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# Labor Needs More Socialists In Congress To Battle Capitalists Seeking Revenge For Passage Of The Eight-Hour Law For The Railroad Workers statute which provides for the mediation,

capital is planning to take for the passage of the eight hour railroad law. It makes no difference that Wilson's action was taken for political reasons or because he saw no other labor legislation which will be introduced in the future will have a harder row than ever to hoe.

#### WASTED THREE YEARS.

NOT AN item of labor legislation has been enacted by the 64th Congress except under the lash of the President's whip, and the President—the Hon. Woody Wilson—did not raise his whip till he was renominated and | that there will be any labor legislation what-

these thru, but he failed to act.

that Congress does not enact labor legis- | which the capitalists of Canada have used | ASHINGTON.—Labor needs men in lation till it is forced to do so. The reason to prevent strikes and keep wages low and congress to offset the revenge which is simple and has often been stated: labor is hours high. Committed thus to favor Amernot represented in Congress except by a lone Socialist and by a few hack union men whose prime political affiliations are not with labor but with one or the other of the old parties. way to avert a strike—capital is bound that | Being unable to serve two masters whose it shall not occur again, and every item of | interests conflict, these gentlemen serve the more powerful of the two-leaving labor in the lurch.

### SEES WAR ON LABOR.

WHOEVER controls the next Administration-Wilson or Hughes-will control Congress and will dictate the labor legislation issuing therefrom. With Wilson's labor record as with Hughes, there is no assurance ready to begin his campaign. Then he ever, and there is every reason to believe rammed thru the child labor bill, the work- that there will be bad labor legislation. Wilmen's compensation bill, and the railroad son has virtually promised the railroads that. eight hour bill. He had three years to get if elected, he will put thru some bills which will provide for compulsory arbitration after This is significant because it shows first, the fashion of the "Lemon" act of Canada.

ican railroad capitalists, there is nothing more to hope from Woodrow.

No labor man ever expected anything from Hughes, the Bourbon reactionary and friend and nominee of Big Business.

#### \* \* \* \* SOCIALISTS NEEDED.

IT WILL all be up to Congress, and Congress will all be in the hands of the bi-partisan Hughes-Wilson alliance unless labor comes across and elects its own men to the national legislature. What labor has got from the last Congress it, won because of the exigencies of politics, not because it was right and just. There is greater need now, than ever before, of a strong Socialist group in Congress.

WILSON'S LABOR RECORD Against the right to strike:

"An amendment of the existing Federal

conciliation and arbitration of such controversies as the present, by adding to it a provision that in case the methods of accomodation now provided for should fail, a full public investigation of the merits of every such dispute shall be instituted and completed before a strike or lockout may lawfully be attempted."

#### For Conscription of Labor:

"The lodgement in the hands of the executive of the power, in case of military necessity, to take control of such portions and such rolling stock of the railways of the country as may be required for military use and to operate them for military purposes, with authority to draft into the military service of the United States such train crews and administrative officials as the circumstances require for their safe conduct and efficient

For Compulsory Arbitration:

"We should make all arbitral awards FALL FOR WILSON?

who is using his power to prevent funds being raised to carry the case

of the strikers to the Superior Court

In this city anybody can get per-mission to hold a tag day for any-

thing-that is for anything or any

institution that is used to keep the worker contented.

friend of labor before election, who

whose tool he is, that the workers will stick together in spite of him,

MILITARISM ESTABLISHED.

this case to the highest courts.

From The Public (Chicago)

could be no greater menace.

the border.

house strikers on Labor Day.

Trades Council of this city

the mayor, Joe Armstrong

judgments by record of a court of law in order that their interpretation and enforcement may lie not with one of the parties to the arbitration but with an impartial and authoritative tribunal."

"These things I urge upon you, not in haste or merely as a means of meeting a present emergency, but as permanent and necessary additions to the law of the land. We need them now and we shall continue to need them."

-From the message of Woodrow Wilson to Congress, August 29, 1916.

SHALL LABOR SUPPORT WILSON BE-CAUSE, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, HE SECURED AN EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR RAILROAD WORKERS? WHAT ABOUT THE SCHEMES FOR EVENTUAL CAP-ITALISTIC CONTROL OF AND DOMINA-TION OVER LABOR ALSO ADVOCATED BY WILSON?

SHALL LABOR, IN OTHER WORDS,

### Seize The Railroads And Run Them For The Nation

congress, entered into the debate on the railroad eight-hour bill before the house of representatives finished its consideration of the measure last I riday. As usual the capitalist news agencies studiously avoided sending out any of this speech altho the antilabor congressmen were quoted at great length. London urged the passage of the pill and declared that the only substitute for it would be a bill authorizing the president to seize the roads and run them for the benefit of the people. London chided the Congressmen but it is always for the other man.

for their short-sightedness in closing their eyes year after year to the never-ending industrial conflict, awaking only in the face of a great national strike.

London delivered an impressive

warning against compulsory arbitra-the markets of the world. tion of industrial disputes. In full, his speech follows:

one can only give expression to one's faith and not advance an argument on a proposition of this kind. There can only be one substitute motion offered, and that is to authorize the President of the United States to seize the railroads and run them nothing of the sort, I am sure.

"If we legislate in a panic now, it is because most of us have for years refused to recognize the existence of the irrepressible industrial conflict. Every voice has been heretofore heard in Congress, except the voice of the great working masses. It is the first time that we have the visible government assert itself. It is the first time that the working people, in a rather vulgar way, say 'We are here; we are going to strike: we are going to exercise our right to promote and improve our condition.

"They do not ask you for legis-lation; they announce they will exer-cise their inalienable right, and you are at a loss; you do not know what to do. You have been talking protection and free trade, you have been talking of all sorts of things, except industrial problems, and most of you do not know how to go about this thing at all. Some have even gone to the extent of blaming the President of the United States because he considered it his sacred duty as trustee of the welfare of this country to offer a remedy for this situation. (Applause on the Democratic side.) Why be partisan in an emergency of this kind? The railroads are not in a position to denounce the action of the chief executive. It is they that have denied his offer; it is they that have refused to listen to his voice of counsel. It is the railroads that have refused to recognize the economic and ethical principle of the eight-hour day. They are not in a position to criticize, and, please, gentlemen, do not you dare talk about compulsory arbitration, and let no one of you

Compusiory Arbitration Indefensible. give place to other fools. "Compulsory arbitration is as indefensible and impossible as compulsory marriage. Only a short while ago in Sweden the workers organized a na- Yet it presents the only way to pretion-wide strike against a compulsory pare against war, namely, by doing arbitration act, and, as I understand away with the capitalist system of it, they called off the strike only after robbery. the promise of the government had been given that the law would be repealed as soon as the military neces- New Zealand Wants To sity would be over.

pulsory arbitration.

"Let us vote for this measure because it offers a remedy for a very serious and critical stiuation." (Ap-

London asked to extend his remarks by adding to them a bill introduced by former Congressman Victor L. Berger, dealing with the program of nationalizing the railroads.

of arbitration so long as they can Walker for a date during this camcontrol the arbitrators.

that stands against preparedness and cialist Party, for a policy that will prevent war. Chicago, Ill.

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The world is too lazy to consider ideas, so it suffers poverty instead.

A corporation may not have a soul Meyer London, the lone Socialist in but it doesn't lack for nerve. If you don't vote for it you don't

The mystery is where Hughes gets all his mud in the midst of a drouth.

Somebody defines law as an unequal distribution of injustice. It is often easier to die for one's

country than to try to live in it. They who have never tried it may talk about the blessings of poverty,

Preparedness is not for peace but that the munition makers may get a

The beginning of peace will date from the demise of competition for

Americanism seems to be a desire Speech In Full. that the other fellow go to war in order to let the patriot enjoy life at

> Dr. Cook must have great confidence in himself to think he can get in the papers with his lies when all the spellbinders are abroad.

> Political economy according to the politician consists in having parties among whom to divide spoils of office.

