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## Workers Forge Ahead!

By ADOLPH GERMER.

N SPITE of the powerful opposition, the workers forge ahead, and march from victory to victory.

The railroad men in forcing Congress to pass the eight hour bill gave cause for rejoicing all thru the ranks of labor. The railroad men by the power of their organization (and aided by the advantageous position they occupy) forced Congress to do in four days what that fossilized body, under both republican and democratic rule, neglected doing for half a century.

#### SHOW NO SYMPATHY FOR LABOR.

OF COURSE, democratic politicians are exploiting the fact that the law was passed by a democratic administration. By no means is the democratic administration any more entitled to credit than the republican. There is no evidence of sympathy for labor in the act. Wherever the democratic poli tician, the professional labor politician included, springs the eight hour law, ask him why it took the Wilson administration more than three years to pass it and why the democratic congress waited until the country was on the verge of disaster before it submitted to the inevitable. Had the democratic administration been what it has always pretended during campaigns, the eight hour law would have been passed long ago and it would have been so general in its application as to take in the workers of every calling and make eight hours the maximum as a basis to compute wages.

Aside from the clever political trick that the democratic administration

is trying to put over, we have reason to feel jubilant, for the highest legislative tribunal has put the seal of approval on the eight hour maximum working day. In 1887, under a democratic administration, four men were sent to the gallows in Chicago for their activity for an eight hour day. The words of Schiller's "Bell" still ring true when he wrote "Das Alte stuerzt, es aendert sich die Zeit, und neues Leben blueht aus den Ruinen." (The old crumbles, time changes, and new life blossoms from the ruins.)

WHAT WAS A CRIME IN 1887, IS ENACTED INTO LAW IN 1916!

#### SOCIALIST PARTY BIG FORCE.

THE SOCIALIST Party has been quite a force in moulding sentiment for a shorter workday and its speakers and press have worked in full harmony with the unions. There has been a difference of opinion between the controlling elements in the American Federation of Labor and the Socialists as to the method of procedure. Gompers and his standpat crowd in the Philadelphia and San Francisco Conventions held out for an eight-hour day by economic action alone, which is often attended by costly and disastrous strikes, while the Socialists backed up by the progressive trades union element contended for eight hours, as a maximum, either by legislation or

economic action.

Extracts of the arguments at Philadelphia were published by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in a five cent book, copies of which are still on hand at the National Office, 803 West Madison St., Chicago. Gompers changed front and has taken the position of the Socialists in the A. F. of L. Convention as the following telegram sent to the New York Central Federated Union will show and which is a vindication

"The situation regarding the efforts of the railroad men to enforce the eight-hour workday is being placed in a critical position by labor's powerful opponents. Won't you telegraph immediately to both your United States Senators and your Congressmen now in Washington, insisting upon the eight-hour workday at present compensation, and in your telegram emphatically protest against enactment of any law imposing upon American workers involuntary servitude, even for a day? Please have the labor and other press in your community send similar telegrams."

Samuel Gompers,

President, American Federation of Labor. The eight-hour day, stripped of everything, is not of the highest importance, but it is an essential feature of labor's program, and marks a step toward better conditions for all the toilers.

Just as certain as we have gone from fourteen and twelve to ten and eight we shall go from eight to six and down, in keeping with the increased productive capacity of machinery.

#### VIEW DEMOCRATIC ACTS WITH SUSPICION.

THE BAIT thrown out by the Wilson administration may catch some, but there is a growing intelligence among the workers and they are able to see thru the thin political veneer. They have been trapped before and ever growing numbers of the workers look upon the offerings of democratic and republican politicians as fly paper and acts that should be viewed with

Capitalism, whether under a democratic or republican administration, is still capitalism with all its hideous attendants. There is but one way out. That way is the abolition of capitalism and substituting therefore, Socialism, which can be done only by AGITATION, EDUCATION and ORGANIZA-

## London Gives Congress

will keep up our work of educating the most nardened reactionaries had the most nardened reactionaries teach the workers to prepare for in-dustrial democracy. Using their economic and political power, they will learn that there is no relief for the tially a middle-class party. It is the propertyless man except in the col-champion of the small man who lective ownership and democratic of other small men and primarily at

So declared Socialist Congressman himself. Meyer London to the House the other day in the middle of a Republicanday in the middle of a Republican-Democratic political discussion in measures which it believes will check which one party was praising itself for having kept the country out of war, while the other was denouncing the first because it held jobs which it desired. it desired.

#### House Listens Carefully.

The House listened carefully to its having for their object the propping single representative of Socialism up of the middle class have been enand the co-operative commonwealth. acted by the Democrats. London was interrupted by frequent and foolish questions. But what he London was interrupted by frequent and foolish questions. But what he said got across, and into the minds of the representatives of Cuentalism. of the representatives of Capitalism. article of necessity has become "This sort of speechmaking," began cheaper. London, "to the effect that under a Democratic administration every men will be laying three eggs and under a Republican administration only two and one-half eggs, does not appeal to me at all."

"And while the Republican Party represents the industrial cligarchy, and while the Democratic Party takes under its protecting wing the despairing middle class, both parties appeal

me at all."

London scored protection the Republicans and then he turned around and scored the Democrats for having done nothing to reduce the cost of living and for having merely taken under its wing "the despairing to the farmer and a reduced cost of living to the consumer bigger profits." taken under its wing "the despairing middle class." Part of his speech is as follows—and the capitalist papers, to the employer and night was as follows—and the capitalist papers, the worker, higher rates to the rail-

Wealth In Hands Of Few. the exchange of articles among naprosperous. Only heaven knows tions be profitable to any nation? little you are responsible for ons be profitable to any nation? little you are responsible for that "It was under protection that the prosperity."

wealth of the country concentrated in the hands of a few. The farmer has been so thoroly protected that 37 getting together, stronger and strongut of every 100 farmers are tenant ger they are becoming economically farmers, farmers without farms. It and politically, and nearer and nearer and nearer and nearer and nearer that a majority comes the day of emancipation. was under protection that a majority comes the day of emancipation.

of the industrial workers reached the Another Great Speech stage of destitution. It was under protection that child labor assumed WASHINGTON.—"We Socialists the most hardened reactionaries had

"So far as the industrial and the

the two parties look very much alike "The Democratic Party is essenmanagement of the Nation's resour-the expense of the propertyless worker who has nothing to sell but

"It has set out to incorporate in

power of the trusts. It would promote competition. And a number of laws

living to the consumer, bigger profits to the employer and higher wages to road companies and lower rates to the shipper. You promise everything The Republicans love to indulge to everybody at the same time. You in talk about the United States beseek to accommodate all groups and all coming a world power; about aband-interests of society, no matter how oning the policy of isolation; about irreconcilably they conflict. Necesexpanding the export trade. If we are sarily you must resort to imagination. to increase our foreign commerce, Necessarily you must exhaust your we can not pursue a selfish, narrow capacity for running away from facts; policy which disregards the interests necessarily you find yourselves en-of other nations. If every nation is to meshed in discussions that are not build around itself a Chinese wall of based upon the foundation of reality. protection and exclusion, how can You talk prosperity. Now you are

# 1,463,196!

HEN THIS issue of The American Socialist went to press, the orders for Benson Campaign Leaflet No. 3, published last week, totalled \$,463,196. The press run on this third leaflet was 1,600,000 and it is expected that these will **t** be gone before this American Socialist gets into the hands of its readers. Since the first leaflet has a circulation of 1,000,000, and that of the second leaflet was 1,300,000; the total circulation for the first three leaflets was four million, lacking just 100,000. Let us push up the circulation of "Leaflet No. 4" to the two million mark. These leaflets are 50 cents a thousand and there are going to be ten of them, the last to be ready for distribution on the Sunday before the election. Better place your order for a few thousand of the remaining leaflets immediately. Address: SOCIALIST PARTY, 803 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO.

Here's The Fourth Of The Ten Benson Leaflets

# His First Great Blunder

on August 29th, began a speaking tour that will extend from coast to coast and continue until election day. His engagements for the weck heginning September 24th are as follows: New York City, Sept. 24; Providence, R. I., Sept. 25; Manchester, N. H., Sept. 26; Boston, Mass., Sept. 27; Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 28; Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 29; Syracuse, N. Y.,

#### By ALLAN L. BENSON. Socialist Candidate For President.

R. WILSON, in his speech of acceptance, committed the first great plunder of his campaign. He told what he considered a just wage for workingmen and women. The President's idea of "justice" for those who work is a "living wage". He would spur labor on to greater "efficiency" in production, which means whipping up the working class for the benefit of the employing class; then he would administer justice in the form of bare-living wages, and add to this "justice" a number of charity sops in the name of "humanity and economy".

