# A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! Wanted — Thousands Of Recruits To Land Ten Smashing Blows Full In The Face Of Brutal Capitalist System

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THE U.S. COMRADES: At the recent meeting of the incoming and outgoing national executive committees, I proposed and the committees ratified a plan to flood the country with two-page leaflets during the last ten weeks of the campaign. I am to write the leaflets. Each week, I shall select the particular utterance of President Wilson, Mr. Hughes or somebody else that seems to give the best opening for landing a smashing blow full in the face of capitalism-and then I shall try to land it. No matter where I may be-in Portland, Maine, or Portland, Oregon-I shall write a leaflet each week, telegraph it to the national office, and within 24 hours, the presses will be grinding it out by the million, and the trains will be taking

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it to you. I shall put into these leaflets the very best that is in me. I shall try to write as I never wrote before.

I beg you to give me an opportunity to make this work count to the greatest possible extent. This leaflet idea is my pet idea, and I want you to give me an opportunity to make it an astounding success.

IF YOU WILL GIVE ME THE CIRCULATION THAT I WANT FOR THESE LEAFLETS, I WILL PLEDGE MYSELF TO GIVE YOU THE ACTION THAT YOU WANT IN THIS CAMPAIGN. I KNOW WHAT PRINTER'S INK WILL DO!

Locals should subscribe now for the entire series of ten leaflets. Then the national office will know exactly what to print when September comes.

September is only five weeks distant. Paper supplies must be arranged for in the meantime, and in the present state of the paper market, orders for your paper stocks should be placed within a few days in order to be sure of delivery.

I ask every Socialist paper in the United States to re-print this appeal. LET US MAKE 1916 A YEAR THAT THE PREDATORY GENTLE-MEN WILL NOT FORGET FOR MANY A DAY!

We can do it. I am ready to do my part. I know you are always ready when you see the way. This leaflet plan is the way.

Yours for big things-not later, BUT NOW.

ALLAN L. BENSON: Yonkers, N. Y., July 8.

TERRE HAUTE NEEDS DEBS IN CONGRESS!

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CHICAGO, SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1916

GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK

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# Reach The Nation's Heart And Brain This

# Fifty Million Pieces Of Literature To Make The Masses Think Before They Vote

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—Put a red ring around that date on your calendar. Because that is the day on which the greatest literature campaign ever carried on by the Socialist Party STARTS!

On that day the volunteer force of the Socialist Party in this presidential campaign will land its first smashing blow full in the face of capitalism. This blow will be followed by nine other blows, one on each Saturday following until the Saturday before election day. Each blow will have behind it the punch of millions of leaflets-50 MILLIONS ALTOGETHER—five millions each and every week.

## READ BENSON'S MESSAGE.

HAVE you read the message about this great leaflet campaign, to the great rank and file of the Socialist movement, at the top of this page. It is written by our presidential candidate, Allan L. Benson, who will write these leaflets. If you haven't read it—READ IT NOW!

Last week we laid out the first big feature of this year's great campaign—the call for the \$100,000 campaign fund. The Socialist Party depends upon its loyal memberstried and true, to do their duty first of all on that matter. The details were all laid out in The American Socialist of last week. Furthermore, circular letters, subscription blanks, punch cards and all details and instructions necessary to carry out this feature of the work are now in the hands of or on the way to the secretary of every local in the na-

This work must be attended to first. Upon the success of it depends everything else that is to follow.

NOW COMES THE BIG LITER-ATURE CAMPAIGN.

The first one of the BIG BENSON BOMBSHELLS which we propose to fire into the enemies' trenches will be out not later than Saturday, September 2—sooner if possible. That means that we promise to have them in your hands for distribution on that date. That is only five weeks off. Immediate action is necessary.

This is going to be the greatest literature campaign the Socialist Party ever undertook.

GREAT VICTORY! CAPTURE FINNISH LANDTAG MAJORITY

Socialists now have a complete majority in the Finnish landtag, the national Finnish parliament. The result of the elections just held showed results as follows: Socialists, 105; Old Finns, 33; Young Finns, 22; Swedes, 21; Agrarians, 19. In order to accomplish this result the Socialists were compelled to greatly increase their total vote. Both men and women voted at this election, universal suffrage having been secured as a result of the efforts of the Socialist Party. In 1907 the Socialist had 300,000 votes, which was more than 40 per cent of all votes cast. In the 1914 elections the Socialist captured 90 out of 200 seats in the Finnish parliament. Now they have a majority. Let all American Socialists in this year's campaign do all in their power to duplicate the victory of our Finnish comrades as soon as possible in this country.

WE PROPOSE TO PRINT AND PIECES OF LITERATURE THIS

# REACH EVERY VOTER.

WE PROPOSE to reach every voter in the United States of America at least once-most of them many times before Election Day, Tuesday, November 7.

It is a tremendous task, but it is play. not too big for the Socialist Party with its 95,000 members and its hosts of earnest, faithful and tireless

We do not propose to neglect other features of the campaign, but this one we believe to be especially important. It will be educational. Its effects will be permanent. They will people of this nation. last long after the campaign is over. The effects will appear in increased membership, added intelligence and awakened social consciousness in the years to come.

Furthermore, the literature campaign reaches thousands who, for one reason or another, do not, and perhaps cannot, attend our meetings.

It breaks into new territory. It awakens interest in new quarters and draws in new recruits.

\* \* \* \* PLAN OF THE CAMPAIGN.

language—our candidate for President, Allan L. Benson. If anyhody on earth knows how to get a big idea into English language so that the common people can understand it, grasp its meaning and feel its inspiration,

The National Office force will take care of the printing and the preparation of the leaflets. We will see to it that every Socialist local, every earnest worker for Socialism in the United States of America knows about these leaflets.

write our leaflets.

We will leave ro stone unturned to get the co-operation not only of every individual in the Socialist Party, but also of every other radical force and organization, such as the trade unions, farmers' organizations and others that can be enlisted to help get out this literature.

That is our part in the National CIRCULATE FIFTY MILLION Office, and we will do our part to the

> Now comes the part that the great army of the Socialist Party organization must play—YOUR part, comrade secretary; YOURS, comrade of the rank and file; YOURS, speaker, lecturer, organizer; YOURS, editor, writer and manager of Socialist papers—the part which ALL must

# WORK SYSTEMATICALLY.

IT IS your task to take these leaflets, these millions of hot shot, white with the heat of intense conviction and glowing with the fire of a mighty purpose, and put them next to the hearts and brains of the

To do this we must work systematically. Slip-shod, haphazard methods will not be sufficient.

We must organize our army of distributors. Organized systematic

effort will work wonders. Here then is just what we want you to do:

## What Every Local Secretary Is To Do

WE APPEAL to you, Comrade Local Secretary, first of all. At the very next meeting-after the cam-

paign: First of all, this literature is | make this big literature campaign a to be written by the greatest and special order of business. It will remost effective writer in the English | quire careful attention. If your local is not meeting regularly during the summer, or if it is some time until a meeting is to be held, call a special meeting.

This matter cannot wait. The time is short. Within a very few weeks it is Allan L. Benson. He is going to the big presses will be at work on these leaflets. We must have the orders in before we begin.

First of all, ask the local to decide just how many of these BENSON BOMBSHELL LEAFLETS it will order, pay for and distribute. Remember, there will be one each week for ten weeks. They will be two-page leaflets and will start just as soon as we have sufficient number of orders to make it worth while to fire the first broadside-Sept. 2. at the

These leaflets will be sold at less than cost-50 cents per thousand. This is considerably less than the total cost of printing, packing and shipping.

For \$5 your local gets 1,000 each week for ten weeks-10 different willing to distribute it and cannot. leaflets-1,000 each-10,000 LEAF-LETS IN ALL.