> When a man has struggled thru a quarter of a century of poverty he is generally so fagged out he is unable to even think how to get away from

> If Hughes is the same kind as Judge Parker and Judge Taft, the American people will surely vote for Benson. Funston is on the ground and says

> the troops ought to be removed from Mexico. It is a shame and scandal that they remain there A few years ago we made a howl against the imprisonment of Mexican

efugees in America. Yet we permit

Quinlan, an American, to be imprison-

ed here when he is entirely innocent The issue between the old parties seems to be, Shall the Democrats issue bonds for the support of pre-

paredness, or shall the Republicans

It seems they cannot even have a war game without the censor being

When it is definitely decided that the American people will not stand

for the conquest of Mexico doubtless be admitted that Villa has been dead for a good many months.

Anyhow, ninety-nine out of every imagine that the working people of hundred of the patriots who were the United States will stand for com-sent to the border have got all they want of it. They are ready now to

> There is no declaration for preparedness in the Socialist platform.

# Hear And See "Henry"

Ryan Walker, the creator of Henry Dubb, has just been invited by the Socialist Party of New Zealand to come over and give them a series of lectures on "The Adventures of Henry Dubb". This trip will also include Australia. The only other American speaker invited is Eugene V. Debs. Thus the fame of Henry Dubb travels The railroad presidents are in favor over the seas. If you want Ryan paign, before he crosses the Pacific, you will have to hurry. For terms The Socialist party is the only one write or wire: Speakers' Bureau, So-lat stands against preparedness and cialist Party, 803 W. Madison St.,

# Here's The Third Of The Ten Benson Leaflets

By ALLAN L. BENSON. Socialist Candidate For President.

O YOU know that compulsory military Service is already the law in the state of New York?

Do you know that the military training of school children is also the law in the state of

Do you know that those laws were enacted without warning during the last hours of the legislative session last spring?

Do you know that Congress passed and the President, on June 3, 1916, signed a bill under the terms of which the President, in the event of trouble, has the power, without further legislation, to draft citizens into the

IF YOU do not know these things, let me tell you that they are facts. I am a citizen of the state of New York and when school begins this fall, my children, like all others in the state of New York, will have militarism thrust upon them. I know whereof I

The New York military laws are a menace to every resident of the United States. They are signs of the times. When they were enacted last spring, it was evidently the intention of the great capitalists who rule this country to introduce compulsory service into the nation a little at a time thru the states.

Before they had gone far, they became bolder. The Hay-Chamberlain Army reorganization bill was pending in Congress. The bill, as it passed both houses provided that whenever the Federalized National Guard should be called into service, the President should have the power to "call" enough citizens to recruit a reserve battalion for every battalion sent away.

This bill, like a good many others, was finally submitted to a conference committee representing the two houses of Congress.

The conference committee changed the word "CALL" to "DRAFT". The President was given power to DRAFT enough citizens to recruit new battalions.

DOZENS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO VOTED TO MAKE THE BILL A LAW SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW THE CHANGE HAD BEEN MADE.

BUT THE change was made. It was made by seven men. Or, at any rate, SEVEN men constituted the committee in which the change was made. These seven men are Senators Chamberlain of Oregon, Beckham of Kentucky, Broussard of Louisiana, Du Pont of Delaware, and Representatives Hay of Virginia, Dent of Alabama and Kahn of California.

The change they make appears in Section 79 of the Hay-Chamberlain Army Reorganiation bill. Gentlemen tell us that militarism has not

raised its ugly head in America. What do these gentlemen mean? What, in their opinion is militarism?

UNDER THE prodding of the President, Congress has just made the greatest military appropriations that were ever made by any nation in time of peace. If the appropriation for the fiscal year that will end June 30 next of \$662,476,512 be not an indication of militarism, then the world would do well to get a new definition of militarism.

If it be not militarism for the Governor of the State of New York to have the arbitrary power to draft every able-bodied male citizen into the National Guard, then there is no such thing as militarism.

What is it but militarism when the President, under a new law made last summer. also has the power to draft national guards into the Federal army?

What is it but militarism when the school children of the greatest state in the Union have military training thrust upon them in the schools?

Need anyone doubt that the great capitalists will not stop with the school children of the state of New York? They certainly will not stop unless the people stop them.

CALL IT by whatever gentle name you may choose—how do you like the idea of the President having the arbitrary power to hurl you into the army to steal northern Mexico for covetous American capitalists? Or to shoot down American workingmen, whose only offense might be that they had struck to get high enough wages to pay the high

The Socialist Party is the only party that protests against the New York draft law. the national draft law and these huge military appropriations. We know perfectly well why capitalists want these laws. We know they want a great navy to hold the foreign trade that they got from Europe as a result of the war, and which Europe, as soon as the war is ended, will try to get back. Do you want to go to war to hold Mr. Rockefeller's foreign trade? Did you ever hear of a people whom foreign trade made rich? England has the greatest foreign trade in the world, but in no civilized nation has poverty reached lower depths than it has in England. English capitalists are very rich, but English workingmen are very poor.

WE KNOW the American capitalists want a big army to intimidate and, if necessary, attack American workers who object to working for a bare living.

We know why militarism is being thrust upon us. We are deeply distressed that no other political party opposes it. We know of nothing that will halt it except a tremendous vote for the Socialist party this fall. The American people can stop militarism if they will but speak. The Socialist party is the only political organization thru which they can speak.

If you believe I have exaggerated the gravity of the situation, study the figures in the following table. Note how small were Germany's military appropriations the year before the war in comparison with the enormous appropriations that the Wilson administration has thrust upon us.

BEAR IN mind that the only Republican criticism of these appropriations is that they are too small.

SPEAK NOW WITH YOUR BALLOT, OR FOREVER AFTER HOLD YOUR PEACE!

## In Leaflet Form!

NOTE.—This article by Allan L. Benson, our candidate for president, goes into the third twopage leaflet in the great Benson Campaign Seriesten leaflets in all, a different one each week from now until the end of the campaign. The first leaflet went out two weeks ago. You should place your order for this third leaflet and the remaining seven leaflets immediately with the National Campaign Headquarters, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago. The price is 50 cents per thousand.

#### "LABOR" MAYOR EXPOSED. Congress Can't Dispose Pittsburgh, Pa.—The persecution f those convicted in connection with Of The Railroad Issue the Westinghouse strike goes merrily on. Now it is the mayor of Pittsburg!

When the New York World, called the official White House gazette, wired Eugene V. Debs for his views on the railroad crisis, Debs sent the accompanying reply which was written before the passage of the Adamson bill and before the proposed strike was finally called off by the brotherhood representatives.

By EUGENE V. DEBS. position is right and he speaks with hastily decided that it was imperative for him to take a fishing trip when the "white wings" went on strike for \$2.40 a day and who stayed out of town until the strike had been authority for the government, there has been a distinct advance since the A. R. U. strike of twenty-two years out of town until the strike had been broken, for a permit to hold a tag ago. If the government had taken the same position then that the Post-General takes now, day for the benefit of the Westingmaster strike would have been won instead This permission has been refused history would have been won instead history would have been written.

to the organized workers of this district for a day that is supposed to railroads what Mr. Burleson says it be their day by a mayor elected by can, it follows logically that the gov-Securing justice is costly and the mayor of Pittsburgh, by preventing without the consent and without re-

ers on the streets on Labor Day is trying to prevent any further efforts being made to consent and without gard to the wishes or interests their owners. The strike situation remains abbeing made to secure justice for the one woman and seven men sentenced bill and other measures before constrike when the United States Steel mer is passed it will satisfy neither Company guards killed three workingmen and injured forty others. The railroads nor the employes. It will result in a comprehensive and gmen and injured forty others.

Send funds to the Socialist Party makeshift until after the presidential makeshift until after the presidential Defense Committee, 205 Lyceum Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., to help in this

Committee, 205 Lyceum election and finally disappoint both. The issue between the railroads and fight and show the mayor of this city the brotherhoods will not be disposed and the Manufacturers' Association, of by congress. The principle involved cannot be compromised and congressional action along the lines proposed will at best postpone the strike.

and will raise sufficient funds to take I have never believed and do not now believe there will be a strike. Notwithstanding the brotherhoods voted overwhelmingly for a strike Militarism is recognized by a decision rendered by federal judge J. leaders are seeking in every way poster. Sater at Columbus, Ohio, on August 26. The decision was in the roads, on the other hand, court a case of the militia captain and ser-break and in fact challenge the geant who had assaulted Charles brotherhoods to combat. Saker, editor of a Socialist paper at The railroads understa

The railroads understand the issue Hamilton, Ohio. After a long delay and all it involves and they know it and with great trouble they were cannot be successfully compromised. finally arrested and were to be From the beginning of the negotiabrought for trial before the mun-tions they have stood pat. They have icipal court. But habeas corpus pro- conceded absolutely nothing. ceedings were instituted and Judge willingness to arbitrate simply indi-Sater ordered the accused men re- cates their confidence in their ability leased on the ground that even tem- and power to control arbitration and porary confinement under civil secure for themselves the final verrestraint might interfere with their dict. In the A. R. U. strike the emmovements as United States soldiers ployes begged for arbitration in case Ohio soldiers were ordered to these same railroads spurned their he border.