Here are the President's exact words:

"We must hearten and quicken the spirit and efficiency of labor thruout our whole industrial system by everywhere and in all occupations DOING JUSTICE to the laborer, not only BY PAYING A LIVING WAGE. but also by making all the conditions that surround labor what they ought to be. And we must do more than justice. We must safeguard life and promote health and safety in every occupation in which they are threatened or imperiled. That is more than justice and better, because it is HUMANITY and ECONOMY."

MR. WILSON has thus carelessly pleaded guilty to the charges that we Socialists have brought against him.

We have accused him of standing for a system of production that means a bare living for the workers and great riches for the idling owners.

We have denounced the fraudulent "prosperity" of which he boasts as prosperity for

We have cited the fact that while the railways last year, reaped a profit of \$4,100 a mile that the profits went not to the railway workers or to the general public, but to the 607,000 railway stockholders, who constitute but six-tenths of one per cent of our popula-

WE HAVE declared that a few and not the many have the forty-one billions of increased national wealth that has accumulated since Mr. Wilson became President.

We have declared that Mr. Wilson stood for nothing that would give the farmers and industrial workers of the United States more than a bare living, and now he admits that a "living wage" for those who labor is enough to satisfy justice.

BUT Mr. Wilson is charitable. He would do more than give mere justice. He would throw out sops in the interest of "humanity and economy".

Mr. Wilson condescends a great deal. He talks of giving the workers more than justice. The man has no idea what constitutes justice for those who toil. If Mr. Wilson and the Democratic Party would give the workers justice they would not be in need of his

charity. They would not be in need of "more" than justice. Neither workers nor idlers are entitled to MORE than justice. It is an insult to workers to offer them charity while withholding what belongs to them. The insult becomes doubly sharp when the offer is accompanied by the suggestion that means be provided to whip them up to top-speed in their work.

MR. WILSON is serving the capitalist class and not the workers. He would not dare to hold out to the capitalists the prospect of a "living wage", call it justice and offer a few sops on the side. He insults the workers only because he believes they are too dull to take offense. Mr. Hughes dare not attack him for the insult, because Mr. Hughes, no less than Mr. Wilson, is the candidate of the capitalist

Mr. Wilson's speech of acceptance was devoted almost entirely to the recital of what he has done for business men and what he promises to do if re-elected. He scraped together a few things that he said he had done for labor and then made the astounding declaration that, as a result of the efforts of himself and his party. "The workingmen of America have been given a veritable emancipation by the legal recognition of a man's labor as part of his life. and not a mere marketable commodity."

IF LABOR is emancipated, labor does not

If labor is not still a commodity, no one but the President has made the discovery.

To be emancipated means to be free—and labor is neither free to toll without the capitalist's permission to go into his factory or his shops nor to collect more than the market price for labor.

The capitalists buy labor precisely as they buy pig-iron—for as little as they can get it. The workers sell labor precisely as farmers sell wool-for as much as they can get. Notwithstanding Mr. Wilson, labor, in the real sense, is still a commodity. He has been quibbling—playing with words.

STUDY the table at the bottom of this page. See how the Wilson military appropriations tower above the greatest appropriations that the European nations made the year before the war. The Kaiser's militarism helped bring war to Europe. Beside the Wilson appropriations, the Kaiser's expenditures look small. Yet our great capitalists want a great navy with which to prevent the European nations, after the war, from recovering the foreign trade that they lost and we won as a result of the war. Are you willing to be taxed in peace and perhaps, within five years, killed in war to hold foreign trade for our capitalists? Foreign trade never prevented the English working class from being desperately poor, notwithstanding the fact England has long had the greatest foreign trade in the world.

If you believe that militarism in America is at least as bad as it is anywhere else, kindly remember that the Republicans criticise the Wilson appropriations on the ground that they are too small, and the Socialist party is the only party that opposes both these appropriations and the draft provision that was smuggled into section 79 of the army reorganization bill signed by Mr. Wilson on

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

	Army	Navy	Total
Great Britain	\$224,300,000	<b>\$2</b> 37,530, <b>4</b> 59	\$461,830,459
Germany	183,090,000	112,091,125	293,181,125
France	191,431,580	90,164,625	281,596,205
Russia	317,800,000	117,508,657	435,308,657
Austro-Hungary	82,300,000	42,000,000	124,300,000
Italy	82,928,000	49,550,147	132,478,147
Japan		48,105,152	97,105,152
THE WILSON	MILITARY APPRO	PRIATIONS FOR	1917

United States .....\$349,092.123\* \$662,476,512 \*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.

## A Personal Letter To You

By JOHN M. WORK.

OU WHO are reading this—kindly consider this a personal letter to you.

A three line item of surpassing significance recently appeared in the Chicago edition of The American, Socialist. I do not know who wrote it. If I did I would give him credit. Perhaps it was Barney-Berlyn or Duncan Smith. Anyhow, the item is as follows, "Socialism might win even this year if every voter could read a Socialist paper from now until election."

Of course we shall win anyhow. We always win, because we

make a bunch of new converts.

But what the writer meant was that if every voter could read a Socialist paper from now until election we could elect our national, state and local tickets, and thus place ourselves in position to inaugurate Socialism speedily.

THIS is literally true.

It is so true that I have sometimes been inclined to doubt whether the Socialists really want Socialism. If they really do want Socialism, they will see to it that every voter gets a Sociallist paper until election.

If every active Socialist will send ten dollars to The American Socialist, for the purpose of sending the paper to the heathen, this will enable us to send it to every family in the United States that is not already getting a Socialist paper, and to every unattached voter, for five weeks, thus reaching all of the voters during the five weeks preceding election. Ten dollars will send it to two hundred families containing two or three times that many

If all the Socialists would do their part, it would require far less than ten dollars apiece. But only a fraction of the Socialists are active. Only the active ones will pay, and it will require ten dollars apiece from them.

WILL you do it?

I never ask anyone else to do anything that I am not willing to do myself. I am sending in my ten dollars along with this article. It is a pleasure and a privilege to send it. It is a joy to know that it will send the paper to a small host of readers whose eyes will thereby be opened.

I invite you to accept this privilege and opportunity also.

Each one of you.

You who are reading this.

Send in your ten dollars at once. YOU CAN send in the two hundred addresses yourself, or just send the money, or send the money and designate where you want the papers sent. I am having my two hundred subs divided equally among the Meyer London, Hillquit, Debs, Gaylord, and Berger districts, the four most promising districts in Oklahoma and the State of Nevada, because these are the places which we

have the best chance of carrying. You and I have often failed to do our full duty to the cause but we are going to come up to the scratch this time. Others may be stingy, but we shall not be stingy. The cause needs the ten dollars worse than we do. We shall have the satisfaction of knowing that we made a lot of Socialists. So come on with your ten dollars.

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HIS IS the third and final subscription offer of The American Socialist in this campaign—FIVE WEEKS FOR FIVE CENTS!

We feel that this offer presents great possibilities in winning the workers for Socialism on the eve of the national election in November. These five issues of The American Socialist will contain the best possible pro-

All of these FIVE-WEEK SUBS will start with the OCTOBER SEVENTH ISSUE. They will also include the issues of Oct. 14th, 21st, 28th and Nov. 4th, the final Saturday before the election.

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The response to our first two offers—15 WEEKS FOR 15 CENTS—and—10 WEEKS FOR TEN CENTS—was so great that the income from subscriptions during August was greater than during any other month in the history of The American Socialist. The total income for August from subscriptions was \$1,253.78 and this does not include the \$249.55 received to put voters in the Debs' district on its mailing list. This in spite of the fact that August was a hot weather month. The prospects for September are even better. We ask you to again read the appeal of John M. Work, member of the

national executive committee, at the head of this column.

You can make a direct contribution to put names of voters in favorable

congressional districts on The American Socialist's subscription list, The American Socialist to supply the names. Or you can send in your own list, made up of the names of voters in your neighborhood, your city or state, with the money to pay for it at the rate of FIVE CENTS FOR FIVE WEEKS for each name.

