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HOW DOES THIS SUIT YOU! do so,' he said. When we asked him, WHERE WAS THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, he calmin applied that it was suit.

Plan To Eliminate Profit Grabbers By Use Of Parcel Posts System Is Ignored Now That Election Day Is Over

By LUCIEN SAINT.

will eat into profits.

WASHINGTON .- Half-hearted at- | talk common sense. Will the polititempts to reduce the high cost of liv- cians let them DO common sense ing by developing the parcel post are things? about to be made by the Government.

Of course they won't strike at the root of the evil, but they wll make a loud noise and the poeple will fall for it. Here's the story:

This is a rough outline of the struggle now going on in the Post Office Department. On the one side are those who see the truth and want to serve the public. On the other side

The rates on parcel post are too high. They are high because of the influence of the privately owned express companies. They are so high that sometimes it is cheaper to use they do not want to do anything that the express companies and sometimes it is cheaper not to send any stuff at all. Especially is this due of foods

and foodstuffs.

The poor people are dependent for their eggs and vegetables on the retail dealers. The retail dealers buy from the wholesalers and the whosesalers from the farmers. A profit must be grabbed off every time. When the food finally arrives at the house, it is old, dirty and costly.

A prominent Socialist who holds a small government job in Washington and who is in a position to know what he is talking about, has put forth this idea:

"Let the city Sosialist locals throughout the country resolve themselves into clubs for the reduction of the cost of living. Let them write to the Postmarks." house, it is old, dirty and costly.

Food Fresh Every Day.

Government experts have worked out a scheme whereby foods may be purchased direct from the producer and shipped direct to the consumer by parcel post. The middlemen are eliminated. The producer gets a profit for his labor, and that's an end to it. The consumer gets stuff delivered by the postman fresh every day.

This scheme has been advertiseda little. It works—well. But up to date, and note that the date is after election, the government experts have been bidden to hold their tongues. The middleman is a powerful cuss. well not to offend him before election.

Make Radical Suggestions

The Government experts have made radical recommendations. They want the Government to lower rates to a cent a pound, to drive the express companies out of existence, and to start a campaign of education and agitation which will benefit nobody but the people, and the farmers. The Government experts know that the Government experts know that the Government can make money out of parcel post at fabulously lower rates parcel post at fabulously lower rates American Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

PLUTE ORGANS PLEASE COPY. not and could not perform the same duties for any reasonable sum of money.

WASHINGTON.—Over ten thoumoney. know that the legal power exists to remove the 50-pound weight limit from the parcel post and let the Government carry anything and everything that has to be carried-vege tables, lumber, coal, etc. They have worked out the cost of carrying goods per mile, and they can see the enormous profit made by the railroads, the express companies, and the grafters who handle supplies of all kinds. They declare - PRIVATELY - that government ownership of the express companies, which means an extension of the parcel post system, is the first effective step toward cutting the cost of living and government ownership

LE INDSIGHT is good, but foresight is better."

of the railroads.

opportunity to earn a living.

Something Can Be Done. A prominent Socialist who holds a seives into clubs for the reduction of the cost of living. Let them write to the Postmaster General for full in-formation as to how to buy through the parcel post. Let them supply their families with good food at less than the cost of the same in the stores —and let them use the experience

Here They Are!

thus gained as a text for their next

soapbox meetings. I personally have talked convincing Socialism with a

paper cartoon of parcel posted eggs in my hand as an illustration of the need for government ownership and control of private exploitation of the people's foods."

Incorporation into one organization He controls the daily newspapers by advertising his goods in them. He stands in with the railroads and the public service corporations. He has labor delegates in the American such a large financial stake in the Federation of Labor convention at Politimers to bring about the greatest world and he is so numerous that it is Baltimore to bring about the greatest conflict of history between capital and the working men. These are among the employers' associations represented in the new "board": National Association of Manufac-

turers. National Council of Industrial De-

National Founders' Association. National Metal Trades Association. National Erectors' Association. National Association of Cotton

Manufacturers

Silk Association of America. United Typothetae. American Pulp and Paper Associa

Rubber Club of America.

AND (by co-operation) All the great railroads of America These organizations (exclusive of the railroads) are said to represent a working capital of EIGHT BIL-LION DOLLARS and to hold the threat of jobs or joblessness over SIX MILLION WORKERS!

/Read "Let the Plutes Rule!" colf the railroads.

So much for the experts. They

WHAT DID YOU VOTE FOR?

By JOHN M. WORK.

If so, evidently you are too thick-headed to know what you voted for. So I will tell you.

You voted for the masses of the people to continue to spend all their time earning a bare living.

You voted for the masses of the people to continue to be compelled to starve themselves men-

You voted for the continuation of the division of the people into warring classes.

Are you one of the misguided dupes who voted for Wilson or Hughes?

You voted for the masses of the people to remain in poverty.

tally, morally and spiritually, in order to keep from starving physically.

You voted to drive still further multitudes of men to drink.

You voted for the continuation of the causes of war.

You voted to put still further premiums on graft and corruption.

You voted to drive still more hosts of men and women to suicide.

You voted to drive still more armies of men and women, to insanity.

You voted to produce a still greater army of feeble minded children.

You voted to drive still further multitudes of men and women to crime.

when their education is really beginning, in order to enter the workaday world.

You voted to drive still further multitudes of women and girls to prostitution.



Yes, They Are Doing Their Christmas Shopping Early!

sand dollars worth of property was saved to its owners last year by the Coast Guard Service, which is one of Uncle Sam's government-owned steamship lines. Incidentally, over 100 lives were saved each month of the year. The total cost to the coun-

try was a little over \$5,000,000.

Write to the Treasury Department for Document 2771, and read about this amazing service which is performed for the shipping of the United States at relatively small cost. It is

Incidentally the Cost Guard owns and operates its own telephone system of wires and cables. Owing, however, to the failure of capitalistic Congress to maintain this equipment, it is in a bad way.

Incidentally, also, the daily ration for workers in the Coast Guard costs Is Government ownership feasible? 47 and a fraction cents. This is be Is it effective? Does it pay? Is it cause the Government has ousted the destructive of initiative and enter-private exploiter of foodstuffs.

Municipal Ownership" and other

Wall Street organs, please copy. From the Wall Street Tattler

CAUSE FOR ALARN

good cheer and optimism in this issue of the Tattler. Grave fears for the stability of our social and political institutions have needlessly gained all fixed and arranged, except the ground in some quarters. But the details, and unless some sudden Tattler reassures its readers that re-emergency should arise, like a social ports of discontent among the lower revolution, it will be strictly adhered classes have been greatly exaggerated. It is well to remember there have been agitators in all ages of the world who You voted to have the masses of the people continue to be deprived of most of their earnings. have made bold to question the right You voted for the continuation of the division of the people into warring classes.

You voted to have the working masses continue to be dependent upon the capitalists for an clamor of demagogs, plutocracy still

holds the master hand in its supremacy over the inferior orders of society. In our day men known as socialists have made ineffectual attempts to win You voted for the masses of the people to continue to spend an their time earning a bare fiving.

You voted for the masses of the people to continue to be barred out from the higher things of little heed has ever been paid to their propaganda. These highbrow dictrinaires make the mistake of considering workers other than creatures fit only to serve. As in times past, they were obedient as born thralls of Eric the Saxon, so today toilers are quite content as wage slaves, as they are some-times facetiously described. What folly to appeal to the reason or in-

considerable idle talk about imminent enormous salaries of the chief rulers LOST FACE strikes and industrial disturbances. In labor conventions all sorts of wild Czar Nicholas has annual threats are being made as to what totaling \$12,000,000, Kaiser Wilhelm labor is going to do to capital. All over \$5,000,000, the Austrian Emperor this, mind you, just a week after the laboring classes voted overwhelmingly Queen \$2,350,000, and the other memto place the powers of government bers of that royal family a total of You voted to continue the reckless waste of the wealth and the opportunities that the to place the powers of government unreservedly into our hands—police- \$2,790,000. Add millions upon millions men, marshals, militia and the reg- more for the dukes and earls and ular army. With all these forces at counts and other no-accounts, and the our command, what a sorry figure any contrast between the classes and the body of men would cut in opposing masses becomes positively disgusting our interests!