So it appears that under the imadopted has not been forgotten.

pression that it was preparing for "There is nothing to arbitrate. defense against foreign aggression, In the issue over which the rail-Congress has created a menace to roads and the brotherhoods are at the safety of peaceable civilians with- swords' points the interests of the in the United States. Probably few owners and employes are diametrically of them know what they were doing, opposed and congress cannot legislate or, had they known, would have sup- in favor of one without opposing the ported such a measure. But the mis- other, and its attempt to satisfy both chief seems to have been done. It is will satisfy neither. The fact is made not merely the assailant of a Social-obvious in this case as never before ist editor who is thus rendered im- that the capitalist political state is mune from prosecution in the civil obsolete and that the time is not far courts. The protection applies to any distant when the present political one in the federal uniform who may congress which finds itself utterly imbecome guilty of any crime. It is no potent to harmonize industrial interlonger a question of establishing mil- ests essentially antagonistic, will be itarism. Judge Sater's decision shows succeeded by an industrial congress that it has been established, and composed of industrial representaestablished in a most extreme form. tives, elected by industrial workers, We must get rid of this evil as quick- who will regulate the nation's in-ly as possible. A foreign invader dustries and legislate for the benefit of the nation's workers.

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

ARMY	NAVY	TOTAL .
Great Britain\$224,300,000	\$237,530,459	\$461,830,459
Germany 183,090,000	112,091,125	293,181,125
France 191,431,580	90,164,625	281,596 <b>,205</b>
Russia 317,800,000	117,508,657	435 <b>,308,657</b>
Austro-Hungary 82,300,000	42,000,000	124,300,000
Italy 82,928,000	49,550,147	132 <b>,478,147</b>
Japan 49,000,000	48,105,152	97 <b>,</b> 10 <b>5,152</b>
THE WILSON MILITARY	APPROPRIATIONS	FOR 1917

\$662.476.512 United States ......\$349,092,123\* \$313,384,389 \*This includes \$25,747,550 for fortifications, \$20,000,000 for a nitrate plant, \$34,523,000 for deficiency and \$1,225,043 for the Military academy.



VOTERS OF TERRE HAUTE: Which side are you fighting on?

#### A Cheering Report With A Proviso

By MAYNARD SHIPLEY.

Terre Haute, Ind. ■ HERE ARE 24.000 farmers in the Fifth District of Indiana who will vote either for or against Debs and Socialism on Nov. 7th.

These lines are written on the 18th of August.

How do these 24,000 farmers stand on the question of Socialism versus Capitalism-Debs versus his capitalist-class opponents--TODAY?

Comrades, so far as I can learn there are not 1000 men out of this great number of voters who could today he counted upon to cast a Socialist ballot.

Why? Because they know nothing about Socialism.

Eager To Learn. BUT THEY ARE EAGER TO

LEARN. Comrade J. H. Hollingsworth had just returned from a rather extended tour of the rural districts. He reports that the farmers are eager to hear our message, and that they invariably give him a most sympathetic hearing. But they do not want to pay for their own education. Collections are poor. They cannot be made to understand, as yet, that they must foot the bill to hear a Socialist speech. Why, the Democrats and Republicans not only do not take up a collection, but supply a feast of watermelons, or beans. Yes, they've got down to BEANS now, in some places. But these farmers are willing to hear our argument, and often heartily applaud the speaker's points. There is no stubborn opposi tion, no particular prejudice, to overcome. They are in an exceedingly receptive mood. But they do not want to BUY ANYTHING! Not yet. Which simply means that they are not yet ready to take an active part in the campaign for Debs and Socialism. So WE WHO KNOW must foot the bills until THEY KNOW, TOO. WE MUST have them on our side, or Debs

We haven't near enough money as yet to send the speakers and the literature into the rural communities to do this work AS IT MUST BE DONE, before Comrade Debs can be elected to congress.

will be defeated.

I am not begging for necessary funds. I am simply stating facts which I believe the comrades thruout the nation are entitled to know.

Comrade Hollingsworth reports they want Debs. That even in those communities in which little or nothing is known of Socialism, the people are clamoring for Debs. They want to see him. They want to hear him. For be it known, comrades, that the man who made Terre Haute famous has never been heard in a large area of his congressional district. To of his congressional district. To thousands of farmers, in the six counties comprising the Fifth Con-gressional District, "Debs" is but a name, albeit one to conjure with.

Debs To Speak To All.

Later in the season, Comrade Debs will speak in every section of his district. Meanwhile, it is up to the hear our candidate he will have nothing to do but prove to them that he is the one man asking for their suffrage who can or would wish to represent exclusively the people who produce the world's wealth.

When Debs greets these 24,000 honeloquence will clinch the argument for all time.

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## Workers of Indiana, You Should Elect Debs To Congress!

NOTE:-Here is one of the big signs showing where the labor vote is going this year. This is a proclamation just issued in behalf of the candidacy of Eugene V. Debs by the national officials of the Switchnen's Union of North America. This proclamation will be published in the September issue of the Switchmen's Journal, the official publication of this great labor organization, which will be out in a few days. It is exceedingly valuable not only on account of the switchmen but on account of the moral effect it will have upon union men in general. This is exceptional action to be taken by railroad unions. There is no other case that can be recalled that a national labor organization has endorsed and made an appeal in behalf of a candidate for office.

#### PROCLAMATION!

UGENE V. DEBS is the socialist's candidate for Congress in the Fifth Congressional District in Indiana.

His opponents are a prominent republican and a democrat who will spare no efforts to defeat Debs.

There is a strong probability, however, of his election if the working class voters come to his aid in the manner he has

so often done for them. The old party managers will exert every atom of their energy to defeat him, and that fact should serve as an incentive to the workers to utilize every possible effort in his behalf and

Debs was born and reared in Terre Haute; he is well known and loved by its inhabitants; and because of the esteem in which he is held by his legion of friends and neighbors his opponents dare not assail his character as is generally done when those representing labor are candidates for positions of public trust, well knowing that it will mean defeat for them if

This nomination came to Debs unsolicited, and he is making the race without promise or pledge on his part other than the espousal of the working class interests if elected.

His life has been devoted towards the uplift of enslaved humanity, and whether he lands in Congress or in jail as the result of this campaign, he will continue battling for the rights of the down-trodden.

The working class is sadly in need of a Debs voice in Congress in its behalf, and the workers in his congressional district, who will this fall elect a representative therefrom, can render no greater public service to their state and country than by embracing the opportunity they now have of sending this intrepid foe of exploiters as their representative to Con-

There is a sad dearth of such champions of human rights in that body, and our labor group is entirely too small in Con-

It should be and will be greatly enlarged this year if working men and women do their duty during the campaign, cast aside their prejudices and work and vote for their friends instead of their enemies.

We know of no congressional candidate who would more valiantly espouse labor's cause if elected to Congress than Debs, and the working class voters in his home district should exert every effort within their means to see that he is elected to such office November 7th.—SWITCHMEN'S UNION OF NORTH AMERICA.

