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# Czars Change Their Tune - Now

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

HE RAILROADS are now sighing and sobbing for "arbitration".

Vociferously and in concert are they clamoring for it. Arbitration is all they ask; it is all they

Just arbitration!

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Their tearful appeal is sad indeed to con-

Arbitration is their final hope, their last

Blessed be arbitration for it shall save them from destruction!

ISN'T it funny!

Just a few years ago these same railroads flouted arbitration, spat upon it and kicked it out of their office with indignation and contempt.

Don't you remember, Mr. R. R. President and Mr. R. R. Manager, you who are now pleading with the president of the United States for arbitration and protesting that it would be fatal to good government, to the safety of the republic and to the peace and happiness of the people to "yield the principle of arbitration"?

Don't you happen to remember the American Railway Union strike when you had the backing of the federal courts and the regular army and you sneered at your employes, "TO HELL WITH ARBITRATION!"

"There is nothing to arbitrate!"

#### "NOTHING TO ARBITRATE!"

Don't you remember that this was the slogan of the railroads, and that the newspapers, the subservient organs of the corporations, carried it at the head of their col-

THERE IS NOTHING TO ARBITRATE!" 1894, the tune that made the General Man- light. The most villainous lies were told and

OUR LABOR DAY

This article by Eugene V. Debs is our article for Labor Day. It is the most inspiring message we have to deliver to the rank and file of toil on its annual holiday. This is the inspiring story of how the railroad czars of the land have been brought to their knees. They are not now the same domineering industrial overlords they were in 1894, during the A. R. U. strike, when Debs was sent to jail, and the railroad barons felt they had crushed the growing labor movement forever. Instead now have a working class, better educated and better organized. The task of today is to keep up this work of education and organization. Devote part of your time on Labor Day, the second day of Socialist Red Week, Sept. 3—10, to spreading this message among the workers of the land.

same Managers are entreating, begging, imploring, beseeching the president of the United States to compel their employes to arbitrate with them.

Isn't it funny? Funny enough to make the ghosts of George M. Pullman and Grover Cleveland laugh and tango?

What a somersault for the railroads! And how account for it? Let us see.

TWENTY-TWO years ago when the Pullman strike occurred organized labor was not nearly what it is today and the Socialist movement was practically unknown. The capitalist press moulded almost absolutely the public sentiment. The few labor and radical papers were not read outside their own limited circles, and when a strike occurred the public was treated wholly to the HELL WITH ARBITRATION; side of the capitalist class and there was not the slightest scruple about putting the That was the tune of the railroads in strike and the strikers in the worst possible agers' Association famous, and now these these went practically unchallenged for the want of a labor press to reach the people.

It was under such circumstances that the A. R. U. strikers who had won the day and were absolutely triumphant consented to arbitrate their differences with the railroads. So perfect was their faith in their cause and so certain were they of a favorable award from any kind of a board that they not only consented to arbitration but did all in their power to secure it. The railroads, however, defeated tho they were, had not yet played their last card. Left to themselves their case was hopeless, but corporations are never left to themselves under a capitalist government, and at the very time their employes were pleading with them to arbitrate they were having their man Woods and their man Grosscup and their man Seamans and others of their lackeys on the federal bench issue their paralyzing injunctions, backed up by the regular army ordered out by their man Grover Cleveland, president of the United

THAT IS how the railroads answered the plea of their employes for arbitration in 1894, and these same railroads now have the monumental gall to stand before the American people and declare that to "yield the principle of arbitration" would establish a dangerous precedent and imperil good government and the future safety of the nation.

TO STILL further illustrate the brazen hypocrisy and the shameless inconsistency of the railroads, a few facts relating to the A. R. U. strike should be recalled.

When the strikers were turned down cold by the corporations, the mayor of Chicago and the governor of Illinois joined in the petition to consent to arbitration. The railreads insolently and defiantly answered: "THERE IS NOTHING TO ARBITRATE!"

The city council of Chicago next took the matter up and unanimously petitioned the railroads to consent to arbitration.

HELL WITH ARBITRATION; THERE IS NOTHING TO ARBITRATE!"

The federal troops were already on the way and of course the railroads had nothing to arbitrate. They proposed to settle the question with bullets and bayonets—and they did.

THE NEXT proposition that the strikers made to the corporations was that the question as to whether there was anything to arbitrate be submitted to arbitration.

"TO HELL WITH THE WHOLE QUEST-ION OF ARBITRATION!"

Finally the strikers agreed to allow the corporations to name all the arbitrators. The same answer came back and in the meantime the capitalist press took up the refrain and many were the articles that appeared to show why there was nothing to arbitrate and why it would be fatal to "yield the principle" involved in the demand of the employes for arbitration.

The very same press now backing the railroads in their clamor for arbitration backed the railroads then in their insolent denial of arbitration.

CONDITIONS in the labor world have changed since 1894 and this accounts for it all. There is now a labor movement, a labor press, and a labor sentiment. The power of capitalist government and corporation misrule is no longer absolute. They can no longer do as they please. There are now too many class-conscious working people in the country. And they have votes—and what is better, know how to use them.

It now pays politically for even the president of the United States to entertain at the White House as his guests the representatives of labor unions, and it is now the railroads instead of their employes that are begging for arbitration.

And just here is where the employes make their mistake when they consent to arbitrate their demands or, more properly, their demand, for there is but one. They should have held the railroads to the precedent established by themselves. When the railroads had the whip-hand they had nothing to arbitrate and the example set by them should have been followed by their employes.

When the negotiations were pending between the railroads and the brotherhoods the leaders of the latter declared publicly that they would never consent to arbitration. having previously been victimized by the shell-game arbitration that prevails under class rule. From this position, justified by all the facts in the case, the leaders of the brotherhoods have receded, with what result remains to be seen. For obvious reasons these leaders are not anxious for a strike. The railroads on the other hand are only too eager for a break, and the employes are again adroitly forced into the attitude of agreeing to submit the vital part of their demand to arbitration.

THE PRESENT demand of the railroads for arbitration is readily understood by everyone with a mind above a shell-fish. They always know what they want—and how to get it. Twenty-two years ago they spurned arbitration. At the present stage of affairs, however, arbitration is necessary in their line and what they are now after is not only to arbitrate their differences with their employes in a court under their control, but they want congressional legislation establishing "compulsory arbitration" and when they have that they will not only be assured a favorable verdict but they can lie back in comfort and security and see that verdict backed up by every federal judge and the whole United States army.

The difference in the situation of twentytwo years ago and that of today is due to the class-conscious education and organization of the working class.

LET US EDUCATE AND ORGANIZE!

#### War Department Stalls.

WASHINGTON .-- The latest news from the War Department about the soldiers who assailed the editor of the Hamilton Socialist is a mere stall. Socialist Congressman London's vigor our protests and communications are going thru the usual routine of red tape. Here is what the highest legal officer of the War Department has to say—and he will get comfort from it who so desires:

Once we get the Co-operative Commonwealth there will be no further need of Don't Worry alaba

War Department, Adjutant General's Washington, August 9, 1916. Honorable Meyer London,

House of Representatives. My dear Mr. London: The Secretary of War desires me to acknowledge receipt of your let-ter of the 5th instant, in which you state that the two military assailants of Charles Baker, editor of the "Hamilton Social ist", had not yet been delivered to the civil authorities, and to inform you that all the previous papers in the case have been sent the commanding general of the Central Department for the necessary action. The Secretary also desires me to invite your at-

tention to the following:
"The commanding officer, before surrendering the party, entitled to require that the 'application shall be sufficiently specific to identify the accused and to show that he is charged with a particular crime or offense which is within the class de-scribed in the Article. It has been further held that without a compliance with these requirements the commanding officer cannot properly surrender nor the civil authorities arrest, within a military command, an accused officer or soldier. Where it is doubtful whether the application is made in good faith and in the interests of law and justice, the commander may demand that the application be especially explicit and be sworn to; and in general the preferable and inueed only satisfactory course will be to require the production, if practicable, of a due and formal warrant or writ for the arrest of the party."

Very truly yours, H. P. McCain, The Adjutant General.

HE'S 80 YEARS OLD AND WORKING FOR SOCIALISM.

If every Socialist would get as interested in this year's campaign as an 80-year old non-party member out in Colorado, then capitalism would surely tremble. Here is what our Colorado enthusiast, who does not want his name mention-

ed, writes:
"I wrote you a while back enclosing \$1 for the Debs campaign. I also stated I would send \$15 for the three states, New York, Illinois and Oklahoma, so please find it enclosed. I am not a member of any local nor do I pay dues, nor have I much money. I will soon be 80 years old and am arxious to see the Socialists gain. I will try to send Nevada \$2."

How many red card Socialists will do as well?