It is to laugh-how! haw! haw!

The Abingdon, Ill., Socialist Exchange has made its appearance, under the able management of Comrade

NOTHING TO HURT BIG BIZ

WASHINGTON .- "No general legslation this winter!" This is the word that is being passed around among the politicians of the two old parties. The Interests are tired out trying to sit on dangerous legislative proposals, and they want a rest.

The administration wants a rest. It wants to sleep while its commissions make investigations and recommendations. It has passed an enormous quantity of laws during the last four years, and it thinks that it deserves a vacation.

The courts will rule the country in the meantime. The only at all pop-ular section of Government, which is By WILLIS ANDREWS.

The upper classes will find cause for cod cheer and optimism in this issue want.

When is Congress, will go back home, draw its pay, and do nothing. "We" are prosperous. "We" have all the laws we want. Why worry?

This is the inside dope on the prog ram for the next few months. It is details, and unless some sudden emergency should arise, like a social

Speaking of revolutions and the high cost of living and capitalism, farhave made bold to question the right sighted men in official life in the of the leisure class to rule over the Nation's Capital confess privately to the belief that revolution is impending in the United States. They know the facts and they know that the uneasy social structure can not stand as it is much longer. This explains why son has appointed so many "radicals" to office. He, too, sees the end of the capitalistic system, and instead of opposing it blindly, he is endeavoring to soften the finish crash.

No more legislation for nearly year! Is that the way to make the country prosperous?

Surely the European masses are a BEFORE ADAM patriot lot of beasts of burden. Mil-BURNING DAYLIGHT Surely the European masses are a tellect of proletarians, faculties to lions being killed, more millions which they seem almost strangers? Ot the present juncture there is starve and suffer. Nevertheless the IRON HEEL continue to flow into their coffers. Why should any sane human being worship royal vampires?

WRITE.—Short contributions for "Let the Plutes Rule" column of The American Socialist will be welcomed R. S. Snider and his daughter. The for publication. To get an idea of exchange is buying its goods from the hicago Socialist Whelesale. what is wanted you should read it. It begins in this issue. begins in this issue.

Uncle Sam Declares Capitalism Bankrupt

The question is not:—"HOW MUCH DO YOU EARN?" but "WHAT DO YOU SAVE?"

Young man, working steadily each day, each week, each month: Can you add \$10 every 30 days to a fund for your mother or father; your sisters or yourself?—\$10 monthly in the strongest and safest bank in the world, bringing in 4 per cent interest and practically invested in government bonds, safe, sure and earning money always?

Are those you would wish to leave cared for in the event of your death given six months of your pay as insurance?

Can you travel at the expense of someone else and be educated by that travel and still SAVE! Have you time during your working hours to study, to im-

prove, to advance? Are you breaking down your health by confinement in some

office or shop or factory with the possibility that if taken sick you lose your position and with it your pay? If sick, is your medicine given you free? Is a doctor paid to tend you? Do you have a trained nurse supplied by your present

employer?

If crippled doing duty, are you pensioned and cared for-FOR

If your best years have been spent giving your efforts to another—will he care for you and yours in your declining years? Are your clothes supplied free—Is your board and lodging, furnished with your pay, or do you have the unending struggle

month after month to try to meet your bills? You ask:—"Where is this all done, where board, lodging, clothes and medical attendance are given in addition to pay, where promotion may be had for the ambitious and deserving, and in fact,

where every question asked above may be answered for your betterment, if you are not already getting these necessities with your "Where you may lead an open air life with full physical train-

ing." "Where you may circle the globe or tour the wide world with travel expenses paid and with your pay going on just the same and where the same pay may be put under the protection of the United States Government.'

"Where a man may advance from the lowest rung of the ladder to the highest.

"Where education may be had from free books in free school rooms, by competent teachers, also free, in subjects from reading and writing to wireless telegraphy, electricity, aviation and mechanics—and the time so taken in study and betterment —'daylight time'—for which you are being paid by your employer, where the knowlede may be had that with added education comes "ADDED PAY."

The answer to all the above and more, young man, is:—
"THE UNITED STATES ARMY."

Come to the addreses given below and have it proved to you that the poorest paid soldier in the Army today can save \$10 of his pay every month.

How his food is improved under the new ration order—how his clothing is the best of any soldier on earth—how he may be educated and how he has advanced from the "ranks" to head of the Army—how the pay has increased and of the number-less other benefits of which you and other civilians DO NOT

COME! and let us explain to you.—If you are working— COME after hours, as t —never closed.—From U.S. Army Circular.

ARE YOU A SOCIALIST? Then read "Let the Plutes Rule!" versus "Let the People Rule!" is being discussed in this issue of The American Socialina new department of The American ist and you will see what you voted Socialist which begins with this issue. Read it.

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people need. You voted to continue to destroy the good incentives and increase the bad ones, You voted to continue handing out charity instead of justice. All this and much more like it you voted for when you voted for Hughes or Wilson. For they

and their parties stand for all these things. They stand for the continuation of the private ownership of the industries—capitalism— which produces all these evils.

You voted to have most of the boys and girls continue to be compelled to leave school just

You had a chance to vote for Socialism, which will abolish all these evils. And you neglected your opportunity.

So wake up, you bonehead, and try to get a hunch that you are not going to make such another damn fool of yourself again.

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Never mind. Nineteen twenty is our year.

the crowing this year.

suffrage now?

Every plan for reducing the high cost of living is a Socialist plan.

The east and south will have to give women the ballot in order to prevent the west dominating things.

The war made Wilson "presperity." When the war ends, then will come the Wilson panic.

Things are so high now that no one will have anything when the crash comes. And then will come the deluge.

"Socialism remains the one hope of the world, the one star in the hight that covers us."

The people clearly do not want to be They demand more prodding before they wil rebel.

It is incumbent on every true Socialist to stand by his colors now. And

There is nothing to do but go on. The world advances only as the vanguard does move on. Who will be the man to fool the

American people after Wilson has gone as far as he can? The suggestion of an embargo on

food stuffs is a Socialist suggestion. But it comes too late to do much good. Hughes will not be long without a

job. The corporations can use any old federal judge.

It might have been worse. Socialists might have gone to war instead of merely going insane in voting for

Now that election is over, they are expected anything else?

The harder upholder of the present system struggle, the deeper do they get stuck in its mire. They will yet call on Socialism to get them out.

How about the railroads defying congress when they appeal to their York City has adopted a resolution in

Hughes congratulates Wilson, after

their munition orders, the panic may ment; and that governmental methods reach America before the winter is are often inefficient and wasteful, and

general ruin that follows. When the war does come because of the food action of the preparedness advocates, America will be less prepared than she should have been had she done right and refused to spend a

dollar with the profit mongerers.

Now that the country has been so risen to the stars, they talk of a food and wasteful methods inseparable embargo. Had they adopted Benson's suggestion two years ago there never need to have been a food shortage in

If Socialists of America could be crease of \$199,303 over last year. stampeded into voting for Wilson could they not also be stampeded into war if Rooseveltitis became epidemic? What has the exploiter to fear now?

