

HELP WIN 4 MORE STATES FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

SOCIALISTS the world over have always felt that there could be no such thing as democracy where one-half of the adult population are denied the ballot.

ration is to be found in all state platforms of the Socialist Party. More than this, the Socialist Party demands, in its constitution, Art. II, Sec. 1, that in order to be eligible for membership in the party the applicant must believe in "unrestricted political rights for both sexes."

"Whereas, An increasing number of women are taking part in industrial activity, so that they are today an important factor in economic and social life, and are thereby qualifying themselves for participation in political administration; therefore be it

in congress a resolution for a constitutional amendment providing for woman's suffrage. This he later backed up by a monster petition, one of the largest petitions ever presented to congress, signed by 109,582 individuals and by organizations representing about 7,500 more — a total of 116,532.

The Socialist movement, therefore, has been a big factor in winning political as well as economic rights for woman, until now almost one-half of the area of the United States is included in the woman suffrage states.

Socialist-Suffrage campaign is now being waged in the four eastern states of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Socialist organizations in these states have entered enthusiastically into this struggle.

Men of Four States to Vote on Question of Giving Ballot to Women--Socialists Are Busy

AMENDMENTS to the constitutions of four states, which, if passed, will grant the suffrage to women, are up for popular vote this Fall. In New Jersey, the men will vote Oct. 19. In Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York, it is on the regular election day that the question is to be voted on.

New Jersey is not the critical State, but in a certain sense, it is particularly interesting. President Wilson will go home to cast his vote on the special election day, and on that day, the mystery of his stand upon the question of Suffrage will be finally dissipated.

Wilson Attitude Comical. President Wilson has assumed on the question of Suffrage an attitude that is supposed to be dignified reserve, but that in reality is almost

separately from the constitution in general. Socialists Work Hard. The Socialists in all four states are working hard for the success of suffrage.

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WOMEN AND THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

IN FOUR of the great states of this nation the question of woman's enfranchisement will be decided at the polls this fall and surely no socialist in any state who has any proper conception of what woman suffrage means to socialism, will hesitate to throw himself with all his heart into this battle for woman's political emancipation.

All the powers of political darkness, all the agencies of economic despotism, every enemy of human progress, opposes equal suffrage, for they know — if the worker does not, that an aroused, enfranchised, enlightened womanhood will ultimately sweep into oblivion every agency of human oppression that today blocks the way to the emancipation of the race, and by the same token every human being that loves justice, every son of toil who hopes for the final economic salvation of his fellows, every lover of human liberty, should support the cause of equal suffrage with all the enthusiasm and power at his command.

NO SOCIALIST can oppose woman's political freedom or remain indifferent to it and yet justify the ballot in his own hands. By all the power of the love he bears the woman who gave him birth, the woman who shares his daily life, the sister or the sweetheart at his side, the worker is in duty bound to battle for her political freedom as he would for his own.

The pleading hands, the wan faces and the lusterless eyes of two million child slaves — beseech the workers for the enfranchisement of the motherhood of the race.

The womanhood of America is pleading for the ballot that the three hundred thousand of their sisters who are kept down to hell to satisfy the lusts of men may be saved through better social and economic conditions. These helpless, hopeless victims of our insane industrial system are the daughters of the sons of toil; they are your sisters and mistresses, and their degradation is upon our heads.

They are helpless to save themselves or the millions of innocents who must follow them.

WOMAN WILL be as moral as she can; man as moral as he must, so let us arm those we love with the ballot, in the full knowledge and faith that they will learn to use it in their own self-defense, and for the preservation of the race.

Today, under the dire compulsion of economic necessity, capitalism has forced eight million women into the ranks of the wage-earners. Every woman wage-earner displaces some man and he joins the ever-increasing army of the unemployed.

The plutocrats permit you to elect their choice of several to public office, and then order the man elected to bring them your hide.

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ROCKEFELLER is a cat. He is now playing with the Colorado mice, but it will not be long before he unsheathes his claws and shows his fangs.

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PUSH PHILOSOPHY

THERE can be no doubt about it, the world is groaning better. AS long as the plutocrats control the job and the markets they will also control the government.

WHAT would be the result if the workers learned from the plutocrats to get their's at the point of a gun?

IT may be that the capitalists keep their law; but this means that the worker is without the law.

IT is high time the workers began to prepare for their own protection, by voting the Socialist ticket.

ENGLAND is to assess a tax on all incomes of \$14 and over per week. Almost as bad as conscription.

THERE are to be no more free born Americans. Every child now comes saddled with a big public debt.

PREPAREDNESS for war would mean a half billion more dollars for Morgan — and a great deal less for you.

THE politicians are saying that President Wilson is cold. And this in spite of their efforts to make it hot for him.