A laborer is known by the capitalists he "keeps". People learn by doing things, but

If you don't work your mind you may rest assured that others will

Capitalism has to defend itself

Money may not buy happiness, but will sustain life until one can get it in some other way.

The rich are again talking about the "blessings of poverty." It means that they are preparing to make more

Somehow Hughes has not joined a abor union yet. How would it do for him to cast his lot with the Danbury

About the only opportunity the poor man has is to make a fool of himself by voting the old party

The virtuous may be happy, but it is the other people who ride and have the good things of life.

The first bond issue for preparing or war in times of peace will be a third of a billion dollars. Before we are thru with it it will mean several pillions of bonds

Do you suppose that Hughes would have declared for national suffrage for women if Socialists had not pre riously announced for the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the constitu-

The nature of the jingoes is made clear by the action of congress in tacking on the military appropriations bill a measure making it unlaw-ful to court-martial an official. It was too rank for even Wilson and vetoed that part of it.

Whatever you may get in the way of relief from the capitalist parties will come because they are scared to granting them by the Socialist vote. Make the Socialist vote big and you will get more. Make it dominant and ou will get everything you want.

General Funston in arguing for renoval of the troops from Mexico on he ground that they have fulfilled their mission evidently does not refer to the capturing of Villa. The only thing accomplished was to secure the passage of the big army and navy measure.

The papers that agitated for preparedness so extensively now possible destruction because they have put into control a united capitalism that is raising the price of print paper so that they are compelled to print nothing but piffle or else go out of business.

At last the tremendous agitation by the Rockefeller-Morgan press has borne fruit and a bond issue is to be made. In other words you will be put in debt, without your consent; such issues are not voted on by the

Last Call For Socialist Red Week

### A Heart to Heart Talk with the Socialists of America

BY THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER.

LECTION day is only two months away. If we are going to do anything in this campaign we have got to begin now.

The hour has come when every local member and every loyal local of the Socialist Party must get into action if we are going to make this campaign amount to anything.

VICTORIES IN SIGHT:-In every direction big victories are in sight. Everywhere the comrades are eager to make sure of them. Everywhere the comrades are appealing to the national office for assistance. The Debs district asks for 100,000 of the Benson leaflets. In Oklahoma we have the greatest victory in sight that the Socialist Party has ever won. The comrades there are making a wonderful fight. They are straining every nerve. They call upon the national organization to contribute 280,000 of the Benson leaflets every week. We ought to do it. We must do it. The Sixth Assembly District of New York City wants 110,000 of the Benson leaflets. They can pay for them in part, but not for all of them.

Nevada needs \$500 to help wrest victory from the enemy there; the 12th Congressional District of New York wants \$500 more; Arizona, Oregon, Idaho, Colorado, Maine and New Hampshire, and other states are making most urgent appeals. In all nearly \$3,000 have already been appropriated to these various states to help in their struggles.

And so it goes. Every one of these fields are rich with possibilities. We are not giving out hot air or padded press reports. Our information is from most reliable sources. We know the possibilities. And they are great.

Shall we meet these pressing demands? Shall we seize these splendid opportunities?

FUNDS NEEDED AT ONCE:-If we do we must have funds at once. We need money to help the comrades make victory

We have already sent an appeal to every local secretary to be read at the meetings.

becomes your duty as a member to take the matter up yourself. If you have responded or are at work-well and good. If not, hurry | action for the campaign.

in your contribution. Send something right away. The need is urgent. We ought to have \$50,000 this minute. Have your local vote an immediate contribution, if possible.

And then get hold of the subscription blanks and go out in the highways and hedges and get everybody on the list for some contribution to the National Campaign

Another very clever device for raising money is the National Office Dime Bank. If you haven't any of these dime banks send in for particulars.

And remember:—This is your campaign. Nobody but you can make it go.

THE BENSON LEAFLETS: — Eight hundred and fifty thousand Benson leaflets. That was our first big broadside. It is a good start. But we hope to see it doubled and quadrupled very quickly.

When we went to press on No. 1 of these leaflets there were orders in hand for 650,-000. Before we got the run off we had to increase the order to 850,000, to meet the increasing demand. Number 2 is on the press. We have raised the order to one million. We want to make it at least 1,500,000 for

We want every individual socialist and every local in the country to have a chance to get in on this big game.

You can order any number from twentyfive to a million, at any time and at the same rate of 50c per thousand.

Get into the game. And get in quick. Time is flying. Two of the ten leaflets are out already. Order at once.

Have this matter made a special order of business at the very next meeting of your

RED WEEK:-September 3rd to 10th is Socialist Red Week. For a supreme effort along these lines, every Socialist local should carry on some special activity, (however great or small) during this week. Three immediate duties confront you, com-

rades: (1) To make your contribution to the national campaign fund. (2) To place If the matter has not been presented, it | your order for the Benson leaflets. (3) To make Socialist Red Week the rallying time to bring every possible force and energy into

# Minnesota Governor Is

Every charge brought against the the miners.

Miners have been exploited by the contract system, cheated, oppressed, forced to give bribes to their miners and the contract system.

Miners have been exploited by the meaning of the law, and today Andreytchine is absolutely free.

Andreytchine's release marks the captains, arrested without warrants, final defeat of the Steel Corporation given unfair trials, and subjected to "serious injustices" at the hands of in their agents in and out of office in their agents in and out of office in their agents to destroy. the mine guards and police. This is

the substance of the findings. Blame Disorder On Officials. Mine guards employed by the Com-

without investigation, and supported gun men and subservient officials. by Governor Burnquist, are to blame for all disorder. The report says: "We are not entirely in sympathy with the belief that vigorous measures were necessary to maintain peace and safety in this strike. We are entirely satisfied that the mine guards have exceeded their legal rights and duties and invaded the citizenship rights of the strikers; that such violence as has occurred has been more chargeable to the mine guards and police than to the strikers; and that the public police de-partments have entirely exceeded the needs of the situation, and have perpetrated serious injustice upon

strikers. "Numerous cases of arrest without the banknote. warrant, and unfair trials in the justices' courts were brought to our attention. We will not go into these cases in detail, as the federal men have promised a thoro investigation, but we are seriously impressed that the mine guards should have been compelled to remain on mine property

or disarm when they left it.
"Every shooting affray that has occurred on the range has occurred on public property. In no case have the so-called riots occurred on or even near company property.

Parades Are Peaceful.

"The parades of the miners have been peaceful, the public police have had no trouble in maintaining order, and if the private mine guards had been compelled to remain on the company property we do not believe that there would ever have been any bloodshed on the range."

Governor Burnquist, whose telegram to Sheriff Meining was generally accepted as an order to go the limit in breaking the strike, is now on the defensive. In the face of reports from the Committee on Industrial Relations and from his own state labor department, he can no longer escape a reckoning for part he has played in aiding the Steel Corporation to maintain industrial tyranny. After reading the report of his own State Labor Department he issued a statement saying: "As an official I am interested only

in the enforcement of the law. Personally I have had four men up there to investigate conditions and none of the four has ever reported to me any undue violence on the part of offi-

Apparently Burnquist's investiga-tors were carefully selected.

Steel Trust Foiled. George Andreytchine, for two years Take your choice.

Shown Tool Of Steel Trust

By GEORGE P. WEST.

an employe of the Steel Corporation on the Mesaba iron range of Minnesota, will not be deported to Bulgaria because he joined the strike now in progress and addressed meetings of

United States Steel Corporation by the striking ron miners of northern Minnesota is sustained in a report just submitted to Governor Burnquist by his own State Labor Comgerous or undesirable alien under the

in their attempt to destroy Andreytchine because he used his exceptional ability as a speaker and linguist on the side of his fellow workers, and against the tyranny maintained by against the tyranny maintained by the Steel Corporation with the aid of pany, deputized by Sheriff Meining

> Acting Secretary Densmore's decision is a decision against the Steel Corporation on a clean-cut issue between that corporation and justice.

> The only wage slave that has cinch on his job is the convict.

The man who buys an effice the oing to steal when he gets it.

When the spell binders employ the brass bands the bills are paid by the dear voters.

Somehow Mr. Bryan has not ye

ounded the keynote. But it is clearly The throwing of mud in this camaign really doesn't count. It is only

ntended to amuse the Dubbs. The holding of the soldiers on the Mexican border has enabled the meat trust to dispose of its 1903 stock of

anned goods at a handsome profit. It looks like Hughes might be elected, if only some one would head him off and stop him from making

fool speeches.

The real reason why the cost of living has advanced so greatly is that Morgan and Rockefeller have made peace and are squeezing the people

It seems the railroad managers lon't want Wilson to arbitrate for them because they already have arbitrators fixed and don't want to pay

The real reason why Roosevelt and the Progressive party were retired is that Morgan and Rockefeller have merged their interests and do not need a party apiece any more.

You will notice that the same fellows who objected to Socialists desecrating the American flag by printing messages on it are now printing the pictures of their candidates on the "sacred" emblem.