SOCIALIST VOTE BY STATES. South Dakota gave 3,731 votes for Benson Socialist candidate for presi dent, this year as compared to 4,662 for Debs in 1912, loss of 931, according to report just received from State Secretary E. F. Atwood. "In the Black Hills district labor troubles reduced our vote thru emigration", he says. "Prohibition apparently carried by 8,000, while equal suffrage was defeated by perhaps 1,000. On the latter issue it is charged that the anti-saloon element quietly worked against votes for women because the suffragists would not also work for

prohibition. The party organization is larger and more efficient than ever before and plans to send a few 'immediate demands' to referendum this winter also to handle a lyceum course.

The Socialist vote in North Carolina this year is reported as 490 as com pared to 1,025 in 1912, a loss of 535. Satte Secretary W. F. Metcalf of New Mexico reporth that the vote cast for the highest Socialist elector in that state was 1,397 as compared with the vote of 2,859 cast for Debs

in 1912, a loss of 862. State Secretary Martin F. Plunkett reports the Conecticut vote as follows: for President, Allan L. Benson, 4,595, as compared to 10,056 cast for Debs in 1912, a los of 5,461. The vote for governor was 4,870.

LET THE PLUTES RULE!

NOTE:—Under this heading will be published each week brief accounts of how the people are being done by the financial, commercial and industrial magnetes. News from Wall street generally not intended for the knowledge of the masses will also be given.

By MAX SHEROVER

In Explanation.

Leslie's Weekly, a highly reactionary publication, for years has been conducting an editorial column year. devoted to an attempted demonstration that the people are not fit to rule—at least, not fit to rule as capitalism would like to have things ruled. This column, in a sarcastic sneer, exclaims every now and then "Let the People Leslie's Weekly wants the plutes to rule. We will therefore People's rule.

The Why of Aeroplane Prices and Submarine Wages.

Washington-Government reports on partial exports for October and ten months ending with October are: Breadstuffs, \$38,180,775; cottonseed oil, \$1,153,928; cattle, hogs and sheep, \$60,867; meat and dairy products, \$24,471,449; cotton, \$68,986,160;

mineral oils, \$16,154,189. Ten months ending with October: Breadstuffs, \$358,421,947; cottonseed oil, \$16,066,241; cattle, hogs and sheep, \$775,180; meat and dairy products, \$220,159,498; cotton, \$493,083,-349; mineral oils, \$169,893,521.

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Whadya Mean National Joke?

Runaway commodity prices, and National City Bank runaway prices for industrial stocks State Bank of Chicago to correspond with the big profits expected to result from the imperative J. Ogden Armour demand for goods, have been the feats Continental & Commercial National Bank ure of the past month. The situation R. T. Crane, Jr. s being brought forcibly home to every householder, until the H. C. of L. has become a national joke.—The Magazine of Wall Street.

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

If ten stores can distribute goods more economically than one, and two hundred can serve the public better than ten, it is logical to expect that a thousand under a single management Wonder if, after four more years of Woodrow, they can declare, "He kept us out of war."

thousand under a single management would be still more efficient, and the trend of development seems to be in this directions.—Theo. H. Price in THE OUTLOOK.

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the American railway executive advisory committee, last week told the New Now that election is over, they are seeking to annul the eight hour law passed by congress. Sure thing. Who that "government ownership of railroads is inevitable," and that a number of railroads would be willing to sell out to the government.

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

Why You Should Be Contrary.

The Merchants' Association of New own bought-and-paid-for judges to set regard to Government ownership of railroads' and other public utilities.

The Steel Trust is cleaning up at the rate of \$1,000,000.00 per day net profit. Let the Plutes Rule! The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved by the Merchants' Assofor office must give place to acquies- ciation of New York that governmencence when Wall street is satisfied tal methods in the conduct of busi-with results. by reason of the fundamental restric-If England and France do cancel tions imposed by our form of governover, and prices may tumble in the therefore unsuited to the conduct of business undertakings; and be it further

"Resolved that The Merchants' Association of New York is opposed to Government ownership and operation of railroads, telephones, telegraphs and other public utilities, believing that such utilities are far more effec-Just as Socialists said it would be, tively operated under private ownerwhoever was elected, the masters are ship, subject to public regulation entrenched in America for four years than would be possible under Governmore. At the end of that time there ment ownership and operation; and will be but little left to steal, and then that it would be a national calamity to subject these instruments, indispensable to the welfare of the whole emptied of food that everything has country, to the hampering, inefficient from Government undertakings."

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

THE POOR RAILROADS! Ann Arbor's poodle shows an in-

They make a hit as soon as seen.

taken in Walker's "easy-to-take" doses.

Atlantic Coast Line shows net gougings of \$1,601,398. This almost doubles the plunder of the preceding

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Bangor & Aroostook in three \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

Burlington plucked a paltry \$4,-341,174 during September. (To be continued.)

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

The Value of An Empty purse. of mechanics and manual laborers.

are sold for the season. Among the holders of these boxes are such empty-pursed concerns as:

Carson Pirie & Co. Butler Brothers

Reid. Murdoch & Company

Guaker Oats Co. Cyrus H. McCormick Sears Roebuck & Co. Swift & Company Northern Trust Co. Corn Exchange Bank Central Trust Co. Merchants Loan & Trust Co.

Dean Charles R. Brown, of Yale School of Religion, was imported last Sunday to speak to the crowd on "The Value of an Empty Purse." It was not stated whether Prof. Brown was given an empty purse for his lecture, and judging from the way his was received the Dubbs content with their empty seemed purses.

E. J. Buffington, of the Illinois Steel Company, had a hard half hour's try in which he tried to demonstrate that when Jesus compared the rich man's chances of getting into the Heaven with the chances of a camel going through the eye of a needle, he did not mean the modern business man, the "self-made" millionaire, the 'honest" mill owner. After a half hour Buffington gave up the job and postponed it for the following Sunday.

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

A handful of Copper Magnates and old maids in Boston are raking in affliation and co-operation is gaining armament. The labor question in that necessity had aroused the wage the department stores, the meat packone million dollar per week from the Utah copper fields, and the money they get from the the next year or two will find subthey get from their Michigan holdings stantial progress made in the break- gressive and the old parties on the would stump a methematician. Let ing down of craft prejudices and a the Plutes Rule!

mitted holding 1,000,000 eggs in struggle along industrial lines when storage in order to manipulate the other means fail. The Washington price. When informed of the people's conference this week made appreciprotest he calmly replied "What are able progress in that direction. you going to do about it? I have the eggs, you want them, you pay my price or go without them!" Let the Plutes Rule!

