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## Yes, We Have Prosperity! John D. Rockefeller Makes A Billion

First Socialist Congressman.

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Th from \$750 to \$2,000, making The Democratic party is fully as Mr. Rockefeller a billionaire in goods so readily. his Standard Oil stock alone, besides his other interests.

who is prosperous? Are the working people prosperous? They are all busy. They get slightly more wages. Are they any richer? They are not!

brought to this country a little \$3,500 each for 1,000,000 fam- serve capitalism. increase in wages has been platform. more than used up in the increase of necessities.

I can show you who enjoys this prosperity. There are men most alike. Both of them were formerright here in Milwaukee who ly profeccors of history and of law. made \$1,000,000 and more in Both of them were reformers when war contracts last year.

were 99 per cent more than the none. total bank clearings for August,

But are the working men any better off?

## HOVELS CLAIM MORE NOW.

THERE are more people living in hovels now than did 10 years ago. Twenty-five years one term for president. And then Mr. ago a tenant farmer was almost Wilson has been watchfully waiting unknown in the United States and waiting watchfully for four unknown in the United States except in the South, where some negroes would rent patches of land from the former slave owners. Now we have 3,000,000 white farmers who are tenants in this glorious country. The in this glorious country. The ity even in thought, and decided that immense war profits don't seem there should be no war loans in this to make any change in that country because war loans are unneutral. Shortly afterwards, however,

cause the democrats boast about for the allies. the prosperity that we have VIOLATES NEUTRALITY PACT.

The kind of prosperity that we could expect under Wilson showed up during the first two years of his administration. In the spring and summer of 1914 there were 35, 000 people out of work in Milwaukee alone, and over 3,000,000 in the country. If it had not been for the work of the world. As an excuse he gave that we would sell to the other side also if the other side could buy, alone, and not have for the world. try. If it had not been for the war the United States of America would have had to face the worst panic in its existence. And the same "panic" would have come if Mr. Taft or Mr. Roosevelt had been elected president. But does Mr. Wilson claim the credit for the war prosperity? Then he would also have to claim the credit for bringing about or keeping up this war.

## VOTE FOR WHAT YOU WANT.

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I AM A Socialist. I would rather vote for something that I wanted, even if I do not get it right away, than vote for something I don't want and that hurts me, and get it at once.

If I had in this election only the choice between the Republican ticket and the Democratic ticket and could vote no other, I would not vote at all.

The platforms of the two old parties are almost alike. In substance

ties are almost alike. In substance army than Germany ever did-and one declares for Americanism and the more money on the navy than Eng-flag and the other declares for the land ever spent in one year. flag and Americanism.

CAPITAL FAVORS REPUBLICANS

tical protection to the capitalist pro-

of our country took place under Republican administrations. In 1860 we had only two millionaires in this country took place under Republican administrations. In 1860 we had only two millionaires in this country took place under Republican any claim for it before election.

But under Republican rule capitalist concentration has taken such rapid strides that about one-half per cent cent of the entire wealth.

REPUBLICANS MORE ABLE.

of capitalism. Every trust that looks for his vote all he deserves and he for a friend looks to the Republican will deserve all he gets. ES, we have prosperity! party first. Every grasping monopoly that needs protection turns to the Republican party and Mr. Hughes.

On the slavery question the Demo-

cratic party was caught on the wrong side of the fence. The Democratic Yes, we have prosperity! But ho is prosperous? Are the the south and by Tammany Hall in New York.

SOUTH IS BACKWARD.

ightly more wages. Are they ny richer? They are not!

The war contracts so far have rought to this country a little wer \$3.500.000.000. That means over \$3,500,000,000. That means we could build houses, costing ing as the northern politicians to

ilies. Have these families gotten them? They have not. The slight increase in warrent has been been somel of its leadership—as by its

### THE TWIN CANDIDATES.

THE TWO men nominated for they were governors and both of them The total bank clearings in are what you call clean men personally. The only difference really is that the country for August, 1916, one has a beard and the other has

> As for a man who promised a great deal and then does the exact opposite, give us Mr. Wilson.
> On almost every issue before the country Mr. Wilson has done the opposite to what he has promised.

### MAN OF GREAT PROMISES. TO BEGIN with Mr. Wilson was elected on a platform declaring for

I am mentioning all this be-

MR. WILSON declared for absolute neutrality and then permitted Amer-

## OUR MAIL SEIZED.

WILSON declared that he was

## HUMBUGGING LABOR.

WILSON claims credit for two or THE REASON for all this is very three laws that are supposed to be in simple. Both the Republican and favor of labor. One of them, the so-Democratic parties are capitalist parties and exist solely to give poliparties and exist so fit.

The Republican party by force of circumstances has become the favor-lection humbug, as is the third—the so-called child labor bill, which construction of capitalism after negro judge in Minnesota. The other, the Most of the capitalist developments fect for anybody who understands

The only impulse which seems to have guided Wilson's administration strides that about one-half per cent of our population now own 71 per italists and political profit for the

Democratic party.

So much for Wilson and the Demo-REPUBLICANS MORE ABLE.
THUS THE Republican party thinks that he ought to vote for the naturally became the favorite party Democratic party and Wilson will get cal organization of the capitalist

While Mr. John D. Rockefeller, for instance, has come out in the papers for Wilson, Mr. Pierpont Morgan and his former partners, George Perkins and Robert Bacon, are undoubtedly Republicans and the two are active in the Republican campaign.

Mr. Hughes is the favorite candi-

Read This Article!

Prices High—Wages Low

**Now Study This Picture!** 

and Armour Declare Big

By JOHN C. KENNEDY.

One of Chicago's Socialist Aldermen.

WIFT AND Company have just declared a thirty-three and a third per cent dividend to their stockholders amounting to twenty-five million dollars. This is in addition to their regular dividend of

eight per cent per year which is paid on their capital

Armour and Company have announced that the cap-

ital stock of that concern will be increased at the next

meeting of the directors from twenty million dollars

to one hundred million dollars without the investment

This four hundred per cent stock dividend represents the profits which have been accumulating while the workers were paid low wages and the consumers were

charged extertionate prices for the products of the

beef trust.

While the beef trust is paying out millions to its stockholders in fat dividends, it may be well to re-

member that the thousands of employes who have been

producing this wealth are paid in many cases wages which do not average more than \$9 or \$10 per week

In 1910 and 1911, I went over the books of the packers

and found that the wages of the majority of the workers did not exceed \$12 per week. This is not enough

of any additional capital.

DANBURY

But Mr. Hughes must be a dis- national moment before the country appointment to himself. He undoubtedly is a disappointment to all his

## HIS WORDS MEAN LITTLE.

HE SHOWED himself in this cam paign to be either a cowardly politi-cian, or a cheap political trickster. He has developed to a high degree ition makers of America altho they the gentle art of using many words

We all know that there are great questions of national and inter-

to support a family decently in Chicago, so the workers have to live in overcrowded shacks and deny their

children an opportunity to get a decent start in life.

The millions being paid out in dividends are blood money taken out of the lives of the workers in Packing-

town. And this is the kind of "prosperity" that President Wilson says we should vote for, and Mr. Hughes would do his best to perpetuate.

dividends are not being paid to the workers. The Armours, the Swifts, and the Morris's are the ones that are piling up the fortunes. The present system brings wonderful prosperity to the capitalists, together

with poverty and overwork to the workers. When Election Day comes the plutocrats who get the dividends

will vote for Wilson or Hughes and the Democratic

and Republican parties in order to perpetuate the system which yields them enormous wealth. The question

is, will the toilers vote the same way to perpetuate the system which yields them overwork and poverty?

If we are as intelligent as the capitalists we will

vote for a new system which will guarantee to us the wealth which we produce. We will vote for Benson, Kirkpatrick and the entire Socialist ticket. We will

vote for the collective ownership of industry so that we will all be stockholders and get our share when

the time comes to cut another juicy melon.