Or you can go out among your neighbors and fellow workers and get them to subscribe for five weeks. It will cost them only a nickel. Surely, there isn't a worker in the land who wouldn't pay a nickel, if properly approached, to read the final shots of the Socialist Party in this campaign. In order to help you gather in these five week subs, we are publishing a sub blank. Here it is:

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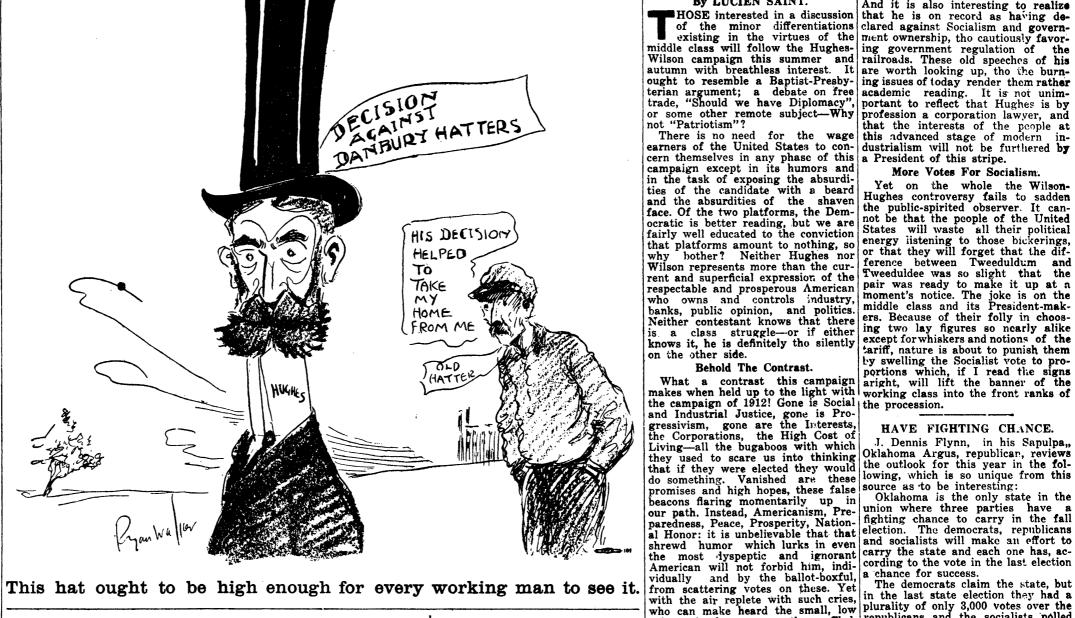
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been "progressive". In 1912, Hennepin County, in which 5,820 Socialist votes, and

office in the ...y and courty. 



Van Lear polled 10,312 votes.

This was the situation in 1914two years ago.
What is the situation today

Fight Socialism With Money.

to meet this problem. Since they can-

not meet it with logic or argument. they are determined to meet it with

have been raised by the Citizen's Al-

owners and political grafters.

-and that is to steal the election.

Preparing For Emergency.

candidate for Congress.

### Watch Minneapolis Swing Into The Socialist Column

NOW?

Staff Writer,

The American Socialist.

INNEAPOLIS is going into the Socialist column this November Thomas Van Lear, an old time Socialist and trade unionist is going to 3,618 votes. be its Mayor and will be re-inforced. Thus if w

be its Mayor and will be re-inforced by a group of able comrades in the various departments of the city, as well as in the city council.

Thus if we had gained but an additional 2,265 votes at the expense of the Progressives, Comrade Van Lear would have been in Congress today This conclusion has been reached by a number of critical observers who Meyer London. have had occasion to analyze the trend of public sentiment in that city.

Comrade Eugene V. Debs, who visited Minneapolis recently, is emphatic and enthusiastic over the wonderful prospects of carrying Minneapolis for Socialism.

In the primary elections held last June, Thomas Van Lear, the Socialist candidate for Mayor ran far ahead

## Plunderbund Will Fight. Of his capitalist opponents, polling a vote of 13,245, beating the present mayor by 9,000 votes, and another

and enact one of the fiercest strug- with big pluralities. gles for the control of a city gov-ernment that has ever been waged on this continent.

The biggest political news in the last days of June was the news of kid glove battle. It is purely a class gles for the control of a city gov-

are generous, suspiciously generous ever, suffered a "crushing" defeat, with their contributions towards this every two by four newspaper in the fund. They look with fear and country would exhaust its supply of trembling at the approaching So-cialist landslide and are raising this fund in a last desperate hope of being Associated Press, have organized and able to stem the rising red tide.

Against this gigantic fund the So- of silence regarding Socialist pro cialists are arraying the loyalty, the tireless energy, and the unflinching courage of the workers of the city.

That organized labor is going to vote the Socialist ticket almost a hundred per cent strong is the substance of an interview I had with Comrade Eugene V. Debs when I saw him at Terre Haute. Comrade Debs considers Thomas Van Lear's election as Mayor of Minneapolis a foregone paring, as they never prepared before conclusion. Comrade Van Lear as Mayor of that city would be a great credit to the Socialist movement and would make a representative that the Already over \$200,000, it is stated, Socialists could well be proud of, said

cause of labor. He is a Socialist of years standing. He has the undiluted love and faith of the workers on the one hand and the relentless hatred, fear and respect of his enemies—the capitalists and their hirelings on the

#### Prospects Never Brighter.

Socialism's prospects for success never looked brighter in Minneapolis Capitalist politics, no matter under than they do now. It is not a sudden what disguise it travels, is everymushroom-growth of sentiment; it where the same. Whether it be New has all the earmarks of slow, gradual York's East Side where the Socialists evolutionary development. The fol- finally dislodged Tammany Hall, or lowing figures will give the reader an indication as to how things look. In Minneapolis, the methods to fight Sothis connection it must be remember- cialism can hardly differ. The plutes ed that Minneapolis in particular and have only one way out of the dilema Minnesota in general have always

Minneapolis is located, cast:

11,489 Progressive votes. 11,489 Progressive votes.

The progressive party has since progressed to the grave, and these a part of their program. Right now

In the 1914 congressional campaign paign Manager, who is also State Coast state.

Comrade Van Lear was the Socialist before and our candidates all command respect not only within but outside the party as well.

ministration of skillul vachiation. It not forget that we are men by a more sacred bond than we are citizens—which it has faced at all, but the real issues which concern us—poverty, ex- Father more than we are Americans." The "Progressive" candidate polled

bund of Minneapolis is conceding big business aspirant for the office by ist ticket. We are today the only ones tension by signing an anti-trust law A NEW REVISED EDITION

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This book which already has a phenomenal circulation has been revised and made up to date by Comrade Work. It contains a good deal of new and valuable material for the beginner in Socialism as well bund of Minneapolis is conceding by business aspirant for the office by over 5,000 votes.

They also succeeded in placing their aldermanic candidates on the final ballot in five out of eleven wards. They also succeeded in placing their aldermanic candidates on the final ballot in five out of eleven wards. The Socialists have also made a splendid showing in every case where they had a candidate in the field, and the local situation, with the teamsters lock out, with the teamsters lock out, with the favorable Socialist sentiment they have also made a splendid showing in every case where they had a candidate in the field.

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TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND the primary election in Minreapolis. It had a political significance inasmuch as it gave a fair indication of anti-Socialist slush fund a month ago. The primary election in Minreapolis at struggle with the capitalists solidly on one side in a futile Herculean attempt.

together for the victory which must G. O. P. aside and tell them not to be ours. Watch Minneapolis march nominate him or he would decline. He into the Socialist column on Novem-

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

While the general public is being kept in ignorance by the capitalist piled high that makes a city great, cago convention that Hughes would press, the capitalists themselves are but in the quality of manhood that be nominated. I, for example, felt comprises its citizenship. So it may perfectly convinced that he would be not ignorant of the fact that Socialbe said of a nation that it is not its nominated because I happened ism is making headway by leaps and bounds. They are only too keenly material possessions that give the have a pipe line into the heart of the aware of that fact. And they are pre-

correct measure of its greatness.
In considering the relative greatness of the nations at war it is well Hughes on the third ballot. The 1916 born of the passions of the hour, will defeat any just estimate of the superiority of one or another of the nations. If manhood is to be taken as a criterion of the transmission of the t liance, and the Civic and Commerce as a criterion of the true worth of a The favorite son business was a blind "Van Lear is a man," said Debs, "Club. The sum was a fact over a mation, as exemplified by the great- and stall to keep up local interest in month ago. The plutes have since has given the best years of his life in come across with additional sums ground for partisans of any nation to like the party. Whether Hughes, sitting ness of its men, then there is little the party. Whether Hughes, sitting ground for partisans of any nation to make the party. Whether Hughes, sitting are come across with additional sums ground for partisans of any nation to make the party. Whether Hughes, sitting are come across with additional sums ground for partisans of any nation to make the party. an unselfish devotion toward the ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 in a make invidious comparisons. To menfew instances. In this slush fund are tion only one name in each country included the contributions of the de- will suffice to show the debt the whole know every important move made in partment store owners, the bankers, world owes to each nation for its contribution to progress and civilization. brokers, manufacturers, real estate