The advertisement read: "Enlist in the army and develop the best there is in you of courage. See the country. Enjoy life." ular, before committing suicide, w .e: "I am lonesome and tired. I overworked and heartbroken,"

#### The Red And The Dead

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

HE SWIFT spread of the red in the campaign this year is a happy augury for the future. The new life is taking hold of the people and the new hope is kindling in their breasts. Socialism, red as the life-tide of the race, is striking root in the hearts of the masses and all the horizon of the future is lighting up with the dawn of the morning.

The campaign this year will be fought upon the issue of the

Red versus the Dead. The socialists alone have a live issue. The rest have but a corpse.

The red flag of socialism, symbolizing the awakening people and the dawn of freedom, or the black flag of capitalism, the emblem of piracy and plunder, slavery and soddenness, WHICH? Are you with the Red or the Dead, with the living present

and the glowing future or the ignorant, despotic, tear-stained, blood-soaked past? With democracy and freedom or despotism and slavery, WHICH?

CAPITALISM IS ROTTEN.

CAPITALISM today is rotten to its innermost vitals and reeks with stenches that threaten pestilence to the race, and capitalism is all that the republican and democratic parties have to offer to the people.

Capitalism, the insatiable monster that gnaws at the vitals of man, woman and child, sparing not even the tenderest, seizing Europe in its skeleton clutches, has converted the old world into a hell of horrors and now threatens to overwhelm and deluge with blood the western shores.

Is this hellish system the fulfillment of your ideal? Is the prostitution of science to human slaughter, to the rape of womanhood, to the butchery of babes the realization of your dreams? Is this hideous thing so dear to you and have you so abjectly surrendered to it that you are sworn to support it the rest of your days?

Fie on you! Do not attempt to tell me why you vote for capitalism instead of socialism, why you are with the dead instead of the red. You do not yourself know. No corpse does. You have not even read the platform of your master's party and you had no more to do with making that platform than you had with making the moon. You are simply a political automaton and the likes of you are responsible for a world owned and ruled by a few thieves and tyrants and inhabited by a mass of cowards and slaves.

#### GREAT TO BE ALIVE.

SPEED the spread of the Red among the living! The dead will cease ere long to cumber the earth.

Gods, but it is great to be alive today and feel the red blood every nerve to carry the standards of Socialism to victory in the November of revolutionary socialism racing thru your veins!

Now is the day and the hour to prove ourselves. Red Week must see us all in action, every drop in us and

every atom of us in the cause.

Not a sluggard must there be, but a million militants with that all went to defeat by majorities ranging from 50,000 to 85,000 is conclusive proof to the thinking man united hearts and hands spreading the red, a million comrades shouting for Benson and Kirkpatrick and proclaiming the glad that the Machine and its unfair tactidings of the Dawning Emancipation.

#### **World Federation**

By JOHN M. WORK.

T CAN hardly be doubted that the big war will be followed by a period saw clearly that the old methods of of unprecedented progress in many directions.

I shall not miss my guess if it is not followed by great social and

political progress.

The masses of the people everywhere will be determined that no such calamity shall befall the world again. They will be willing to do the things necessary to prevent a repetition of it.

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WHETHER or not they will be willing to go immediately to the length of Socialism, I do not know. But it seems very probable to me that there will at least be a world-wide willingness to form a United States of the World, so as to bring all nations into a formal and legal compact and thereby so as to bring all nations into a formal and legal compact and thereby minimize the danger of war.

Such a federation, even if temporarily dominated by the non-Socialists, state, instructing their Governor who would be a long step toward Socialism. It would tend toward world brother- has ruled with an Iron Hand, to issue hood. It would tend to cause the people of the various nations to forget their the proclamations for the Fair Elec-narrow nationalism and become citizens of the world. It would decidedly make for the brotherhood of man

Maybe we Socialists will have a chance to sit in at the peace negotiations and maybe we won't. If we do, it will be up to us to make a strenuous fight for a federated

IF WE do not, we shall nevertheless get our views in edgeways. We will in order to save themselves, the butt them in. We will take pains to impress upon the conference the neces- machine, they advised that Williams sity for world federation.

Such a federation should be one of the good results of the war. It is entirely feasible. The world is ripe for it. In my judgment, we should not lose any opportunity to drill the idea into the minds of the people, so that writing and growing hotter every they will be ready to insist upon it.

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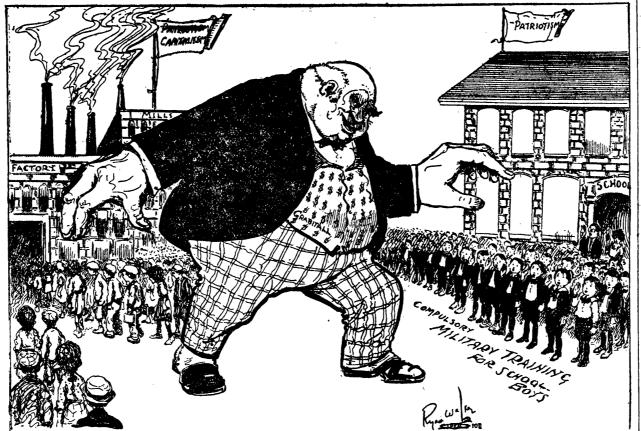
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GRAB-IT-ALL: — I'll take the school boys and train them as soldiers to be ready to shoot down these factory workers when they make trouble for me.

#### Oklahoma Afire With Enthusiasm

By CLARA SMITH Assistant State Secretary.

NCOURAGED and enthused with the brilliant victory won in the primary by defeating the various constitutional amendments NCOURAGED and enthused (including the Disfranchising Literacy Test) which were initiated by the William's legislature, the comrades are alert to the possibilities of victory that lie before them and are straining election.

These constitutional amerdments constituted the cream of what was done by the last legislature. The fact tics does not meet with favor among the honest voters of this state. It is conclusive proof that they are realizing their own power and refuse to longer be ruled by a crooked political machine.

Democrats See Things.

The Democrat State Committee unfairness they had been using would no longer serve their purpose. They had a rush called meeting and their expressions were to the effect that their line of attack must be changed and play somewhere near fair with by the constitution and laws of the which were initiated by the people thru the efforts of the Socialist party organization.

They know full well that these laws will be adopted by the same vote re-corded against the literacy test and for once play a fair hand with the

day. Encampments are in full blast, with record breaking attendance Thousands upon thousands are eager to listen and learn for the first time. There will be about 200 of these encampments held during the campaign and they will average fully 1,000 each in attendance.

Make School House Campaign.

The state is full of comrades who are well versed in state matters pertaining to the campaign and are making school house campaigns, explaining in detail the proposed election laws to come to a vote in the general terest in the campaign. election. These comrades are doing work that in the past has been a hard Hughes is the tool of Wall street, he allowed to escape.

The great literature campaign now under way. The first of Benson's series of leaflets are in the mails enroute to the precinct committeemen the state.

These comrades are not trying to once, but are content to carry their precinct for socialism. The question in Oklahoma is not so often "Shall we elect the National ticket," as it is "Is your precinct organized?"

There will be at least five sets of these leaflets coming into the state their politics. Truly in this campaign Oklahoma is afire with enthusiasm and the glad news of victory will be heralded after November 7th.

The legislative halls of the New these leaflets coming into the state that the completed has a superior of the new that the state of the new there will be no one left but the Socialists who dare announce their politics. Truly in this campaign oklahoma is after with enthusiasm and the glad news of victory will be heralded after November 7th.

these leaflets coming into the state from the National office. They will be sent in quantities sufficient in number and a majority in the lower house, take

#### 300,000 Campaign Books.

The State office will send out at show wherein the interests of the pro-ducer and the exploited are not iden-lt was asserted that, notwithducer and the exploited are not iden-

#### A State For Socialism!

T LAST we are on the threshold of a tremendous victory. Our years of labor are beginning to bring results. Oklahoma is ready to swing into the Socialist column. On election day next November the Socialists will elect a majority to the lower house and a third of the upper house of the Oklahoma legislature. The ten presidential electors of Oklahoma will vote for Benson and Kirkpatrick. Six red-card stalwarts of Oklahoma will go to the United States congress. Other state offices will be captured by the Socialist Party. These are not wild predictions. They are based on cold facts and hard figures. There are about 70,000 registered Socialists in the state of Oklahoma. In addition, thousands of Socialists have registered as democrats or republicans in order to hold their jobs and keep from getting thrown off the land by the bankers to whom they owe money. And owing to the political upheaval there are thousands on the fence ready to fall over on our side since the Socialist Party is the winning party in the state. The splendid organization of the Oklahoma Socialist Party is prepared for the tremendous responsibilities. This organization is undoubtedly the most efficient of any of the states. This is not a matter of theory—experience has proved this. The rank and file and the leaders are shrewd and practical Americans. They know their Marx but they also know their local political conditions. They are not hampered by dogmas. They apply the Socialist theory to the needs of their state. That they have found the golden key to success is proved by the uninterrupted growth of the Socialist vote, the red card organization and the Appeal circulation. Altho Oklahoma is not one of the big states in point of population, it leads the Socialist Party in votes and party men pership. For several months the Oklahoma Socialist Party has averaged \$500 a month in dues to the National Office. Its growth has not been of the mushroom variety. It developed steadily from year to year. It is the result of the hardest kind of work. While the Oklahoma movement makes its principal appeal to the tenant and mortgaged farmers of the state, it is not merely an agrarian movement. The working class of the cities are also enlisted under its banner. The farmers and the wage earners are not only interested in the immediate demands of the Socialist Party—they stand unflinchingly for International Socialism. The immediate issues are seized upon not only to interest the voters but also to clear the way for the Cooperatve Commonwealth: A complete victory in Oklahoma means the first effort to expropriate the expropriators—the establishment of Socialism in the United States! REJOICE, COMRADES, WE ARE WINNING!-From the Appeal to Reason.