INCREASED

Cost of

APPROPRIATION

MILITARY PURP

The wealth is being produced all right, but the

A short time ago Mr. Hughes was in Milwaukee. What did he have to say? Did he express his opinion on any of these questions? He did not. He talked about the tariff.

## AS TO THE TARIFF.

AND THE tariff is surely not a new issue. It has been before the country since the country existed. The first bill ever passed by the Continental congress was a tariff bill.

Moreover in the continent of the

and Democrats unite nowadays.

The Republicans used to stand for a high tariff, but they have come down considerably in that respect. They now find that too high a tariff has become an obstacle in competing for the world's trade. The Democrats on the other hard used to be considerable with the competing for the world's trade. The Democrats on the other hard used to be considerable was as "STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA." The Democrats on the other hard used to the considerable was as "STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA." The logan was "STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA." The condition was sufficient to the considerable was also as a sufficient was a sufficient to the considerable was a sufficient to the consi nas become a labor ling for the world's trade. The Democrats, on the other hand, used to be free traders, but Mr. Wilson has now come out in favor of a high tariff, after the war, in order to "protect the American manufacturers from labor labor."

The conditions we warned you or are right here NOW. Everyone of you are getting it in the stomach or the pocket-book.

If you eat as much as you did two years ago you are getting it in the stomach or the pocket-book. the American manufacturers from being swamped by the pauper labor of Europe."

If you eat as much as you did two years ago you are getting it in the pocket-book. If you eat less you are

I say advisedly "protect the manu- getting it in the stomach. facturers," because Mr. Wilson has said nothing about protecting the your mid-day meal and put down the laborers of America from being same amount of money you did two swamped by pauper laborers. And years ago, you put less in your Mr. Hughes' idea of protection is stomach. If you put the same amount evidently the same.

## RESTORE COUNTRY TO PEOPLE. SOCIALISTS want to restore the

in spite of the world war this is the only important thing before the

people today.

We want to bring this about by having the nation collectively owning the trusts, the railroads, the telegraphs, the steamboat lines, and all the other social means of transportation and communication and the

large industries.
We want to extend the public domain to include mines, quarries, oil wells and water power.

### SAVE NATION FOR PEOPLE. WE WANT to conserve and develop all the natural resources for the use

and benefit of all the people.
We want to reforest cut-over lands waste of the soil and of the products of the mines and wells.

of machinery.

We want old age pensions and in-

get it at once.

the saying that a man who votes for the minority party is "throwing his vote away." According to that theory every man voting the Democratic ticket in Wisconsin is most always throwing his vote away, because this is usually a Republican state. The is usually a Republican state. The fact is that you, as a workingman or their own interests. You won't find a progressive, are always throwing your vote away when you vote either Republican or Democratic.

## AIM OF SOCIALISTS. THE SOCIALIST appeal is very

we civilization.

We aske you to help us to build up a structure of peace and plenty. To bring about a system where there

will be no wars, not even a class war.

The real progressive can vote for progress only by voting for Benson. The ballot is your big stick. Swat the enemy of labor with it, and not

the hooks bites again.

It is now admitted by the competent statesmen who wish reelection to congress that the draft slipped into the military law without their knowledge. In other words they prefer you think them fools rather than knaves, knowing that you don't object to voting for fools.

ONE RURPOSE—TO SECURE TO THOSE WHO WORK WITH BRAIN AND BRAWN EVERYTHING THAT MAKES LIFE WORTH WHILE. THIS IS THE ONLY ISSUF THE SOCIALIST PARTY IS INTERESTED IN. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN IT? IF YOU ARE YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO.

## Feed The War And Starve America

By CHARLES W. ERVIN.

T IS HERE!

We Socialists told you it would be here over two years ago.

We asked you to join in a movement to compel your misropresenta-The first bill ever passed by the Continental congress was a tariff bill.

Moreover, just on the question of the tariff also both the Republicans our slogan was "STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA." The

in your stomach you put down larger amount of money. If you bring a cold snatch from home it is either smaller than it was

country to the entire nation instead two years ago or your wife or mother of having it owned by about one-half pays more to keep it the same size, per cent of the nation.

The plutes are gouging you, they are per cent of the nation.

And outside of the world war and gouging your wife, they are gouging your kids.

They are not only depriving you of the good things of life to which YOU are entitled and THEY are NOT, but they are robbing you of the things you must buy to exist.

## Old Parties Responsible.

The Republican party is responsible for these conditions; the Democratic party is responsible for these conditions; the Progressive party is resonsible for these conditions. All of them stand for the employing, ownng class who have amassed their
billions by robbing the workers of this country. Are you going to continue to help pick your own pockets; to help we want to reforest cut-over lands wherever practical, and storage of flood water, and the stoppage of the waste of the soil and of the products gets more money in one year for helping to support a system that robs We want to shorten the workday in keeping with the increased production of machinery. surance for the working people sentative in Congress who will serve against unemployment; against in-validism and against industrial diseases, accidents and death. sentative in congress who have the pay envelope and in the price of things that you have THESE ARE guestions of importance to the working people—not have been selected by the robber class to be elected by you? The candidates I believe I explained that I would rather vote for something that is useful and good, even if I don't get it. get the best of everything in life. But than for something that is bad and their wife and their kids will get it at the expense of your wife and your kids while every man, woman and THROWING YOUR VOTE AWAY. child in this country could get the THE MOST foolish argument is enough to look after our own interests and the interests of those dependent upon us.

Why should others have to try and convince you that you should look after your own interests? Your bosses don't have to be argued with. many of them voting for the candidates of the Socialist party. That is just the reason ALL of you should be found working and voting for the candidates of the party that claims that the only reason for government simple. We appeal to you to help its is the securing to every man, woman remove all obstacles in the way of a new civilization.

We askayou to help us to build up a structure of peace and plenty. To the securing to every man, woman everything. Not what your bosses name "good" wages but everything that makes life worth the living.

## Put Your Class In Power.

If you put your own class into office and order them to do your bidding you are getting what your vote is worth. If you vote for any of the candidates of the capitalist class you are throwing your vote away. Nay-worse than throwing it away. You are handing it to the capitalist class There is a sucker born every min-ute; and sometimes one who has got said "place" being where they can rob you in the pay envelope and in the purchasing power of your wages:

Political promises are not I. O.
U's, except with the Socialists. They write them out and stand by them.

If the women of America who have the ballot will vote for those who have stood for equal suffrage for years, rather than for those who offer to give them the ballot, when they are forced to do it, Benson will get more than his two million votes.

THAT IS ORGANIZED FOR JUST ONE RURPOSE—TO SECURE TO

## have guided Wilson's administration is profit. He puts profit above principles—economic profit for the can-Now Think! And Then You Will Not

THE WORKE

Only Vote, But Work For Socialism Benson's "Leaflet No. 8" appears on Page Two. When this issue of The American Socialist went to press 2,500,000 copies of this leaflet had been ordered. All efforts are now centered on "Leaflet No. 10", ready for distribution Sunday, Nov. 5. Let us make it 5,000,000. These leatlets are 50 cents per 1,000. Order from Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison Str., Chicago. THIS IS LEAFLET NO. 8.

By ALLAN L. BENSON Our Candidate For President.

Is Wilson Your Friend?

RESIDENT Wilson's friends assert that, in this campaign, he is the friend of those who toil in factories and upon farms.

To test the truthfulness of this assertion, let us apply

Would you consider anybody a friend who had cooperated with others to make it lawful to draft you into the army in the event of war?

If not, you cannot consider President Wilson your friend, because on June 3, 1916, he signed the Hay-Chamberlain Army Reorganization bill, Section 79 of which contains a draft clause.

IF A President whom you had supposed was your friend had signed a bill containing a draft clause and had never dared to tell you about it, what would you think? Would you think he signed it to please you or to please somebody

If he had signed it to please you, believing that in the event of some war that Wall street might trump up, you would be glad to be drafted, don't you think he would tell you about it?

If he believed you wanted a draft law and would be pleased to know that he had signed one for you, is it not likely that he would tell you about it in the hope that you might again vote for him?