## Socialism and Spirituality

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

spirituality and less materialism in the Bible-explicitly says that erialism and spirituality. The highest expression of spiritual-

the spirituelle side of life, is embodied in music, art and the sciences. The study of the science of the scien The study of the science of sociology leads to a correct understanding of economic truth, and this economic est-souled, serious-minded farmers, truth is translated into the philoso-his lovable personality and heartfelt phy of socialism. Just economic conditions lead to the well-being of the individual members of society. Mat-

terial well-being brings leisure, leisure makes for culture, culture begets dealism and idealism gives birth to spirituality.

conceive of the existing order of so-

hood of man. spirituality. example, the indian, ignorant of the laws of nature, attributes the forked The spiritism of the Indian can in no wise be dignified by the name of spirituality. But the Indian has his parallel in many thousands of palefaces who erroneously believe that injustice, oppression and catastrophies whereby human lives are lost are but the workings of a divine plan to bring about the perfection of the

tuality born of present social conditions and compare it with material- 3,900,000. These figures do not inism, with which socialism is accused clude women in domestic service. of being tainted.

B. W. HUEBSCH, 225 Fifth ave., New York. Leto the coining of gold to buy jewels name is a good omen

and fine laces for the children of the rich. Like their fathers they are wage slaves. What have the sponsors of spirituality to say about these victims of a vicious industrial system? Once a year, about Christmas time, the children of the poor are given a few cheap trinkets and a tory did not make them less so. The square meal—which, unhappily, rises in their wistful imagination to tantalize and mock their penury for the in their wistful imagination to tan-talize and mock their penury for the other three bundred and sixty-four days of the year. And they call that spirituality!

THEN look at another picture. Socialism will give to fathers of children plentifully of the products of toil, making it possible for the youth to enjoy the pleasures of childhood and blossom into manhood and womanhood in the glorious posses-sion of cultivated minds and joy of robust nealth. Socialism will substitute the home, school and playground for capitalism's slave pen, jail and bagnio. And they call that material

All over the world the socialists are calling a halt to the bloody carnage of war. The socialist tells the soldier: Don't shoot. The man at whom you are aiming your deadly missiles is a son of some devoted mother, a brother of some fond sister, or mayhap a father of curly-haired, bright-eyed children, whose prattle and merry laughter is as music to his ear. He may be born in distant climes 'neath different skies, but clasp his hand in brotherhood, work for justice, and let war between man and man be relegated to the jungle, where in dungeous dark prey beast and reptile. And they call that materialism!

of spirituality to offer the soldier? A chaplain is supplied, who prays that his regiment may be victorious over the opposing armies. In substanhe beseeches that omnipotent guidance be given the aim of the marksmen, that the poison-fanged bullets may speed ruthlessly thru the quivering flesh of another soldier. leaving in its crimson wake a shattered and bleeding heart. And they call that spirituality!

A thousand or more illustrations could be given to show that the materialism of socialism would in reality lead to the highest expression of spirituality, while conditions prevailing in the present system of society lead to moral, mental and physical decay—the very antithesis of spiri-

The Washington correspondent of the Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat sent hands of men. a sketch of Meyer London, the lone Socialist in Congress, to his paper in wealth, we have been creating it al-which he says, among other things: most as fast. The estimated value of "The truth is that Meyer London is the United States today is a man of quite exceptional ability. He \$200,000,000,000. In less than a decade has been a great student. He knows labor has created and added to the Russian, German, French and perhaps capitalized power of exploiters three or four other languages and the literature thereof. He has been a big previous three centuries. factor in labor affairs in the metropois. He is a powerful speaker and New A distinguished apologist for the prevailing order of society says socialism would make greater headway if its exponents exhibited more way if its exponents exhibited more books claiming divine authorship—

Theologians will insist that spirit knows any other individual among indisputable would set linguished. New York big enough when he is to speak. Yet withal he is a modest man, of mankind. their advocacy of the new social or- man who hates his brother can lay the average Socialist of the things district. Meanwhile, it is up to the der. This calls for an explanation of paganda work, so that when they beginning and spirituality.

In a who have sing brother can lay the average Socialist of the things States in two years and feed nearly the average Socialist of the things States in two years and feed nearly the average Socialists to their depths, all its able-bodied men in the work mighty. And it would require the sometimes one is tempted to believe of destruction then if those men were wildest stretch of the imagination to that London possesses a grim humor engaged in intelligently organized which rather enjoys the tangle in constructive work, no Socialist has which our modern democracy finds ever dreamed of the possible luxury itself. Anyhow he is a growing figure of such a society. in Congress. He is always listened If America can add \$100,000,000,000 IT IS a common error to mistake to attentively when he speaks. His to its wealth in less than a decade strength is clearly recognized, his with all the mountainous wastes of For earnestness sympathetically under-competition, unemployment and planstood, his keen anxiety to advance the less production, then there is no cause of the plain people accepted reasonable want of its workers that lightning and roar of thunder to the with an appreciation which might as might not be supplied if intelligence wrath of angered spirits in the skies. tonish a Socialist possessed of a nar- and justice were used in the managerower vision. It is likely that the ment and distribution of wealth. country will hear more of Meyer London as the days go by."

> The latest figures issued on the subject in England show that the increase of women in industrial establishments during the period of the war-from July 1914, to May, 1916-It is interesting to view the spiri- was 634,000, and that the total num-

> A full blooded Choctaw Indian is See that haggard, ragged child stumping Oklahoma for the Social-

### Why Haven't You Chance Your Grandfather Had?

By LUELLA TWINING.

TALKED with an old man the other day who used to be a shoemaker. When a young man he took Horace Greeley's advice. He went

Shouldering his tools, which cost him \$10, he started. He stopped off at a farm on the way and made shoes for the family and all their friends.

For this he received \$100.

He bought one hundred acres of land in Iowa for a dollar an acre. He sold it twenty years ago for \$100,000. He owned his tools and land was cheap. Free lands were plenty.

Times Have Changed. His tools cost him \$10, now it costs \$150,000 to start into the shoemak-

ing business.

Free lands today are all gone. This old man does not understand the cause of the present day unrest but he said to me, "The boy of today does not have the chance I had."

"Why You Have Not The Same Chance Your Grandfather Had?" hand tool in all industries as well as some more things like that. in shoemaking.
When the working people owned

their own tools and got what they produced they worked alone. But the machine collected large numbers of workers into one placento factory, mine or mill. In other words they produced collectively.
Socialism in production came in.

Think Socialism Now. When the working people worked alone they had no thought of Socialism. When they worked collectively they began to think and talk of So-

cialism Socialist ideas develop from the logic of events, from the industrial evolution. A manufacturer in Ireland dis-

missed his girls because he said they tory did not make them less so. The fits, made them think that they might just as well take possession of that factory and produce for themselves. These ideas are developing in every factory, mine and mill all over the

Better Chance For Your Boy. tably as the next step in the in-

world.

dustrial evolution.

And Socialism will give your boy a far better chance than your Grand-

#### ONE HUNDRED BILLION. From The Milwaukee Leader)

Two years of the war have passed, and statisticians are casting up accounts for these 24 months. There have been a half dozen guesses at its total cost so far, and, for cree the collectors of figures disagree so little that when the unthinkable sums are compared the difference is small compared with the staggering total. Nearly every calculation of the pro-perty destroyed, debts heaped up and wealth shot away locates the sum at

There is one handy comparison for ed to have snapshots taken of strikers WHAT message has the champions will help in making these figures is unlawful and want damages or

> The fighting armies of Europe have. bearing on the controversy is that of therefore, destroyed an entire United States. All its cities, factories, farms that the "victim" of a snapshooter and schools could be entirely rebuilt was justified in smashing the latter's from the waste of these two years of camera and he would have no just

This estimate is too small. The wealth estimate of the United States

Fast as they have been destroying of workers.

Put these two facts of the distruction in Europe and construction in America together and you have an indisputable answer to those who would set limits to the power of modern industry to satisfy all real needs

If Europe can destroy an United States in two years and feed nearly

All these facts prove to the hilt the Socialist statement that there is no

ploitation are cut.

Are we dissatisfied with the build wearily wending its way to some lists. His civilized name is Charles H. Are we dissatisfied with the build-factory at early morn, there to yield its flesh and blood—yea, its very life besides being a fine orator, his surtear them all down and rebuild them in a year at less expense than some

# The Conversion Of Charley

By JOHN M. WORK.