Germany, with pardonable pride, rejoices in nurturing within her bor-This huge battle fund is to be used ders the greatest living scientist, to buy and bribe the press, profes-Ernest Haeckel; England glories in the fact that the "tight little isle" gave birth to the immortal Shakespeare; Mazzini, the statesman and humanitarian, first saw the light of day 'neath the sunny skies of Italy: in the midst of persecution, Tolstoy, in pleas for justice, gave hope to all the Russias; Hungary battled for freedom under the leadership of the mighty Kossuth; Poland, bleeding from wounds inflicted by tyranny, sought liberty, guided by the valorous Kosciusko; and France, beloved France, bequeathed to the world Voltaire, whose matchless genius has But the Socialists of Minneapolis taire, whose matchless genius has spread the light of reason to all the are preparing for just such emergency. If some of their votes are stolen nations of the earth.

"The Oregon Herald" is the name voters will not be led back into the and for the last few months they of a new Socialist weekly being published at Portland, Ore., with Socialist and Progressive vote combined is large enough to carry every for which they might well be envied. issues are alive and ought to result in

campaign except in its humors and in the task of exposing the absurdi-ties of the candidate with a beard and the absurdities of the shaven face. Of the two platforms, the Democratic is better reading, but we are fairly well educated to the conviction that platforms are sufficiently to the platforms are sufficiently to the conviction that platforms are sufficiently to the conviction that platforms are sufficiently to the conviction to t that platforms amount to nothing, so why bother? Neither Hughes nor Wilson represents more than the cur-Wilson represents more than the current and superficial expression of the Tweeduldee was so slight that the respectable and prosperous American who owns and controls industry, banks, public opinion, and politics. who owns and controls industry, banks, public opinion, and politics. Neither contestant knows that there

and Industrial Justice, gone is Progressivism, gone are the Interests, the Corporations, the High Cost of Living—all the bugaboos with which they used to scare us into thinking that if they were elected they would do something. Vanished are these promises and high hopes, these false beacons flaring momentarily up in beacons flaring momentarily up in our path. Instead, Americanism, Preparedness, Peace, Prosperity, National Honor: it is unbelievable that that beacons flaring momentarily up in Secretary of the Party for Minnesota,

writes:

"The Campaign in Minneapolis is the one that will ocupy my time and energy and that is the one place where we must fight to insure success. We have a more representative ticket in the field, this time than ever the before and our candidates all comparison.

suppressed voice of the people?

The best thing that can be said of Wilson is that he has kept us out of war, for his clearly was the power to get us into it. But this is a negative achievement, and beyond it there is little to record. It has been an Adaministration of skillful vacillation. It has been and truer patriotism. I cannot forget that we are men by a more than every less. side the party as well.

"In this campaign we will have to do lots of literature distribution and speaking. The old party politicians will be in it for a fight. The interests have been forgotten with the slogans have been forgotten with the slogans are children of a common factorial we are children of a common factorial with the few, liberty and democracy—these issues the Roosevelt ilk, but it nevertheless expresses the only Americanism that will be in it for a fight. The interests have a big melon to capture this trip. There are franchises to capture.

"You know it—I don't have to tell you—the most necessary material will be money. With money we can flood the town with literature and speakers and organizers and that is what is need most.

Big Fight Ahead.

"This time we have a big fight on our hands. The class line split is clear-cut. Labor is with us better than ever before. There is not a "isbor" candidate on the Anti-Socialist ticket. We are today the only ones tor of middle class ideals.

#### Yes, Hughes Is "Good".

The best thing that can be said about Hughes is that he is good. I am not sure that this is not the worst anti-Socialist slush fund a month ago. It he way the political wind was blowing anti-Socialist slush fund a month ago. It he way the political wind was blowing anti-Socialist slush fund a month ago. It he way the political wind was blowing anti-Socialist slush fund a month ago. It he way the political wind was blowing anti-Socialist slush fund a month ago. It he way the political wind was bloworganization of socialist workers.

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"We want the Benson leaflets, we have the capitalist press you never saw a half dozen lines of ty successfully brought the Supreme Court into politics-out into open politics where it really belongs. But for Hughes to be portrayed as the consistently maintained a conspiracy of silence regarding Socialist prosion of words and facts. Every intel-It was Walt Whitman who said ligent political writer in the United it is not in bricks and mortar States knew a week before the Chi reactionary Republican outfit which had its plans all laid to nominate knew all this or not is hard to say I cannot conceive that he did not his behalf. Hughes is good, and the Republican

party, dominated by Crane, Smoot, Hemingway, Lodge, and the regular gang whose history the public well knows has made him their candidate and pronounced him good also. For most people this is all that is necessary to know about Hughes. It teresting, however, to reflect that should be put forward as the ple's candidate at a time when the standard st is interesting, however, to reflect that people's candidate at a time when revision of the income tax is imper
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The Gold Trust Twins ative: he vetoed the state income tax law when governor of New York.

And it is also interesting to realize HOSE interested in a discussion of the minor differentiations existing in the virtues of the minor differentiations clared against Socialism and government ownership, the cautiously favor-ing government regulation of the middle class will follow the Hughes-Wilson campaign this summer and autumn with breathless interest. It ought to resemble a Baptist-Presbyterian argument; a debate on free trade, "Should we have Diplomacy", or some other remote subject—Why not "Patriotism"?

There is no need for the wage earners of the United States to concern themselves in any phase of this campaign except in its humors and the stripe.

More Veter For Secretical autumn regulation of the railroads. These old speeches of his railroads. These old speeches of his are worth looking up, tho the burning issues of today render them rather academic reading. It is not unimportant to reflect that Hughes is by profession a corporation lawyer, and that the interests of the people at this advanced stage of modern industrialism will not be furthered by a President of this stripe.

#### More Votes For Socialism.

Yet on the whole the Wilson-Hughes controversy fails to sadden Neither contestant knows that there is a class struggle—or if either knows it, he is definitely the silently on the other side.

Behold The Contrast.

What a contrast this campaign makes when held up to the light with the campaign of 1912! Gone is Social and Industrial Justice, gone is Pro-

#### HAVE FIGHTING CHANCE.

J. Dennis Flynn, in his Sapulpa,, Oklahoma Argus, republican, reviews the outlook for this year in the fol-

shrewd humor which lurks in even and socialists will make an effort to

with the air replete with such cries, who can make heard the small, low voice of the masses—the muffled, suppressed voice of the people?

The best thing that can be said of the republicans

deserves the least respect.







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Comrade O. M. Wassing, the Cambuilding a strong party in this Pacific Frank S. Hannen, M. D., Mt, Auburn, Iowa.

ECONOMIC, POLITICAL and POW-

ER. This is important, for the word

A few samples will suffice to make

the results were so decidedly benefi-

cial, that it seems strange that they

See how soon the workers won,

without the loss of a drop of blood,

in that case, and then note the dif-

ference under Peabody, who used the

same power against the workers.

Likewise it was the same power that

was used when the Ludlow horror

In the A. R. U. strike, the federal

police power was used when the

then governor Altgeld, of Illinois,

refused to grant the railroads the use

of state police power. West Virginia

In all these cases, the masters

knew where to get the power they

recently, increased the volumn.

directs the use of them.

forcing the laws of the land, and this

tical club, of the city, state and na-

Interpretation is such a large part of the legal process, that no one need be surprised at the capitalists'

strenuous efforts incident to control-

How carefully the masters select

Economic Power if they have so much

of it, as we have so often been told

The prospects of Socialism grow

more practical than the present sys-

cision?

tem.

they have?

brighter every day.

have been so soon forgotten.