NOTE .- Do you want to help carry Oklahoma? You can do this by sending in your contribution to our "Win Oklahoma Fund". This fund will be used to send 280,000 of the Benson Campaign Leaflets into Oklahoma each week for five weeks, 1,400,000 in all. Send your contributions to The American Socialist. 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

ty is in the race.

much except by a few politicians. interested and intimated they would Democrats are taking very little ingive the request for an investigation

task to get done. All workers are is not popular with the rank and file loaded with literature and no one is of the Republicans, especially in the Oklahoma Comrades Alive.

who, with their co-workers, are wait- are alive to the situation and are de-

luck to save them. These comrades are not trying to So the revolution goes on and by revolutionize the whole country at November there will be no one left

ber to enable the workers to put one nossession, and block the Democration to the hands of every voter in the Machine in its undemocratic tactics for two years to come.

GOUGING WILL GO ON.

indications are that the Socialist par- charges were laid before them, it is reported that the members of the President Wilson is not talked of trade commission appeared greatly favorable consideration. In substantiation of the charge that

bread is higher here today than in Europe, it was pointed out that the country. Every indication is for a landslide for the working-class party.

Oklahoma Comrades Alive

Oklahoma Comrades Alive people compelled to pay as much as 5 cents for a twelve ounce loaf. In No grass is growing under the feet of the comrades in this state; they London the people now get sixty-four ounces for 15 cents, or more than ing to receive it, horses saddled and rarin' to go; and they will ride their section line with this literature and place it in the hands of every voter in for 3 cents.

> Bread in these cities is made of American flour, which sells there for more than it does in the United

> Paul Schultz of Chicago is head of one of the largest baking institutions in the country. Recently he said a 6 cent loaf of bread is inevitable if the present high price of wheat continues.

> It is declared the Chicago packers are financially interested in his bak ery and really control it. The Chicago packers are steadily increasing the price of meat and naturally they do not want to permit any reduction in the price of bread, for that would

Even the prospect of having a big standing the war, bread can be pur- army is entilling the master class to This is by far the greatest cambriage that chased in Europe today cheaper than hold up the nation. Look at the rxice paign ever waged in Oklahoma. All in the United States. When these of things the people use.

#### Dispel The Ignorance Of The Masses-Meyer London's Plea

By MEYER LONDON.
Socialist Member Of Congress.
T NO time in the history of this country has the political situation been so clear as it is in this campaign. We Socialists have always been saying that so far as the propertyless masses are concerned, the Republican and Democratic parties are identical. While it is true that the Republican party receives more generous support from, and is looked upon as a nearer relative by, the magnates of industry and finance, the Democratic party has not shaken off, and has no apparent intention to shake off, the influence of the very same file and industrial powers.

THERE IS not in the old platform of the Republican party which has not been absorbed and appropriated by the Democrats. The tariff on dyestuffs, the anti-dumping law (which is another name for a stupid tariff law), the tariff commission whose experts will have to manipulate figures according to whether upward or downward revision is required—all three laws enacted by a Democratic administration—eliminated every prestige of distinction between the two parties.

That is why the fight between the two old parties is so dull, so uninteresting. Poor Hughes is trying to clutch at any floating straw. His old issues have been stolen, and he is not the man to raise new issues.

NOW MORE than ever the issue of today and of the days to follow stands out plainly before all thinking men: Are we working toward industrial democracy, toward social democracy, or away from it. Are we working for real peace within this nation, and between this nation and the

That is the issue today. It is up to the Socialists to pound away at it. Nothing short of industrial democracy will satisfy us, and this within our life time. We want every man to have access to the land. We demand the restoration of the natural resources to the people. We demand the nationalization and democratic management of all natural and unnatural monopolies. We refuse to be scared into believing that the country is in danger from external enemies.

There is only one enemy—the ignorance of the masses. To dispel that ignorance is our chief duty.

#### Let The Nation Own The Railroads

By CARL D. THOMPSON. HE PRIVATE ownership of railroads is a failure.

It won't work. The private owners of railroads are forcing up the freight rates and forcforcing up the freight rates and forc-ing up the passenger rates. When the people that work for the roads ask for a shorter work day or a better wage, the owners balk and threat-en to force and break a strike. The owners want more profits. This giant organization of capital threatens to tie up the transportation of the country and paralyze the life

of the nation. This is private ownership.

THE NET earnings of the railoads in 1914, after all fixed and other charges, including taxes, were deducted, were \$697,702,775. That is according to the reports of the railroads themselves as reported by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Clifford Thorne, Chairman of the State Railroad Commission of Iowa, says the net earnings are even greater than that. He shows that they were not far from \$800,000,000 per year.
Eight hundred million dollars!
Look at those figures again. Read
them over and then do some thinking.

And then recall the fact that the very next year after the railroads cleared up that \$800,000,000 they succeeded forcing up freight rates and passenger rates.
And then again recall another fact,

to wit, that just now, in the month of August, 1916, these same railroads are resisting to the last ditch, and almost to the point of forcing a strike that would paralyze the nation, rather than allow a basic eight hour day because it would cost them a few millions of their profits. Such are the results of private ownership.

OTHER people and other nations found these things out long ago. And they abolished private ownership. All the important nations of world now own and operate publicly their railway systems. And public ownership brings no millenium it does solve the railroad problem, to a gratifying degree.

Conditions of labor are better; rates are lower and more satisfactory; the service is improved; travel and trans portation are less dangerous and less murderous the railroads are better inanced; and the general conditions of the countries are more stable and

PUBLIC ownership has solved on is solving the railroad problem all over the world. It will solve it here in the United States.

And it is the only solution. And the only real public ownership party is the Soc alist Party. And the only real public ownership candidates are the Socialist candi-

The election of a candidate to represent Reichenbach, an industrial town in Prussia, near Liegnitz, sulted in an anti-war Socialist, Herr Muller, topping the poll by a large majority. His opponent was supported by all the other parties, and the result of the election is regarded as a sign of the times, as Muller is a strong supporter of the victimized Socialist leader, Karl Liebknecht. The rulers don't like the result, but as they control the machinery of government they will continue to jam down the iron heel wherever they deem it

The proposition to establish a Labor party in Massachusetts was defeated when submitted to a referendum vote of the locals affiliated with the State Federation of Labor. The agitation was the outgrowth of much disappointment met at the hands of the old party politicians in control of the Legislature and hos-tile decisions from the courts, paras a great victory for labor when en-acted. The unionists identified with the Socialist party voted almost solidly against the Labor party proposi-tion, holding that their party is about as thoroly labor as can be formed.





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The State office will send out at least four leaflets dealing with the Fair Election and Fair Registration laws and 300,000 copies of our Oklahoma Campaign Book. This campaign book will consist of 80 pages descriptive of the conditions in Oklahoma and will be full of fire from start to finish. Comrade Sinclair and other comrades have spent many the only solution offered by the food barons are planning compel them to reduce the price of bread, for that would no grocery bill, no fuel or light bill? Would you like an 8-nour day, and compel them to reduce the price of their meat, or people would eat more bread and less meat, especially the poor. The food trust will not permit of acres of land and will acquire many more thousands. Its dairy, gardens, cheaper bread or cheaper meat if it can prevent.

But the people can force cheaper bread or cheaper meat by abolishing offered by the compel them to reduce the price of their meat, or people would eat more bread and less meat, especially the poor. The food trust will not permit to perpetuate their gouging of the their meat, or people would eat more bread and less meat, especially the poor. The food trust will not permit of acres of land and will acquire many more thousands. Its dairy, gardens, cheaper bread or cheaper meat if it can prevent.