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The Fruits of Agitation. Following Representative Meyer London's lead in declaring in favor of an embargo on food exportation are Representatives Fitzgerald, of New York. and Jeff McLemore, of Texas. Enough representatives of various associa- rise that ought to be met by a united congressmen are expected to jump tions when it became apparent that labor movement in every country. into the band wagon to make possible the passage of an embargo law.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes. NE RESULT of the strike agitation of the railway brotherhoods; the passage of the Adamson act and the subsequent nation-wide discussion of the whole subject has been to liberalize the transportation employes' organizations to an extent that may ultimately wean pected to "earn" \$50 per share and a was held in Washington a preliminary ninimum of \$200,000 per month. them away from their aristocratic or of the brotherhoods and the federated Aurora, Elgin & Chicago during ing a working alliance for offensive September knocked down \$88,755, all and defensive purposes. The men in the transportation department have learned during the past few years that, while their policy of splendid isolation formulated more than a quarter of a century ago may have been advantageous before the railways were centralized into a few posed during the winter session of powerful groups, in these latter days this method has become expensive and this method has become expensive and lating to the railway situation, which unsatisfactory. The scheme of steering clear from "entangling alliances" step but can't. It is known that an They have done it at a cost of to avoid sympathetic strikes princi-The Chicago Sunday Evening Club, which holds religious services in Orchestra Hall on Sandays, is "organized to maintain a service of Christian Inspiration and Fellowship in the business center of Chicago and to promote the moral and religious welfare of the city." The attendance to avoid sympathetic strikes principally and depending almost wholly on mediation and arbitration to improve their conditions, nas brought the conviction to the general manabrought the railways that the brother-hoods fear to resort to extreme measfully shown in the famous Mulhall to promote the moral and religious welfare of the city." The attendance to avoid sympathetic strikes principally and depending almost wholly on mediation and arbitration to improve their conditions, nas brought the managers and agents of the managers and agents of the native been made in organization there was always at least a lesson. Little unions have bodies are past grand masters, as was fully shown in the famous Mulhall exposures and in other adventures that have been made in organization there was always at least a lesson. Little unions have to promote the moral and religious ures to enforce their demands. Consequently the railway magnates have welfare of the city." The attendance, which usually exceeds the capacity of the large hall, is largely composed of clerks, office workers and a sprinkling scales were presented and grudgingly freehaning. conceded arbitration only after ex-There are twenty-eight boxes that asperating delays became untenable. The arbitration struggle of the men on the Western lines nearly two years ago, which ended in almost a complete fiasco, and the seemingly endless negotiations that preceded the enactment of the Adamson law, illustrate the methods adopted by the general managers and also show the tremendous expense of time and money to which the brotherhoods were jected in adhering to their isolation and peace-at-any-price policy. It is not generally known but nevertheless a fact that for two years before the Western arbitration proceedings culminated in Chicago the brotherhoods employed a corps of expert investigators and statisticians to compile the necessary data to present to the arbitration court in the hope of winning their case. The outlay for that one item alone approximated \$750,-000, and the total expense of the arbitration must have exceeded a million dollars. The cost of the conciliation proceedings in the eight-hour campaign was undoubtedly much greater, although no information is available at present upon which to base a fair estimate. On the other hand, the expenses of the score or more crafts employed in railroading that are not included in the brotherhoods also totaled into huge sums and have become burdensome" to the

extent at least of indroducing economies in conducting negotiations and A Chicago egg speculator has ad- perhaps combining to wage the class

unions in interest. The men employed

in the shops and roundhouses have

repeatedly urged their fellow-workers

in the transportation department to

with their no-strike policies. But up

the Adamson law in the courts. The National Association of Manufacturers, through a subsidiary defense organization, took the initiative in rallying inumerous associations that exist in the manufacturing, mining, mercantile, transportation and other industries to the campaign of union-smashing. They are said to represent \$8,000,000,000 of capital, 15,000 capitalists and employ 6,000,000 workers. No quarter is to be shown to the encroachments of organized labor in the the administration of law. matter of establishing the so-called closed shop, enforcing the eight-hour day where it is deemed "impractical" in conflict with the "best interests" of American business. The politiciof a contentious nature will be procongress-excepting perhaps bills reenormous defense fund is being ac- suffering, of life and of wealth that bodies are past grand masters, as was come forward, attempted certain re- and this six days in the week. The fully shown in the famous Mulhall forms and have passed away. Great demand for a twelve hour day was exposures and in other adventures unions, apparently capable of wield- greeted with savage opposition as a that have come to light from time to ing invincible power, have suddenly time. It is improbable that labor will disintegrated, and the work of organitamely surrender because of these zation had to be started again. The one and then another employer, and latest threats that something is going American people are the most disto happen if further demands are orderly, uncertain or purpose and made on the brother capitalists. If wasteful in the world. The American labor had no stomach it might sub- people include those whose ancestors mit with due humility, but being blessed (or cursed) with such an important organ, labor must and will They are of every race and every continue to struggle to feed its stomach and to remain alive.

INTERNATIONAL ECHOES

Prof. Ivonoe Bonomi, Minister of Public Works in Italy and a Reformist Socialist, writes in the Christian Science Monitor that the Socialists of his country are strongly opposed to the present war. Prof. Bonomi explains this condition as due in the main to the fact that Italian social- Unionism but were the revolts of a have had to stand on guard and see ism is chiefly supported by the agri- few individuals here and there. The cultural classes. In the Paduan plain, Trades Union is the product of the letter. Much of the wealth made in for instance, he declares, Socialist rule is "absolute." It tolerates no views but its own. It is against war and whoever upholds it, against those who carry it on and those who attach value to it. and this attitude is simiwho carry it on and those who attach value to it, and this attitude is similar to that which prevails in many In 1830 there were only about 20 other agricultural districts.

Socialists of Sweden are already beginning to prepare for the great national campaign that is to be fought in the country a year hence. Their splendid increases at the last general election and in municipal contests since has made them enthusiastic and they believe they are approaching the to the formation of a general trades industry, and if the north did not make common cause with them, for day when they will sweep the country union. In 1825 the New York women possess a strong labor movement, no the former were able to make no and be called upon to assume the reins greater headway in conducting costly of government. It is quite certain since that the conducting costly of government. It is quite certain labor history in the clothing industry employers in plenty who would take sinkes than were the brotherhoods that militarism will be the principal since that time. In 1836 the Lowell advantage of this supposedly cheaper issue of the campaign, with the gov- mill girls went on strike because the labor so that he could more advanto the time when the crisis was ernment standing for the present cost of board had been increased from tageously compete in the open marreached in the eight-hour struggle class-rule kind of "preparedness" and \$5 a week to \$5.50 and there had been ket with his goods. such appeals were in vain. Now, how- the Socialists demanding a democratic such appeals were in vain. Now, how- the Socialists demanding a democratic such appeals were in wages. These are all women were forced into the textile ever, the sentiment in favor of closer form leading toward general dissignificant incidents as they show mills, the shoe shops, the sweatshops, defensive, of course.

Socialists of Austria held their national congress in Vienna recently, where a long and frequently bitter debate occurred on a resolution to denounce the majority factions in the countries where they supported the government war policies. The motion government war policies. The motion respects the poorest people in the ands for a limit to the age at which * * * * was defeated. A proposition was
THERE IS a great deal of interest
—not to say excitement—being manifested in labor circles in the East at
heed of the fact that the present war the announcement that the great capi- will solve no problem in which worktalistic organizations are combining ing class interests are involved, and to make war on every form of work- it is urged that nothing should be to make war on every form of workdone to widen the breach, that unity ers' unions. The capitalistic moveshould be striven for and the prin- movement has not only had to strugment has been in progress for some years and culminated in recent secret ciples of the Internatinal observed, conferences in New York between because after the war crises will ar-

UNTIL NEXT WEEK "LET THE IS IT Coming To This?

From The Milwaukee Leader.

plan of food control. There is now

Thank God for Wilson and the new two square meals a day. freedom that we do not have to submit to such restrictions of our personal liberties in the United States. We are free to pay to the private looters all that the traffic will bear. We are free to freeze, starve and pay increased direct and indirect taxes not care to bother with such minor without those benefits which war- | matters as abolishing poverty, unemswept Europe gives to its people.