WELL. President Wilson has signed a draft law and refused to tell you anything about it. Wall street, as Mr. Wilson knows, is well aware of the fact that the President has helped throw a draft noose around your neck. Wall street is glad that a draft law has been enacted.

It is therefore not Wall street from which President Wilson is trying to keep the news about the draft law that

It thus becomes certain that it is the farmers and wageworkers, numbering millions, whom M. Wilson is trying to keep in the dark.

DOES A friend ever try to keep in the dark one toward whom he really feels friendly? Does one ever do to a friend what he knows that friend

would not have him do?

CERTAINLY the President signed a draft law, and certainly he had, when he signed it, some opinion as to whether the people would like it. If he believed the people would not like it, why did he

sign it? He knew Wall street would like it. Wall street has been clamoring for such a law for years. Mr. Wilson dare not admit that he has signed a draft

law, nor does Mr. Hughes feel inclined to criticise him for it, tho he has criticised him for many trifling things.

WHY DOES not Mr. Hughes criticise Mr. Wilson for having signed a draft law, which is an exceedingly important matter? In Congress, why did both Republicans and Democrats alike both vote for the draft bill? We Socialists have long asserted that the capitalist class controls both the Democratic and the Republican parties. In view of the facts about the draft law, what do you think about it?

DO YOU believe that a friend would tell you that "a living wage" is "justice for the worker" and then boast of the fact that the national wealth has increased forty-one billions in the last three years? Mr. Wilson knows that the farmers and factor

not got the forty-one billions, tho they produced it all.

Mr. Wilson well knows that a small group of men who have produced nothing have got all of the forty-one billions.

Why try to convince the common people of this country that they are all but smothered with prosperity, when Mr. Wilson knows that a few are enjoying the real prosperity while everybody else is working hard for a bare living?

Would a real friend try to do that? Is it not more likely that he would tell the people they were getting too much work and too little money and that a few were getting most of the money tho doing none of the work?

WOULD A real friend of the workers have urged Congress to increase the wages of only 400,000 who happened to be well organized and who were about to embarrass his plans for re-election by paralyzing the transportation system of the country?

If Congress has the power to increase the wages of 400,000 workers, why has it not equal power to increase the wages of all

Why did the President help only a few and forget the rest? Was it because the few were well organized and about to embarrass his campaign by striking?

CAN IT be possible that Mr. Wilson is the friend only of those workers who, thru organization, are powerful enough to do things that might interfere with his re-election?

THE BLUNT truth is that both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hughes are the representatives of the capitalist class. They both believe that a few should own the country's industries and be rich while the rest of the people should operate these industries for a "living wage."

Mr. Wilson, in his speech of acceptance, said that "justice to the laborer" was a "living wage." Mr. Hughes has not criticised him for that, either. Mr. Hughes believes that wages are about right as they are. He intimated as much when he said that "there might be, here and there, wage scales

that should be adjusted." You know how much of your wages are left when the cost of your living is paid.

IF YOU would bring about the repeal of the draft law, and prevent a repetition of the unparalleled military appropriations shown at the bottom of this page, vote the Socialist ticket.

Help us swing the big red lantern in front of the on-coming train of militarism. A huge Socialist vote will be construed by Wall street as a signal to back up.

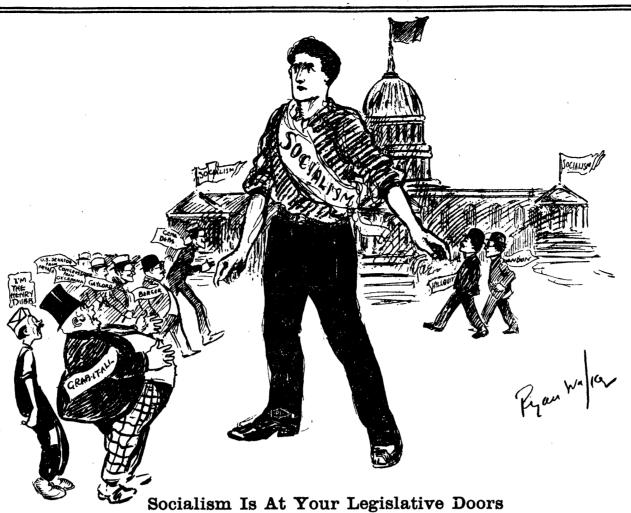
A BIG VOTE FOR EITHER OF THE OTHER PARTIES WILL BE CONSTRUED BY WALL STREET AS A SIGNAL TO PUT ON MORE STEAM-THAT THE TRACKS ARE ALL CLEAR AND THE PEOPLE ASLEEP.

ARMY AND NAVY APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CHIEF BELLI-GERENT NATIONS FOR THE YEAR PRECEDING THE WAR

GERENT NATIONS	FUR IME	TEAR PRECEDING	THE WAR.
	Army	Navy	Total
Great Britain\$	224,300,000	\$237,53 <b>0,4</b> 59	\$461,830,459
Germany	183,090,000	112,091,125	295,181,125
France		90,164,625	281,596,205
Russia		117,508,657	435,308,657
Austro-Hungary		42,000,000	124,300,000
Italy	82,928,000	49,550,147	132,478,147
Japan	49,000,000	48,105,152	97,105,152

THE WILSON MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1917 United States .....\$349,092,123\* \$313,384,389

\*This includes \$25,747,550 for fortifications, \$20,000,000 for a nitrate plant, \$34,523,000 for deficiency and \$1,225,043 for the Military academy.



# All Workers Are Proud Of The Records Made By Berger And London In Congress

test in immigration bill.

influence with European governments

Personal Reports To Constituents.

intervals, explaining the work of Con-

Circulated printed speeches

merchantmen of the belligerents.

In State Of Oklahoma

We have in Oklahoma today a recurrence of the historic serf econ-

omy in all its painful and abassing

The feudal lord then—the landlord

The serf then—the tenant now.

Feudal castles for the lord then-

Hovels for the serf then-poll pens

Dense ignorance and superstition

the among the voters of the state.

and ends on March 4, 1917.

to secure civil rights for Jews.

By CARL D. THOMPSON.

E NEED more Socialists in Congress. Every nation on earth of any importance has a strong group of Socialist representatives in the national parliament. We have but one Socialist

in Congress. In every country where there is a strong Socialist minority in the parliament the people are better represented, their interests better safeguarded, labor's voice is heard and its welfare is better taken care of. America is far behind the other leading nations of the world in the matter of labor legislation such as social insurance, provision for the unemployed, housing, sanitation, sick benefits, accident insurance, old age pension and similar matters. We are also far behind in the matter of public ownership of public utilities as well as in the extension of the principles of democracy

NE SESSION of the congress to which Meyer London was to elected from the twelfth New York district has already been held. During this period he has made a remarkable record. His was the one voice heard against the voting of funds for the infamous "Get Villa" expedition into Mexico.

165,000 workers in Porto Rico. As a result, the Senate Committee recommended that this disfranchisement be postponed for ten years.

Made only speech of the session to thouse urging direct government development and operation of hydroelectric power.

BERGER'S RECORD.

From the first day Berger took his seat until the last, the office of the first Socialist congressman was probably the busiest of any in the big marble building which houses the 394 members of the popular branch of congress.

Berger's term boson March 4 1011 NE SESSION of the congress 165,000 workers in Porto Rico. As

expedition into Mexico. pacifists and members who wanted a voted against bills as a whole.

Spoke and voted for Child Labor

"Alone in Congress" might be the title of a book by Mever London, for he has worked with little help from Revenue bill. Spoke and voted against

London's bare record is one of great activity. During his term he has held membership in three committees-Labor, Mines, and Expenditures in the Department of Labor. He spoke in debate some thirty times, and ans-

wered to eighty-four roll calls. Here is the barest summary of the

sident Wilson, in company with Hill-quit and Maurer of the Socialist Na-tined Figure 1 and Sain Figure 1 requested an investigation of federal mints, and one represented the social state of the social sta tional Executive Committee on Jan-

uarv 24. Conducted hearings on it, February constituents in New York City at 23 and 24, before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Twenty national gress. organizations sent spokesmen to the hearings to support it.