HARLEY Hughes has been converted. He is now a warm champion of the working class. In his letter to the national committee of the propressive party, he opened up his heart as follows:

"I am in deep sympathy with the effort to improve the conditions of labor; to prevent exploitation; to safeguard the future of the nation by protecting

our women and children. I believe in workmen's compensation laws. IT'S a pity Charley didn't think about this before he vetoed the New

York law reducing railroad fares from three cents to two cents per mile. It's a pity he didn't think about it before he vetoed the five cent fare from New York to Coney Island. It's a pity he didn't think about it before workmen's compensation laws

became popular. It's a pity he didn't think about it before he helped to hand down the Danbury Hatters' decision penalizing the hat workers to the tune of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for trying to secure better conditions of

IT WOULD have looked better if Charley had repented before these things happened, instead of waiting until he became a candidate for pre-

But then I suppose we ought to be tickled to death to have Charley repent any old time. The great trouble is that, as Billy Sunday could tell you, there are a good

many repentances that don't stick.

I am very much afraid that Charley's repentance is of this variety. hance Your Grandfather Had?"
You see, in the very same paragraph, and the next one, he goes on to The big machine has displaced the say that we must have a "stable foundation for honorable enterprise," and

> IN OTHER words, he goes right square back on his repentance. He says we must prevent exploitation, but we must go right on letting

the capitalist class rob the working class.

Of course he doesn't say it right out like that. But that's what it means just the same.

In fact, Charley is kiddin' us guys. He judges the present by the past and counts on being able to pull the wool over the eyes of the workers.

Are we going to fall for it?

the battlefield.

would we have larger, better schools for our children? We can rewith a vengeance! build every school building for what congress proposes to vote for the army and navy this year.

We are limited in our opportunities

for enjoyment only by our own will-ful ignorance that keeps us partisans as well as Great Britain. of the system which impoverishes us.

# IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes.

HERE WAS a preparedness parade in DeKalb, Ill., last week, and the usual coercive tactics were pursued by the militarists, and Socialism is not an ideal state of yet the turnout was a complete fizzle. society that a few dreamers would like to usher in. It is coming inevimonstration was held the same night and was a success. It is known that at least half a doen workers were discharged because they took too prominent a part against the War Trust scheme. A Steel Trust official tried to have Rev. D. A. McGregor fired from the First Baptist Church because he delivered an address against militarism, and he will quit in the fall. E. P. Collet, a High School teacher, was bounced as an outcome of the affair, as was a prominent Socialist mill worker, and an effort was made to get a newspaper manager to discharge a printer who is an active anti-preparedness agitator, but the boss probably thought he would get in bad with the union and said there was nothing doing.

not far from \$100,000,000,000. Of course this sum carries no different idea to the human mind than half or twice that amount.

A CURIOUS test case has been brought in the Milwaukee courts that idea to the human mind than half or twice that amount. something more than a string of punishment meted out. A local judge digits. According to the census of 1910 the total value of all the property in the United States was a little over \$100,000,000,000.

The fighting armies of Fluxone have claim for damages.

THE STEEL Trust exars think includes land and franchise values of they are engaged in real war and are more than \$30,000,000,000. These "preparing" for the hungry labor values represent little more than the enemy. According to a dispatch from capitalized rower of their owners to Hibbing, Minn., forts are being erect. exploit labor. They do not represent ed by gunmen of the trust in the hills actual creations of human labor, such of the Mesaba iron range. Searchas have been destroyed by the war. lights play by night over the mining The warring armies have destroyed villages, up and down the main twice over the value of the things in streets of Hibbing, Virginia and Evthis country that have been planned eleth. Kidnapping, the "bullpen" and the minds and made with the wholesale intimidation are said to be attempts to crush the growing strike Fortifications are being thrown up

by mine guards in the Eveleth and

single nations are pouring out upon Buhl districts, commanding the roads that approach the mines.

> AT THE Baltimore convention of the American Federation of Labor, in November, fraternal delegates will

> In the midst of peace the United States is paying a war tax for the benefit of the munition makers.

> In other words, Mr. Wilson is willing that the railroads shall hold up the country for higher freight rates, just so he may go on record as favor-ing the eight hour day and capture the votes of the half baked.



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LLANO DEL RIO COMPANY OF NEVADA RENO Nevada.

# le Must Save These Comrades!

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

HAVE just been advised by wire that true bills charging murder in the first degree have been found by a capitalist grand jury against four strikers and a woman and against Carlo Tresca, and two other leaders of the strike of the iron miners on the Mesabe Range in northern Minnesota.

For several weeks this strike of 20,000 industrial peons has been raging on the Range. It sprang spontaneously from the most despotic and disgraceful industrial conditions imaginable. Some of the unbelievable and damning facts in regard to these conditions for which the monstrous steel trust is responsible have been reported by the Labor Commissioner of the State of Minnesota and are sufficient in their enormity to cause every decent American to hang his head in shame. Absolute peonage was enforced and women and children as well as men were stripped of everything but their wretched lives, insulted, mocked, spat upon, and reduced to a veritable swinish condition of

SOON AFTER the revolt took place a riot was incited among the peacable strikers by the brutal acts of the gunmen of the steel trust and two strikers were murdered by these assassins in cold blood. Not a gunman had so much as a mark upon his putrid carcass. The murdered victims were as usual the strikers and their murderers the hired slayers of the steel barons.

And yet, unbelievable as it may seem, the assaulted victims have been indicted and the

assaulting thugs remain unmolested in their pursuit of other innocent and half-famished workingmen, to shoot them down like dogs for the mess of pottage they get from their rich and rotten masters.

These comrades are marked to an absolute certainty for judicial assassination unless the working class and its sympathizers come to their rescue.

THE CALL comes to me to issue this appeal to the workers of America as if they were my own brothers and sisters, as indeed they are. They have been fighting the battle for bread not only for their children but for the children of us all. They are absolutely innocent of crime. I swear it. I know the facts. The murderous steel trust of Rockefeller and Morgan are to take these lives

because they stand in the way of their inhuman designs and are a menace to their blood-soaked profits.

AROUSE ONCE AGAIN YE WORKERS OF AMERICA AS YOU HAVE DONE BE-

The criminal, man-eating, soul-destroying Steel Trust, by the eternal gods, shall not have the hearts' blood of our innocent comrades. We shall stand by them and if the steel bandits insist upon it we shall raise hell, and if the extremity is forced upon us to save our innocent fellow-workers from being foully murdered in cold blood, we know

I appeal to socialists and union men everywhere to come to the front in this critical hour and demand in tones that Wall street will hear and heed a fair trial for our people. That is all they ask and less than this we will fling into the brazen faces of the debauched miscreants of capitalist brutality and misrule.

A fair trial will free and vindicate every one of these indicted comrades. Not one has

- By RYAN WALKER.

upon him or her the taint of crime. They know it, and the whole country shall know it.

THIS IS but a preliminary appeal to awaken the working class to the bloody deed about to be committed against it by the corporation criminals who have for years fattened upon the life-blood of the slaves of the pits, who have at last risen in revolt and now hurl the defiance born of desperation into the teeth of their inhuman masters.

I ask every socialist paper, every labor paper, and every other paper opposed to the steel trust being allowed to hang innocent men and women to glut their profit lust, to give space to this appeal, and in the name of the working class I entreat everyone friendly to that class to contribute to the defense fund now being raised and to do everything in their power to give publicity to this shocking and scandalous affair which disgraces the nation, and thus thwart the steel trust pirates and restore innocent working men and women to freedom.

#### The One Issue

By ANNA AGNES MALEY. Wanted for the working class-the

right to use the earth. Wanted in the working class-the sense to stand together to win this

Our masters now use us workers to use the earth for them. For all the abundance that we cause the earth to yield they give us what the farmer gives his horse for cultivating the field—just feed. They feed us not for our own sakes but that we may labor for them.

#### Most Urgent Question.

No question is so urgent as is this question of the right to use the earth. It is the issue that peculiarly affects the wage worker, and yet he can see every man's problem but his own. He herds with every party but the Socialist Party.

He is with progressives of any stripe in defense of small business. He takes a swat at the centralized biscuit factory that undersells and drives out of business the smaller factory. Alas, he thinks, it is tragical that the small factory should close its doors and quit the fight.