### Government Paper Mill Needed By "Free" Press Economic, and all related words, have to do solely with methods, plans,

WASHINGTON. — Shall private capital continue to extort profits from the alleged "free" press of the United to carry the plans, methods, or the the eleventh-hour introduction into Congress of a bill for the establishment of a government-owned and operated paper-mill. The author of this bill is Clyde Tavenner of Illinois, the original proponent of a government-owned armor plate paint. Indications are that Tavenner will much States? This is the question raised by management into effect. the eleventh-hour introduction into dications are that Tavenner will push dications are that Tavenner will push his bill, but he needs plenty of help in their efforts to keep such control, from Socialists.

That they may use dirty methods in their efforts to keep such control, is beside the mark; the main point

from Socialists.

Not only the United States Government, which is the largest conis that the means is one thing, the object another. Don't confuse the sumer of print paper in the world, means with the object sought. but every newspaper and book A few samples w publisher, from the most reactionary this thought clear. to the most struggling Socialist weekly will benefit by this bill. It When Waite was governor of Colorado, he used the police power of the state in behalf of the workers, and proposes

#### What Bill Proposes

1. To utilize governmentowned national forest land and government-owned national forest water power, and govern-ment-owned national forest tim-

ber.
2. Fo provide the Government with an adequate supply at a fair price, thus avoiding the grasping

Paper Combines.
3. To provide cost data for newspaper publishers so as to furnish protection against the Paper Combines. Describing this bill, Taverner says:

"The Government of the United tells the same story, Michigan re-States has long been at the mercy of peats it, McKees Rccks added a paper combines and monopolies that similar page, Lawrence, Mass., added undoubtedly have profited excessively a page, Patterson a chapter, and in furnishing paper to the Govern-East Pittsburgh and Braddock just in furnishing paper to the Government. This situation has become all the more intolerable during the past year, when the paper manufacturers have taken advantage of conditions al-leged to be due to the war to demand which they would have had to sur-still more exorbitant prices for their render. It is passing strange that products. These contractors, while many who were engaged in these and refusing to furnish paper under their many other similar struggles have agreement for the year ending March 1, 1917, are demanding two and three times their contract price when the being jailed, clubbed and shot by its Government seeks to make open- use. market purchases of the paper necessary to continue the operations of the Government Printing Office. With all the resources at its command, owning, failed, but our modern capitalists as it does, vast forests and great have discovered how to convert our water power sites adequate to pro-duce many times the required quanti-lead or steel, in the shape of bullets, ty of paper, the Government ought and we workers are always at the never again to be reduced to the lead or steel end thereof, while the necessity of begging the paper mon-opoly to furnish paper to the Public Printer regardless of price." capitalists are always at the other, or safe end, because they have sense enough to control the power which

Need Socialist Support. It is the ancient question of private profits versus public good. Tavenner state legislatures, governors, conwill not get very far with his bill gresses and presidents, and after because it strikes at the heart of the they are made by the use of "little Lumber Trust, which owns Senators and Congressmen. He will need support of Socialists, both in and out of right of making, interpreting and en-

The introduction of this bill is an- legal right carries with it the strateother argument for Socialism and for gic opportunity and privilege, of enmore Socialists in Congress. Govern- forcing or refusing to enforce acand sucialist press, and the conse-quent spreading wider and wider of the truth and the knowledge that will workers hand their masters the poliset the nation free.

#### POLITICAL POWER ITS USE AND ABUSE.

By J. W. SLAYTON.

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We have heard so much of "dirty politics", of "capitalist politics", and of "crooked politicians", that many of us have been misled as to the value of taking part in political campaigns. In fact many of us, in the not far distant pass became can not far distant past, became con-vinced, or thought we were, that there was very little if any virtue in political activity, and some of us have destay in their offices and use their stay in their offices and use their cal activity, and some of us have de-clared that there was positive injury to the working class in doing so.

I propose to show that political power is the greatest and most determining POWER that man ever originated and used.

Let this thought be clear to begin with, that POWER of itself considered, is neither good or bad, crooked or straight. In the last analysis it's a question

of results; they may be good or bad, depending entirely upon how power is used. Good and bad are matters of the wildest shouters against it say, RELATION.

When power is USED in one way, pared to the capitalist regime.

furnace warms us, we say that is "a good fire", but it is not, but the re-

In the one case, suffering is caused,

At End of	NUMBER OF MEMBERS		Amount of Benefits Paid Since Organization		Amount Saved
Year	Mon	Woman	Sick and Accident	Death	In Cash Reserve
1885	116		\$525.90	\$150,00	
1890	2,919	252	35,014.57	3,600.00	\$6,062.57
1895	10,992	1,924	310,846.07	75,581.00	35,265.38
1900	21,616	4,123	1,002,398.32	253,731.35	89,773.35
1905	28,470	5,912	1,962,960.82	587,740.96	220,323.38
1910	37,743	7,524	3,236,004.12	1,087,845.77	438,501.72
1915	43,650	8,347	4,876,761.11	1,762,706.87	865,200.00

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## Murder In The First Degree

By EUGENE V. DEBS. (Second Article On Mesabe Strike)

RUE bills against four strikers and one woman and against Carlo Tresca and two other leaders of the striking iron workers on the Mesabe Range in Minnesota charging them with murder in the first degree, have been returned by a Steel Trust

Not one of the accused is guilty. On the contrary, they are all absolutely innocent of the crime charged against them.

It is another case of punishing the workers for the crimes committed against them by their masters.

LET US briefly review the facts in this extraordinary strike on the Mesabe Range. First let me say that I have several times been over that territory and that as far back as twenty years ago I spent several weeks there organizing the iron workers on the range. I am therefore familiar with the conditions which are responsible for the 20,000 iron workers in and about the mines being out on strike.

These mining properties belong to the Steel Trust and in its program of union extermination the trust wiped out all the unions on the range. From that time to this a union man has been a criminal there and treated accordingly.

THE STEEL Trust, having their employes absolutely at their mercy, began to grind them to the marrow of their bones. Not point but they were treated in all respects more like cattle and hogs than human beings.

If they dared complain they were discharged. Spies among them kept them under suspicion of each other. Petty bosses ruled over them like despots and if they would | find an indictment against these multihold their jobs they must be boot-licking millionaire murderers. sycophants and slaves.

FINALLY these insulted, outraged peons could endure it no longer and a whirlwind of revolt swept them out of the pits and into a strike. The Steel Trust lost not a moment in attempting to break up the strike and drive them back into the pits. George P. West, field examiner of the Committee on Industrial Relations, tells the story in the report of his investigation. It is as revolting as Colorado at its worst. Every worker in America ought to read it.

The sheriff of the county, a subservient

It did not take long for these assassins to incite a riot and in that riot two of the strikers were killed. A deputy sheriff who broke into the home of a striker and precipitated a fight was also killed.

Arrests speedily followed and in every instance the victim was a leader of the strike or influential in its support.

NOW COMES the indictment of the packed grand jury of the Steel Trust, charging them all with murder in the first degree, and there is not a shadow of doubt that the trust has them all marked for execution.

In the face of these facts what is our plain and imperative duty? What would we expect of our fellow-workers if we had been as loyal as they and were now in their places? I shall not believe that in this crisis the working class will coldly ignore the indict-

ment of these comrades, the heroic service

they have rendered, and abandon them to their fate. Read the report of the Labor Commissioner of Minnesota and the report of the Committee on Industrial Relations and you will see why these men and this woman, comrades of ours, have been indicted.

JUST AS the mine owners attempted to murder Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone ten years ago, so now are the same bloodthirsty tyrants attempting to repeat their infamous crime in Minnesota.

These comrades, tho as innocent as babies, will be murdered by the Steel Trust as certain as the coming day unless the working only were wages reduced to the starvation | class is aroused and stands between the brutal trust and its intended victims.

> The Steel Trust is itself the arch-criminal in the case and its clutches are red with the blood of the innocent, but no grand jury will

> It is only the poor who are indicted for being the victims of crime and only the rich who go free in spite of their guilt.

> I have said enough. You know the story. We are going to stand by our own and see that they get a fair trial. Every one of us must do our part and contribute our share. \* \* \* \*

MY BLOOD runs thru my veins a stream of fire as I contemplate this impending crime against our comrades.

IT SHALL NOT BE! BY THE GODS, IT SHALL NOT BE! THE BLOATED, BEASTLY STEEL TRUST PIRATES SHALL NOT MURDER OUR IN- PRACTICAL TALKS | a short course on the subject following list is given below: TO THE Y. P. S. L. By WM. F. KRUSE National Secretary Y. P. S. L.