Secured its introduction in Senate by Senator Lane of Oregon. Works For National Insurance Fund. INTRODUCED. February 19, 1916, House Joint Resolution 159, "For the appointment of a Commission to pre- Introduced and defer pare and recommend a plan for the Fund, and for the mitigation of the of Americans to travel on armed evil of unemployment". Social Insurance plan.

Conducted hearing on this measure, May 6 and May 11, before the House Committee on Labor.

Secured approval of Labor Committee for a modified form of this measure, which he reported on behalf of the Committee as H. J. Res. 250, on July 1, 1916. Provides for a Commission on Social Insurance, to investigate and recommend to Congress as to a national fund for old age pensions, sickness insurance and unemployment insurance.

Votes Against Invasion Of Mexico. Made speeches, introduced and pretentious homes for the landlord ment of children by the federal govdefended amendments to bills, and now. voted in Committee of the Whole and in the House, against all phases of for the tenant now. the military and naval expansion pro-

Voted alone against the appropriation of the work of the tenant now." tion for the expedition into Mexico. Cast one of the two votes regist-ered against drafting the National Dense ignorance and Guard for service on or beyond the then-illiteracy now. Mexican border.

against the Hay military bill. Pre- servile and subservient in the presvented, as a result of this fact, the ence of the landlord now. agreement of the House to the proposal of 250,000 men for the regular army, adopted in the Senate.

Spake and voted for immediate in the Senate. Spoke and voted for immediate independence for the Philippines.

Made, almost single-handed.

dum came from Switzerland. Proportional representation has long been in force in Belgium. We are only beginning to get awake as a people to the importance of all these measures.

And so we say,—We need more Socialists in the

in the forms of government. The initiative and referen-

United States Congress. For it is the Socialists in Congress who give political expression to democracy in industry as well as in government. It is the Socialists in Congress who work out for the nation, and reduce to the cold letter of the law the ideals of social democracy. This constitutes the most vital, constructive

task confronting civilization today.

If you want to see just how the Socialists approach this task and the concrete measures they advance in carrying forward the work, read below the records of the two Socialists who so far have been the only representatives the Party has had in Congress.

MEYER LONDON'S RECORD. | fight against disfranchisement of VICTOR L. BERGER'S RECORD.

Voted for government armor-plant His first actual service began on He voted against the big prepared-ness program, along with a few timid navy and army bills respectively, but date congress convened in extradate congress convened in extra-ordinary session. Usually such sessions are not suited for the bringing always voted and raised his voice for labor in those halls where labor's compensation bill to make it voice is rarely if ever heard.

bill, and offered amendment to Worklest out of the best qualities and the legislative program of an individual congressman. But this rule did not

Spoke and voted for income and in- hamper Victor L. Berger. Of course, the second session of congress gave Victor Berger much even the so-called "labor group" in the House. Yet he has not been alone, for outside the halls of Congress were hundreds of thousands of men, were hundreds of thousands of men, were hundreds of thousands of men, whom he really represented, and who stood behind him, giving him moral support and power.

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Introduces 24 Measures.

During the first two sessions of the

INTRODUCED, Dec. 6, 1915, House Joint Resolution, calling upon the President to call a conference of neutral nations to offer mediation to the warring powers, and outlining principles on which a durable peace should be based.

Took this resolution was also gistration of yoters in Oklahoma, of tree speech in Ohio, of free political expression in the Mare Island Navy Yard, of residence of Japanese radiation to the control of the troops from the Mexican border. One called for the country of the daily and weekly press has also given them great publicity and much editorial comment.

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1911.) April 5—Joint resolution demand-ing withdrawal of troops from the ers; and conducting the examination on Mexican border.

"Preparedness", "Child Labor", "National Honor". "Increased Military constitutional amendment giving congress the right to call a constitutional tion", "United States Commission on Industrial Relations", "Immigration", April 25—Concurrent resolution

Introduced and defended resolution kidnaping of John J. McNamara. leclaring that Congress would not April 27—Joint resolution for pare and recommend a plan for the establishment of a National Insurance approve war begun in defense of right constitutional amendment abolishing ment of a legislative division of the the senate and the veto powers of library of congress. the president, and the invalidating And Meyer London has another ses- powers of the courts.

May -1-Bill for the erection of a his absence, advocating woman suf sion to serve that starts in December postoffice in Waukesha, Wis., "with such structural conveniences as will contribute to the safety and comfort amendment to the immigration bill 125,000 Tennant Farmers of the men and women to be employ- which provided for the deportation of ed there.'

May 22—Bill to regulate woman and child labor in the District of Columbia.

May 30—Bill to revise the inter-

state extradition law. June 8-Bill to transfer the speak er's automobile to the District of Columbia committee. July 28-Bill to prohibit employ-

ernment. July 31-Bill to provide old age pensions.

"Strict supervision of the work of July 31-Joint resolution for apthe serf then-" "Strict supervision pointment of a commission to report on old age pensions. "Attached" to the land then-"At-(Regular session, Dec. 4, 1911, to

August, 1912.) Dec. 1-Bill to repeal the antitrust act and to provide for the Servile and subservient in the social ownership and operation of Cast the only anti-militarist vote presence of the feudal lord then—certain industries.

Dec. 20-Joint resolution for the termination of the treaty of 1887-1893 between the United States and Russia.

Jan. 9, 1912-Bill to create a public store in Washington for civil | Fer ftr her Informhoma Socialist Campaign Book, 300, public store in V 000 copies of which were distributed service employes. Jan. 16 sint resolution for

the suffrage to women.

Jan. 16—House resolution directing the commissioner of labor to pre-Jan. 31—Bill for government ownership and operation of railroads, telephones and express properties.

Feb. 1—House resolution to investigate the strike on the Harriman

railroad lines. Feb. 5—Bill for local self-government in the District of Columbia.
Feb. 7—House resolution to in estigate the Lawrence strike.

Feb. 23—House resolution to investigate the treasury department's attitude toward the government

April 24-Bill for government ownership of wireless.
June 7—Resolution June 7—Resolution impe Judge Cornelius H. Hanford.

July 10-Bill to provide for the employment of all willing workers

Often Applause. delivered thoughtful addresses on Socialism and the relation of the working class to the political questions of the day. In all, he made twenty speeches. They are as followers.

June 14-Favoring the feduction of the tariff on wool (the famous tariff speech). Aug. 7-Introducing old age pen-

sion amendment. Dec. 14-Favoring eight hour day on government contract work.

Jan. 13, 1912—Showing that the recognition while remaining in the old parties.

Jan. 13—Criticizing starvation wages paid to District of Columbia employes (as low as \$240 a year).

Jan. 17—Repeating above criticism and offering un amendment.

Jan. 18—Favoring municipal asphalt plant for District of Columbia.

Jan. 23—Suggesting investigation of unemployment rather than wasting time on personal squabble of Representatives Hay and Hobson.

Jan. 27—Showing that labor is never protected by tariffs. Jan. 28—Demanding an investigation of the Lawrence outrages. Feb. 16-Favoring a citizen sol

diery.

March 1—Denouncing low wages paid to department of agricultural 19—Favoring automatic April

promotion of all postal employes from \$1,100 grade to \$1,200 grade. April 26—Favoring woman suffrage for Alaskan territorial charter. May 1-Favoring permission

postal employes to use stools for at least two hours a day. May 3—Opposing requirement for newspapers to print full list of stock-

holders. Secured change to require-ment that all names be printed of those owning more than \$550 July 18-Showing that the working class must have its own party

to give expression to its own class interests. A lively debate followed this address.

with a full pension.

His Work Before Committees. Nearly one and a half million copies of some of his speeches have

the pearances: May 11-In favor of the Lloyd bill

to give government employes the right to organize and to petition con-

May 29-In favor of investigating witnesses, securing a report condemning the act.
Jan. 17, 1912—Again favoring the

passage of the Lloyd bill.