The worker forgets that he, too has a factory—a factory of a sort that is hard to close. His body is his factory. In it he manufactures labor nower. In it he must use raw mater ial-food. He cannot get wages with which to buy the food if a haby, a woman, a cheaper man, or a machine underbid him on the market

If the underbidding is long continued, the worker may have to close his factory and quit the fight. daily paper notices the fact by stating that William Smith, out of employment, hanged himself in the woodshed or took poison in a hobo hotel. And there is a new grave in

### Can't Pack Labor Power.

For be it remembered that while the cracker manufacturer can pack Legislature. Comrade Eugene V. his crackers and hold them for a bet- Debs, who practically covered the ter market, the workman, feiling to state in a recent lecture tour feels sell, cannot pack his labor power. If he misses its sale today he misses it chances on the Senatorship. A numforever. He must get new raw mater- ber of other speakers who visited

maker could eat the crackers which "I have had occasion," said Comhe could not sell. But the worker can-not consume his unsold labor power. rade Debs to me when I saw him in Terre Haute, "to visit practically all

Englishman says, a man for six Senator. I have talked to non-Social-weeks out of a job, presenting himself at the bank to ask for a loan on crews on trains, with miners in their since corresponded with readers of his factory!

would be the query.

## Backbone Wanted.

"My body is my factory," would come the answer. "In it I manufacture labor power when I can get any-ticket almost unanimously." I asked thing to eat. I sell it when man, why, and Comrade Debs explained. woman, child, or machine does not He said: "The women of Nevada get my job away from me. I am realize that they owe their endown on my luck and I'd like to mort- franchisement practically to the actigage my factory."

would look his prospect over, saying, has put forth so much effort, so much "Take your carcass out of here, I money and such devoted energy towould not give five cents for the ward the enfranchisement of the whole works.

Yea, wanted a working class with backbone enough to defend its right to use the earth.

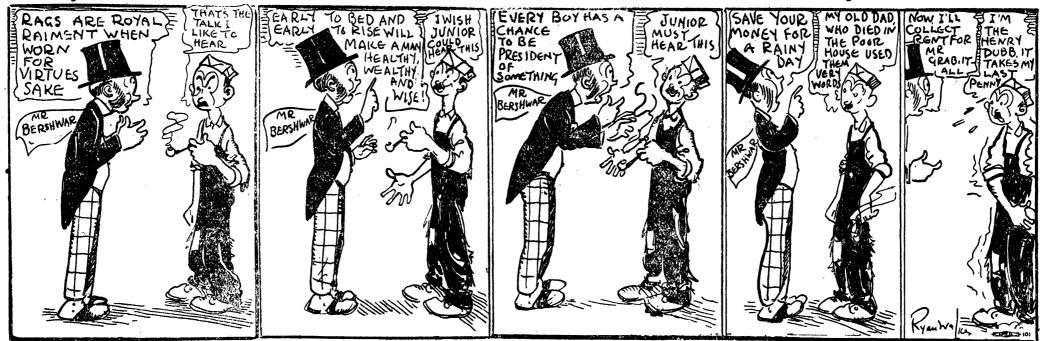
SOCIALISTS SWEEPING

for the sake of profit.

CLIP THE COUPON.

man, is a lawyer,—and so on through the list.

# Henry Dubb Gets Bits of Wisdom from Mr. Bershwar



# Hope And Work For Socialist

only optimistic but some are quite Miller be elected to the U. S. Senate, but they insist that there is a splen-did opportunity of electing a working minority to both houses of the State

ial and recreate his strength. various parts of the state recently

If worst came to worst the cracker have expressed themselves similarly. various parts of the state recently

the laborer would have the right to business to make inquiries regarding use the earth he must own the earth. Socialist sentiment in that state and or mortgage his plant. Fancy, as the or mortgage his plant his plan camps. They all hold Comrade Miller "What sort of factory have you, and what do you manufacture?" in the highest esteem. He is the most popular man in the state. popular man in the state.

Women For Socialism. "The women of Nevada", continued

vity and agitation of the Socialists With an appraising eye the banker alone. Not another party in the state women as did the Socialists. And the women have not forgotten."

"I found, whereve: I went, sentiment of such wonderful proportions

INTO POWER.

DO IT NOW.

# U. S. Senator From Nevada

as to indicate a Socialist landslide this By MAX SHEROVER. year. More than 75 per cent of Neva-Staff Writer, The American Socialist. da's population properly belong to the working class. Their interests lie with the working class. The mine da's population properly belong to from Nevada is not an improbability. owners, most of whom belong to the Scores of comrades in that state that have been corresponded with are not thoroly by the people of the state. The railroad corporations are hated positive in their assertions. Some in- no less than the mining magnates. sist that not only can Comrade Grant These corporations own both old par-"Grant Miller is liked and respected

by every worker in the state. But he is hated and feared whole-heartedly by the corporations that have clung to the state like leeches. As a lawyer he has never taken a case against a Only the owner of the land and the machine can consume labor power. If state of Nevada. I have made it my ber, if public sentiment is any crivotion and loyalty to the working

> time to gather more facts. I have The American Socialist in different parts of Nevada. Not one reply was received which would indicate that there is any doubt about Comrade Miller's chances of election.

### Here's Vote In 1912.

Here are some facts that the reade: might well ponder over. In the pre-

Democratic	7,986
Progressive	5,620
Republican	3,196
Socialist .	3,313

In that year the women of Nevada have stood as the second party, even if a fair portion of the woman vote All of my correspondents con- a tremendous chance.

to their regular vote and not allowing for any increase gained at the expense of the republican and democratic parties, would give the Socialists a clear plurality over both

parties. In 1914 the Socialist vote on the Senatorial candidate jumped from 3,313 to 5,426. In that election the women did not have the vote and the Progressive party still showed signs of life the it was in its dying stage.

Run Educational Campaign. Since 1914 the Socialist Party of Nevada has conducted a campaign of education and organization such as other states could well afford to emulate. Literature has been bought in ever increasing quantities, and the circulation of all Socialist publication we are enabled to do this as a result

tions has gone up in that state.

entire co-operation of every school teacher in the state.

Already The American Socialist is going into the homes of thousands of Why Not An Eight-Hour voters in the state. Books and leaflets have been ordered in large quantities. Speakers and organizers are at work now and additional outside talent is heading for that state.

Comrade George R. Kirkpatrick, Socialist Vice-Presidential Candidate, is scheduled to speak at Goldfield in October and may also address a meeting at Reno.

Over 100 Dime Banks are at work in the state whereby a campaign fund sidential campaign of 1912 the vote is being raised by the rank and file. The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its June meeting appropriated \$540 to the state of Wall Street capitalists. Nevada after it heard the case pre- to the devil that they knew. sented in a cold and logical manner. Close observers of national politics

the Socialist Party would have received at least 5,700 votes, and would have stood as the second party, even perience, is not given to optimiztic which promises to be one of the closdreams or to building air-castles. He est in history, this college professor is conceded to each of the other three says: "We appreciate the help offered who a few short years ago was departies. This year the Progressive and are very confident that the show nouncing the trade unions in the bit party is dead. Many who voted its ing in November will prove that it terest terms, is today standing with ticket in 1912 did so believing that it was more than justified. From every had a chance and were lead away by section of the state the comrades are its program of alleged "social just- waking up to the fact that we have the moment of this grandstand op

cede that about 90 per cent of the In another communication in which progressive vote of 1912 will go to he goes into the situation in detail he the Socialists. With this vote, added states:

### Carrying Nevada For Socialism.

By JUSTUS E. TAYLOR, State Secretary,

Nevada Socialist Party.

The Socialist vote of Nevada has steadily increased since the party first entered on state politics in 1904 with 925 votes. In the per cent of the total vote cast Nevada ranks second among the States, only Oklanoma excelling it. In the increase of vote, compared to the total number cast, sevada comes with 981/2 per cent in the last two years. A change of less than 2,000 votes from all the other parties to Socialism, if properly distributed, would make Nevada Socialist.