But the people can force cheaper bread or cheaper meat by abolishing the food of the conditions in Oklahoma and will be full of fire from the would in the price of bread and the would at more their meat, or people would eat more bread and less meat, especially the poor. The food trust will not permit to people was laid bare in the United their meat, or people would eat more bread and less meat, especially the world. It owns all of its intentions and industries—there are more than 50 of them. It owns that the work the the world. It owns all of its intentions and industries—there are more than 50 of them. It owns that the world in the food is YOUR. But the people can force cheaper bread and cheaper meat by abolishing the profit system and driving the food the profit system and driv start to finish. Comrade Sinclair and to increase the price of pread and cheaper mean by accommand the only solution offered by the profit system and driving the food exploiters out of business. Let us do it now!

COMRADE, monthly magazine, and the LLANO COLUNIST, we was the profit system and driving the food exploiters out of business. Let us do it now!

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#### Labor Neads Spokesmen By LUCIEN SAINT.

(Special Washington Correspondence) handwriting on the wall. They see outcome of the negotiations between danger common to the interests of the railroad brotherhoods, the rail- the capitalists and to those of the road financiers, presidents and man-people—a menace of revolution for agers, and the President of the Uni-the future. They see that to lodge in

Labor needs political representatives in the National Capital.

By industrial action, thru their unions, the workers on the railroads gains. They have forced consideration labor for the investigation of their demands, under the threat causes of unrest, the publication of a strike, by the chief executive of the nation, and during this consideration Woodrow Wilson has paid for Cabinet meetings; he had to lay aside even politics-except such politics as he can get out of the wage and hours controversy. In short, the entire machinery of the Federal government has been halted and checked because of the just demands of less than one two-hundredth of the population of this country.

Voices In Congress Silent. Meanwhile hardly a voice has been lifted in Congress, which is supposed to represent the people of the nation. Senators and Representatives have combined in this conspiracy of silence and do-nothingism. The Interstate for Woodrow on this ground. It is an Commerce Committees of both Houses, which are in the hands of the ered because of it. Gompers, the friends of the railroads, have taken apostle of industrial action and the no action, have not joined in the confuture of industrialism in the United States. The Interstate Commerce Commission, which is supposed to know all about the railroads, has kept perfectly quiet and asleep. None of the so-called "labor group" has open-ed his head or offered a constructive the manifestation of the power of the

in Congress, something would have working for fundamentals. labor will happened. There would have been an be tempted to work for Wilson as its end to secret conferences behind the representative and savior. closed doors of the White House. The facts would have been made known to the public-the fat profits of the railroads, the gallons of water in their securities on which they are at-tempting to earn dividends by the simple process of exploiting labor, the low labor costs to the railroads, With Socialists in Congress, the stalower year by year, while the productivity of the men grows and is reaped into a rich harvest by the truth. They would be forced to shell owners of the transportation systems -these facts would have been blazed out to the world if labor were honestly and adequately represented in

Woodrow Wilson may have secured an adjustment, a compromise which will satisfy both parties temporarily. But no adjustment will be permanent or will make for the establishment of anything but impermanent peace till the railroad labor question is settled correctly. Peace can be patched up-till after election, or till the next time. But election and the next

See Menace Of Revolution.

people alone. They are the views of far-seeing capitalists and representa-At The National Capital tives of the capitalist system in various capacities in Washington. Look ing into the future these men see the WASHINGTON. - Whatever the that the threatened strike presents a ted States, one fact stands out clear- the hands of one man, even tho he be ly even in the murky atmosphere of the President of the United States, Washington. This fact is that: amid free institutions. They see as a result of the use of this power at unions, the workers on the railroads the present time a reaction which in of the United States have made great turn will result in demands from causes of unrest, the publication of the facts, and the devising of a means

for adjustment. little attention to anything else. He had to give up his pleasant week-end trips out of this hot city; he had to postpone the appointment of a composition to settle matters with Mexican dangerously protected. By a chance the President has backed the composition to settle matters with Mexican demand for the composition to settle matters with Mexican demand for the composition of the composit So much for the capitalists. Meanwhile labor, tho silent, is doing some eight hour day. Another President, ime, might have backed the demands of the railroads. Either way it is looked at, it is despotism, tyranny, oligarchy, for labor has no voice in government. There is no upstanding spokesman for labor in the Government.

The peaceful adjustment of the opponent of political action by labor in the campaign, for Gompers is a Democrat, not a Socialist. He will put the soft pedal on all the betrayals tion. Doubtless he will praise Wilson laborers by the means of a strike as With a militant socialist minority they are said to fear God. Instead of

#### Lesson Is Simple One.

labor, as this correspondent views it, is a simple one. Every fact and circumstance points to the absolute nercessity for Socialists in Congress. tisticians of the government departrefute the lies of the carriers, and to long hours, bad working conditions, financing, interlocking directorates, and ownership and control of the transportation industry of the country o secret rebates, high and dishonest try by a small group situated in New York, with occasional widows and orphans to use as bogies for scaring the ignorant public.

Unconsciously, Wilson and

These are not the views of labor it to the nation!

### We Elect The Issue This Year

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK

Socialist Candidate For Vice-President. N THE year 1916 we elect the issue. Let me explain:

In the case of new movements for big fundamental things there is a most important sies is not a power which should exist stage, or phase, too frequently discouraging unreasonably discouraging. That phase we may call the phase of electing the issue. The issue must be elected long before we can hope to elect the candidates of a political party proposing and promoting the new demands.

When the dimensions, vigor and virility of a movement command the respectful attention of tens of millions of the people; and when the personnel, the logic and the momentum of the movement compel politicians and preachers, editors and statesmen, professors and publicists to respect the movement; when from ocean to ocean scores of millions attentively and or the same President at a different respectfully inquire: "What is it?"—and when bitter and potent enemies of the movement are forced to cease from misrepresentationshamed and whipped into acknowledging the dynamic and dignity and worth of the movement—then that movement is clearly in its second phase:-THE ISSUE IS ELECTED. The candidates—none of them or relatively threatened strike by Wilson will be a feather in the political cap of Wilson. Already the Democratic politicians are preparing to collect votes in the political cap of Wilson. Already the Democratic politicians are preparing to collect votes in the candidates—none of them of relatively but few of them—may be elected to public office; but the question, the issue, IS elected—in the public office; but the question, the issue, IS elected—in the public office; but the question, the issue, IS elected—in the public office; but the question, the issue, IS elected—in the public office; but the question, the issue, IS elected—in the public office; but the question, the issue, IS elected—in the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the question is a second of the public office; but the public office is a second of the public of the public office is a second of the public office. mighty triumph. Infinite pains, infinite hard work-infinite sacrifices-are necessary to reach this goal, to reach this phase-TO ELECT THE ISSUE—to force the issue so troversy whose results, whatever as an independent group, stands deep, so high and so far into the public's atthey may be, will affect the entire ready to do what he can for Wilson tention that EVERVRODY'S TATUTAGE tention that EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT IT. EVERYBODY'S COMING TO CONCLUSIONS—OR DECISIONS, GUIDED of labor of the Wilson Administra- BY RELIABLE INFORMATION. \* \* \* \*

BUT this victory is worth all it costs.

The promotion of the movement to the next stage, to the election of the party to the actual control of the power with which to inaugurate and operate the program and policies of the movement—this next phase is far pleasanter, far more interesting—and very much more The lesson of the last week for rapid. The increasing momentum is an inspiration to increasing hundreds of thousands of workers in the movement-and an increasing inspiration to increasing millions to hold up their heads with hope and confidence. The public's new attitude of genuine respect for the 'elected issue", for the issue forced into the out or quit. They would be forced to public mind—this new attitude is profoundly gratifying and a mighty stimulus adding vastly let out the facts about low wages, to the movement's momentum. The era of ignorant guffaw, rotten eggs, "rockpile" and

super-arrogance of eminent egotists in opposi- collections in your meetings and tion die—suddenly evaporated. The leaders, public affairs, get out subscription the high and mighty of the opposition must lists, make donations out of your Published every Saturday by the S the high and mighty of the opposition, must discard their masks and toe the mark-they must discuss the issue, fairly; they promptly Yipsel may not go to jail. become ridiculous if they decline discussion, and if they do discuss the issue they are Young People's Department, 803 W. and if they do discuss the issue they are Madison St., Chicago, Ill. promptly made ridiculous by their demonstrated ignorance and impotence against a movement that cuts with the blade of logic and bom-

ment that cuts with the blade of logic and bombards with the artillery of facts.

Thus it has been—and will be—with the Socialist movement. For 40 years—slowly at first, rapidly recently—the Socialist movement in the United States has been increasing its power to command attention and compel respect—till, in 1912, with almost a million votes counted and admitted, and with more there, and a good collection of books hesides. than a million votes actually cast—with a million and a quarter or a million and a half but for the Progressive Party in the field, financed by a plute, headed by a political pirate, loaded with specious promises and glittering pretensions, we almost elected the issue in 1912.