A little later we will issue a letter of instructions, telling just how a local or group of Socialists can organize and conduct this literature campaign so as to make it compara-

tively easy and certainly successful. The main thing just now is to have your local place its order.

HOW MANY OF THESE BENSON LEAFLETS WILL YOU TAKE? That is the question you must answer at the earliest possible moment. Please use the blank below to send in your order.

## Contributions To The Literature Campaign

THERE are many comrades eager and anxious to do something for the cause who are unable to pay. Many are out of work or suffering one or another disadvantage or misfortune so that they have very little if any money that they can contribute. But they are eager to help. Every day nearly we receive letters from comrades of this kind, sometimes sending in a dime or a quarter and saying with regret that they cannot now give more, but offering to help distribute the literature if only it can be sent to them free.

There is an army of such comrades tion.

PLAN FOR SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF SOCIALISM.

Here is a plan to spread the message of Socialism in your town without costing you or the Socialist local one red cent. You can do this by getting six months' subs to The American Socialist at 25 cents each. For every five subs sent in The American Socialist will send you 1,000 of the Benson 1916 Campaign Bombshell leaflets described on this page. Send in 50 six months subs and you will receive 1,000 leaflets each week for ten weeks-10,000 in all. How about it?

at this scattered here and there thruout the nation. We must put them to perhaps the only Socialist in your work also.

There are doubtless a great many in this. comrades on the other hand who fer. one reason or another may not be distributing the literature, but who literature. It is the least expensive can make contributions. We must and in many ways the most effective bring these two forces together. And form of propaganda. A single meetso we appeal to those who are able ing never costs less than \$10 to \$15, to make contributions to this special often reaches \$100 to \$200, and the fund, the money to be used in sending average is doubtless more than \$25. literature free to those who are Here is a plan where for \$5 and a

We are, therefore, making a place on the blanks below for those who wish to subscribe to this fund to do no one to help you you can order a \* \* \* \*

## What Every State Secretary Should Do

various state organizations must gatherings. help and co-operate if this literature campaign is to be made the success it should be. Much will depend on your co-operation and support Comrade State Secretary. We appeal to you also. A word from you to the locals of your state, approving and encouraging the comrades in this effort, will have great weight. A special letter from the state office in each state to the locals would be effective. If you wish, we will prepare some printed matter which you can enclose in your ordinary letters. An article written by you and printed in the press that circulates most widely | sends in a dime or more will be enin your state would help.

Will you give us YOUR support, comrades?

## How The Socialist Papers Can Help

To the Editors and Managers of the Socialist papers—to you also we appeal. You and your papers can do much to make this effort a success. We urge your support and co-opera-

You can help by re-publishing this article. If you think it is too long, cut it down; but give your readers the substance of this big proposition, and above all DISPLAY IT. Play it up. Make its importance and its possibilities appeal to your readers. May we suggest that you write an editorial about it. That would put your support squarely behind the project and do very much to assure its suc-\* \* \* \* \* \*

#### To Individual Members, Friends, Sympathizers

TO THOSE of our readers who do not belong to the party, but would like to see our principles prevail, you also may help—you who are unable to join the party; you who are alone, community, you, too, can have a part

In any city or village one lone Socialist can if he will start up the Soable to get out and do the work of cialist movement. He can distribute little work you can put the message of Socialism before 1,000 people each week for ten weeks; or if you have smaller number, say 500, or even 200.

In rural districts you can use the mails, or distribute the leaflets to the farmers on the days that they come to town. Watch for opportuni-THE STATE Secretaries of the ties at fairs, picnics and other public

So you too may send in your orders and get into this game.

# THE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

COMRADES OF AMERICA: -This is the call to arms: It is the call for volunteers. Will you enlist in this WAR UPON WAR, this fight for industrial freedom, for economic justice, and a new and higher civiliza-

Every local that orders a bundle will be enrolled. Every comrade who rolled; every man, woman or child that offers to help in the great work of this literature campaign will be put on the army list.

Enlist for the whole ten weeks campaign.

Let us make America ring again with the cry of justice, liberty and good will, for the right of all to live a decent and a noble life.

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803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.							
Enclosed find \$ to pay for of the BENSON CAMPAIGN BOMBSHELLS at the rate of Fifty Cents per 1,000, as follows: of these leaflets each week for Ten consecutive weeks.							
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To the Campaign Manager, Socialist Party,

303 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

I hereby volunteer to help in the great work of distributing the FIFTY MILLION BENSON CAMPAIGN BOMBSHELLS. I agree to distribute ..... of these leaflets each week for Ten (10) consecutive weeks.

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# Not At War With Mexico!

That the United States is not now at war with Mexico is due in great part to the tremendous protest raised by Socialists thruout the nation ever since the tyrant Diaz was hurled from his throne in Mexico City. ever since the tyrant Diaz was huried from his throne in Mexico City. The Socialist Party has stood uncompromisingly against intervention, against this proposed war of conquest. Perhaps the greatest agitator in this great cause has been Eugene V. Debs, our four-time candidate for president, and now candidate for congress in the Fifth Indian district. Debs spoke recently in Akron, Ohio, scene of the great strike of rubber workers several years ago. The accompanying news article, which appeared in The Akron Times, telling of Debs' visit, is interesting and we therefore reproduce it in full, headlines, editorial note and all. We cannot help but state, however, that the editor lied when he said Debs' views are at variance with general public sentiment in Akron or anywhere else in the nation. If what the editor claims to be true is true then we would have been at war with Mexico long ago. But we are at peace with other nations, and this gives us a greater opportunity than ever to struggle and work for the great industrial peace in the United States that will come with the abolition of the bloody and brutal capitalist system of society under which we now suffer and sorrow.

(FROM THE AKRO N, OHIO, TIMES.)

# Debs Is For Mexicans; U. S. Wrong, He Declares

States in the present conroversy be-

not. We're sending Rockefeller's pri-

of it," was his defiance.

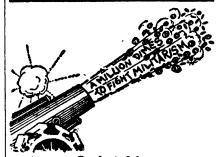
vate gunmen."

EDITOR'S NOTE—The following statements expressed by Mr. Debs in Akron today are greatly at variance with general public sentiment in Akron. Within the week this sentiment has been expressed in a series of patriotic deeds, including the applications for enlistment by hundreds more of young men than were needed to fill the rosters of the local companies, and a public demonstration in honor of the departing soldiers not excelled by any other city. Having said these things today in Akron, Mr. Debs should be the last to complain that there is not a wide latitude for free speech in America.

A human machine gun belched

A tall, gaunt figure leaning over the table, one hand clenched, eyes aflame behind his spectacles, words pouring out of his mouth in an uncountry. They'll be fighting for the

# The Million Dime Column



to and including Saturday, July 15:

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Thus we are passing the 40,000 mark next week, if all the hustlers are one the job it wil pass the 50,000 mark going steadily ahead until we cause he thinks the United States is shall pass or reach the aim we have set for ourselves, namely, 1,000,000 dimes or a HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR CAMPAIGN FUND.

"We say that we are sending U. S. soldiers to Mexico," he said. "We're TWO THOUSAND BANKS WORK-ING OVERTIME.

There are now two thousand banks As a basis for this Debs quoted in the field and the mail man on our the report of the congressional com-mittee on industrial relations which, Keep it up. Send us your name and

mexicans and against the United Mexicans and against the United Mexican to send our boys down to wants to send our boys down to the menace of their wants and put the peons to to wants and the wants and put the peons to to wants and the peons to the guns."

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# Wall Street Plans Mexican **Invasion by American Dollars**

By LUCIEN SAINT.

ASHINGTON.—Under the cover of the words, "financial rehabilitation of Mexico," the capitalistic interests which have failed a samed interests. armed intervention below the Rio Grande, are preparing to launch a campaign the object of which is to smother the social revolution in Mexico by the force of money. Already inspired reports have gone out thru the great press associations to the effect that this government stands ready to loan money to Carranza to help him build up his suffering country.