THE AMBITIOUS YIPSELS. THE AMBITIOUS YIPSELS.
These are just a few notes of practical activity for practical and active Young People's Socialist Leagues.
When we hear of 10,000 members in Austria, and of a Young People's Hillout.
History of Socialism, Kirkup.
Socialists at Work, Hunter.
History of Socialism in the U. S., Hillout.
Read these books, study them, and when you got a charge to the new temporary and the second states. many and 50,000 in Sweden, it makes when you get a chance to take part us blush with shame at the thought of in a lecture or debate, do it. In this the small position of influence and power we have attained in this country. To my mind the great secret of way, by continuous application and practice you will develop into a try. To my mind the great secret of worth-while student, speaker, and their strength lies in the practical activity there indulged in. They protect the apprentice in his shop, and the child in the school. They fight against militarism. They distribute thousands of pieces of literature, hold

We are growing, not very fast, but still quite steadily. Our growth at this time must necessarily be slow, for we are only laying the foundations of our league, we are only workwhen we must embark actively in social work as it affects young people,

knowledge of socialism. But before we can do that we must have that we can do that we must have that knowledge ourselves. We may have dreams of waking up the world with our eloquence of tongue and pen, but to do this takes more than dreams.

The jingoes own the Elephant, They also own the Donkey. But Henry Dubb may fool 'em yet, And cease to be their flunkey. Chorus. dreams of wanting our eloquence of tongue and pen, put to do this takes more than dreams.

A young "hopeful" once told a prominent socialist of his dream and minent socialist of his dream and punior is no needle.

Workers soon will rule the land, The land of Yankes Deedle.

Chorus.

We Stirnson, Hell ambition to become a great editor. He wanted to write editorials that would tear the bandages off the workers' eyes, that would wring their heart-strings, and impel them to revolutionally action all at the same time. onary action—all at the same time. But the old veteran smiled, and then told him a story. It was the story of the pullet and the hen. The young chick, not so long out of her eggshell had observed an old brown hen laying an egg. And the heart of the little pullet swelled with the desire to be of use to the world, she wanted to lay eggs, and she went over to tell the hen about it. But the hen just said, "You are a foolish little pullet, but your ambition does you credit.

To those ambitious young writers and speakers this ought to convey a lesson—you will he writers and speakers some cay if you work hard enough—you will write great editorials and speeches—but you must what a fine speech Deby could

it means hard application to the task ties and the Socialist party. The first two are the outgrowth of our form of government, closely allied with it and based upon the assumption of its fundamental soundness and its persistence. They are conservative and have for their manner. I our duty is to make good socialists. You want to do your duty. All right, start in to-day—on yourself. If you will make a socialist out of yourself, a good socialist, that is, one who knows what he is talking about, then we'll be a little bit nearer sistence. They are conservative and the goal toward which we are strively should be marginally and the goal toward which we are strively should be marginally as a strively should be s

ing out the methods of our organization. But the time will soon be here

Some day, most assuredly, you will be laying eggs. But you must first get the eggs INSIDE of you".

Must Work Hard. first get those speeches and editorials INSIDE of you. That means work, it means study,

List Of Good Books. For the benefit of those who want

a short course on the subject the

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#### Campaign Song

TUNE-"YANKEE DOODLE" thousands of pieces of literature, noid demonstrations, and do a lot of things that get them into the public eye.

Growth Is Steady.

Growth Is Steady.

Chorus. This is our year, Ha! ha! ha! we'll send 'Gene Debs to Congress, Yankee Doodle, Ha! ha! ha! we'll send 'Gene Debs to Congress.

The Elephant has had his day,
The Bull Moose "jest went under."
The Donkey brays and kicks the dust,
And calls his racket thunder.
Chorus.

and we should prepare now to do our part.

Our cardinal duty is to spread the Our cardinal duty is to spread the Charge.

Our Cardinal duty is to spread the Charge.

-Ada M. Stirnson, Holly, Colo

The threatened strike shows how utterly unjust private ownership of transportation is.

Vote for either Republicanism or Democracy and you will get a panic within four years. Vote for either Democracy or Re-

publicanism and you will get a bond issue. Vote for either of the old parties and you will get it right where you

got it before—in the neck. Why does the government guarantee the railroads their tribute? It doesn't guarantee the worker a job.

The Oklahoma Democrats are not

What a fine speech Debs could make on the floor of the house on almost any occasion! Let's give him the chance.

hibition candidate made by repudiating the platform on which he was nominated and declaring against di-

Already they are beginning to move the troops in order to keep the trainmen at work. Beats all how Wilson and the soldiers have become strike breakers.

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or Shears in 10 Seconds

edge

Knife

J. C. Lewis, of Kansas, says: "I have sold one hundred Sharpeners in four days." Hobart Kerr, of Md., writes: "The women can hardly wait till they get them." Herbert Cain, of Ky., sold nine after supper. At the end of his first day, J. W. Gordon, of Pa., writes: "I have sold two dozen, and i sold to everyone is aw." Wm. G. Hall, of N. J., says: "I think it is great. I sold six in about one-half hour. The machine is a mighty fine proposition. I am a mechanic and i know what i am talking about." Peter Courtland, of Mich., writes: "I received your sharpener and opened it in a barber shop. I ground his shears and I got an order for one right on the spot." H. A. Henkel, of Va., says: "I have examined it and find it a wonderful little machine. The workmanship is simply perfect." Frank King, Colo., says: "Sample received Saturday. Sold ten today. Sellto most every house." Forest Webb, of Pa., says: "Went out Monday afternoon for about three hours and received one dozen ornoon for about three hours and received one dozen orders. Profit \$12.00." H. Tillery, of Tenn., wrote: "I took three orders first hour. When you sharpen an old, dull knife, dull as a hoe, in less than a minute, they sit up and look." Ray Carter, of Mass., writes: "I went out two days and have orders for thirty sharpeners." Profit \$30.00 for first two days. John Durr, of Wis., also says: "I have sold thirty in two days."

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#### tool of the trust, at once swore in a thousand gunmen and turned them loose, "armed NOCENT COMRADES AND FELLOWwith carbines, revolvers and riot sticks". WORKERS! ment production of paper means cording to whom will be benefitted. Sure! Oklahoma Democrats Discover Socialist Crusher;

(Driven to desperation by the continued forward strides of the Socialist movement, the Oklahoma democrats have finally decided on their last plan of campaign to "crush" Socialism. This plan includes the opening of a regular school in which young Democrats may be coached in the tricks of the arti-Socialists, with a view to having the voters misled into believing that Socialism is a dividing-up scheme, a conspiracy to ists, with a view to having the voters misled into believing that Socialism is a dividing-up scheme, a conspiracy to break up the home and break down the churches, and similar nonsense. We are told that some young Democrats in Oklahoma City enrolled and were recently taken by their "instructor" to a lecture by George R. kirkpatrick, Socialist candidate for Vice-President. It is said that the lads were simply appalled when they realized that this was the logic that their puny intellects were to batter against. There was fear and trembling. The following, taken from Harlow's Weekly, gives the views of Victor E. Harlow, who is of the opinion that his friends are unable to combat Socialism. This Oklahoma City magazine is read by the intelligent Democrats of the state, to whom the editor seems to make a special appeal. He discusses these proposed Socialist-killers in the issue of August 19, from which we quote:)

If Socialism was all its enemies say it is, still it would be infinitely ocratic state committee it would still be nothing to be com-

ist growth has resulted from the lack economics, who only will be able to of attention that has been given to meet the Socialists on the ground the movement by the Democrats, and advised that the Democrats, and do it with the true of the social state of the ground they have chosen. It is impossible to advised that the Democratic plan henceforth be to "attack the Social-has so far prevailed in Democratic ists for what they are—the enemies campaigns in Oklahoma of the republic." He urged that if the people of the state were fully advised Socialism is not a political party. Industrial unity and political unity that Socialism is the enemy of the This fact needs to be very thoroly will win the world for the workers. republic, a great many of those who comprehended by the political leaders have not seen these dangers and have of this state; that it has not been not been warned of them would re-turn to the political party to which responsible for the hold Socialism has set. There is no room in the movement they normally belong. His idea was been permitted to secure in Oklahcma, for dead ones. They belong wholly to that the growth of the movement in There is no real resemblance between the capitalist parties—and that's why

follow the doctrine of Socialism.

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Hughes may be mighty silly, but ing.

the Dubbs seem to think he will be a relief from the frying pan. See if they don't.

This feeling had special reference to the Socialist election law. Six months ago those who called attention to the seriousness of the postion to the seriou In the one case, suffering is caused, in the other pleasure is enjoyed, merely a matter of results, following from control, or lack of it.