March 1—Conducting the hearing on his own resolution for the indemanding an investigation of the vestigation of the Lawrence, Mass. outrages.

> March 16-By his statement, presented by Mrs. Elsie Cole Philips in

March 4-Opposing the political refugees.

His Two Great Achievements. Among the greatest achievements of Representative Berger was the settlement of the Lawrence strike, which was the direct result of a con-

## constitutional amendment extending AMERICAN SOCIALIST

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1916.

impeaching gressional investigation initiated by nford. forced resignation of Federal Judge employment of all willing workers Hanford while a sub-committee of and for other purposes. One of the the house committee on the judiciary most important bills ever introduced.

Always Received Close Attention And floor of the house floor of the house.

Representative Berger's In spite of the fact that no one standing in congress gave him a great on the floor of the house agreed with his views, Victor Berger always received the closest attention and often man or some deserving person of any aplause from his colleagues whenever class was in need of assistance, Berhe made a speech. Berger often made gen never failed to use his good offi-shorts talks during debates on pending bills, while on some occasions he some of his activities before the various federal departments:

Department of Commerce And Labor.
Before this department Berger
often appeared in behalf of political refugees who were denied admission into this country by immigration authorities. Berger succeeded securing the admission for the following political refugees:
Theodore Malkoff, detained at

Ellis Island at the request of the Russian government. He was one of the crew of the armed cruiser Jan. 13, 1912—Showing that the insurgents" can not claim separate tion. Would have been shot or hanged on his return to Russia.

Zolel Marcus, detained at Ellis Island upon request of the Russian government which wanted him returned because he had taken part in storming a political prison.

Fitel Kagan and Vasily Lachatach-

off, escaped from Siberia and detained at Tacoma, Wash., on the pretext that they were anarchists. He also secured the admission of

many other immigrants—Cermans, Poles, Jews, Bohemians, Italians, Russians-who were detained for nonpolitical reasons, usually because they did not have sufficient funds, but had some family connections here. Took Up Cases Of The Oppressed Everywhere.

persons denied their Several citizenship papers appealed to Congressman Berger, who took their cases up with this department:

Dr. H. C. Barkman, Washington.

Toivo Hiltunen, Hancock, Mich.

Leonard Oleson, Seattle, Wash, deprived of his citizen's certificate by Judge C. H. Hanford.

Judge C. H. Hanford. GETS DEPARTMENT ACTION.

Post Office Department. Asked permission for the wearing of blouses in warm weather by carriers. Secured favorable action. Secured second class mail privilege for several publications that had

trouble for one reason or another. Department of Justice. Assisted in obtaining release of Matthew H. Lough, engineer on the Panama railroad, imprisoned on account of an unavoidable accident.

War Department. Secured release of Charles S. Gim-blin, a youthful deserter from the

Secured the right for active parti-cipation in municipal politics for the employes of the Bermerton (Wash.) navy ward. This is a reversal of the former position held by the administration and of the decision of the

rear admiral in charge. Executive Office. Personally requested of President Taft the release of Albert Dewey Carter, a 12-year-old postal messen-ger boy in Texas, convicted of embezzling a money order. The lad being under working age, the gov-ernment was really to blame.

Personally requested of President Taft an investigation of the Lawrence outrages, and secured an order of the department of justice to have the matter taken up by the U. S. district attorney in Massachusetts.





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

it End of Number of Members		Amount of Benefits Paid Since Organization			
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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

Workmen's Sick & Death Benefit Fund Entrance on 7th St. No. 1. THIRD AVE., NEW YORK Second Floor

BENSON OKLAHOMA DATES: Ely City, Oct. 25; Mangum, 26; Hobart, 27; Clinto, 28; Oklahoma City, 29; Wewoka, 30; Tulsa, 31.

Tribute To Eugene V. Debs

By MAX EHRMAN. FTEN have I sat by the evening lamp and read of the martyrs of old times—lovers of truth and of men, scornful of comfort and

the house of fame; and my whispers fell silent on their soundless ears.

Now would I celebrate a living lover of men. There he goes. See the tall figure, bent shoulders—this jail bird presidential candidate—four-times presidential candidate of these United States. Also ex-coal shoveler

-this lover of men, hater of shams, advocate of comfort for all who

work. Have you heard him speak to the people? The sounds of hell are

in his voice, and his face is lit with the red fires of hell. His eyes are not blinded by custom, and fashion is no sword against his words.

He builds revolutionary fires that burn the rubbish of sanctioned cruelty.

Has he talked to you upon the street, or within a house—his house or yours? The voice of a woman is his, and a heart as tender. Has he called you fool? Likely you are one, placid toiler, working and not thinking. Tall figure with bent shoulders, I know your tender heart and your strong will—you who are generously loved and generously hated. I have seen you gather strength in the night, playful like a child, and the history of money.

dreaming of the better day and a sweeter life for the children of men. I have seen you stand erect with a light in your face when all men turned their backs, and night had enshrouded your cross. Never stood man more erect, the target of established malice. Your crime was that you

sought to make the dreams of poets a fact among men. I have seen the scars that the teeth of greed have left upon your flesh. But I have never seen you cringe. I do not wait for history to celebrate you. I celebrate you before the history is written that will celebrate you, before the tomb

has canonized you and it has become the fashion to sing your praise—you crier in the wilderness for the justice and the love of men.

good repute. Often have I stretched my hand across the paths to take theirs and whispered solace to their souls. But they are dead and writhe no more from mortal blows. Their names are graven high in

## "We'll Clean Up Old Parties In First Class Shape", The Cheering Oklahoma Message

By H. M. SINCLAIR.

Oklahoma Socialist State Secretary.

OU ASK me for an opinion on the outlook in Oklahoma. Altho it appears optimistic I could not honestly express my belief were I to say other than, "The Socialist Party will clean up on the two old parties in first class shape.' I have given this matter considerable study and firmly believe that we

will carry the Benson and Kirkpatrick presidential electors, will elect Comrade H. H. Stallard from the 7th District, A. C. Adams from the 4th, O. M. Morris from the 6th, H. M. Shelton from the 3rd and run them mighty close in the 2nd, 5th and 8th districts. I also believe that the Socialist state ticket consisting of two members

of the Supreme Court, one judge Criminal Court of Appeals, and two corporation commissioners will be elected.

There will be from 50 to 65 members elected in the lower house and their campaign with a big rally in from 10 to 15 in the senate unless Oklahoma City during the State Fair when thousands of people were here. tween now and election.

Deaf Ears For Machine's Plea. The two constitutional amendments initiated by the Socialist party is the issue in this state. The Democrats 387 persons including the band men are making their fight on these laws and are on the losing end. They will Republicans, in their would-be parade go down to defeat in many places on this account. The people know that speakers was not as large as Comthis account. The people know that Machine Rule and corruption in elections exist in this state, and all their pleas of fairness in the past are falling on deaf early. falling on deaf ears.

name them in most cases.

Speakers come to my office who have been directly in touch with the situation. They report the same things. They claim at least so many for a certain county. I take their figures and whittle them 20 per cent and cannot figure less than 95,000 votes in the state. It might be that I am wrong but as I said I couldn't couldn't couldn't give a least research without claim. give an honest report without claim-

ing the above.

There are 73,000 registered socialists in the state, and thousands who trict for legislature are being pre-have been automatically registered pared; 300,000 Benson leaflets each for one of the old party tickets who will never vote it any more than I will. Why do they accept these registration certificates? For the simple reason that they would be disfranchised unless they did. Others

What do we send these each week for nine weeks, with one week for 300,000 national platforms.

There are 380,00 ballots to overgome their short potting scheme on the press, 200,000 of the state ballots. What do we send these out for, you may sak? Because the Machine fellows. would be driven from the land by the may ask? Because the Machine fails landlord. While the city worker to comply with the law and send suf-would be made a tramp if he did not ficient ballots where the Socialists register to suit the Boss

Now Reaping The Harvest.