This sounds good, but it isn't. Carranza does not want American money in the form of bonds, sold in Wall Street with hundreds of thousands of dollars profit to bankers, brokers, Conducted by MAX SHEROVER.

Total number of dimes received up o and including Saturday, July 15:

Wall Street with indireus of thousands of thousands of thousands of the discounters, and grafters. He does not want to have to pay interest to any money power in the world, for the minute Mexico is bonded, the army and navy of the owners of the bonds stands ready to back up the demands of the owners for interest. Mexico existing on Wall Street funds would be Mexico tied to Wall Street, and subject to Wall Street's dictation.

RESTORING LAND TO THE PEOPLE.

Carranza is conducting a social revolution, similar in scope to the French revolution. He is restoring the land to the people. He is shortening the hours of labor. He is founding schools so that in Yucatan, for example, where two years ago there were only two hundred schools, now there are two thousand. He is municipalizing and nationalizing public utilities. He is attempting to restore the early communism which the exploiters of Mexico broke up. He aims to strike at the holders of concessions who are draining away the natural resources of Mexico, and to take out of their hands, gradually, but none the less surely, their rich spoils, returning them to the people of Mexico.

Mexico is in chaos, as France was more than a century ago. The financiers of today want the old order restored in Mexico, and they are damning the Wilson administration up and down because it does not let the soldiers go in and clean up Mexico and hand it over to the big interests, whose agents are now swarming into Washington and collecting stuff wherewith to camerical wilson. At this profit is looke as if the intervent timists had paign against Wilson. At this writing it looks as if the interventionists had been defeated. They nearly succeeded, however, and had not the laboring men of Mexico and the United States got together and told their respective governments that they did not want to shoot each other, there is every likeli-

Socialist candidate for president who was in Akron a few hours Monday on his way from Cleveland to Pitts-burg.

Debs gives the impression of one who will have peace if he has to fight for it.

A tall, gaunt figure leaving and figure leaving SENDS IN 671 DIMES.

Comrade Leo Prusetka, of "Laisve",

Comrade Leo Prusetka, of "Laisve", our boys will not be fighting for their ceasing volley. Debs obviously meant what he said altho it's contrary to general public opinion.

Debs started off with the flat-rooted statement that he is for the Mexicans and against the United

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the interest on his uebt, and, by head.

"We want to do to Mexico what England did to Egypt," said the agent of a big Mexican concessionaire to the writer the other day. "We want to lend her money and collect our repayments with soldiers if necessary. We want to clean it up and make it prosperous. This ...... in the White House won't go in now. Perhaps he or his successor will when we sink a few by the militia company, made no attempt to defend himself by force, but secured warrants for the arrest of the

# Rented Homes Send The Most two officers, on charges of assault. The men defied the local officers who Children To Public Schools

By WARREN ATKINSON. (Sixth Article.)

DEQUATE appropriations for the schools are often opposed by the tax payers, especially in the large cities. There the majority of the families who own their homes are wealthy enough to send their children to private schools. They are the most influential class politically and desire to private schools. They are the most influential class politically and desire low taxes more than expensive public schools. They are not interested in the schools for the very simple reason that they do not send their children to them. The majority of children attending public schools in the large cities live in rented homes. Their families are unorganized politically and without influence. This reacts to make the public schools so bad that the wealthy will benefit the working class direct-people cannot be blamed for not ly and as a whole To increase their

ADJUSTING COMPLAINTS.

We are endeavoring to adjust as speedily as possible all complaints that The American Socialist is not bein received promptly and that occasionally issues are missed. In sending in your complaint be sure to write plainly and to give your entire address, not your name alone. It is impossible to adjust complaints where no address is

## London Gets Ruling Against The Militia

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON. - Socialist Congressman Meyer London of New York has been notified by Secretary of War Baker that a "time of war" does not exist in the United States at present, and hence that excuse cannot be made for the refusal of officers of any military force to surrender up to the civil authorities men under their command who are charged with offenses under civil law.

The effect of this ruling is to compel Col. Hubler of the 3rd Ohio Infantry, National Guard, to back down from his refusal to permit the arrest of two militia officers who assaulted who was backed by all the anti-So-charles Baker, editor of the "Hamilton Socialist", at Hamilton, O., on June 22. The inference of the Secretary's decision is that no favor in the first secretary's decision is that no favor in the first secretary's decision is that no favor in the first secretary is the first secretary. tary's decision is that no favor is to be shown the bulldozers within the ing the present attempts to recruit men for the National Guard. Officers of Law Defied.

The correspondence in the Hamilton case, as submitted by the Socialist Congressman to the War Department of the Hamilton Release that Editor Release ment, shows that Editor Baker published various articles intended to discourage the enlistment of work-ingmen in Company E, 3rd Ohio In-fantry, at Hamilton. While listening to a pro-enlistment speech on the courthouse steps, on June 22, Baker, who is physically slight and far from strong, was approached by Sergeant Chester Doyle of Company E, who struck Baker in the face and then secured warrants for the arrest of the

When demand was made upon Col. R. L. Hubler of the 3rd Ohio Infantry for the surrender of the men, he refused to give them up. He secured an opinion from the attorney for the regiment, to the effect that a "time of war" exists, and hence, under the 59th Article of War, the civil courts had no jurisdiction.

Baker's attorney went to the State capital and asked Adjustant

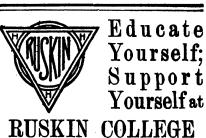
State capital and asked Adjutant General Hough to instruct Col. Hub-ler to surrender the accused men. The attorney reported to Rep. London that, "He treated me, of course, with great arrogance, and shortly informed

the service of the United States, Colonel Hubler, Captain Wulzin and Sergeant Doyle cannot be held to be subject to any other orders of the War Department than such as direct them to appear at a definite time and place for muster or acceptance into the service of the United States. As soon as they shall have been mustered or accepted into the service of the United States, the 59th Article of War will apply as to any demand thereafter made in accordance with its terms on the grounds stated, un-less it shall be a time of war when the demand is made." Colonel Hubler will be advised ac-

cordingly.
Very respectfully,
Newton D. Baker,

Secretary of War. Will This End Outrages. Rep. London states that he hopes that this announcement by the War Department will put an end to such incidents as that at Hamilton, which if not quickly suppressed might become of widespread occurrence.

Well, well! A Socialist editor has been elected Mayor, and in old Virginia at that. In a hard contest at Brockneal, near Lynchburg, E. T. Ginther, editor of the Union Star, was elected Mayor over R. F. Connolly, a rich tobacco manufacturer,



Ruskin, Florida, (near Tampa.) Both sexes may earn expense of poard and room in Industrial Guild, which is self-governing and profit-sharing. Guild membership optional. DEPARTMENTS: College of Liberal Arts; Academy; Schools of Music, Oratory and Commerce. SPECIAL COURSE IN SOCIALISM:

One year after two regular college years leads to Bachelor of Sociology. Public Speaking and Elem-entary Law included. RESOURCES: Not dependent upon

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chiefly of colonists attracted by the College and co-operative ideals, by which to realize some of the advance benefits of Co-operative Commonwealth, the bringing in of which the College was founded to help.

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1895	10,992	1,924	310,846.07	75,581.00	35,265.38
1900	21,616	4,123	1,002,398.32	253,731.35	89,773.35
1905	28,470	5,912	1,962,960.82	587,740.96	220,323.38
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WHY SO SILENT?

about the murders committed in the

name of our boasted civilization on

Why is the jingo press so silent

Fred H. Merrick has been sen-

tenced to three and one-half years

retary of Socialist Party of Allegheny County to 18 months to jail;

Geo Zaber, H. H. Detweiler and Anna

Goldenberg, each, to a year to jail; A. E. Weston to nine months to jail;

Stephen Tipsick and Mike Essick, each to six months to workhouse;

Jno. H. Hall, one of the chief figures

in the strike, who turned state's evidence, was given two years' jail sen-

not be required to serve.