Even little Denmark has placed an mark is ruled by a king who governs with Socialist and radical support. Free-born American citizens would rather let Morgan & Co. starve them and cheer Doc Wilson for keeping us out of the war than take any advice from a king-ridden country that takes master general to the employes of care of its own people and stops the the postal department, informing

gain some respite from the curses of guess concerning the president's

with the president and with the old England has adopted the German party majority in congress for relief from the price boosting and depletion no belligerent European nation that of the national larder by those who permits the purchases of private feed Mars and starve Uncle Sam. property to starve the people. All Perhaps they will yet have to thank food supplies are under government German submarines for keeping control and prices are fixed by public enough supplies in the United States and enough gold out to get at least

Congress is primed to pass laws for the greater freedom of trusts to gauge us and for the god-given right of citizens' alliances to raid labor union treasuries, but congress does ployment and the high cost of living. Fortunately there is hope in the

embargo on many goods that war fact that President Wilson never has mongers insisted on exporting despite any difficulty about changing his the shortage of the home supply. But mind. In the regular turn of his who cares what Denmark does? Denroutine, we have every right to exroutine, we have every right to expect that after being re-elected for starving us by keeping us out of war, he will now earn the laurels by getting us into war and feeding us. If the recent order of the post-

profits of the fatherlandless specula- them that they are a part of the regular mobilization machine under the It seems that the only way in which new national defense act, permits any gain some respite from the curses of plans, we may become beneficiaries of peace is to flee to the blessings of war plans, we may become beneficiaries of and risk being shot for the sake of the goulash caunon and bread card setting their stomachs filled:

The people have pleaded in vaint force election.

President Wilson hat been re-elected AMERICAN and that the railways would attack LABOR'S PUGNACIOUS CHILDHOOD

By FRANK MACDONALD. In American Labor Year Book 1916.

we see in some American religions, legislation, social experiments and

Lynch law is typically American. It has been used without stint against the unions. Then there is a mass of Federal laws, State laws of 48 diffeor "unreasonable", wage rates, as Federal laws, State laws of 48 diffewell as in gaining further legislation from congress and state legislatures ordinances. Somewhere in this mass where such measures are considered could be found a law that could be directed against the unions. But slowly out of the disorder and figthing own fighting. ans at Washington appear to have aleevery step of the ground against ready taken fright, as some of the those in whose favor the laws were leaders announce that no legislation framed, the trades unions have brought the working class, even the unorganized, to a clearer understanding of what is their right and what

They have done it at a cost of experiments that have been made in of labor were murderous. The day's and those who arrived yesterday. color and speak dozens of different tongues. But it does not matter what the color or language may be, each is a potential wage worker and it has been the task of the Trades Unions to organize them and drill them into an efficient army of Labor in defense of Labor.

Faces Big Problems.

First of all, the workers had no not observed. protection under the law. The little strikes that occurred in the earlier days were not the result of Trades for fewer hours of work, but they ing machine produced a revolution. in the factories. miles of railroads in this country, and it is during this period that the American Trades UUnion begins its first halting attempts to protect the wage as much of philanthropy in this as much of philanthropy in this as much of philanthropy in the south halting attempts to protect the wage workers.

The carpenters and joiners and the with its child labor, has an advantage shipwrights had formed organizations not possessed by the north. There is not possessed by the north. There is not possessed by the north. ber of wage workers was steadily in- tories and the foundries. American

the Civil War were short lived. But it is during this time there occurred membership did not prevail, and the events that made the great Ame- women workers are a mighty fighting rican labor problem of to-day. This is the richest country in the world, world.

Previous to the Civil War the process of monopolizing was in full swing. The land grabbers, the mine and forest grabbers opened the way for the oil field and water power monopolies. So the American labor gle against the individual employer but against great aggregations of or wealth and the legislative power that wealth and the legislative power that Talth gives.

movement forms a library. Its varia- vailed before the unions began to tions are endless, and its history as exercise their power. Some American told in strikes and lockouts is one long mill and factory towns have teneseries of outrages and injustice ments as foul as those which existed Trades Unions have not only had to in the Five Points, or in certain east protect themselves in the factories, and west-side districts of New York but they have had to fight for labor before the agitation for tenement and social legislation from the be- house regulation was begun. So long ginning. When this legislation was as the workers do not form permanobtained they had to fight for its en- ent organizations and maintain them forcement.

The Trades Union movement in this | They have had to fight the lawcountry has seemingly been the most makers and the judges, the police chaotic that exists anywhere. At power and those who usurped police times it has become perilously near, power. Nothing has been won within the earlier days, to reflecting the out a bitter struggle and that struggle curious and often wildly absurd forms is only now approaching its climax.

Workers Had No Rights.

In England, which had developed a leisure class that could afford to be philanthropic, labor legislation was due in a great measure to the efforts of those who realized the inhumanity of the conditions under which the workers toiled. America had no leisure class of like impulse, so the workers in the beginning had to do their

The wages fight is always the basis of the struggle, for it is an attempt to make income square with the cost of living. Our first unions were formed by little groups of men who demanded some slightly increased share of the wealth they were producing, and they needed that increase in order to live.

At the same time there steadily grew the consciousness that the hours work was from sunrise to dark and then an hour or two by candle light. violation of the rights of property. It was conceded reluctantly by first would never have been observed if the fight for an eleven hour day had

not immediately been started.

Today, when hours have been reduced, the great Ten Hour movement will seem a curious thing to many. Yet it was one of the nardest of all the fights, and employers and officials alike regarded it as leading to the destruction of American institutions and American liberty. Where the trades are not organized even in our time, and where there is not a combination of the workers of a State for the protection of all the workers, such restrictions of the hours of labor as there are on the statute books are

that the law did not become a dead

Women And Children.

Northern people view with horror there is the realization that the south, early in the century and in 1833 the no limit to the number of hours the tailors struck, and women have made one can believe that there are not

the cigar facmale workers opposed their entrance Practically all the unions, with a into industry, and the early trades unions fought against their joining the Civil Way ways that the civil was the compact that the compact the force in the trades union movement.

Trades Unionists in all except a a child can enter the factory or store, and they also got their demands concerning night labor of women and children. In the large cities the object now is to prevent tenement work and the farming out of work, at low wages, to women and children in the country districts as is done in a few industries.

Where the workers do not combine, stress, there is a reversion to the The history of the American labor old and vicious conditions that prethese conditions will continue.

month articles purporting to be the spirits of J. A. Wayland, Karl Marx, William Shakespeare, and others famed in their earthly lives. Debs says of it: "It is one of the most ambitious Congress will go on playing the inof recent publications, and will without doubt make for itself a unique place in the field of journalism." is Socialist in economics.

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Congress will go on playing the investigation game until it will find that there is nothing left the people, and therefore that there will be no further need of congress.

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Y. P. S. L. NOTES.

The way that the leagues have responded to the appeal for help for our Comrade Rudolph Blum shows that the only flery pioneer spirit is now just as warm in the breasts of the young folks as it ever was in the old. The response has really been better than was expected, and practically every Yipsel has done his duty. Those leagues who have not yet been heard from will undoubtedly send in their donations within the next few days. The account at present stands:

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Official Business.

The constitutional amendment to fix the term of office of the national secretary and to change the method of election has been seconded by the New Jersey State Committee and by Circle Englewood, Chicago, Ill., 17 members in seed stradium.

members in good standing.

The referendum submitted by the Central
West Side, Chicago, providing for a Junior
Department of the Y. P. S. L. has not yet received any seconds.

General Notes. General Notes.

Breaz, New York, as as active as ever and then some. Their next affair, Dec. 10th, will be at the Finnish Hall, 149th St. and Third Ave. Our veteran comrade Lucien Saniel will speak on the Young Socialist Movement. Dancing will follow. But the thing that they are proudest of is the coming big ball. March 24th is a long ways off but they are already working on the affair, and are expecting to make the biggest and best thing in the greater city out of it.

Reading. Pa., begs us to make a correction.

city out of it.