The Yipsels of Toledo, O., and Detroit, Mich., (66 miles apart) recently held a joint while the second part gives the position of the various Socialist parties or some vital questions among which are make a clean sweep. But then, he was the one who sent in the report. Toledo won the bell game, 12—11, and carried off both taugs-of-war. Swimming in the lake, big eats, and fine speakers comprised the rest of the program.

BUT THIS year is our year.

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BUT THIS year is our year.

This year we elect the issue.

This year the propaganda will reach many millions more than before; this year we winder our way into the public mind, to the extent that Socialism is hereafter to be a dominant interest of the corner to them.

A crowd of Yipsels from Milwaukee are expected to accompany their Mayor on his speaking trip to the Chicaço Campaign Pichic, Sept. 3rd, and they will meet the crack Harvey Y. P. S. L. bareball team on that out it. In the short time since the writer came in possession of this valuable volume he had four distinct occasions to refer to the book and to occasions to refer to the book and to ant issue, admitted by everybody, to be studied by everybody—and accepted by rapidly increasing millions.

The million votes of 1912 will help mightily to secure two millions in 1916; two millions this year will elect the issue-completelycompletely force universal discussion, universal study—and will help win 4,000,000 in 1920.

Electing the issue is the acquiring of

Electing the issue is the acquiring of IRRESISTIBLE MOMENTUM.

On with the fight! Two million in November! will be a political earthquake and volcano combined—forcing attention, forcing respect—and forcing the multitude to lift up their heads and believe in victory—and will mightily urge millions to hold up their heads in confidence and determination.

The pie-counter statesmen have trooped back to the fleshpots of the old parties—and will not this year secure the respectful attention of a multitude who will now examine our message.

TWO MILLION votes will force the word Socialism to the lips of scores of millions.

The candidate, this year, is a movement seeking a dignified place in the public brain, and not an individual seeking an office.

This year we elect the issue.

TOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

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#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

Organization - Education - Solidarity. WILLIAM V. KRUSE . . . Darecter

## HELP WANTED!

In the recent Westinghouse strike THE PULLMAN CO., which is universally credited with resorting to more hypocritical methods to preserve an air of respectability in its profit-mengering career, has now introduced a "profit-mengering career, has no

> No crime could be proven against the boy. The only charge was that he Synod, where a resolution was adopt- and wounded thirty more. With seven

forbidden all clergy to go into the the same position, why were they not hundred years if they don't starve to death in the meanwhile in accumulating stock.

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AT SPOKANE, Wash, the Inland

Empire Employer's Association which is a few than the clergy were to be called upon to fight he to organize the plant. Here then was would oppose such an idea with all their victime lebeur ranks and making his own selections jailed? The answer is easy; Blum was one of the three workers who were to go as chaplains. One of the three workers who were to go as chaplains. Finally, the Archbishop declared, if conscription meant that the clergy to go into the same position, why were they not jailed? The answer is easy; Blum was one of the three workers who were to go as chaplains. Finally, the Archbishop declared, if conscription meant that the clergy to suspect their part in the efforts to organize the plant. Here then was their victime lebeur ranks and making his own selections one of the same position, why were they not jailed? The answer is easy; Blum was one of the three workers who were to go as chaplains. AT SPOKANE, Wash, the Inland Empire Employer's Association, which has frequently strongly opposed the boycott on the part of labor unions, only 20 years old! If the Y. P. S. L. will produce many more of this sort CHARLES H. MOYER has been re- the master class may well tremble

membership of the Y. P. S. L. has Here is a quotation from one of his letters to

needed badly, and all members of the Socialist Party and of the Young Socialist Party and of the Young People's Socialist League should do People's Socialist League should do their best to raise them. Take up United States. treasury, but whatever you do,

Y. P. S. L. IN BIG DOINGS.

Leagues in various parts of the country have found that without some sort of a per-

Watertown, N. Y. Yipsels are strong on the propaganda stuff. They are undertaking pilgrimages into the neighboring towns and hemlets and are giving free public programs and speeches in the Village halls. They are conducting an excursion to Ontari Falls and will visit their fellow Yipsels at Rochester. This is also a journey of 122 miles.

HEAPING UP PERSECUTION. The militarists of Germany are bent on heaping higher their persecu-tion of Karl Liebknecht, the uncompromising foe of Kaiserism. Late reports say that the result of Liebknecht's appeal against his sentence for war treason has been the imposition of a new and severer sentence of | four years and one month print | vitude and expulsion from the army. four years and one month penal ser-

rights for six years. The court announced that as the This article is an appeal, an appeal month of his sentence he has the prijudgment. The original sentence was 30 months' imprisonment and dismis-

#### In The Book-World

By MAX SHEROVER.

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official declarations of various socialist bodies. It is in fact a library of original sources on Socialism and Socialist tactics.

A scholarly survey of the growth and influence of the Socialist movement in Europe and in America is ployment, high cost of living, agri-culture, land, the drink problem,

Buffalo, N. Y. Yipsels are figuring on a 200 rile lake trip to visit their Cleveland, Ohio, comrades. The hard-working State Sec'y of the N. Y. Federation, Earnest C. Bautz, is after full information and promises that it is going to be some trip. Labor Day is the time set.

The book not only makes highly interesting reading in these days of differences of opinions on party tactics, but is also invaluable to him who wants the facts and wants them

Het Volk, the Socialist daily of Amsterdam, Holland, learns from a reliable source that the German Socialist leader, Franz Mehring, former chief editor of the Leipziger Volkszeitung, has been arrested. The arrest of Dr. Meyer, editor of the Vor-

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#### By Max S. Hayes. railroads are teaching the nation the time is coming, and when it comes, will labor be represented in Congress so that it can officially take its part in any settlement of such tremendous in any settlement of such tremendous in any settlement of such tremendous is a special to such the shellition of the wege system.

reasons for the abolition of the wage system, railroad workers and the railroad employes face to face in battle array industrial democracy.

The government ownership, eight-nour demands the Carranza known washington newspaper correspondent, has investigated the subspace for the shorter working day, and for hour day for all Mexican railway ject of strikebreaking and finds that workers And the railways in that Big Biz is having more difficulty in The nation must profit by this lesson, and only the Socialists can teach it to the nation!

workers And the railways in that poor, undeveloped country don't begin to clean up the enormous profits that are grabbed in the United States by the steel westerning and finds that a Big Biz is having more difficulty in securing scabs and thugs than at any securing scabs and thugs than at

things right-for the big thieves.

IN THE WORLD OF LAPOR.

troduced a "profitsharing" system in proft. order to ward off well-earned criticism to which it has been subjected Pullman porters and even conductors are compelled to depend upon the charity of the public in order to piece out their wages and live. The Pullman Co. has set aside 5,000 shares of stock, which employers may purchase at \$155 per share (the maket price being about \$165) by paying for them at the rate of \$4 per month. ered into the plute class in a few

has come out openly threatening to use this means itself. It proposes to use it against the Spokane Chamber CHARLES H. MOYER

dustry is affected from the most skilled mechanics down to women which latter position Moyer was also the outcome of the whole thing would be. \* \* \* Unless we can raise enough and children exploited in scab tobacco and cigar factories. There are about a dozen injunctions in effect and the Association appears to dominate the Federation and he turns all money courage, or whether we will do our city officials completely and half a over to the Strike Committee.

dozen private "detective" agencies are living in clover by furnishing thugs of every description to break strikes and assault honest workers without let or hindrance. Meanwhile the capitalistic politicians are out posing as "workingman's friends"

by the stock-watering denizens of dustrial activity has attracted the more honest and conscientious among eight-hour day to the thousands of the strikebreakers to performing the strikebreakers are present inrailway workers in Mexico is an additional reason why there should be intervention, as the de facto government is clearly incompetent to manage internal affairs. Only the Special Interests know how to run Europe in quest of excitement. The result is that gunmen's wages have advanced. Where they formerly re-