That these sentences were imposed

for no other crime than that of agita-

tion and organization was admitted by District Attorney Jackson, who,

in his address before sentences were

ers from a like course, and even re-

quested clemency for certain others

cation was started when Lincoln Phifer of Girard, Kans., established The New World. All the columns are

loaded with splendid stuff and it is

entitled to a rising circulation.

Such persecution will soon result

# Mexico For The Mexicans, **Not For American Dollars**

It is now nearly two years since the devastating war in Europe began writing its bloody story on the pages of history. During that time the United States has passed thru war crises galore. We are just now passing thru another crisis over the Mexican situation. Who knows how soon we may be again on the brink of the European blood chasm. In these days it is well for us to spread the truth that is to be found in the accompanying article by James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and Socialist member of the Pennsylvania legislature. During the past year Maurer has fought war and militarism with all the strength that is in him. He has called on President Wilson several times, once as the accredited official of the Socialist Party, to tell the president that the workers of this country want no war. Read this article and pass it among your neighbors.

By JAMES H. MAURER. President Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and Socialist Member Pennsylvania Legislature.

WO YEARS ago the common citizens of Europe were at peace with each other; the workers of Germany had no were allowed to cross the border at ■WO YEARS ago the common citizens of Europe were at grievance against the workers of England, France or Russia, nor Columbus and murder a half-dozen had those now on the side of the allies, any grievance against the American citizens. German or Austrian workers. These people were at peace with each other, but all were in revolt against the oppressors in their own countries, when, suddenly like a bolt from the clear sky, the rulers declared war on each other. Suddenly, at least, insofar as band were given two weeks' time to those who were called upon to do the real fighting were concerned. get away, was never explained.

Men in official life predicted that the conflict due to modern methods of war, would not last more than three months, or six months, at the most. But the European war has now been raging ty of the United States demanded in-

HANDS UP AGAINST WAR.

James H. Maurer has just written The American Socialist that

he recently delivered a speech at

Reading, Pa., before the largest

open air meeting ever held by Local Berks County of the Social-

ist Party. His subject was, "DO WE WANT WAR WITH MEXICO?" Fully 5,000 persons were

present. Before Maurer closed his

address he asked, "All those op-posed to making war on Mexico raise your hands?" and thousands

of hands went up. Then he asked,

"All those who want war with Mexico raise your hands?" and

not a hand went up. In the accom-

panying article however, Maurer gives the names of those who want

material dilemma in which our Euro-

gram were hailed as patriots, and

true-blue Americans. And those who

rejected their scheme were branded

as cowards, hyphenated Americans,

molly-coddles, spineless pacifists, etc.

The most glaring falsehoods, fav-orable to their scheme, were sent out

and published in every section of the

Morgan's Guiding Hand.

Morgan interests, and the next greatest menace is the Security League, organized and maintained by men and women of great wealth. The

The guiding hand back of this treasonable conspiracy was, and still is, the Navy League, organized by the

war with Mexico.

23 months, and the end is as uncertain now as it was a year ago. These nations were better prepared for war, or peace as they told the people, than ever before and this tremendous cost of preparation was partly responsible for much of the poverty that existed prior to the war. And, as we know, their preparedness did not prevent war as the war promoters in America now try to have us believe it will. It is estimated that. all told, thirteen million men were lost, and that the damage done by the destruction of property amounts to ten billion dollars, and that the cost of equipping and maintaining the machinery of destruction has, since constant industrial turmoil and why

Annual Wage of \$200.

Let us stop for a minute and analyze these figures a little ately as great as their military more closely. The combined machine. And now, on top of these population of the warring napopulation of the warring nations is less than four hundred millions, the average wage for more are added for every day that gaged in originating and giving as the war continuer. The nave the intermediate the machine. And how, on top of these parts of the present war to burdens, must be added the present war cost of eighty billion dollars, and of the United States that there are persons along the border actively engaged in originating and giving as

Only 350,000 a year. One-half of this must be absorbed in the extra war tax, which will leave him about a hundred dollars a year with which to live, pay other taxes and raise his family, which in my mind is an impossibility. Should they attempt it, the home market will as a consequence be only them.

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First they demanded Mexican intervention, then war against Germany, and when these plans were met with no uncertain opposition, they changed tactics by trying to stampede the people into a cleverly-developed plan of militarism, under the pretense that we were in danger of foreign invasion, Germany and Japan being paraded before us as the menace, and that our only salvation lay in their program

of preparedness.

To date these war promoters cajoled, or forced thru the present congress, appropriations for military purposes of nearly a billion dollars. Besides these appropriations, other military measures were passed, among them one federalizing the State Guards, but unfortunately left out the State Cossacks of Pennsylvania. New York state enacted five military measures, providing for military training in schools and con-

Facts Never Explained. Just why our federal soldiers were

tervention.

News dispatches, supposed to come from Mexico told us of the boys in pursuit of Villa. In one edition we were told that he was captured, and in the next it was denied. Then they told us he was dead and buried, and a few days later they said he was alive. Then came the news that United States citizens in Mexico had been cruelly murdered, and again intervention was demanded.

Thus was the press busy developing the war spirit and hostility against our neighbors, the Mexican So insistent and unscrupulous were

they in their methods that March 25, President Wilson saw the wisdom of issuing the following statement:
"As has already been announced,
the expedition into Mexico was ordered under an agreement with the de facto government of Mexico for the

single purpose of taking the bandit, "I have, therefore, asked the sev the war started, cost eighty bil-lion dollars.

the tremendous immigration to the united States. Besides, we must not lose sight of the fact that as a result ing this view of the expedition conof the insane military pest that was stantly before both the people of this fastened upon the Europeans, their country and the distressed and senbonded indebtedness was proportion-sitive people of Mexico. \* \* \*"

#### Name Them, Wilson.

an adult before the war, was the war continues. To pay the inter- wide currency as they can to rumors an adult before the war, was the war continues. To pay the inter-section and section and disturbing the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands to be sacrificed in the sacrificed of thousands to be sacrificed in the sacrification and section are section and sect

why these nations were in gations), and to provide for the cancellation of the debt and expense in-hood is obvious. It is to create intolcurred in collecting it, will, in round erable friction between the Governnumbers, mean that the head of each ment of the United States and the de family must pay, in some form of facto government of Mexico, for the tax, above what he was taxed before purpose of bringing about interventhe war, about \$100 a year, and this does not allow a dollar for reconstruction or reimbursement of the ten "This object cannot be obtained so

billions of dollars worth of property long as sane and honorable men are destroyed. The average wages of the European adult workers being \$200 a year. One-half of this must be abshould know the sinister and un-

market will, as a consequence, be only them on to still greater activity.

Then came the clash on Mexican and this in turn will mean unemployment and panics, unless their product can be disposed of in other countries and were killed on both sides, and about this with a patient to make good their investments in the European slaughter.

This is briefly telling the true showing that it should be relegated be disposed of in other countries and were killed on both sides, and about this with a patient to make good their investments in the European slaughter.

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Shall We? And Why?

pendents, aged parents dependent icans have been in revolt against the who fought for liberty as they are upon their sons, now in their old age interest that robbed them for many fighting now, love you? No, a thousleft upon their own resources. The generations. These people have been struggle of the Europeans for an existence will, in the future, be trying enough if there wasn't a dollar of debt to pay.

Interest that robbed them for many generations. These people have been betrayed, robbed and oppressed more than any other of this age. They are fighting for what our ancestors fought in 1776—liberty and home.

And now after five long years of resupport and at the same time retain Only Two Roads To Travel.