YES, Rockefeller and the miners are partners. They do everything and he gets everything. They go the work and he does them.

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Chicago Teachers In Victory Over Flute School Board-Big Business Interests Stunned

CHICAGO'S militant school teachers have won their first big victory in the present clash with the big business board of education by securing an injunction against the school board stopping the enforcement of the rule seeking to oust teachers belonging to labor unions.

It is appropriate that the announcement of this great success should appear in the Socialist-Suffrage Edition of The American Socialist. The Chicago Teachers' Federation is probably the best fighting organization of working women in the United States.

The big business interests of Chicago are stunned for the time being by this victory of the teachers. They did not suspect that it was possible for the teachers to use the injunction, the favorite weapon of the exploiters against the workers, in winning their rights.

The court decided that the state's attorney of Cook County (Chicago) had a right to join in the teachers' suits on behalf of the people against the school board. The court also ruled that if the pernicious school board rule were enforced no teacher could belong to any of the following organizations: the National Educational Association, the Illinois State Teachers' Association, the Chicago Teachers' Federation, the American Federation of Labor, or the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Letters are published in the "Bulletin" showing how former "friends" of the teachers' federation on the school board suddenly became its worst enemies. The teachers ask, "What happened to change this feeling?"

Nation's Teachers Aroused. In the meantime the teachers of the nation are becoming aroused. Plans are being made to send issues of The American Socialist, telling about the fight in Chicago, to all the teachers of Grand Rapids, Mich., Minneapolis, Minn., and other cities.

Enthusiastic letters arrive with every mail complimenting The American Socialist on its brilliant campaign for free schools. What are you doing in this fight? What do you think about it? The schools will never be really free from the stifling and degrading influences of the profit system until the masses of the people are aroused. This is your fight — your fight for your children and the coming generations yet unborn.

Send "American Socialist" to the School Teachers

WE HAVE just received an express money order for \$25.25 from Local LaPorte, Ind., Socialist Party. The money order was accompanied by the names of 21 LaPorte school teachers. The LaPorte comrades are going to make Socialists out of these 21 school teachers by sending them The American Socialist for 40 weeks.

This will encourage other locals to put their teachers on the subscription list of The American Socialist," writes Irv in H. Cady, one of the energetic workers of the LaPorte Local.

Who is next? We want to be able to report in next week's issue that several locals have sent in lists of names of teachers to receive The American Socialist for the next 40 weeks. A 40-weeks' subscription is only 25 cents.

The struggle for freedom in the public schools of the United States, as well as in the universities, will wax warm during the next 10 months. The American Socialist will tell about this struggle. You can keep in constant touch with this great campaign by reading The American Socialist from week to week.

School Board Lawyers Busy. It was declared that the school board was trying to amend its out-law rule to make it apply only to

Circulate This Issue

Bundle orders of this Socialist-Suffrage Edition of The American Socialist may be secured at the rate of 50 cents per 100; \$1 for 200; \$2.50 for 500, and \$5 for 1,000. In spite of the fact that this just covers the cost of publication The American Socialist will duplicate your order with a bundle of leaflets that will be sent to you free of charge. These leaflets are listed in the advertisement on page four.

If you want to help the fight for suffrage in the four campaign states by making a cash contribution, the papers will be immediately forwarded to Theresa S. Malkiel, head of the Socialist Suffrage Campaign Committee at New York City, and she will see that they are distributed where they will do the most good. The greatest Socialist argument ever published, appears in this issue of The American Socialist. Read these articles and be convinced:

EUGENE V. DEBS. — "Women and Their Fight for Freedom."

MAX S. HAYES. — "To the Working Men of the United States."

PAULINE M. NEWMAN. — "Woman Suffrage—A Step Nearer Socialism."

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JOSEPHINE CONGER-KANEKO. — "The Tragedy of Tied Hands."

FREDA HOGAN. — "Suffrage for All Workers."

HARRY W. LAIDLOR. — "A Study in Reaction."

THERESA S. MALKIEL. — "The Socialist-Suffrage Campaign."

GERTRUDE BRESLAU FULLER. — "Votes for Women—A chance to increase political power of the workers."

META L. STERN. — "A Vote for Mrs. Pat. O'Hagan."

Keir Hardie IS DEAD

James Kier Hardie, another Socialist martyr of the present war in Europe, died Sunday, Sept. 26, of pneumonia in Glasgow, Scotland. Hardie was a member of parliament and recognized as the leader of the peace movement among British Socialists.

It was his valiant struggle against the war mania that wrecked his health so that he has been practically an invalid for three months.

Hardie was born in Scotland, Aug. 15, 1856, and worked underground as a pit boy and pit man from the age of 7 until he was 24. He early became active in the trade union and Socialist movements and was first elected to parliament in 1892.

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