THE AUSTRALIAN labor papers since the United States Commission display considerable amusement at had been in the neighborhood of the on Industrial Relations showed that the action taken in the recent naplace where the hired gun-men of the Pullman porters and even conductors tional conference of the Anglican capitalists murdered three strikers ed favoring a conscription law. Arch-bishop Donaldson is quoted as declaring, in one of the principal addresse on the subject, that they were had an additional six months served to not expectation of the principal additional six months served to a police captain after the affair he had an additional six months served to not expectation of scientific Socialism. The book is thoroly authentic and dependent of the property of the property of the served of the property of the pr prepared to put everything-wealth, up to him. being about \$165) by paying for them at the rate of \$4 per month. This scheme will enable the aforesaid employes to wax fat and be duly ushered into the plute class in formidden all clarge to constitute of hards a class in the service and lives at the disposal. No one imagings for one minute that this crazy charge is what the master cases has against the Yipger. Hundreds of others were in exactly

pery is not sanctified and made holy. years, retired voluntarily and is suc-THE DETROIT Labor News reports that there are no less than 41 strikes pending in that city at the strike began? Do you recall that Y. P. S. L. National Lecture Tour), a few days after the strike began? Do you recall that Y. P. S. L. National Lecture Tour), a few days after the strike began? Do you recall that Y. P. S. L. National Lecture Tour), a few days after the strike began? Do you recall that Y. P. S. L. National Lecture Tour), a few days after the strike began? Do you recall that Y. P. S. L. well, and the one about the 8 hours? Who Every branch of in- non as delegate the A. F. of L., for would have thought at that time what

a dozen injunctions in effect and the police seem to have completely lost

Several locals have sent in contribution behind prison bars. their heads. Union officials and butions to aid the Minnesota striking "Just imagine, Kruse, how generous pickets are arrested and bundled off to jail and strikers are clubbed, including women and children, in a manner that would create envy in the breasts of the most hardened the breasts of the breasts of the most hardened the breasts of the brea Russian Cossacks. The Employers' the district secretary for the Finnish to be sacrificed as a reward for his

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## Y. P. S. L. AND PARTY LOCALS! Liebknecht is deprived of his civil

to the Yipsels of all the country to vilege of an appeal from the present help one of their number who has judgment. The original sentence was been victimized by the Master Class for his loyal action on behalf of the sal from the army.

in the Pittsburgh district, Robert Blum, County Secretary of the Socialist Party, and a prominent member of the North Side (Pittsburgh) Y. P. S. L., took a prominent part. Blum is only twenty years ald cause.

of Commerce if that body does not have its trustees adopt a resolution to fight to maintain the open shop issue. The members of the Employ to fight to maintain the open shop issue. The members of the Employers' Association are also members of the C. of C. and announce they will withdraw from the latter body and withdraw from the latter body and withdraw from the latter body and with the control of the ceiving substantial majorities. A membership of the Y. P. anything to do about it. anything to do about it. Charles E. Mahoney, this office. withhold \$28,000 a year if open shop- who was vice-president for many years, retired voluntarily and is succeeded by J. H. Rankin, of Anaconda. Y. P. S. L. National Lecture Tour),

To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialist Leagues.

"Do you remember that ride on the

little bit to help him out. Funds are

By RYAN WALKER.

#### Do You Want Debs In Congress?

By MAYNARD SHIPLEY. Associate Campaign Manager. Fifth Indiana Congressional District.

The most frequent question put to me on my journey to Terre Haute was this: "What do you think of Comrade Debs' chances of going to Congress?" There were very few instances in which this question was not put as soon as formal greetings had been exchanged. Always the inquirer asked me to convey to Comrade Debs his or her kindest regards and best wishes. "Tell 'Gene we're with him!" Many volunteered the information that their Local was going nake a donation to the Debs camwargn fund. Comrade Wilson tells me that a number of these promises have been fulfilled.

In answer to the question, "Will Debs win?" I answered then, and I answered then, and answer now, after being four days in Terre Haute, Debs can win only if sufficient funds are forthcoming wherewith to carry on a thoro-going educational campaign. Debs' personal popularity in Terre Haute, his home town, will not insure Debs votes in certain large rural districts where the principles and platform of the Socialist Party are not even hazily comprehended.

This is the BIG FACT that I wish to bring home to the comrades who may read these lines: The lovable personality of Comrade Debs, his long and loyal devotion to the cause of the oppressed, his eloquent tongue and pen, his astonishing power and endurance as a campaigner, not all of these mighty factors combined are adequate to insure the election of "Our Gene" to Congress. To these elements that make for success we in your hands. We here, in Terre must add a persistent and systematic educational campaign, both by voice and by distribution of effective literature. This is well. It is better so. To these of us who look upon this effort. those of us who look upon this effort for to send Debs to Congress from this upon YOU! district as an opportunity to effect a real and permanent advance of Socialism, the terms of victory are entirely satisfactory. We would be content with no cheap and misleading victory, followed later by the in-evitable reaction. If we are in earnest, if we are really desirous of seeing Comrade Debs elected, let us see to it that the votes that are to send him there are Socialist VOTES — votes cast for Socialism, as well as for

Do I think that Comrade Debs will be elected to Congress?

Were I to take the sentiment prevailing here in Terre Haute for a guide, I should unhesitatingly answer, "Yes, I know he'll be elected."

But I can't. Let us not deceive ourselves. Rather let us, as co-workers in a great historical, evolutionary move-ment, look squarely at the bald facts ir the case Debs will be elected. IF—

Need Big Vote Increase.

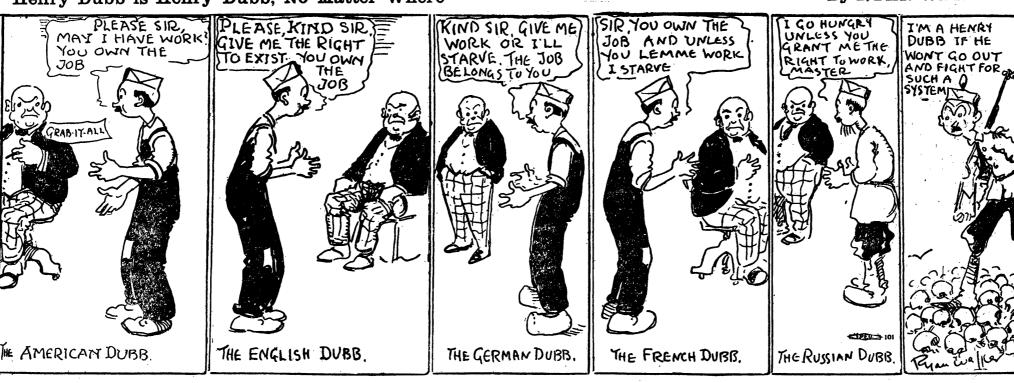
The Socialists of the United States vill supply sufficient funds to raise the normal Socialist vote of the Fifth Congressional District of diana from about 4000,—as cast for the Socialist candidate in 1912,—to from 16,000 to 20,000 (necessary to Debs election) in 1916.

Speakers now working in the a population eager to hear the Socialist philosophy and economics discussed. Everywhere they go, our organizers meet with large and attentive audiences. But there are so many places to go! And the visits, speeches and distributions of leaflets must be followed up, time and again, before real Socialists can be made in great numbers.

paign conducted by the jingo press of the land, a few more than usual joined the army. But immediately this campaign diminished in volume the recruiting dropped to such an extent that the government officials have decided to hide the results from the public. Did militarism ever confess a greater failure?

the Socialists thruout this nation is to roll up such a big vote for Sorealize the magnitude of the task becard us, they will supply the funds will be scared almost to death and

#### Henry Dubb is Henry Dubb, No Matter Where



TE AMERICAN SOCIALIST, SEPTEMBER 2, 1916.

educational work before us.

The work has got to be done some

time, anyhow. Why not concentrate NOW on this district—six big counties—and at the same time send our tried and true Gene to Congress?

Will Debs win? Success Depends On You.

YOU, comrade reader, hold the success or failure of this campaign

The success or failure of the "Debs or Congress" campaign depends

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HOW DIFFERENT! Have you forgotten how the jingo press recently devoted pages and pages of space in an effort to help the militarists recruit would-be soldiers for the army? No, you have not

forgotten! Well, have you read anywhere in these same papers anything concerning the results of this stupendous recruiting campaign? No, you have not, not unless you read all the little items stuck away down at the bottom of the page or among the huge

How differently they handle the

But here is a little item that appeared in that arch-jingo sheet, The Chicago Tribune, that is worth

"Washington, D. C., Aug. 17. (Special)—The recruiting section of the adjutant general's office no longer issues weekly reports on the success of the efforts to add to the army personnel. When Mexican action was likely recruting bounded upward, but cruting bounded upward, but when it became unlikely once more recruiting began to dimin-

Another way of stating that last Speakers now working in the district report splendid meetings and paragraph is to say that under the pressure of the great publicity camparating and properties of the great publicity camparating a paign conducted by the jingo press of

a greater failure?
The next step of course is to en Yes, I sincerely believe that Comrade Debs will be elected to Congress on Nov. 7th, 1916!

The next step of course is service—to drive men into the army and navy against their desire. The best way to Because I believe that as soon as head off this diabolical militarist plot necessary to carrying on the great forget their schemes altogether.

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#### Here's The Second Of The Ten Benson Leaflets

# Europe's Curse Upon Us!

By ALLAN L. BENSON. Socialist Candidate For President.

UROPE'S curse—militarism—has fallen Lupon the United States. Do not take my word for this statement—read the official figures on the second page of this leaflet.

The Wilson administration has just jammed thru Congress the greatest military appropriations that were ever made by any nation in time of peace.