As I see it, there are but two roads the United States who boast of being the Mexicans, and not for American the United States who boast of being the Mexicans, and not for American the United States who boast of being the Mexicans, and not for American the Mexicans and not for American the Mexicans and not for American the Mexicans are the Mexicans and not for American the Mexicans are the Mexicans and not for American the Mexicans are the Mexicans ar As I see it, there are but two roads left for them to travel in the future. The one is the socialization of the means of life and repudiation of all debts due to the war or its preparation. The other is degeneracy, savprices. When the 350,000 are gone we cannot sell you any more at these low prices as the way cost of series as the way cost of series.

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For the Mexicans went of the moving great armies to the border, and threatening to make war upon them. Mexico covers 767,005 square miles. The United States alone, not to mention her possessions, covers 3,624,122 square miles. Before the Mexicans went to war, her population was 16 millions, while ours over 100 the war promoters are planning to bring to us.

was 16 millions, while ours over 100 may we call attention to the fact that the national elections just held For the past year the war demons about seven billions; ours over 100 in Finland have resulted not only in about seven billions; ours over 100 billions were among us parading under the cloak of patriotism and using Old Glory to defeat the very purpose for which it was born. Their influence and dollars whipped the daily press, with few exceptions, in line.

The slimy monster invaded our land a midget. And would it be honor-The slimy monster invaded our and a midget. And would it be honortheatres, moving picture houses, able for the giant to crush its midget churches, public rostrums, legislative neighbor? halls, public and private schools, Chamber of Commerce, and our homes. Those who accepted their pro-

border."

seems that the presence of our mil-

question is: Why war with Mexico? Protecting our citizens on this side their number also has increased. of the boundary line does not mean war. And those interested in war cant, on a small scale, of what will know this very well, and this exhappen after the war. Those who plains why the demand for intervention, or in plain words, war. Yes, the cards are stacked for an attack on not have any idea that a resurrection Mexico, and for no other reason than is coming, and that after the resur to save the hides of certain American rection comes the judgment. All that capitalists, who skinned the Mexicans matters little. Socialism is assuredly in the past.

Capitalists Want Dividends. slogan of both these organizations is As I said, the wealth of Mexico is merely a portent of what is to "Preparedness" and "Americanism". amounts to seven billions; of this low.—THE NEW YORK CALL.

# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

THINK that the promoters of the great war told us Socialism is destructive!

The bankers who have weighed the world under burdens of debt, that Socialism is impractical!

The ecclesiatics, who pray that fighting Christians may be able to kill other fighting Christians, that Socialism is irreligious!

The newspapers, that have for months plied their arts in order to inflame the public mind for slaughter, that Socialism is immoral!

The statesmen, who are now legitimatizing thousands of babies that were born to the sweethearts of dead soldiers, that Socialism means free love!

The capitalists, who insist on drafting workers to fight for their foreign possessions, that Socialism is confiscatory! Hypocricy has had the nerve to proclaim falsehoods so stoutly that the world believes her.

amount four billions is owned by American interests, two billions by Europeans, and the remaining billion by the Mexicans.

They say, therefore, that we must protect our interests in Mexico, that while the revolution is on our United that this news will cause the work-States capitalists are not drawing ers to begin thinking about their own any dividends on their four billions problems rather than gorge themintervention is absolutely necessary. ings by steel trust gunmen at Vir-That this may, of course, necessitate ginia and other cities on Minnesota's That this may, of course, necessitate the sacrificing of thousands of lives, but that in the end it would be for the best, and to fight and die for our interests in Mexico would be patriotic. Let us see who the people are who own our (?) interests in Mexico. Not the United States government, nor our farmers, nor our miners, mill or factory workers. Not even our merchants or those engaged in pro-fessional pursuits. Look to the Morgan, Guggenheim, Rockefeller and Hearst groups, and you will see the largest holders of our (?) Mexican time until it takes over all the interests, the same interests which skin us workers here in the United now used to keep the workers in skin us workers here in the United States, now demand thru our govern-

have no quarrel—people like ourselves have been given terms of varying suffering under the yoke of capitalist lengths in the jail and workhouse of oppression, and we their fellow victims and sufferers are to be used as a club to crush those who have the courage to revolt.

Milegheny county after having been convicted on fake charges of alleged rioting on May 1st and 2nd at some of the plants of the U. S. Steel Cor-These masters representing but poration. two per cent of our population, own over 60 per cent of our wealth. Their earnings are now greater than they to the workhouse; Rudolph Blum, secknow how to profitably invest. With Mexico under their complete domination, their earnings will increase,

and the next move will necessarily have to be the conquest of the South more workingmen's lives, who can have no other possible interest in the slaughter than to fasten more sedence, was given two years' jail sencurely the chains of slavery, not only tence, which, in all probability he will upon those whom they war against, but upon their own people at home. Finance War In Europe.

This is but part of what all this oise about preparedness means. Another part, and no small part is that this two per cent of our multi-milthis two per cent of our multi-mil-lionaires population, has been finan-sire vengeance, but wished to make cing to a very large degree the Euro- an example of these men to deter oth-

I have already explained how impossible it will be for these nations to meet their obligations. Prepareda fighting machine, powerful enough to make good their investments in the European slaughter

this, with a nation torn to pieces, and were killed on both sides, and about this, with a nation torn to pieces, and with the American interests now in control, will be no small task.

The war has also reduced thousands of small merchants and business men to the ranks of the wage workers, thus swelling the ranks of those who will be dependent upon jobs for war.

Were killed on both sides, and about said on the subject if space would permit to the past along with cannibalism mit, but that every word, which I have written, is true I challenge any one to refute. Therefore, brother workers, will you allow the very interests responsible for panics, low wages, high cost of living, and who never hesitate to injunction, imprison, and shoot you when on strike I saw. and shoot you when on strike. I say, will you allow these interests to now lead you or your sons into bloody con-The question, therefore, is: Shall flict with people as poor or poorer pean brothers find themselves. Think of the hundreds of thousands of we make war on Mexico, and if so, than you are, who do not know you than you are, who do not know you widows, millions of orphans and millions more of cripples that will be dewho never saw you, and who ir

# SOCIALIST TRIUMPH.

For the consolation of many of our esteemed contemporaries who have been gloating over the supposed elimination of Socialism in Europe, neighbor? of Socialism in Europe, we want "But", say the war enthusiasts, "we many more such warnings—and we must protect our citizens along the shall have them, too.

Two years ago the Finnish Social-I have never heard of any one who ists had 90 representatives in the said they should not be protected, Diet; the election just held shows a but from our experience with the gain of 15. And, naturally, the non-Columbus invasion of bandits, it Socialist parties have lost what the Socialists have gained. There were itary is no guarantee of protection. nine women Socialist members in the This, however, is not the issue. The last Diet, and, tho we have no figures as yet, it is extremely probable that

> These results are fairly significoming to judge its enemies and pass sentence of economic death upon them. What has happened in Finland

## Patriotism is a great thing—only the shouters for it don't enlist.

Every working man should save. It will leave more for the spenders to

The question is, has Mr. Hughes an idea, or does he merely think it none of the people's business what he thinks?

Mr. Wilson has not yet taken the time to answer the question, Mexican War—What For?"

A way to prevent war is to elect Benson president, of course.

hustles for himself.

The big push by the Socialists has resulted in forcing President Wilson understand the allegory only in its to agree to arbitration rather than literal sense. force war on Mexico.

When Meyer London receives reinforcements from Debs and Oklahoma, Socialism will be in a position to completely invest congress. Perhaps, after all, the idea in mov-

ing the troops was to break the threatened strike rather than to invade Mexico. With all the agitation of the plute

worth of Mexican property, that instead of the Mexicans working and making these holdings yield dividends, they are fighting, and that, therefore, they are fighting to the solution of the so national army. The triumph of the

The time to fight war is before it can remedy.

can remedy.