/ Reading, Pa., begs us to make a correction on a notice which appeared here some weeks so. They claim that while distributing leaflets to the farmers in the course of their hikes, they never swipe any apples, nor do they take any to pay the "overhead charges". They confine their activity to chestnuts, and are working for the day when apples will be almost as free as 'nuts' are now.

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There are about 300 additional names, of those who returned their banks to be published. Lack of space in this issue makes it impossible to publish them all. At your next Local meeting please announce the fact that the National Office wants all outstanding banks returned. This will help us get this fund straightened out and will enable me to make a complete report at an early date.

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MILITARY TRAINING OF SCHOOL BOYS DENOUNCED BY DEBS

Responsive to a request from the officials of the Yearly Meeting of Friends at Philadelphia for an expression of his views upon the question of the military training of school boys, Eugene V. Debs contributed the following to the symposium upon that subject:

"I am absolutely opposed to the military training of school boys for the reason that such training develops the military instinct and kindles to flame the base passion for military

"Military training of school children, deny it as may those who are craftily scheming to introduce it in the interest of the ruling class, is the first step toward militarism, and militarism in all its forms and manifestations is an abomination that should be wiped from the earth.

"As long as we teach our school children a false and vicious patriotism and train them how to kill under the plea of love for the flag and the nation, we shall have armies and navies and machine-guns, and we shall have war with all of its unspeakable horrors. I would sink all of these to the bottom of the sea. War is simply murder in its most terrible form and a nation that prepares for war is not civilized.

"I would no more teach school children a false and would teach them arson, robbery or assassination." Eugene V. Debs.

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Annually

Only once in a generation is an opportunity like the present afforded to reach the Irish element in America with the message of socialism. That opportunity has been provided by the Irish revolution and the Battle of "Irish Worker" and in the "Workers"

By CORNELIUS LEHANE. Irish revolution and the Battle of

This was the culmination of the labor revolt in Ireland which had been in process of development in that country for some years, and the Cit-izen Army of Ireland which fought in that battle was the military expression of the Irish labor and socialist movement. Every man in the citizen army was a union man and the rank where there is a considerable Irish and file elected all officers.

n America as to the real meaning of the Battle of Dublin, but the fact that it worthy of closest attention. Con-nolly who prior to the revolution in One Ireland was Commandant of the Irish city could start at once a Connolly Citizen Army, the first labor army in Reading Circle there. Such circles

The message of the dead Connolly, brutally murdered by the masters in cold blood after the Battle of Dublin, propped up in a chair to face the firing squad because he was already dying from wounds received in action and could not stand, should be placed before the Irish people of the United and means of bringing to the knowof the Irish in America the facts of the labor and socialist revolt in Ireland, in order that they too

might become imbued with the spirit of the men of their own race at home in Ireland. Not Afraid Of Socialism. Socialism has long since ceased to of socialism has yet to be brought to

their hands the literature left by James Connolly. His writings will now be read by every Irish workingman of every shade of politics, as his Ireland have appealed to the Pish with extraordinary force. His writings will therefore now be read by even those that before his death would cry "Connolly is a Socialist, don't read his literature."

The members of the Socialist Party people in this country. Only a slight means something. reached by the message of socialism. A certain footing has been already gained amongst the Irish, and that footing must be made the basis of a serious advance amongst the bulk of the members of that race. It is conceded on all sides that the Irish element cannot be ignored in the work of preparation for the socialist revolution in America, and one of the most important problems is how to reach and educate the mass of the Irish workingmen in this country.

The solution is now at hand, as Connolly left behind him some of the greatest masterpieces of the literature of the socialist movement of the world. His "Labor in Irish History" is a marvellous application of the Marxian key to the history of Connolly's native land, and the remarkably simple style in which it is written

stamps Connolly not only as a philo-

Republic" which succeeded it. Reach Irish In America.

These writings by a man who will These writings by a man who will be described in future days as the greatest Irishman since James Fintan Lalor, the rebel of 1848, must be brought to the doors of every Irish family in America and the best way to do it is to form in every centre where there is a considerable Irish element in the population a James our message. They feel that they are not able to present it as they ought to a step ought to a step of it.

They say, and rightly too, that it is better to do this than to make a mess of it.

But here is a method that anyone can use—a method that is effective for what you want and enclose the lement in the population a James of it. nd file elected all officers.

First Labor Army.

Many misapprehensions have arisen circles could afterwards be linked up into a national organization that would stretch from New York to San Francisco. There are enough Irish the revolutionary army was headed by James Connolly, the veteran comrades in the socialist movement to Marxian socialist and internationalist start these Connolly Reading Circles should cause the socialist comrades everywhere. The circles would exist thruout the world to start thinking for the sole purpose of circulating that the Irish revolution had an Connolly's writings and of promoting element of unionism and socialism in the study of the message contained in

One or two comrades in every large the world, became on the eve of battle Commandant General of the entire rebel army, which included the forces of the Citizen Army.

This army of the Irish democracy, captained by Connolly, the international socialist, went into action because conscription was drawing near, and its members decided to die at home facing in arms the master class could be formed immediately in New And costs little yet it will be found to York City, Providence, Boston, Philahave good effect. home facing in arms the master class to start the work. There would be no than die in a foreign land fighting subscription and no rules for these their brothers of other nations. Con-Reading Circles, which could meet from time to time for discussion

take them up at once and enroll as readers every Irishman of the working class they come in contact with. Every wage earner of Irish blood that reads Connolly's writings will be brought to recognize the cause of his economic slavery and to know the remedy. Thus will be found the solution of reaching the Irish with the message of socialism.

Irish Organizers Wanted.

This proposal for the formation of the Connolly Reading Circles should States. There is no organization in- be read out and fully discussed by terested in bringing Connolly's mes-sage to the American Irish except the States, and one of the Irish comrades socialist movement of which he was should immediately take it upon himwhile alive a bright ornament. It self to become the organizer in his disremains therefore for the socialist trict of the circle. He should at once movement in America to create ways prepare a list of Irish workers in the "the truth, the whole truth, and nothunions and in the Irish fraternal orders, so as to have his material for the circle in readiness when the notices are issued that Connolly's cannot help recalling our own great writings have been reprinted in Amer-

A more important proposal than this was never before put before the socialist movement in America as far frighten the Irish workers at home in as the method of reaching the Irish Ireland. Here in America the message wage earners is concerned. I would ask every socialist newspaper in the the bailiff's oath or the materialistic the Irish, and in no better way can United States to publish this sugthey be reached than by putting into gestion. Any comrades willing to take an active part in starting up the Connolly Reading Circles or in any other way assisting in the movement to spread the propaganda amongst heroic fight and his martyr's death in the American Irish can as a preliminary step communicate with Comrade Lehane whose address is 553 Main Street, Ansonia, Conn.

> The bravest word that has been spoken in years was the declaration by labor leaders that the right to de-

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Some Effective

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We are not all so gifted that we ately. can go out and convert people to Socall of us able to see printed propagan-da matter under our names. A great subject to such frequent and great many of our comrades feel that they changes that it would be out of date are not even able to approach stran- before we could get it in your hands. gers or friends with a statement of of war and war prices we could be of our message. They feel that they are

whether it be done by the 'Big Gun' approximate amount we know we can or the 'Jimmy Higgins'. The outfit needed is a bunch of penny newspaper wrappers, a rubber stamp "Marked As to our line of goods, we handle Copy" and an ink pad, a blue pencil, and a list of people who are "on the fence" with regards to socialism.