Study the official figures in the table at the bottom of the next page. They represent the military appropriations made by the nations now at war for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1914.

COMPARE these figures with the American appropriations for next year.

Bear in mind that our appropriations were made by gentlemen who declare they are steadfastly opposed to militarism.

Bear in mind that these gentlemen-like most Americans-believe German militarism played a considerable part in bringing about the present war.

Take note of the fact that when the present belligerents were pulling themselves together for war, none of them, during the last year of peace, made military appropriations that in size could compare with the Wilson appropriations.

CONSIDER the fact that Mr. Hughes and his party criticise the Wilson military appropriations only because they are not lar-

Ask yourself what is the significance of the fact that our military appropriations have become so stupendous that, beside them, the German appropriations look small.

IF YOU value your life and the lives of the members of your family, do not shrink from these facts. It is better to think than to be shot. Europe is at war because, in time of peace, it neglected to face facts and deal

Make up your mind to this: Militarism is a great evil or it is not. If it is not a great evil, we should go down upon our knees and beg the Kaiser's pardon for what we have said about him and his militarism.

IF WE STILL REGARD MILITARISM AS A GREAT EVIL, WE SHOULD DENOUNCE IT AS MUCH IN THE UNITED STATES AS WE HAVE DENOUNCED IT IN GERMANY.

We should not tolerate here what we believe has brought disaster abroad.

Nor should we accept the statements of our great capitalists and great statesmen that militarism is not here.

DID not the great capitalists and great statesmen of Germany always deny that militarism was there?

Must we wait until confessions come from the interests that are back of our militar-

Why should we expect them to confess? The German militarists never confessed. If we who live in this country value our lives, we must face the facts of our militar-

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ism and deal with them intelligently-AT ONCE.

REGARDLESS of what President Wilson says, what we have here now is the greatest militarism that the world, in time of peace, ever saw.

The American people are not militaristically inclined, any more than the people of Germany were militaristically inclined.

The people, everywhere, are for peace. But great capitalists everywhere are in search of foreign trade. Our great capitalists have, as a result of the European war, picked up the bulk of Europe's foreign trade.

Our great capitalists know that, the war ended, Europe will try to recover her trade. Our Rockefellers and Morgans do not intend to give it back. That is why they want a tremendous navy.

THEY want an enormous army to keep the poverty-stricken workers of the United States from attacking strike-breakers. You may have noticed the other day that 25,000 militiamen intended for the Mexican border were to be kept at home lest a great railway strike should break out.

Our capitalists expect to have much use for soldiers after the European war ends. They expect to pay wages so low that workers will be goaded into strikes. Why do they expect to pay low wages? Because they know that poverty-stricken Europe will all but compete them off their feet to get back her foreign trade. They expect Europe to offer the world cheap goods. Our capitalists also intend to offer cheap goods. Our capitalists will get their profit from foreign trade, but American workers will get only wages that will afford the poorest living that they can be compelled to accept.

Do you want foreign trade in order that you may work more at bare-living wages?

Do you want to be taxed for military purposes as foreigners who have fled here were never taxed at home in time of peace?

We cannot whip all of Europe, yet all of Europe will combine against us, if necessary, to get back its trade. And our great capitalists will, if necessary, plunge us into war to hold their trade.

A TREMENDOUS Socialist vote this fall will be a warning to our capitalists to stop! Every other party is in favor of the Wilson military program or something worse.

WE BEG YOU TO HELP US TO SAVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM THOSE WHO, FOR MERE GAIN, WOULD AFFLICT IT WITH WAR.

Total

#### Army and Navy Appropriations Of The Chief Belligerent Nations For The Year Preceding The War. Navy

Army

Great Britain	. \$224,300,000	<b>\$237,530,459</b>	\$461,830,459
Germany	. 183,090,000	112,091,125	293,181,125
France	. 191.431.580	90,164,625	
Russia	317 800 000	117,508,657	281,596,205
Austro-Hungary	82 200 000		435,308,657
Italy	99 099 000	42,000,000	124,300,000
Italy	. 64,848,000	49,550,147	132,478,147
Japan	49,000,000	48,105,152	97,105,152
THE WILSON MI	ILITARY APPROP	RIATIONS FOR	1917
United States	\$349,092,123*	\$313,384,389	\$662,476,512
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#### Single Taxers Hear Socialist

By MAX S. HAYES.

and transacted a large amount of routine business in its three days' session. It should be stated at the They have Troubles, Too. outset that the Fels Fund Commission is an incorporated body of seven members, that it meets once a year and delegates from other Single Tax much the same troubles as the Sobodies are invited to attend these sessions and participate in the proceedings, but the latter legally may act only in an advisory capacity—that the Fels Fund Commissioners are in no way hound to observe the mandate. no way bound to observe the mandate papers had a familiar sound but no of a majority of the conference un-

The high spot in the Niagara Falls that friends and sympathizers would gathering was the decision arrived at by the Fels Fund Commission to reorganize as an international body to the robbe efforts to bring victory to carry on its propaganda in other countries besides the United States. As a whole t For that reason a committee was ap-pointed to take a survey of national group of men and women, and the affairs and report to a general convention next year such recommendations as may seem advisable. The 1917 gathering will then man and the page of their and women, and the page of their and the page 1917 gathering will then map out the future policy of the Single Tax movement in this country and decide whether the present manner of conducting the adverticed of the Socialist movement than during the adverticed of the Socialist movement than the socialist movement than the social state of the Social st ducting the educational and propa-ganda work shall be continued in a our Tax friends were hopeful of ganda work shall be continued in a non-partisan way, or whether it shall be supplemented by establishing a distinct political party, and enrolled membership and other machinery similar to that controlled by the Socialist party.

There was a strong undercurrent manifested favoring the formation of a political party to battle for power called non-partisan political policy

a political party to battle for power in Nation, State and municipality independent of parties now in the field. Single Taxers will get nowhere, ex-In this connection it may be observed cept perhaps secure recognition that, while numerous individual and there for some member in Single Taxers hold elective and ap- election or appointment to public ofpointive positions from Senators to poundkeepers, a strong and enthusmust come first and single tax last. iastic minority is dissatisfied with The Taxers appear to be still imbued that policy, claiming that the confusion that ensues tends to devitalize with that anarchistic taint or buga-fusion that ensues tends to devitalize boo that finds expression in the dread of centralization and discipline, away or confiscate the rental value of land.

The laxers appear to be stiff into determined to be stiff into determin

in Pennsylvania, and they claim that men and women of their faith in New Jersey, Delaware and other Eastern ist clubs were raided by the police, States as well as on the Pacific Coast according to an Exchange Telegraph are rapidly coming to their way of company dispatch from Geneva. Many

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vocates, and the S. P. was frequently referred to in a complimentary manner by delegates on the floor and in the discussions that were had in the lobby. The supposed "intolerant" spirit of the S. P. appears to be becoming better understood, which was also indicated in the close attention and responsive manner in which the address of your delegate was received, especially my reference to the fact that the old political parties no longer battle over fundamental principles and seem wholly concerned in killing off radical movements that may promise some temporary relief to oppressed sections of the people; that the Socialist party believes that if a principle is worth harboring it is worth fighting for rather than living on the ridiculous hope that the conservative and reactionary machines can be chloroformed into adopting and defending radical ideas worth while; and that the Single Taxers need expect no concessions to speak of from the old parties. as their 30 years' struggle abundantly testifies. while the Socialist movement is sympathetically and historically committed to the so-called single tax. the very first fighting plank in the Communist Manifesto reading: "Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public pur-

Numerous resolutions were introduced dealing with the European war. the Mexican situation, militarism, strikes, etc.; but substantially all were "omnibused" in a substitute for the whole reported by the resolutions NOTE.—When an invitation was received by the National Socialist Party to send a representative to the National Joseph Fels Fund Commission Conference, at Niagara Falls, the national executive committee selective d. Max S. Hayes, of Cleveland, Ohio, editor of The Cleveland Citizen, to attend the conference and present the position of the Socialist Party. Comrade Hayes met with a cordial reception from the single taxers and reports on the conference as follows:

By MAX S. HAYES The National Joseph Fels Fund Commission Conference was attended by about 250 delegates and visitors Pennsylvania members who are strikpaying old age pensions, etc.. were

> They Have Troubles, Too. It was interesting to note, too, that other solution of that little financial problem was suggested than the hope

As a whole the Single Taxers are

Some Want New Party.

Those who oppose the old policy have already begun organizing a new a reality rather than a catchphrase a reality rather than a catchphrase and which, thru the initiative, referparty, candidates having been nom-inated for Congress and other offices of every individual.

The premises of all Berlin Socialhinking.

It is also true that the Socialist state, and it is reported that large party policy is regarded with a quantities of peace manifestoes and friendly eye by the political party ad-

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