The Tattler suggests a method that There is a wonderful fighting spirit voting the Socialist ticket.

skin us workers here in the United States, now demand thru our government that we go to Mexico, and kill our fellow workers there—men whom we do not know, people whom we have never seen, and with whom we have no quarrel—people like ourselves the workers in the Pittsburgh of the workers in the persecution of the workers in the workers in the persecution of the workers in the workers in the workers in the processing the workers in the workers in the workers in the persecution of the workers in the workers in the workers in the persecution of the workers in the workers in the persecution was also been persecution of the workers in the workers in the persecution of the workers in the persecution was also been persecution of the workers in the persecution was also been persecution of the workers in the persecution was also been persecution of the workers in the persecution was also been persecution of the workers in the persecution was also been persecution of the workers in the workers in the workers in the persecution was also been persecution was also been persecution of the workers in the workers in the persecution was also been p

America is spending more than a million dollars a day for war when all sentimentalists in college and pulwar has not been declared. But it all pit who seem to forget that their welis grist for the profit mill.

Our peace loving President has twice invaded Mexico because the plutes wanted it to be so. And then he has backed up because the people didn't want it to be so.

We have war in Europe and threatened war in America merely because the people didn't have sense enough to vote for Socialism in 1912.

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# FROM THE WALL STREET TATTLER. **M**enace of Higher Critics

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

The Tattler feels constrained to express its disapproval of an evil practice current among higher critics in college and pulpit, many of whom are denying the literal interpretation of the scriptures, particularly that part of holy writ which makes it plain that it is easier for a camel to pass thru the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Of course we understand The man who hustles for Socialism that the needle's eye in question means simply a narrow passage in the walls of Jerusalem. But it is best that the lower classes be made to

> There is no greater consolation to the poor than the thought that some day it shall be their lot to inhabit mansions in the sky. No matter what kind of hovels they are compelled to live in here and now, the thought of spending eternity in bejeweled marble palaces Over Yonder seems to afford them a serene sense of satisfaction no less pleasing and gratifying than experienced by those of us who occu-py mansions here below.

It seems almost criminal to rob the lowly of all the joys that may be afforded them by simply fostering in their credulous minds such harmless delusions. For it seems to provide them But suppose that Socialists had of the retributive law of justice. In made no fight against militarism, their mind's eye they can see themselves recompensed for the miseries they suffer on earth, while the rich are hurled headlong into everlasting perdition. Let us encourage them in this belief in every way possible. It will help to prevent a revolt against conditions which the oily-tongued So-The time to fight war is before it cialists try to make them believe they

will effectually shut off all this loose Considering how the cost of life's talk among the liberal teachers in necessisties have been raised, how universities and higher critics in the much have you really gained, Mr. pulpits of the land. Let our noble

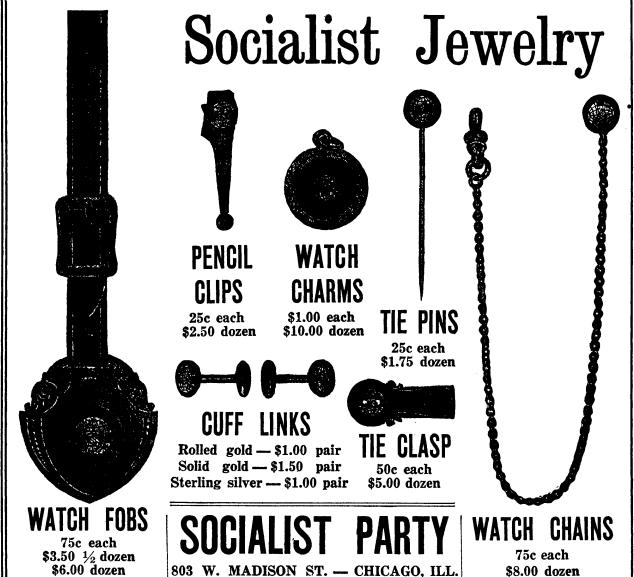
This jolt will bring to a sudden halt all sentimentalists in college and pulfare is best conserved by boosting the interests of the rich instead of needlessly breeding discontent among

the poor. PLATFORM NOT READY YET. When the 1916 national platform of the Socialist Party has been finally endorsed by the membership it will be issued in leaflet form as an official

campaign document. The rough draft of the proposed platform, as published in The Milwaukee Leader and The Appeal to Reason, was adopted by the joint conference of the conferen conference of the out-going and in-coming National Executive Commit-tees and the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates. It did not contain the corrections and revisions made by the editing committee under instructions of the conference.

The final draft of the platform, which appeared in The American Socialist last week, has now been submitted to the membership for endorsement thru a party referendum which will be completed in sixty month or 10 cents a year in addi- days and may result in some additiimpossible to issue a leaflet containing the National Platform at this time. Orders for the platform leaflet that eventually will be issued by the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison Street, Chicago, will be received now, and filled pust as soon as the platform is endorsed by the membership, when it will be immediately put on the press. The price of this four-page leaflet will be 20 cents a hundred, \$1.50 a thousand, postage prepaid.

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# **1,750 Voters**

in Debs' district that are receiving The American Socialist and will receive it up to electon day.

So, off with your hats, Comrades! Three cheers for 'Gene Debs, victory and the campaign in the Fifth Indiana Congressional District.

We want to increase our efforts from now on, however. Thousands of more voters in Debs' District should be getting The American Socialist. These voters, who should be getting The American Socialist, are workers living in the great industrial centers; not only Terre Haute, but in West Terre Haute, in Clinton, Brazil, Rockville, Cloverdale and half a dozen other places. When the election returns come in from these centers, Election Night, we want them to be overwhelmingly for Socialism.

to help in this great work by using the blank at the bottom of this page. Here are some of the expressions showing what the comrades think of the campaign to "Send Debs To Congress".

"Here we come, eight of us with a plunk apiece. Our little poost to our Debs in Congress

eight comrades at Platte, S. D., which was accompanied by \$8. John Silberling, of New York City, rushes in with \$2 to "Send our good comrade "Gene Debs to congress" where he belongs".

"I have known Comrade Debs since So the story goes!

While you are helping elect 'Gene Debs, redouble your efforts to carry the district in which you live for Socialism, your precinct, city, county, legislative or congressional district.

There isn't a voter in your neighborhood that wouldn't be glad to give you 15 cents for a 15 weeks' sub to The American Socialist. An opertunity to fol-low the campaign in Debs' district alone is worth the price to any worker. Remember, each week, The American Socialist will contain all the latest developments in this year's great working class political struggle.

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voters in your neighborhood and then canvass them for sub-scriptions—15 WEEKS FOR 15

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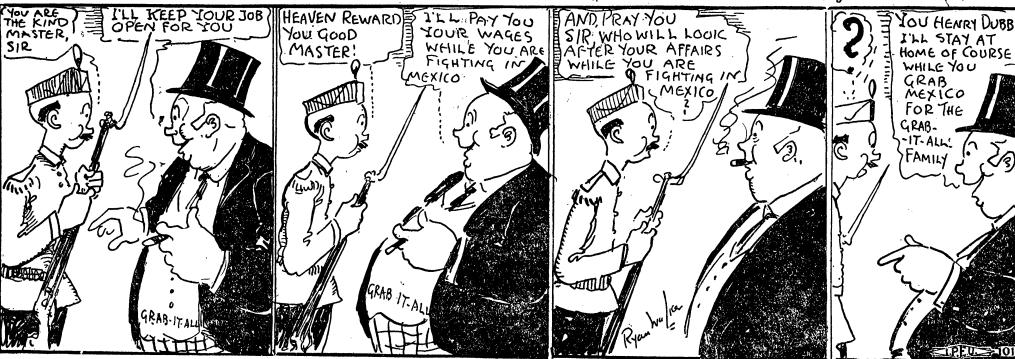
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HENRY DUBB FINDS OUT WHAT PART GRAB-IT-ALL WILL TAKE IN THE WAR - - By RYAN WALKER. FYOU HENRY DUBB



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Staff Writer, The American Socialist.