Cold is not bad when it causes death, nor good when it freezes ice, which we can, or may use to advantage.

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OUR OKLAHOMA FUND!

We have received \$78.10 so far they don't.

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WORKMEN'S SICK AND DEATH BENEFIT FUND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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When a house burns down, we say that was a "bad fire". The fire was NOT bad, but the results were. When in the winter, the fire in the furnace warms us, we say that is "a like the mighty silly, but furnace warms us, we say that is "a like the mount of their feeling and their plants. It was quite of the Democratic leaders when confronted with the Social-ist danger has been one of careless assurance, a cock-sureness, so to speak, which set aside as of small importance the possibility of the Social-ists ever being an active factor in Oklahoma affairs. It was quite other that was a "bad fire". The fire was NOT bad, but the results were. When in the winter, the fire in the furnace warms us, we say that is "a like the men who distant appoliticians in Oklahoma. Heretofore the attitude of the Democratic leaders of Socialism, the men who dederers of Socialism, the men who represent it in the attitude of the Democratic leaders of Socialism, the men who represent it in the attitude of the Democratic leaders of Socialism the party in this the earlier of the party in this the advances as of small importance, a cock-sureness, so to speak, which set aside as of small importance the possibility of the Social-istate and who represent it in the attitude of the Democratic leaders of Socialism, the men who deeper sense, it is a not distant appointment when the attitude of the Democratic leaders of Socialism. The men who represent it in the attitude of the Democratic leaders of Socialism. The state and who represent it in the attitude of the Democratic leaders of Socialism. The state and who represent it in the attitude of the Democratic leaders of Socialism.

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to keep the Oklahoma comrades busy for one week. Send all contributions to the Oklahoma Fund to The American Socialist, 803 West Madison St., Chicago.

and that "To deny is to die."

If you are a socialist, be a live one

300,000 of the Benson leaflets each week into Oklahoma for five weeks. 'The American Socialist wants to raise a fund sufficient to send 300,000 of the Benson leaflets into Oklahoma for the remaining five weeks of the great Benson ten-week series. The \$78.10 will only pay for about 150,000 leaflets, less than enough

Remember that "To give is to live'

ing to risk. Success assured.

Easy to demenstrate—and
every woman is anxious to see
It work—then she would not do
without it. No talking necessary. Just show the machine
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Send for application blank
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#### Foreign Trade Grows; **Home Prices Are Raised**

WASHINGTON. - How American business men raise prices at home as foreign trade grows is the sordid story told by some grim Government figures, lately made public here. These figures show the real reason underlying the movement to "capture foreign markets", even the it takes the army and the navy to do the trick.

The real reason is higher profits.

For example:
Why Oil Went Up.
Just before Europe took "our" export in petroleum, American consum-ers paid Standard Oil 75 cents a barrel for crude Kansas-Oklahoma grade and \$1.54 for the Pennsylvania grade But as soon as Standard Oil had increased the demand by capturing the foreign market, the price went up on the first-named to \$1.55 a barrel, and on the second to \$2.60 a barrel. The total excess graft thus scooped in by Standard Oil in one year was \$195,-000,000.

So the people paid for the increased foreign trade.

Take copper—another necessity of modern industrial life. Before "our" foreign trade in this grew, copper sold at 12% cents a pound. After "we" had taken foreign markets, as "an outlet for our surplus", the price went up to 30 cents a pound. The capitalists made \$120,000,000 in excess graft, and this sum, over a dollar a year for each soul in the

menacing process going.

Colorado upon the Rockefeller regime, calling upon the young Sunday school teacher to abdicate his auto
MOBILE; Clash between Chicago and St. Louis Factions Causes Killing of Informer".

"Ten minutes later Sergt. Smith, after pressing an auto into service, overtook the fleeing man on Hillock cratic control of the workers, but it is not likely that he will do so until the abdication is wrested from his plutocratic dynasty by the workers moneyed plutocracy. How did it ever

Henry Dubb Walks On The Same Street With Mrs. Grab-It-All



Now can you imagine the wave

of crime that will break loose in

New York City when Waddell's army of 5,000 "heroes" get busy?

No Doubt About It!

(or war) as you may term it: I don't

cause he believes that women should

one myself. I vote for Beason because

Then there is H. Dillabaugh,

If the old party political managers

lers they are certainly entitled to it.

## "Heroes" Of Capitalism, Enroute To Break Railroad Strike, Kill And Maim Each Other Illinois, democrat, gave his interpretation of the birth of the Socialist

"America," Lindbergh told the House the other day, "is the real and only substantial market for American consumers use products. American consumers use every year many times more of its of the scene of his new activities, said he had 5,000 strike-every year many times more of its of the scene of his new activities, and walls while bullets from a dearn and walls while bullets from a special train over the diatet where the track where the latter where

breaker is a strike breaker, whether broker fragments of dozens of bot-

Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the committee on industrial relations, has written a letter to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., since the supreme court of Colorado rendered its decision fixing the responsibility for the crimes of Colorado upon the Rockefeller re
TRAIN OF STRIKE BREAKERS IN RIOT, ONE SLAIN; Man Shot Dead After Calling Police as Five Coaches of Battling Rail Recruits: Reach Brantenahl police and Sergt. Frank Smith of the thirteenth pre-cinct took Brennan's trail. From picnickers at the park and others in the nickers at the park and others in the vicinity the officers received information that led them on different trails.

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In Capitalist Sheet, Too!

Here is the story of capitalism's themselves.

get into a capitalist sheet? Read it:

"Leaving behind it one passenger

Read and think and study and the light will dawn and the nis, at of under car wheels, another dying, two light will dawn and the nis, at of under car wheels, another dying, two lattered by a bullet and mangled and rounded up all of the passengers are coming our way. Two letters of especial interest are published in the current issue. The group of Senators sitting behind him and rounded up all of the passengers and is in part as follows:

| At this point in his denunciation of Roosevelt, Lewis demanded that a published in the current issue. The group of Senators sitting behind him and rounded up all of the passengers and is in part as follows:

every year many times more of its products than are exported. The exports last year were for speculation principally, and were made the excuse for the raising of prices to American consumers. American consumers. American consumers. American consumers. American consumers. American consumers. American consumers and especially the toilers who bear the main burden, should not be satisfied to let the products of our country be exported without receivering something equal in return."

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Expansion Means Higher Prices.
This is what is back of the bi-partisan movement for expanding foreign trade. Every step in expansion means higher prices to American workingmen and women. Every step means that the dear capitalist make more money out of the labor of the common people. There is no other explantion. It is the same old thingmen and other explantion. It is the same old thingmen and a vote for Wilson or a vote for Hughes means a vote to keep this means a vote to keep this means a vote to keep this means a vote for Rughes means a vote to keep this means as vote to keep this means are vote for Rughes means a vote to keep this means are vote for Rughes means a vote to keep this means are vote for Rughes means a vote to keep this means are vote for Rughes means a vote to keep this means are vote for Rughes Rughes Rughes Rughes Rughes Rughes Rughes Rughes Rughes

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"I can't vote for Wilson or Hughes because I don't believe in Prostitution, Slavery or Wholesale Murder or Wholesale Murder (Arguery or Wholesale Murder) (Arguery or Wh

> "The detective department at head cause he believes that women should quarters was notified, but had no have their franchise and wants to auto in which to respond quickly. give them a chance to save their sons Members of the department, however, from being slaughtered in the battle-made their way to the scene, in bor-fields and save their daughters from rowed machines and by street car, brutality. I have helped buy too many After Chief Rowe arrived he turned automobiles for drones and can't have

his car over to the detectives.

"A charge of murder was placed the farm mortgages are increasing against Edward J. Brennan and Car- and rol Boyd, 31, while the charge of steadily becoming peons, which should shooting to kill was placed against not be.' ing one of the parties attacked, was their preference for president and charged with delinquency. Several give reason for it.

| Debs' district down in Indiana. others were held on charges of carrying concealed weapons, while the re-

How Trouble Started DON'T want to vote for either one the trouble was caused primarily of the old parties. cars containing Chicago men. To spiracies formed to enslave pass from one of their cars to the American people that was thru the St. Louis car and this led the conspirators have at present and to objections by the St. Louis men.