Socialists of Nevada are alive to their favorable condition and have made arrangements for a vigorous campaign. It has been decided to make a systematic canvass of the state to secure names of non-Socialof the Socialist party. A state or-

organizer in every county in the

of 98½ per cent in two years. assisting to carry Nevada for Social-

than in any state in the union for complete and telling victory. Nevada has, perhaps, the most liberal constitution of any of the states, which means of any governists to be used in work toward turn- ment on the face of the earth. More ing them to the cause of freedom. than 75 per cent of the population Socialist women are to be thoroly or- consists of the working class. They ganized, under charge of Nellie T. are pioneers, who think for them Zeigier, and for spreading the proselves. They are therefore especially paganda among them. An active plan susceptible to radical appeal. It is is under way for enrolling members by no means impossible, with proper for Wilson, and that when he goes encouragement and help, to make back home to his job and his friends,

### Win Nevada, Too.

The American Socialist and the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party are doing all in their power to help the Nevada comrades carry the state for Socialism this year. Two able speakers, Caroline A. Lowe and Walter J. Millard, go into the state this week under the direction of the national executive committee.

The American Socialist is this week

of the contributions sent in to our That the comrades in Nevada are Nevada fund. Remember, the four working man. He could have been today financially independent, indeed he could have been very rich, had he listened to the seductive voice and offers of the powers that be. Grant Miller is a man, every inch of him, his record is one of continued devotion and lovelty to the work. In the work among the votion and lovelty to the work. In the work among the women they have already achieved.

Nevada fund. Remember, the four big spots that need your help, The Debs district, Oklahoma, Minneapolis and Nevada. The American Socialist has the names of thousands of voters in Nevada fund. Remember, the four big spots that need your help, The Debs district, Oklahoma, Minneapolis and Nevada. The American Socialist has the names of thousands of voters in Nevada fund. Remember, the four big spots that need your help, The Debs district, Oklahoma, Minneapolis and Nevada. The American Socialist has the names of thousands of voters in Nevada fund. Remember, the four big spots that need your help, The Debs district, Oklahoma, Minneapolis and Nevada. The American Socialist has the names of thousands of voters in Nevada fund. Remember, the four big spots that need your help, The Debs district, Oklahoma, Minneapolis and Nevada. The American Socialist has the names of thousands of voters in Nevada fund. Remember, the four big spots that need your help, The Debs district, Oklahoma, Minneapolis and Nevada. The American Socialist has the names of thousands of voters in Nevada fund. Remember, the four big spots that need your help, The Debs district, Oklahoma, Minneapolis and Nevada. The American Socialist has the names of thousands of voters in Nevada fund. Remember, the four big spots that need your help, The Debs district, Oklahoma, Minneapolis and Nevada. The American Socialist has the names of thousands of voters in Nevada fund. Remember, the four big spots that need your help, The Debs district, Oklahoma, Minneapolis and Nevada. The American Socialist has the names of thousands of voters in Nevada fund. Remember, the possible possible ly at work. In the work among the for ten. Send all contributions to the women they have already achieved "Win Nevada Fund", The American excellent results and have practically Socialist, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

# Day For All Workers?

Special Washington Correspondence.

ASHINGTON. — If President Wilson—for reasons of "patriotism" or political expediency-favors the eight-hour day for railroad employes, does he favor it for the workers belonging to the Steel Trust, the Coal Trust, the Oil Trust, and all the rest of industrial United States? This is the question that is bothering the life out of the They wish

Justus E. Taylor, the State George here see in Wilson's endorsement of did not vote. Had the women voted tary of the Nevada Socialist Party, the principle of the eight hour day an the railroad brotherhoods in fight against their bosses. And up to portunity, Wilson thruout his ad ministration has not helped labor. He has studiously avoided labor and that which it desires. He has worked the more profitable field of middle-class small business.

### How About Steel Workers?

Should the Steel Workers strike The total vote of Nevada for 1916 they would find little sympathy await is estimated at 38,000, including the ing them at the White House. It is women voters. The Socialist Vote in true that the Democratic platform 1914 was 2,794; in 1915, 5,451, a gain announced itself in favor of the eight The hour day, but platforms are molasses 1914 vote was before the state had wherewith to catch flies. There are woman suffrage. Without any propajust as many capitalists and employganda whatever it would doubtless ers in the Democratic party as there be augmented this year by its per- are in the Republican or in the obcentage of women voters. But with solescent Bull Moose. And the interan active campaign, such as it is pro- ests of capitalists and employers are posed to wage, the vote can without against mass action of the employes doubt be materially increased over for shorter hours and higher wages, this. With outside aid in the way of No, the laboring class of the United States need not feel alarmed: Woodrow isn't going to steal Allan ism, the prospect is better, perhaps, Benson's program, nor even a fraction of it. He is just doing enough to get by with at this time.

The Wilson politicians are endeavoring to harvest much hav while the sun of labor is apparently shining on them so beautifully. A canvass among the representatives of the big four brotherhoods who have been here for two weeks shows that many a Republican labor man is going to vote ganizer for the party is to be placed in the field, who will have a deputy world.

Nevada the first Socialist state in the he is going to pass the world along. Yet in the opinion of an old Social-

ist, a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, Woodrow isn't going

to make as much out of the thing as

#### Can't Affect Socialists.

he might.

"Wilson nasn't changed a Democratic vote in the brotherhoods," said this Socialist, whose name may not be used. "He has switched a lot of

## J. L. ENGDAHL ......Editor

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affected a Socialist vote, for while he was mighty nice to us, and offered to come up to New York if we didn't want to come down to Washington, we Socialists don't fall for that kind of stuff. In the long run I believe that he will weaken his party rather than strengthen it. The Democratic party is not a labor party, and never can be. It may be a 'liberal' or 'progressive' party, but it will always be half milk and half water—half black and half white. For political reasons his own party will refrain from attacking him for his advocacy of the eightliour day, but just as soon as the big financiers begin to appreciate what it will mean to high finance, then you will begin to notice a falling off. If Wilson himself doesn't change his own tune some one else will change it for him."

This sums up the situation pretty Republicans over to his side, but you well. No, Mr. Wilson, you may have must remember that this may be done a good job, but first we want to more than offset by the effect of his know what bargain you have made stand on Democratic employers. He with the railroads, and then, we want has switched some of them over to assurances that you will stick. Your the Republican camp. Of course it's record is against you on both propose true as shooting that he hasn't sitions.



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OMRADES of the Social Revolution! Friends of the cause of humanity! The arousing inspiration for this year's titanic political struggle against all the degrading and dehumanizing influences of the capitalist system of society is here! This magnificent urge to greater achievements, to bigger accomplishments in this campaign, is to be found in the magic figures at the head of this article. I repeat them. They are as follows:

1,243,787

That is the total weekly circulation of the Benson campaign leaflets as this is being written. That number has been ordered up to the present time for weekly distribution for ten weeks thruout the nation during this campaign. The number is increasing each week. It is expected that 1.500,000 of "Leaflet No. 3", now on the press, will be ordered.

Three readers to a leaflet is a conservative estimate-Socialist literature is read and reread because it carries a worthy message. This means that practically four million men and women of the class that carries the burdens of the world are now, EACH WEEK, reading this message of hope of the Socialist Party in this campaign, written by its presidential candidate, Allan L. Benson.

NUMBER IS INCREASING.

MOST CHEERING fact of all—this number is leaping upwards, mounting higher, every day, every hour, as the telegrams and letters arrive with fresh demands for this brain-stirring literature. The great army of Socialist soldiers in this campaign is just beginning to feel its strength-just beginning to realize its power.

The demands for the Benson campaign leaflets come from every state. They come from big cities and little villages. They come from the wage workers who sweat away their lives, thru days and nights, in our industrial hells. They come from the laborer on the land who toils from dawn to dusk to win a bare living from the soil. In the homes little children join their pennies with the meager savings of their mothers to help buy these leaflets to drive ignorance from our firesides and strive for an enlightened next generation.

Up to the present time 759 individual orders for these little paper bombshells have been received from 759 Socialist soldiers, men, women and children,soldiers in the greatest cause the world has ever known! No other cause ever saw such a roll of honor. Best of all, this honor roll is growing rapidly, unceasingly.

soldiers, calling for 1,243,787 leaflets were culation of one million leaflets each week for

ROLL CALL OF THE STATES.