ERRE HAUTE, IND.—Terre Haute needs Debs in Congress! Debs election to Congress would mean more to the people of Terre Haute and the rest of the Fifth Indiana district, than it

Debs in Congress would be a power for good, a champion of big 'Gene", says a letter signed by right and justice, a prophet giving expression to a vision of a new dawn. He would make a spokesman such as labor sorely needs in the nation's tribune.

completely overshadow the discredit an unfortunate political I joined the Order of Locomotive machine has cast on the name I joined the Order of Locomotive Harming as Cast on the name opposite street corner stood a street-street of their city. Debs in Congress faker selling a fortune-telling book. His crowd was large but he was un-Brother Debs", writes T. H. Lynch, a model of a people's genuine remolested by the police. Gradually my of Watertown, N. Y., as he sends in presentative. He would stand adding gray in size the faker leaf

cy trampled in the dust cries aloud but remains unheard. Noble and pure what Comrade Wilson wanted me to but remains unneard. Note and pure hearted mothers and wives are terror-stricken at the sights their children's eyes must meet. Vile and unspeakable disease lurks in the dark

where the dark of the city, one block away the mothers and wives of the people from the court house and I saw. sheltered by the police in the worst red light district on the American continent and attacks its youthful prey unmolested.

But Debs in Congress would mean vastly more to the people of Terre Haute. He would reflect a credit upon them, that would

presentative. He would stand audience grew in size, the faker lost out like a light-house in a stormy sea directing their strayed ing. Then we were made to move my sea, directing their strayed political vagaries on a new course. Debs in Congress would rejuvenate their shattered political and social conscience, were questions that bespoke an advised their shattered political and social conscience, mireble serpestness on the part of corporations and scores of other exwould invigorate their sense of mirable earnestness on the part of corporations and scores of other exagainst being compelled to work with

from the court house and I saw. Can This Be Real?

I begin to doubt whether what I saw could have been real, whether it could have been possible in this city, which in a town-boosting circular prides itself on:

Terre Haute has over sixty churches and missions within its borders, representing the leading denominations of the religious world. Several of the church edifices are of notable architecture. The city has a flourishing Young Men's Christian Association, and Young Women's Christian Association.

The Fire and Police Departments are adequate to the city's needs and VERY efficiently conducted.

Within a radius of about 200 feet from a public school, which houses between 300 and 400 children every school day, reigns supreme the most defiant, filthiest, disease-breeding assignation district I have ever seen. I have seen the "Barbary Coast" in those who make up and those who reap profits out of the Tenderloin District of Terre Haute could win the prize-cup easily.

Just For Bread.

I saw daughters and sisters of our desires. I saw these poor creatures, robbed of every sense of shame or modesty stoop to everything that is vile and repugnant, JUST FOR realize it more than the workers of wall street owns the mile rather than the workers of wall street owns the miles and miserable pittance of 15 cents a day. The result is that the workingmen of the miles and repugnant, JUST FOR realize it more than the workers of wall street owns the miles the of the law merrily conversing with diana Congressional District. inmates in the door-steps, oblivious to everything about them.

Children View Sights of Evil.

Overlooking this maelstrom of degradation stands the court house with its illuminated clock stoically refusing to see. On the edge of this sea of evil and revel stands the school-house. Hundreds of children coming to and fro can't avoid the sight of unfortunate women running half clad on the street and certainly can't avoid over-hearing their vulgar conversations, their curses and their quarrels.

The district is infested with human

WHAT 'GENE SAYS OF SHEROVER'S WORK FOR THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST.

Dear Comrade Engdahl:-

Comrade Sherover has more than made good in his mission here and all the comrades are delighted with him. You could not have sent any one who would have more perfectly served the purpose intended, nor one who could have nore completely captured the hearts of all our comrades.

With many wishes that this may be an abundant year for The American Socialist, I am.

Yours always,

The Hopeful Side.

and they suffer. But they are not per-

chants and of the professional men. I have talked with school-teachers and stenographers and clerks. It is they who inspire one's hopes. It is their resolute spirit to do something and do it soon that gives courage to those who are fighting against these hellish conditions. And they all love 'Gene. They speak of him with awe and respect. They believe in him and trust him. They respect and investigate his ideas of society with the result that they will be with us when they can vote. Many of them are with us now.

It is one of these school-teachers that is working tirelessly, as if with a religious zeal. She is taking a very active part in the hard Jimmy Higgin's work of the Campaign. In her Comrade Noble C. Wilson has an able

picture of the hell that capitalist rule and the clever machinations of a cap-I have seen the "Barbary Coast" in San Francisco, I have seen such districts in New York, New Orleans, Buffalo and Chicago and in other places. But in a competitive exhibit, those who make up and those who have the seen such districts to that district. The industrial or directly working class side is no better. Working men and women are grinding their blood and marrow into profits for their masters. I talked to be misled by a powerful press.

I know the feeling in Mexico, I those who make up and those who have and I know whence to workers in the car shops, enamel works, wheel works, glass factories, mines, foundries and they all have the old story to tell: low wages, very, very low—long hours, unbearable conditions. But there is a ray of hope wants to force those peons back into

BREAD. I heard the riotous seductive the cities in that district. They have sound of musical instruments, I given our speakers here record heard women shouting their wares audiences in places where Socialists and pull boys in from the street, I saw windows and doors of these houses wide open with figures half or almost entirely nude fleeting by in intoxicating dances to the tune of Manager for more speakers and more litture for more speakers and more litture. hoarse and drunken curses, and I saw literature. A political revival is on blue-coated, brass-buttoned minions among the farmers of the Fifth In-

Yes, TERRE HAUTE NEDS DEBS IN CONGRESS. The Fifth district needs Debs in Congress. And they are going to have him there.

This is Max Sherover's second article on the Debs' Campaign. A few more live and interesting articles are being prepared by him. Next week Comrade Comrade Sherover will tell of the plans to strike the blow for Socialism, he will tell of the wonderful plans laid for Debs' election and what you can do to help elect Comrade Eugene V. Debs to Congress.

EFORE a single soldier left Cleveland some of our distributions guished citizens were compelled to face the fact that charity had to be raised for the dependents of quite a few of the men. Reports to the same effect come from Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago, Pittsburgh and dozens of other places. Yet these men are going to fight for their country. They are being praised as heroes, as the highest type of citizenship, as the bulwark of the nation.

HERE ARE MY REASONS:

I believe every man to be responsible for his own deeds. To me that is a first principle of life.

Therefore I cannot be compelled Such talk is cheap. It takes money to buy bread, and the nation for which they are supposed to be fight-ing paid them such miserable wages that they were less than a week from starvation. It would seem that before you ask a man to die for his country you ought to make it possible for him to live decently in that country. But your fat-headed plutocrats don't want to hear anything about that.

civic duty, would restore their faith in humanity and inspire them with the noblest ideals.

their authors.

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ploiters, that conduct elections to suit the desires of a decaying ruling son, of the Scottish Miners' Union, o'clock at night, Comrade Noble C. them with the noblest ideals.

Save Terre Haute.

Terre Haute needs Debs to bring it out of the social and political wilderness into which corrupt politics has lead it and left it. Conditions in Terre Haute needs defy description. Decentage in Congress "I did not fully realize"

o'clock at night, Comrade Noble C. Wilson, the campaign manager, said he had something to show me. I was tired and tried to put it off for the social and political wilderness into which corrupt politics has lead it and left it. Conditions in Terre Haute needs Socialism, why this district should have 'Gene why this district should have 'Gene yields revenue like a diamond mine.

Congress "I did not fully realize"

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IN PARIS, this week, an international conference of labor representatives from France, England, nor will I be a soldier.