The Socialists have made a continuous fight against both old parties and are now reaping the harvest. In the northern part of the state which is nominally republican, the inroads are strongest against them while in the Southern part of the state it is against the Democrats. We are cross firing them on all sides.

The Democrats with their 107,000 votes will lose 20,000 to the Socialists and the Republicans will slump at least 8,000 votes. The Republicans had 77,000 votes in 1914 for their state ticket except Governor. Give them 5,000 which they will take from the Democrats and deduct the 8,000 we take from them and they will have 74,000 to stand on. Make it 80,000 for good measure. Take 20,000 to the Socialists and 5,000 to the Republicans away from the 107,000 Democrats and they will have 82,000. Give them 6,000 for good measure and call less the stampede is checked

it 38,000.

Add to the 70,000 Socialists 28,000 they will get from the old parties and call it 98,000. Slice off 6.000 for optimism and still have 92,000 or a plurality.

Donks Scared To Death.

The Democrats are scared to death. They do not know the true situation nor did they care much about make them come clean with the it until a few weeks before election time when they beat it to the sticks with their good man dope. Their trips this year have been likened unto a desert. The Donks are gone and in their places are Socialists. They see papers that opposed it or were luke-warm in the matter that

The Democrats undertook to start Why is it?

They advertised for a month,

special trains, gave prizes for the largest delegation, used every effort

possible to create an enthusiasm and

made a flat failure. There were only

many of whom were Socialists and

Governor Willis had a grand total

Campaign Of Literature.

week for nine weeks, with one week

are strong and the Democrats weak.

Have to do it for self-preservation. In fact there is nothing too small that we don't have to offset.

We have a peculiar system of vot

ing here. If you do not vote for the

amendment you are counted against

Speakers by the hundreds are mak-

ing their school house campaigns. The boys at the forks of the creek

Fight To Finish.

ber 8th and drive them crazy

The papers that stood for preparedness are not complaining of the high

every effort to win the day.

it is a fact.

should happen.

working class.

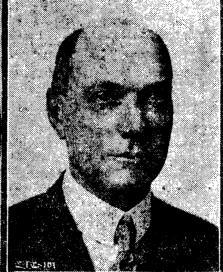
What are we doing? Well excuse

and enthusiastic as could be.

## One Mayor and Two Congressmen?



H. H. STALLARD For Congress Seventh District, Oklahoma.



THOMAS H. VAN LEAR For Mayor Minucapolis, Minn.

the ballot; and they were put into

Socialism is not an end; but it will

Everybody wants Socialism, but so many oppose it because it is not stated in the terms that appeal to them.

The Ass press responds to a brick-

Taft and Teddy met the other day

and shook hands—and the atmosphere immediately became ice cold—as cold

Republicans apparently object to the

With two such cold propositions as Hughes and Wilson descending on the

country the people are not warming

perceptibly with the approach of

What kind of a fool is it that will

say Socialism is right, but that to for-

ward the cause you ought to vote for

Wilson who opposes it, or for Hughes

who considers it against the interests

According to campaign speeches Wilson is so bad conscientious Demo-

crats cannot vote for him, and Hughes

is so dangerous that Republicans who

would avoid war cannot vote for him

There seems to be nothing left for

At one time the election of a Demo-

of Morgan. But now since the two

is also reducing many of the middle

Lloyd George of England suggests

Word comes that the war is hitting

chiefly the middle classes in every

then interest on it, and permits them

THINK OF IT!

from \$15.00 to \$45.00

TAILORING DEPT.

Let us hear from you.

make your Clothes.

A real Socialist Co-operative to

from the mill wrung dry.

do you suppose they will do?

of his campaign contributors?

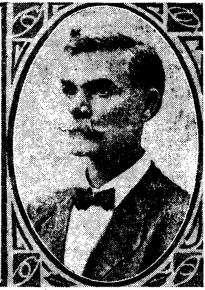
as either Hughes or Wilson.

the same old way.

election day.

be the beginning of a more abundant

the mills and the fields.



H. M. SHELTON For Congress
Third District, Oklahoma.

### Suppose someone enlighten us-the Lively Campaign In European war—what for? Harlem For Hillquit The women of England demanded

At the present writing it looks as The general reports reaching this of 45 to hear him in Muskogce which is the second largest city in the state. None of their speakers have a "landslide" taking place. Committeemen ihat are at work in their precincts (where they specialize) report the changing of dozens of old party the changing of dozens of old party bunk don't go. On the contrary the last few weeks. They forces were enthused, and from day to day new combinations are being made in his support by the organized workers.

By J. MAHLON BARNES.

A systematic campaign of educa-tion is being conducted. A general headquarters, together with a trade union headquarters, an Italian head-300,000 leaflets on the election law from a prominent Democrat and nominee from the Payne County disand the striking street car men each

have active committees at work. Already the Democratic and Republican candidates are writing and talking on more economic questions than ever before engaged the attention of the two old parties combined.

buted systematically each week by a "Flying Squadron" composed mostly of members of the Y. P. S. L. under

Available schoolhouses and nearly all halls in the district have been secured and at least ten street meetings are held every night. Noon day and all day meetings will follow shortly.

it. Now isn't that one hell of a system of voting. Call it what you may, intensive work is that of canvassing, conducted under the direction of Comrade Alexauder L. Trachtenberg, where carefully selected persons visit each citizen, getting all the informa-tion possible, and entering into friendly converse on the issues of the have their neighbors on a stump talking these matters over. They campaign. The district will be combed

Watch The Registration. Each day this week citizens are them to do but vote for Benson. Fight To Finish.

It is a fight to a finish and the Socialists are in the fight. We will give the world some good news unand curate polling list. The residence of means that commodities to that Hoan something unconceivable at this time each individual will be checked. We amount have been sent to Europe, neither fear nor expect repeaters or and in return the bankers have, not Our best wishes go to the comrades all over the country and thanks to them for their words of cheer and assistance. Give them the best you have and if we don't make it this year get right after them on Novem.

There is no campaign being made for individuals. "Vote for yourself and Socialism," is the slogan. We exvote for Benson as any district in the nation. With success we will probably the hands of women and children. It

\$100,000 Worth Of Work.

## To The Lazy Locals.

Get a hump on yourselves. Order a few Benson Leaflets. States, and you will be ashamed of ment for munitions of war, into bulyourselves if you wake up the day lion. The United States will take care after election and begin to kick your-selves for not distributing more of the Benson Leaflets.

of this, the hoard of the bankers, and permit the bankers to issue their notes against it, to circulate as

a few thousand of Nos. 9 and 10, and help us make it 4,000,000. Fifty cents per 1,000—unless you are unable to pay for them, in that

of cost if you will agree to distribute them faithfully.

How many will you need?

closing rallies of the campaign.

### "That Ever Increasing Socialist Vote."

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Democrats228	q

Progressive Democrat ..... The Socialist Party of America is organized for the purpose of restoring America to the American people We urge all well disposed men and

women to help restore America to the American people, and by the American people we mean all who "live and labor" in America. Instead of needlessly dying for your country, live for it, firmly resolved that this, the mightiest republic of all history,

ATTACKS HIGH FOOD PRICES. Emil Seidel, former Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, is on the job in Milwaukee's city council fighting the high food prices. He is trying to force an investigation by nine citizens to

as the consumer buys it, with the cost than pictures to get them to re-enlist. permit it to be. when purchased in large quantities; to determine what power the city crat meant the House of Rockefeller has to compel lower prices; to find in control and the election of a Republican the dominance of the House purchase food in large quantities and distribute it to consumers; and to investigate any other means to meet the situation.

more for their bread, but they are

BENSON HITS FOOD PIRATES. Allan L. Benson, Socialist candi date for president, hit the food pirates hard in his speech at Boston, Mass In reporting the meeting the Boston

Journal said: "I would not have boasted that the value of the food exports from this country in the past year exceeded \$600,000,000 worth; not a pound of notes against it, to circulate as food would have left the United States so long as there was a hungry man, woman or child in the land, declared Allan L. Benson York, Socialist candidate for the pre sidency, in Tremont Temple last evening in telling what he would have done if he had been President.