After reading the socialist, labor, and library and the socialist, labor, and library and the socialist of the sociali liberal papers that come into our side of groceries but this is for mem-home, we should not allow them to go bers only. You probably remember to waste. There will be some articles that our membership fee is \$5.00 for of particular value in each issue, these should be carefully marked with a blue pencil, and the paper wrapped, addressed, and mailed to your prospect. Such action takes but little time and costs little yet it will be found to

We should endeavor to get our socialist and labor papers displayed on news-stands as much as possible, even tho it means buying the copies singly instead of at the more favorable subscription rate. The public libraries too should be used to the utmost—ask for liberal and socialist books at the library and get your friends and com-rades to do the same. If you can get The blossoms of plute rule summarding tribute to our departed composition of the nation unites in giving tribute to our departed composition of the American Socialist. First appearance in this issue.

The rush of job-seekers who are nown besieging successful candidates now besieging successful candidates that the cause of Socialism. The rush of job-seekers who are nown besieging successful candidates the service.

We are promised that the coming short session of Congress will pass a law making it criminal to strike before a governmental investigation has been had. And who will have the

proper handling of such little means of propaganda we can accomplish a great deal of resultant good.

Have You Read Alice and the Stork A Fairy Tale for Working-men's Children by Henry T. Schnittkind.

In this age of hard reality, and especially in our movement so firmly proclaiming the materialistic conception of history—the aery fairy felk have to run for cover. Fairy tales are decidedly in disgrace at this time, and children are supposed to be taught according to the bailiffs' oath: ing but the truth". Yet those of us who are not yet too

satisfaction at hearing for the steenty-steenth time how Jack climbed the Bean Stalk, and how poor little Bo-Peep lost her sleep. In the folklore of the ancients we find many beauti-ful stories and legends but of course they won't hold water according to "con", etc. But there are some moderns, or perhaps they are already old-fashioned, who see no harm in stimulating the child's imagination by these tales of the fairy-folk and particularly when a real lesson can be conveyed by this means we should not dispise them. There have not been many stories

that could be used to advantage with socialist children for the reason that the old stories were the natural product of other times. It remained for The members of the Socialist Party of America have now an unbreakable by labor leaders that the right to devenue and the clare law unconstitutional was a usurpation of the courts and would not be recognized. That is the talk that people in this country. Only a slight means something. are all acquainted with his "Guiseppe", he now gives us a new contribu-tion under the title of "Alice and the Stork". In beauty and richness of expres-

sion and thought it rivals any of the old tales so dear to childhood. It tells the story of a little rich girl who is brought down from the milky way by

the old stork with a doctor's satchel on his back, and altho she has all the other parts of a very pretty little girl there is no "love of the heart" that the stork can procure for her. He does he best he can and gives her a dried up little heart that can only be warmed by real mother-love.

How the little girl grows up to be

big girl, and how that heart is always trying to bring in some rec, mother love but only to fail until she sees the life of a poor mother and her love for her little ones; how the Wood Fairy takes little Alice and two poor children to ride on the rainbow, and the things that they see; how her friend the Sparrow takes her to see the great American Eagle (who hasn't any feathers); how her birthday presents come to life and hold a convention where a wicked red scarf tells some very interesting things; and finally how the sadly needed "love of the heart" comes to Alice in time to make her a happy and sensible woman; all these things are most beautifully told in the story. It is calculated to bring smiles and tears even to old eyes, and is sure to be ap-preciated by our Socialist kiddies. (Published by Richard C. Badger, Boston Parer 25c, cloth, 50c.)

FROM OUR WHOLESALE.

This is intended to serve as an an-Individual Work swer to many letters of inquiry received from comrades all oround the swer to many letters of inquiry recountry, as well as an apology to them for not answering each one separ-

We have not printed a grocery price ialism via the soap-box route. Nor are list for some time, due to the fact that

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Economic Evolution

now monopolized by a class already in 1912, 556. The Indiana vote was small in number and growing still smaller from day to day by the very in 1912. fact of economic development.

could rule among men; but you do not understand human nature, which is fundamentally bad. Begin by reform-

changed by moral sermons, religious won out. And then again he might or secular; to reform him we must not. transform the environment within which he is evolving; for if man is the creator of his social environment, he is also its creature. Modify the environment, and at one stroke you change the customs, the habits, the passions and the feelings of men. We dreamers are studying the social environment. dreamers are studying the social environment; we are analyzing economic phenomena, tracing them to their origin, following their development, observing their action on the family and the body politic, and we dare draw not a Socialist can be an optimist is our own conclusions without fear or more than we can figure out.

Economic phenomena operate not which to me seems conclusive. At a certain stage of development, when the stage of development the stage of the means of production are impersopher had a glimpse of something not seen by the God of the Jews and the Christians, namely, that certain modifications in the tools of productors.

If y high state of civilization to insure the success of a co-operative commonwealth.

A certain Socialist paper is running tion would necessarily involve the suppression of slavery. This remarkable passage is found in his "Poli-

tripods of Vulcan set themselves spontaneously at their sacred work, if for example the weavers' shuttles "Empe f themselves, the chief of the

Thus Aristotle, after affirming that slavery was established by nature, had the genius to foresee that by the transformation of the mode of production, its end would come. And it is because this control of the mode of production of the mode of production, its end would come. And it is because this control of the mode of production of the mode of production, its end would come. And it is because this control of the mode of production of the mode of production. because this economic transformation has been realized, it is because the machines of the great industry acworst form of servile toil; will inevitably disappear.

CORNELIUS LEHANE COMING EAST

Comrade Cornelius Lehane of Ireland, now resting up in California after addressing 125 scheduled meet-ings from New York to San Fransisco during the campaign, will on Dec. 11th start out via the southern states for New Oreleans where he expects to siana. Early in the new year he will from now. make for Chicago, speaking on the way at various places in Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri and Illinois. His memorial address for his old Comrade

Who shall rule? The plutes or the people. These questions are answered in "Let the Plutes Rule" column which begins in this issue. Look for it. read it, and tell us what you think of it.

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The Price Now is

NEBRASKA'S VOTE.

Official returns show that 7,141 that is to say, the common ownership of the means of production, already partly accomplished, and the common ownership of the means of enjoyment,

Those of our opponents who try to HAVE YOU VOTED for capitalism?

If "the late" Mr. Hughes had made his campaign on the platform of an We are so far from being utopians that, unlike politicians and philanthropists, we do not think man can be

The Socialist candidates are usual-

Optimism fits into Socialism like a peanut into its shuck. If we were

The leaflet campaign is to be cononly on social customs, but also on the organization of the family and the gin one campaign before the votes of state, and even upon the philosophical the last one are counted. This is and religious ideas that haunt the literally true, for the returns from

We Socialists are already giving We Socialists are already giving the world an example of how a united the world an example of how a united the world an example of how a united class, regardless of individual characteristics and convictions, can work together in a common interest of brotherhood and benefit for all. Native Americans and foreign born acture had created a race of men at the ists. Wets and drys.—all are nature had created a race of men atheists, wets and drys,—all are working with solidarity and harmony this he was in accord with the book of Genesis, which declared that the pro-geny of Ham was to furnish slaves for the ether races descended from mankind has not reached a sufficient-Noah. But at least the Greek philo- ly high state of civilization to insure

A certain Socialist paper is running derived NOW from being Socialists. cs":
"If each tool without compulsion. Our contribution would be that we would hate like thunder to have to of its own power, were to execute its vote a ticket without knowing why function, as the masterpieces of Dae-we did so, which would be the case dalus moved of themselves, or as the if we cast a ballot for one of the old

"Emperor William's Christmas gift to Pope Benedict will be a Bible magnificently bound and illuminated."