"One story obtained by the police that every vote cast for either one that of the common who had is simply a nail driven in the coffin of the forward-looking trade unionthe St. Louis car counting his money ers and sisters, take when a St. Louis car man knocked it vote to destroy the nation by up unions. out of his hand. Another story is that holding the present system or vote a two Chicago men were passing thru protest or stay at home." the St. Louis car to get a drink of water they had been ordered to stay

out.
"As well as the police could patch it up from the tales of excited participants and witnesses, the story runs that Brennan, Boyd, Hagerty and several others drew revolvers and she has just received an application cripple. A truer or more honest man began firing as the train neared the for a charter from Nederland, Colo., never lived. And, Oh! Such a Social-E. 105th street station. A passenger, in the heart of the tungsten boom, ist! He is liked by all and he says unknown to the police, climbed to the roof of a car and went forward at mayor and city marshall. The mayor if he could to help the Cause. Let me the risk of his life to the engine cab of the city was elected secretary of tell you that there are warm hearts where he told the engine crew what the new local. "So the Socialists, unfor 'Gene down here. I am yours for was happening and demanded that like other parties, capture towns be- putting the world right side up".

e train be stopped.

"At the E. 105th street depot the McGehe. "They come over to us train stopped for a couple of minutes. | bodily".

dollar a year for each soul in the population, was added to the cost of living.

We Pay For Increased Trade.
Again the people paid for the increased foreign trade.
Congressman Lindbergh of Minnesota estimates that prices in all trust-controlled commodities have been raised to American consumers more than \$4,334,000,000 in a year. And this increase goes into the pockets of the business grafters, who, thru their control of the government, are shouting and boosting for increased foreign trade.

"America," Lindbergh told the "America," Lindbergh told to the submary to the right and score more in the man

menacing process going.

A vote for Benson means a vote for lower prices, for American consumption of American products, for the beginning of the end of the System.

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The lurid headlines in The Plain the strike was past, to New York city last week, and the impending menace of the strike was past, when danger of the s on strike. The men were recruited "Out of that railway strike was voice and the impending menace of 2,000,000 votes for Benson and Kirkpatrick looming up before his eyes. "The Socialist party," reiterated Lewis, "was the child of the resitancy that actuated President Cleveland Federal intervention in the railway

> Roosevelt wavered more criminally There is no doubt about that great overtook the fleeing man on Hillock drift of sentiment among the farmers in the coal strike than did Cleveland road N. E. near the park and placed toward Socialism. Read "The Organin the Debs' strike, as Lewis saw it. ized Farmer", issued by the American "Roosevelt fiddled along for five Police Surround Train.
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> Society of Equity at Wausau, Wisc., months out of fear of the coal barand you will get the feeling that all ons of America," argued Lewis.

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Two letters of especial interest are
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"Chief of Police W. S. Rowe laid aside his work at headquarters and control and their parties do and their backbones are the stay the strike," continued Lewis. war broke before he took a hand to hurried to the precinct station, where he took charge of the investigation.

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CAMPAIGN FUND STORIES.

American farmers are "We have just received a check for \$20 contributed to our campaign fund John Hagerty, 35. The three men claim St. Louis as home. Morris Bihoff, 16, of Chicago, who took no lows:

Then there is H. Dillabsugh, of by the printers of Typographical Union, No. 6, "Big Six" of New York City, employed in the composing Bihoff, 16, of Chicago, who took no lows:

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"You ask your readers to state room of The New York Times", re-

"If I didn't know a thing about Peter J. Flanagan, who sent the ing concealed weapons, while the re-the socialist platform but knowing contribution and signed himself, mainder, about fifteen, are being held the history of the other two parties "Yours for Socialism", wrote as folit is very easy for me to tell why I lows:

"The boys in the New York Times by the fact that the car containing "I find that about fifty years ago graphical Union, No. 6, send you the St. Louis men was run between two there was one of the damndest con-enclosed \$20 for your campaign exspiracies formed to enslave the penses. We want you and others like ever you in legislative halls, because we other the Chicago men had to go thought of in or out of hell and that thru the St. Louis car and this led the conspirators have at present abmany others have done in the past." ists in the country, even in the ranks

your choice, of some of the most conservative In almost the same mail comes \$2.50 from Comrade J. D. Farr, of Watertown, N. Y. He asked Comrade can get any comfort out of these let- T. H. Lynch to send in his contri-

> "Comrade Farr is a milk pedlar and And these are the stories of only "They come over to us two of the contributions to the Socialist campaign fund this year!

- By RYAN WALKER.

SOME SOCIALIST HISTORY. | From The Firing Line U. S. Senator Jim Ham Lewis, of Here is a message from the firing line that we want to pass on to every reader of The American Socialist. This comrade knows how to distribute literature and do it right. Read what

Charleston, Miss., Aug 28, 1916. American Socialist,

803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Dear Comrades:—I am enclos-ing 60c together with six names to put on the sub list. I made my first distribution yesterday. This is a Mill Town and there are about 60 company houses here, most of them occupied by mill workers. I left one of Ameringer's booklet's "Socialism, What it is and How to Get it" at each of the houses together with the Benson leaflet No. 1. I met the general manager as I was on my way, whose salary is \$10,000 a year. I am acquainted with him but did not know just how he was going to feel about my distribution of Socialist literature. I thought best to put on a bold front, however, so I handed him one. As I did so I told him he need not get scared as Socialism would not hurt him as he was a worker as well as the rest and Socialism would only change his boss and probably raise his pay. He smiled as he took the booklet and said, "Oh they have some very good principles". I was surprised to see how the people received the literature. I rapped at each door and handed it to them with the name Socialism foremost as I wished to see just how they would receive it. Not one refused to take it the some few looked a little reluctant. To those I told not to be afraid of the name, as that name had been greatly misrepresented.

I am a lone Socialist here but I don't think I will be alone very long. I shall try to organize a local here. I do wish I could afford to have a good speaker come. I have never seen people so ready to listen to the message.

Forgive me for worrying you with this long letter but you see I have to talk to some Socialists and there are none here but me. Comrades, if we had the funds to flood the country with speakers as well as literature, we would sure make the Plutes sit up and take notice after the votes were counted next November.

Fraternally. F. L. Borland, Box 163, Charleston, Miss.

## The Million Dime Column

Conducted by MAX SHEROVER.

Total number of dimes received up to and including Saturday, Sept. 9:

47,354

This shows a gain of 3,253 dimes since last report.

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At this writing every Local Secretary in the United States is in nossession of one of the famous banks. Most of the banks are on the job. Many of them are on their return trip to headquarters. As fast as these come in they will be rushed out again to the comrades and friends on our waiting list.

There are a good many readers of this paper who could well afford to handle one of these banks. You must realize that the magnitude of this years' great campaign can be limited only by the funds at the disposal of this office. By getting a bank loaded you are doing your share in the most effective manner to help swell the Campaign Fund.

#### WHAT THEY SAY.

Comrade Mrs. Eva Cook, Ga Center, Wash., writes: "Am returning the bank containing as many dimes as w could get into it. You can send our 25 per sent share of its contents to the State Headquarters. Our Local does not need it, the state office does." We will do that Comrade Cock.

"As Secretary of Local Everett No. 1, I am instructed to write you for 25 more dime banks for the lection of campaign funds. Rush them as soon as possible," writes Comrade Peter Husby, Everett, Wash. They're on their way, Comrade Husby.

M. Goldhamer, McKees Rocks, Pa. writes: "Am sending back, by registered mail, Bank No. 310, loaded to capacity with brand new dimes. If possible send me four more banks which I will circulate where they will give a good account of themselves." our banks are on their way to you Comrade.

Comrade Edward Barrett, of Local Mount Vernon, N. Y., wants ten more banks. They've gone forward to him. Comrade C. E. Odell, of Staples, Minn., writes: "Here's Dime Bank 1751 loaded to the muzzle Please return it when unloaded at headquarters. I think the bank idea is a great one for raising money. It took me a day and half to fill mine and I did not finish collecting." He also submits a list of four names to which banks are to be sent.

Omrade, Marshall, "Sending back Bank No. 1164 as full as possible. Return it again and we'll get it filled again, and maybe again and again. spirit!

"Inclosed please find our FIFTH CHECK (\$7.70) to the Million Dime CHECK (\$7.70) to the Million Dimo Campaign Fund. These dimes are col-lected by readers of "Laisve!" (Liber-ty), a Lithuanian semi-weekly," writes Comrade Leo Pruscika, its editor. This makes a total of \$74.80 contributed by the Lithuanian comrades towards the Million Dime Fund. They are certainly doing their share.

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