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STATE	No. of Orders	Leaflets
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Oklahoma	8	282.517
Ohio	34	127,395
Pennsylvania	90	112 195
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New Jersey	99	90,290
New York		
Illinois	45	80,417
Washington Indiana	59	46,592
Indiana	29	46,207
California	53	41,245
California Oregon	16	32,285
Iowa	16	21,855
Wisconsin	10	17,568
Texas	26	17.135
Connecticut Michigan		17,000
Michigan	20	15,725
Kansas	20	15,590
Colorado	19	15,260
Colorado	13	13.612
Maine		13,503
New Hampshire	15	10,000
Nebraska	12	13,362
Missouri	17	10,125
Massachusetts	13	9.655
Minnesota	18	9,100
Virginia	13	8.650
Arizona	10	7.850
West Virginia	10	7,475
Utah	8	7,332
Tennessee	10	6,945
Rhode Island	13	6.515
Georgia	4	6,500
Idaho	12	6.140
Montana	8	4.715
Montana	11	4,550
Florida		3.520
Kentucky Nevada	0	3,125
Nevada	4	2,935
Arkansas	9	
South Dakota	7	
Wyoming	3	2,475
Alabama	6	2,455
New Mexico	6	2,350
Maryland	5	1,462
North Dakota	4	1.425
North Carolina	6	1,395
Vermont	1	1,000
South Carolina	1	1,000
Louisiana	3	
Mississippi	2	300
District of Columbia	1	10
TOTAL	789	1 243 787
TOTAL		1,270,101

With the exception of Oklahoma, where each voter in the state is now receiving one of the Benson leaflets each week, every state in the nation can easily double its order and still miss the greater percentage of the

TWO WEEKS ago, in The American Socialist, I pointed out that this leaflet campaign would be greater than the "RED SPECIAL", that herald of the new day that blazed its broad trail across the land eight years ago with Eugene V. Debs as its spokesman. We thought the "RED SPECIAL" made the master record in the 1908 campaign. We are now establishing a new record.

Two weeks ago I estimated that one million copies of the first leaflet would go out When the orders from the 759 Socialist over the nation for distribution. The cir-

Socialist carrying this hope and prophecy been run off the press when the orders for the first million were in the national campaign headquarters. Then the order was placed with the printers for "No. 2". The order read "1,300,000". When this was being written the orders for "No. 3" already totalled, "1,243,787"; the presses were running at top speed, day and night, getting them out; another carload of paper was being secured; and everything was being made ready for a record run on "No. 4". Here's the record to date:

Leaflet No. One.....1,000,000 copies Leaflet No. Two......1,300,000 copies
Leaflet No. Three.....1,500,000 copies
Leaflet No. Four.....????? copies

THE STORY OF THE LEAFLETS.

HERE IS the story of the Benson campaign leaflet series. In the days to come these facts will show big in Socialist Party history. The ten-leaflet campaign was first suggested to, and the suggestion was enthusiastically received by the joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming national executive committees of the Socialist Party that met in Chicago late in June to make the first big plans for the campaign. The first announcement of these leaflets was made in The American Socialist in the issue of July 15th. In the heat of mid-summer the comrades, near and far, immediately grasped the great possibilities of this plan—to distribute a new leaflet each week, every Sunday morning, of the ten Sunday mornings before Election Day, Tuesday, November 7th.

This plan was something that had never before been attempted—the distribution week after week of the latest Socialist utterance in a great political struggle. During weeks and months of renewed effort the party membership in the past has been able to dispose of big editions of some leaflet or pamphlet. We distributed one million of "The Growing Grocery Bill" during the 1912 campaign. We sent one million of "The Bombshell That Henry Ford Fired," to the nation. When the demon of war broke loose in Europe in 1914, we spread 1,353,000 of the two-page leaflet, "Starve the War! Feed America!" over the land. But never before, rot even in enthusiastic, local elections has a ten-week distribution ever been attempted on such a stupendous scale. Even in Milwaukee, where a Socialist mayor has now been elected over the combined opposition, the comrades only attempt a four-week distribution of literature before each

SOME CAUGHT NAPPING. IN SPITE of the wide publicity given this | a Socialist leaflet in the hands of every voter | YOUR PART!

in, a roll call of the States was prepared. ten weeks before the election, I felt, would ten-leaflet campaign, many comrades were in the land on the Sunday before election to the shows the number of orders from each be an inspiring achievement, far greater in task that the "RED SPECIAL". leaflet. Others missed the first two leaflets, than the "RED SPECIAL". We are climbing upward toward the Hardly had the issue of The American both or which are now off the press, and no emancipation of the working class. The ten more of which wil be printed. The first leaflet was published in the issue of The American Socialist dated August 26th. It was out in leaflet form ready for distribution, Sunday, August 27th. "Leaflet No. 2" was out and ready for distribution Sunday. Sept. 3rd, the first day of Socialist-Red Week. The third leaflet, which appears in this issue, is now being shipped out and will be ready for distribution next Sunday, Sept. 10.

> Those skeptical comrades who wanted to wait and see what the leaflets would be like, are now rushing in their orders, too late for the first two leaflets. But they will get instead an increased number of the remaining eight leaflets.

> > STEAM IS UP NOW!

THUS THE great weekly distribution of literature has now worked up a full head of steam and is driving ahead with an irresistible force. We have found a way to fight the gigantic power of the capitalist press. It is the leaflet way. One leaflet will wipe out in a moment a hundred capitalist newspaper lies. These thought provoking pieces of paper will stir millions of Henry Dubb brains to really think for the first time.

Our candidate for president, Allan L. Benson, is showing superhuman strength in this year's struggle. Comrade Benson is now touring the country, speaking every day to immense throngs. He originally planned to speak only three days a week, then he agreeu to speak six days a week. Now every day in the week has been swallowed up by the dates that have poured into the national headquarters; and Comrade Benson has cheerfully shouldered the task of filling them. In addition to speaking, he will not only write the weekly leaflet, but will also continue his monthly Pearson's Magazine article and his weekly article for the Appeal to Reason. \* \* \* \*

OUR GREAT GOAL.

THIS IS a program of work that surpasses anything ever before attempted by a presidential candidate of any party. It should find an unprecedented response from the 100,000 dues paying members of the Socialist Party and the one million Socialist voters. If Comrade Benson is making this great effort for Socialism, then every comrade ought to be willing to make at least a small effort. Then it would not be too much to expect a circulation of twenty million for the final leaflet in this ten-leaflet campaign; LABOR FROM WAGE SLAVERY. DO

Benson leaflets will be a powerful lift in this climb. Need a request now be made that you, if you have not already done so, send in an immediate order for these leaflets? They are 50 cents a thousand in big or small

Perhaps you have not yet been broken into the work of distributing Socialist literature. You can't get up enough courage to work for Socialism in this way? Well, that's too bad! But you can, as a penalty, mail a money order or check immediately to the National Campaign Headquarters, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill.; the bigger the amount the better. This money will be used to send bundles of tnese leaflets to comrades who are unable to pay for them, but who will be glad to do your work of distributing them. Poverty is abroad in the land, even under the alleged reign of so-called "Democratic prosperity". but the fighting spirit of Socialism grows stronger every day and we must raise the funds necessary to keep it on the job.

DANGER AHEAD.

BUT THERE IS DANGER AHEAD!

Every man, woman and child in the nation who reads, knows that the grasping, greedy paper trust has us all by the throats. The price of paper, and the cost of all other print material is increasing daily. The paper that goes into these leaflets first cost \$4.25 a hundred pounds. Now the trust charges us \$6 a hundred pounds. And the end is not yet. But this leaflet campaign, and every other feature of the national, state and local Socialist struggle this year must continue in spite of every obstacle.

The leaflets are being sold for 50 cents per thousand. This is much less than they really cost. Every time the paper trust boosts the price of paper, it means a greater inroad on the general campaign fund, which is not large, in order that the leaflet campaign may go on growing in power and \* \* \* \*

DO YOUR PART.

BUT THE other efforts in this campaign must not be neglected. Every Socialist local, every Socialist dues-paying member, every Socialist voter and sympathizer is therefore again urged to send in a financial contribution to the campaign fund.

We must move forward to great victories THIS YEAR, breaking down a host of barriers that obstruct our progress toward the GREAT FINAL TRIUMPH—THE COMPLETE EMANCIPATION OF ALL WHO

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W. A. JACOBS,—began work in
Nebraska, September 2nd. Will put
in a month there and later go to Oregon.

WILL L. GARVER,—begins work
in Colorado, September 10th, and
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