been stated that no meeting had been by corporations, and thus secure held for several months; the comheld for several months; the committee at that time declined an of-bor bills. Much is going to result fer of one of the older comrades to lecture for them, because they Official figures show that the Lathought that the members were not at all interestd in Socialist lectures, bor party in Queensland, Australia, and there would be no use wasting had 35,000 more votes in the recent money for the speaker's carfare State election than the Conservative— when the members never came to Liberal combine. The actual Labor any kind of educational meetings. Liberal combine. The actual Labor majority is, however, much larger, The report was accepted as "proas the returns do not include the gress" without a word of discussion working class electors in half a doz- Everyone seemed highly pleased with the committee's action, and thought that the notion of any sort bor strength in the Legislature is of educational work was ridiculous. On the whole Jim noticed that when it came to happy-go-lucky, Lib. crowd. Now the later are affording further amusement to the Laborites by splitting into three factions and giving each other battle upon the slightest provocation. One the whole Jim noticed that when it came to happy-go-lucky, rough-and-tumble fun, these boys and girls could not be excelled. Quite a number came very late and after the meeting was over they infaction states that it will oppose dulged in some pretty good singsocialism in every form, whether it ing. They were interested in base-

tried to imitate them as the boys whistled a snappy "Fox trot." were good sports, all the way through, but when it came to anything serious, — as they themselves admitted, — there was "nobody home" in the upper story.

THE NEXT DAY Jim thought the matter over very carefully. He had seen two Leagues in action, and he was convinced that neither proper ly fulfilled the functions of a real Y. P. S. L. "If I could only put the two through a sausage machine and combine them into one unit One of the first persons he ran I'd have a pretty good League," he ement, — a story of dry, row sects, little stagnant pools, business meetings and each inhabited by a handful of swellheaded frogs who thought them-selves great because of the noise they could make in such puny sur-roundings.

"A League, to be worth it's salt," thought Jim, "must combine all these various activities. It must be made up of live, human youngsters -not wild-cat wind-jammers-but i must also tend to solid business: its members, whoever they are, must learn to use their heads for some

He was glad of the chance to study the shortcomings of other organthis one should be free from those faults. He was just as determined to get started as ever before, more so, in fact, for he had come to see the great need of the Y. P. S. L., and he was determined that the need must be satisfied.

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