The occasion was the formal open ing of the party's campaign in Boston

Continuing Mr. Benson said: "When the price of flour is higher than it has been since the Civil War, I should have asked Congress to place an embargo upon the exportation of flour; and I should never have signed we will send you samples accordingly, an army bill that included a draft clause. There would be no war, except to repel invasion, without

2659 FULLERTON AVE., CHICAGO. were fined \$240,000.

## CHANCE FOR PROGRESSIVES. To the Members and Sympa-From The New Republic. New York Progressives who have a chance to vote either in the district

where Mr. Meyer London is running COMRADES:—The campaign ir the 12th and 20th Congressional Dis-Morris Hillquit is the candidate, have an easy choice. There are not so many districts where the liberal can vote meetings are being conducted; literenthusiastically for a candidate who ature is being distributed in tremendis positively good, rather than select ous quantities, and the districts are the least distressing of two mediocrities. Altho a solitary congressman in The work mapped out by the Comhis first term is cramped under the mittees for the remaining several machine methods which control the weeks is even more intensive, and House, Mr. I ondon was a noticeable when fully completed will surely figure in the sincerity and depth of result in the election of London and

tion which he brought to debates on the floor and to committee work. He be, to have these comrades in the was always listened to with a peculiar Legislative body of the nation; if you respect by his colleagues, and perhaps also with some sense of inferiority before the high and disinterested seriousness with which he looked upon his work as a legislator. In Mr. Hill-contribute to the success of it by contribute to the importance to the movepuit the Socialist party has nominated tributing the necessary funds to carry its ablest statesman, the one pre-eminently executive figure among The hour is ur

eminently executive figure among its leadership. Mr. Hillquit deserves election not only for his wide scholar-land generously.

ship in legal, political, and economic matters, but for his long and brilliant record of public service in the city of the shortage of money to fully com-New York. In innumerable instances, plete the work mapped out, can defeat from the garment strikes to the either London or Hillquit.

present traction difficulties, Mr. Hill-quit has shown an insight into under-you respond with the generosity so Tying causes, a power of negotiation, characteristic of Socialists? and a fertility of invention which ought to be drafted at once into the service of the nation.

Send all contributions to Dr. Julius Halpern, Treasurer, 239 East 84th Street, New York City.

Fraternally yours,

COMRADES, NOTICE!

Our organization has on hand a number of very fine, two-color Benson-Kirkpatrick campaign posters, more than we can use. We will send them while they last, post free, to any comrades who will agree to post them. Two sizes, 7x9 feet and 28x42 inches. How many do you want? Remember they are free. Oles Stofer, Snyder, Oklahoma.

Frank MacDonald Julius Gerber Raymond Wilcox

COMRADES, NOTICE!

Uncle Sam is so courteous to his

souri troops on the Mexican border

soldier boys. He discharged the Mis-

A. A. Heller
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Finance Committee There is one advantage about get-ting into the army; everybody who 12th and 20th Congressional Campaign Committee Socialist Party Dr. Julius Halpern Adolph Warshow Treasurer. Secretary.

Of course this country is not This commission of nine is in-structed to compare the cost of food best they could. It will take more money from the English crowd to

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THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST

Speaking of allies—neither the central allies nor the English allies hold a candle to the Morgan-Rockefeller allies. What Socialists want everybody vants-but so many don't want it unless the enemies of Socialism will con-

quarters and a German headquarters, each efficiently manned, have been established. The Workmen's Circle cede it. bat coming its way. It now opens its columns to an occasional mention

Flying Squadron At Work. A flood of literature is being distri-

the direction of Comrade Robert Spector. This machinery is in a position to make two distributions a week personally to each voter.

it. Failure to vote at all and you are counted against it. Fail to get a ballot to vote on and you are against The most necessary and the most

cannot escape. The comrades are at least twice in this manner.

alert to the situation and are bending

Watch 'The Registration.

year get right after them on Novem- ing the day and night. pect to cast as large a proportionate vote for Benson as any district in the send Edward F. Cassidy of "Big 6,"

Typographical Union, as Senator to class to the ranks of the workers. Albany. And to Albany for the Assembly we will send that valiant it impossible to obtain work, what worker, August Claessens.

At least 300 members of the district are giving every minute of their that when the war ends the soldiers spare time, day and evening, to the are going to demand the country they work, and comrades from all over the city and neighboring states are enlisting for the final rush. There will and to draw pensions—which means be more than \$100,000 worth of work a still further burden on the women put into this campaign, and 99 per who will have to do all the work.

cent of it will be volunteer service.
All this has one purpose, that is, to take the government from the master class; and happily, joyously, laughingly, the workers bend to this

There are about two thousand of busy melting the foreign gold coins, you,—"lazy locals"— in this United that have come to America in pay-

You are the fellows that are keeping our circulation down. We ought to be putting out 4,000,000 every week. Indeed, against it, to circulate as money. The bankers have the money, Uncle Sam keeps it for them, pays then interest on it. and permits them Get busy before it is too late. Order to use it and draw further interest

case we will try to supply you free

Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett has pent six weeks in the campaign in New York City, and has filled a number of dates in New Jersey and Brooklyn. She is now filling dates in Rhode Island, and will be two weeks in Connecticut after which she will return to New York to assist in the

Democrats who wish to save their SOCIALIST EXCHANGE votes will cast them for Benson. If voted for Wilson they will be thrown

Progressive Republicans ...... Independent SOCIALIST ..... Prohibitionist Prohibitionist ..... Progressive Prohibitionist ..... Democrats giving labor a gold brick, because they think labor should merely have been hit with a brick in

and still the one great political hope of the world, shall not perish on the

rock of "militarism." "Vote the Socialist ticket his fall."

—and VOTE IT STRAIGHT.

"Prices are going up and up," said Alderman Seidel, "and there seems to be no indication that they are going to stop where they are. If this situation continues the poor of the city are going to have winter. Something should be done at once to meet the situation if it is possible. No other problem is so vital right now as this of food prices." Milwaukee's consumers of bakers' bread are being victimized going and coming. Not only are they paying

getting less of it. According to investigations by the state and city sealers' departments, the former 5-cent loaf which weighed approximately 12 ounces, now weighs from 91/2 to 11 ounces, and sells for 6 cents. The 10-cent loaf, which was advertised to contain twice as much bread as the old 5-cent loaf, now

land. The rich never had so much money to spend or lavished it so foolishly, and the workers, who have weighs about 20 ounces. been carefully graded to enable them merely to live, cannot economize. The middle class is squeezed and comes The United States is said to be busy melting the foreign gold coins.

Suits and Overcoats Mention price you wish to pay, and Our garments are strictly tailormade and OF COURSE carry the
Union Label.

Cept to repel invasion, without a
popular vote on the question, and
those who voted for war would be the
first to be sent."

Several hisses followed the reference to the fact that Hughes, while a member of the Supreme Court, voted to sustain the order of the lower court by which the Danbury hatters

By RYAN WALKER

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR

By Max S. Hayes.

You can search us—we haven't got

You can search the whole mass of

American workers and the sum total

found in their possession will be piti-

after the slaughter is concluded.

SAN FRANCISCO Labor Council

to make that city an open shop town.

"I believe in the eight-hour day,

But you can search the Wall Street

fully small in comparison.

Wilson regime?

By ADOLPH GERMEK.
National Secretary, Socialist Party.
The hundreds of pieces of mail that are received at the National Office with every delivery indicates that in every section of the country the Socialists are eagerly at work. Such activity is bound to bring the most encouraging results on election day. In 'his campaign, the Socialist Party alone creates genuine interest and en-thusiasm. It is the only Party that has a true message for the workers;

the only party that has an issue. The Democratic and Republican parties alike are hysterically and vainly grabbing in all directions for something that will attract the voters. The brass bands and the "Hip Hip Hurah" are meeting with a feeble response. Mr. Hughes is busying himself minimizing the crumbs that the Wilson administration has thrown out to labor. On the other hand, Mr. Wilson and his associates are magnifying their "achievements". Both are pleading for the votes of the working class.