My only weapon is reason, yours of Terre Haute. They know, they feel Italy and other Allied nations is in session to consider the commercial continent and attacks its youthful prey unmolested.

I was thunder-struck at the sight. Even now, alone within the four walls of my hotel-room, my sensitiveness well attended street meeting. On the without the scenes I beheld.

I was thunder-struck at the sight. Even now, alone within the four walls of my hotel-room, my sensitiveness is paralyzed with the scenes I beheld.

I have talked with the women of Terre Haute. I have talked with the wives of the workers, of the merchants and of the professional men. those countries have discussed in work. are by no means pleased with the proposition, as they know very well that a commercial war means more cut-throat competition and ruthless wage reductions. There is no limit to the burdens that the ruling classes won't pile on labor's back.

# Lies Bring On War

By EUGENE V. DEBS. Falsehoods, lies manufactured by the subsidized capitalist press, have created the feud between Gringo and Greaser which it now appears will demand the lives of thousands of workingmen of both countries.

This war that now seems to be threatening us is not due to any inherent difference in race or hatred between citizens of the United States Offer Up Blood For Profits.

I have here given but one pen interpret of the bell that the period of Mexico. It is a hatred that has been engendered by carefully concocted lies, distortion of the truth,

I know the feeling in Mexico, I have been there, and I know whence this feeling originated. Wall street, which has over two billions of dollars invested in Mexico, which has stolen the land from under the peons feet, class offering themselves to appease here. They are organizing. The unheard off beastly and degenerate unions are more radical than ever. miserable pittance of 15 cents a day

Wall street owns the mills, the mines, the smelters, the railroads of Mexico. It has stolen the land from the peons, now it wants to murder them or force them into an in-dustrial slavery. In this country we "America for Americans." not: "Mexico for the Mexicans?"

Among these big landowners is William Randolph Hearst, the newspaper owner, and Senator Falls of New Mexico. Falls in the halls of Congress and Hearst thru his newspapers have been clamoring for intervention for years. Thousands of lives of our soldiers will have to be sacrificed to satisfy the demands of Wall street. The only benefits that will accrue will go to the powers that be. socialists are opposed to war. We believe with Napoleon that it is the trade of savages and barbarians.

Amsterdam Socialist newspaper, Tribune, asserts that 55,000 workmen employed in munitions factories and electrical works in Berlin and in an aerodrome at Johannisvermin who, between political elections riotously live, drink and gamble away the earnings of the girls they have ruined. Around election time they have an additional source of reparty paper in the future.

Socialists of Mahoning and Trumbull counties, Ohio, and Wheatland, Pa., recently held against the prison sentence imposed on Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist leader, for participation in the May day demonstration at Berlin.

MILITARISM VERSUS REASON. Defense Statement of E. Stanley Oxley of Bristol, England, at Court Martial at Chiseldon on April 26, 1916. One of 700, now undergoing punishment, who resisted the Con-

I trust that whoever reads this will remember that I write as a civilian. not as a soldier.

scription Act.

I am accused of disobeying an order. The accusation is true.

HERE ARE MY REASONS:

to do things simply because another orders them.

I believe a man's actions should be guided entirely by his reason. That is why I cannot be compelled

to act as another dictates.
Especially do I believe that a man should not fight unless after sincere thought he is convinced that his cause That is why I cannot obey the or-

ders of fighting men. I believe in liberty of conscience.

If it is wrong to force men to join the church and pray for victory, it is equally wrong to force men to join the army and fight for victory.

As a rationalist I cannot be compelled to support that in which I do not believe.

I believe as long as men fight at the dictates of others there will be wars, and the cause with the greatest violence will win; but if each man is only prepared to fight when he is convinced of the justice of his cause, the cause with the greatest justice will win.

For Junior Y. P. S. L.

Several leagues have been urging the establishment of a Junior Dopt. of the Y. P. S. L. to take into our league all youngsters between the ages of 10 and 16. It is suggested that they be called "The International Order of Young Comrades" and that they be under the wing of the Y. P. S. L. This action has been taken by leagues in Chicago, Ill., and Washington, D. C. and by vote of the Y. P. S. L. National Committee. All league members are urged to send their suggestions on the matter to the National Office.

I am a civilian. I have signed no papers. Marks thru physical violence have been forced which I refuse to recognize as signatures.

is violence. By the threat of violence I was driven from my home and

You can bring nothing to oppose

since 1868. In '72 I espoused the Greenback cause, then the populists and then the Socialists and I expect and then the Socialists and I expect to live to help usher in the Co operative Commonwealth, which I believe will be March 4, 1917. I am ashamed to say 'double the Socialist vote this fall' when we have a much brighter prospect of electing Benson and Kirkpatrick than they did of electing Lincoln in 1860. Three cheers and a tiger for Benson and Kirkpatrick."—J. H. PECK, National Soldiers' Home, Tennessee.

DRY UP YOUR TEARS.

When a boy was sent from the slums of Chicago to an open air camp at Algonquin, Ill., he became afraid, and cried when put down on the green grass. All that he had ever known was the hot asphalt pavements. But he'll get used to the green grass and then he'll fight going back to the brutal city.

back to the brutal city.

This boy can be likened to the working class, opposing as it does the coming of Socialism by helping to uphold the brutal, bloody system of capitalism. But the workers will gradually learn that Socialism will bring them the needed relief just as bring them the needed relief, just as the boy from the city found a real friend in the fresh, green grass.

Socialism means not only more green grass, more fresh air, more of the pleasures of life for the children, but for the men and women as well. So put on your fighting clothes and, go out to battle for Socialism in this 1916 campaign.

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

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ORGANIZATION-THAT'S ALL.

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The past few week have been especially noteworthy in view of the progress made on the field of organization.

Two new leagues were organized in Chlcago with 11 and 14 charter members respectively.

A new league was formed at Jacksonville, Fla., with 9 nembers.

Seattle, Wash., also comes into line with 14 charter members, among whom are the organizer and secretary of the local. There is no doubt but that with such a foundation the league will be one of strength and permanence.

There are a considerable number of responses to the general circular sent out to all party locals with regard to the Y. P. S. L. and it is to be loped that a number of new leagues will be the result.

For Junior Y. P. S. L.

Convention Doings.

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I am a civilian. I have signed no papers. Marks thru physical violence have been forced which I refuse to recognize as signatures.

I have not expressed my willingness to become a soldier, nor am I, nor will I be a soldier.

My only weapon is reason, yours s violence. By the threat of violence I was driven from my home and work.

Without any trial I was fined \$10. By the physical violence of three men my clothes were taken from me.

men my clothes were taken from me.
By violence, and the threat of violence, I am here.
I can bring nothing to oppose your violence. In it you are entirely victorious.
You can bring nothing to oppose Your the first you can bring nothing to oppose Your You You can bring nothing to oppose Your You can bring n

You can bring nothing to oppose my reason. In it I am entirely victorious.

I stand opposed to you. I cannot hope to defeat the British Army.
You cannot hope to defeat my reason.
Sentence: NINE MONTHS DETENTION.

BETTER CHANCE THAN LINCOLN HAD FOR VICTORY IN 1860.
"I am 71 years old and have not voted either of old party tickqts"

You can bring nothing to oppose treasury.

COMING!

The Yipsels of the leagues in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, and a few representatives from other cities, held a joint pienic at Cedar Point, July 9. Plans were discussed for a State Organization and it is expected to materialize soon. This will be the sixth state in line and Illinois is expected to follow soon after. Hail to Organization, the patron saint of the Yipsels.

The Indiana State Convention of the Y. P. S. L. will be held at Lafayette, Ind., Sept. 2—4. There will be a special pienic and dance at the clubhouse on the river, and other features of entertainment are planned. It is hoped that this convention will be even more successful than that held in Kokomo last year. But that will be going some! How do we know? We were there.

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