Perhaps we could find some glimpses of a silver lining in our cloud were we to look for it dilligently. It is true we did not elect as many contheir sacred work, that we socialists affirm that wage labor, that last and worst form of sacred their sacred works. ing spots for the future. We faced tremendous odds in the presidential campaign and at that we accounted ourselves with some credit. We made the enemy run his best in several districts. The next congressional elections will be in off years. Oklahoma socialists and Terre Haute party members as well as those persitsent and every growing movements in the two Milwaukee districts may find the road arrive by Christmas. En route he will to Washington open in the off year. speak for various Socialist locals in Arizona, N. Mexico, Texas and Louistead of five campaigns two years

The Mexican flurry is just naturally petering out. Gen. Pershing is sup-James Connolly who headed the insur- posed to be somewhere in the land of rection in Ireland and killed conscrip-tion in that country, has created a average citizen whether the expediprofound sensation wherever he has tion had been withdrawn or was still pursuing Villa he would probably yawn and ask the price of fresh

Will You Be In Next Year's By PAUL LA FARGUE. Certain writers think that the evolution of our society will end in an intensified form of individualism, while we Marxians believe on the contray that economic development tends that the conomic development tends ist candidate for U. S. senator relief to resint a contract to resint

be courteous treat us as utopians, as dreamers; they tell us: "Yes, the Society of your dreams is admirable; it would be a fine thing if equality what you voted for. The series begins it would be a fine thing if equality what you voted for. The series begins is the series begins in 1911 the irst run time kesident student class was organized with about the School's capacity is taxed and the Alumnae are seriously considering the raising of a fund to build a large modern University what you voted for. The series begins sity Building for the School. In 1911 the frst Full Time Resident Student Class was organized with about six students. Each succeeding year has seen the Full Time Class grow until today the School's capacity is taxed

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1912-1913 CLASS. The second Full Time Class of the School.

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1915—1916 CLASS.

Man in upper left row is a Chinese Revolutionist and is now a member of Parliament in the Chinese Republic. The first man in the second left row is Algernoon Lee, Educational Director of the Rand School and on the opposite end of the second row is Bertha M. Mailly, Executive Secretary of the Rand School of Social Science.

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As you will note from their ad. in publican party, Hughes, while re- My five-year-old nephew told me he another column of this paper they are manufacturing something almost every comrade uses, overalls and coats. We do not doubt that every one

rades instead of feeding our enemies.

We are just mean enough to hope that that every near-Socialist who voted that every near-Socialist who voted European War.

CUT OUT THE "MOVIES" The coal barons in the vicinity of

least as far as the coal situation is concerned. One of Princeton's coal who sent him up, when he is imposed. barons told a committee of the Prince-

"If the people of Princeton spent less money going to the picture shows they would have more money to buy

ment in favor of advancing the price of fuel to hitherto unknown prices, he

mining towns in the vicinity are re-ceiving their fuel much cheaper. The Princeton coal barons must have safety." thrown overboard all semblance of local patriotism in their desire for

When they urge the Princeton coal consumers to cut out the "movies", they but echo the advice of the profiteers in other cities. The war profiteers of Milwaukee, for instance, advised the workers of that city not only to stop going to the "movies" but to live on "sauerkraut and sausages" instead of having some-thing more palatable occasionally. The workers are not going to pay any attention to the advice of their exploiers. They are going to demand that the exploiters get off their backs. When the profit system has been wiped out and the workers get what they produce then they will not only attend the "movies" but be in a position to take in real shows. And there will be no master class to chide them about it.

"'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." We might apply this saying, altered to fit the occasion, to the Oklahoma campaign. Altho results did not come up to expectations the socialists of the breezy southwestern state have the satisfaction of knowing that they put up a campaign. They let the enemy know they were in the race every minute of the time. That they could not capture the state in one campaign is not surprising, but they made socialism a live issue and that itself was worth while. If we had about forty eight states like Oklahoma we would jar this country from Wall street to the turrets of the Santa Diego fair.

WILSON UP TO EXPECTATIONS.

Laboring men who voted for what they didn't want when they cast their ballot for Wilson are liable to get it sooner than they had expected. Word comes that the American Federation sooner than they had expected. Word comes that the American Federation housewives in Sidney and other large of Labor is greatly agitated because cites pay about 25 cents a dozen for Wilson is proposing the Canadian method of arbitration for railroad for the best eggs here? No, but there men. This is compulsory arbitration is no legitimate reason why it before a tribunal, which sees to it shouldn't be. that the workingmen get the worst that the workingmen get the worst of it. Under this law strikes are outlawed and the workers with a grievance are put to sleep by arbitration. That is what might have been expected of Wilson the radical. No doubt the president was sincere in advocating the Adamson law, particular-kinds in the United States. The election, but we must not forget that consumers by the throat. They have Wilson is a thorogoing capitalist and raised the false cry of heavy exports

According to the reports just re-ceived from National Committeeman Franklin Pimbley, of Florida, the Socialist vote this year showed an in- what the Australian state bakeries do. crease of 3,008 over four years ago, as follows: 1916, Benson, 7,814; 1912,

We made a slight gain in Rhode Island, the vote this year for Benson eing 2,433 as compared to 2,049 votes for Debs in 1912.

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PAT OUINLAN FREE AT LAST At last poor Pat Quinlan has been Princeton, Ind., have an easy way of settling the high price question, at dogs that serve the masters had seen

who sent him up, when he is innocent, are murderers.

Another attempt has been made to assassinate Rakowsky, the recognized "The Democrat", one of Prince-ton's capitalist publications, asks, "Why this could be used as an argu-two previous assaults having occurred during 1907, when the Roumaleader of the organized workers and curred during 1907, when the Roumanian peasants revolted and he de-fended their cause in Bukarest and did not state".

The Princetonites are especially other places. In each instance the sore because coal consumers in other militarists made the attacks. A later report says that Rakowsky has been thrown into prison to "insure" his

A FOREIGNERS VIEW OF OUR OWN H. C. OF L.

"In Australia we believe that a government which cannot control prices for the benefit of the people is not living up to its obligations as a democracy."

These are the words of Patrick E. Quinn, government commissioner for New South Wales, in an address in this country. This utterance is especially timely when prices of all staple food products have soared to unprecedented figures and the United States government is, or pretends to be, unable to impose a limit

Three causes are generally cited for the present soaring of prices—crop shortage, increased exports, and speculation. Of these the first is more THE OKLAHOMA CAMPAIGN.
Shakespeare, Bill Nye or somebody else once said in a romantic moment,

Moreover it is proceeded that there is any shortage in the egg, milk, butter, meat and coal "crops", more built butter is proceeded. apparent than real. No one claims Moreover it is probable that enough staples of all kinds were produced this year in this country to supply all our needs. With regulation of exports and speculation, it seems that Congress could take immediate remedial action if so disposed. What Australia has done in similar conditions as outlined by Mr. Quinn is encouraging.

"With speculators holding a gun to the heads of the American people, your situation seems to drastic measures," said the Australian expert. "The storing of eggs, butter, meat, poltry and like foodstuffs to boost prices is only less criminal than the destruction of food to keep the market up, such as I have seen in

HIS WHISKERS WILL FADE.
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"Your American egg barons would

as he was a candidate for re-speculators have got dealers and that rather than see anything so mus-sy as a strike he would advocate arbitration of most any kind.

on account of the war' and then have boosted prices on that artificial theory. This is a situation which could not exist in New South Wales. "Can you imagine a two-pound loaf

of bread selling in the United States for 7 cents? I think not. Yet that is "Take a spool of common thread In Australia the housewife gets 3,000 yards for a nickel. The American housewife gets 1,000. This is all the more remarkable when you consider that all our cotton must be shipped from England or America as we grow

"Of course many of our dealers chafe under the fair-price system, just as they would in the United States, but that doesn't stop regulation. Here, it seems to me, they are permitted to beloud the issue.

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