We Have An Extraordinary Duty.
In this unusual situation the members of the Socialist Party have an extraordinary duty to perform. The supreme duty of the hour is to capitalize the rising tide of Socialist sentiment and convert it into a compact organization.

The records of the last nine months show that we have an average paid up membership of approximately 85,000. This comparatively small organiza-tion of faithful and devoted souls is performing a service in this cam-paign that surpassed our fondest hopes. It was regarded as impossible several months ago to flood this country with millions of pieces of literature each week from the National office. When we first undertook the task, we were told that the organization was too imperfect to make it a success. However, in spite of all the discouragements, we have gone thru with the monumental taskwhich proves what can be done when we firmly set our souls to work. Plan For Greater Things.

I appeal to every member of the Socialist Party to make a special effort to enlist new soldiers in this army

Start today to enroll new members and when the smoke of the political battle clears away after the polls close on November 7th, we will begin the campaign anew and continue at work until labor's freedom is an accomplished fact.

All join hands for AGITATION EDUCATION and ORGANIZATION

Are willing to distribute the Benson Leaflets, and are unable to pay for them, we have decided to make a special offer. We will supply any reasonable number of leaflets FREE of Nos. 9 and 10. until the order have reached a million. That is the limit that the National Office can go free leaflets at this time.

Fund. It need not be a large contri bution, but it must be something to tributions will also help to whatever have watchers at the polls. extent they come in towards paying

their orders in first. First come first served. You wil

have to hurry.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

The names of 420 business agents of the Farmers' Union branches in Alabama go on our list for seven weeks as a result of the efforts of Comrade John Hauge, of that

Comrade John J. Scholtes, of Rochester, Minn., sends for a list of our subs in his town. He is going to get after them when their subs expire. What are you doing in your town to look after the renewals to your

One of the big five-week lists comes from comrade M. S. Pritchard, of Owego, N. Y. Comrade M. S. Pritchar It contains 169 names.

five weeks.

Comrade J. Levine, organizer branch seven, Local Bronx, New York City, writes about the five weeks for five cents plan as follows: "I have read of your unusual effer of 100 subs for \$5 and at once deemed it advisable to propose to my branch that it avail itself of the afforded opportunity to do some much needed effective propaganda work. Whereupon the branch decided the poorest district, as far as enrolled Socialist voters are concerned, be chosen, each of the voters of the said district to be furnished with a sub for the specified five weeks". So we are putting 100 names in this district on our list. What are you doing about your district?

Comrade Homer Stone, of East Liver-

Comrade Homer Stone, of East Liverpool, Ohio, sends in seven five-week subs. When he read Comrade Benson's article on the Associated Press he went to his local papers to have a conference with the editors. The result was that he has already had several Socialist articles published.

Many comrades write in and say their local cditors claim they do not get the news about the Socialist presidential tours. The Associated Press and the United Press have promised to send it out. Tell the local editors to make them live up to their promise.

to our table.

Henry Dubb's Part In Bringing About The High Cost Of Living



## The Best Use Of Your Ballot

By JOHN M. WORK.

TAKE it for granted that when you go to the ballot box it is your desire to use your ballot in such a way as to accomplish the most good for your self and your folks and the masses of the people in general. The great question is how to do this.

Hardly anyone is satisfied with the republican and democratic parties but there are many people who size up those two parties and try to decide which of them it would be best to vote for. But that is a very foolish thing to do. You cannot get anywhere by

taking that course.

I am going to tell you why. DO YOU remember that a few years ago it was impossible to get any laws adopted by congress or the state legislatures in the interest of the

masses of the people? We cannot afford to let this golden opportunity slip by. We must coin it into a greater membership so that greater things will be accomplished.

Now, why is this? And do you know that during the past four years there have been more

MANY a time, previous to 1912, when I was making a Socialist speech, tried to inject some spirit and spunk into my audience by talking to it of the working class. I appeal to every something like this, "Just as long as you folks are fool enough to vote the reader of this article, who is not a member and believes that his only your benefit. They don't need to, for they can get your votes without doing hope for freedom is thru the Socialist Darty, to become an active memintelligence by voting for your own interest—by voting the Socialist ticket hope for freedom is thru the Socialist Party, to become an active member. The greater the membership that
bands itself together in defense of
labor, the more able will it be to rid
this earth of capitalism and all of the
tragic consequences that have cursed
mankind.

Start today to enroll new members

so. But, just the moment when you begin to show a glimmer of almost human
intelligence by voting for your own interest—by voting the Socialist ticket—
ber. The greater the membership that
bands itself together in defense of
labor, the more able will it be to rid
to grant concessions to you. They will do this for the purpose of trying
to win back the voters who have begun to vote the Socialist ticket, and also
for the purpose of trying to prevent still other voters from going over to
the Socialist party. So, you see, the way to scare good laws out of the old
mankind.

Start today to enroll new members

THIS prediction came literally true. In 1912, nearly a million people voted the Socialist ticket. This is the reason, and the sole reason, why more good laws have been passed during

the last four years than ever before. And the same thing will happen again if you keep up the good work. If the Socialist vote were to decrease this year—good-bye progressive laws. The screws would be put to the people as of yore.

BUT, if there should be a splendid increase in the Socialist vote, there will be more good laws passed during the next four years than during the

The only condition is that each individual or local must make some conditional or local must make an accordance or local must make an accordance or local must make a conditional or local COMRADES:—The presidential election is fast approaching. tribution to the National Campaign counted. We therefore make this appeal to you to watch the count.

There are many places where the old party politicians would last long. They are taking in new members snow good will and to guarantee that they would merely neglect to count our votes, or fail to count them make good use of them. These con- correctly. We would lose many thousands of votes if we did not

the shipping charges.

With this single provision the leaflets will be free to those who get the state legislatures. This is due to the fact that the Socialist

Free as long as they last.

A voluntary contribution must acby making a good increase in our vote. A large increase will mean company the request for the free that many good laws will be passed during the next four years.

vote should be counted, even in the places where we do not expect to elect our candidates. In the places where we do expect to elect them, it is of course of equally great importance to watch the

We have had a busy campaign, each active comrade working faithfully for the cause: distributing literature, arranging meetings, selling tickets, making speeches, contributing and col-Comrade John J. Scholtes, of Rochester, Minn., sends for a list of our sybs in his town. He is going to get after them when their subs expire. What are you doing in your town to look after the renewals to your party paper.

Comrade Emma S. Dakin puts 62 fifteenweek subs on our list at Amherat, Mass.

Comrade L. B. Meyer, of Alpha, Ohio, sends in 52 of those five-week subs.

One of the big five-week subs.

One of the big five-week sits comes from Control W. S. Pass is its coltor, and to investigate Socialism and eventually become Socialists.

Meetings, selling tickets, making speeches, contributing and collecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, writing articles and leaflets, etc. This work is all lecting funds, our party paper of seattle, Washington, is certainly made of the right sumf. It is a four page, seven-column with affair, and they are able to crowd a great deal of sood sense into their space.

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The Socialist World, our page seattle, Washington, is certainly made of the reaso to investigate Socialism and eventually become Socialists.

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For these reasons, there is no work you can do for this cause, in the same length of time, that is of greater importance than watching the count. We earnestly urge every local, branch and comrade to take hold of this matter seriously and at once, and see to it that the counting of the ballots is witnessed at all polling places.

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For these reasons, there is no work you can do for this cause, in the same length of time, that is of greater importance than watching the count. We earnestly urge every local, branch and comrade to take hold of this matter seriously and at once, and see the occasion warrants, and not feiling in the spirit straight out from the shoulder, our Seattle comrades are carrying on the work of spreading the Yipsels message with fine spirit and success. Ninety names, scattered all over the country, come in on the stationary of the Department of Public Charities, New York City.

The American Socialist will go to them for the Socialist will go to the Socialist

Fraternally yours,

Victor L. Berger Morris Hillquit Anna A. Maley John Spargo John M. Work

National Executive Committee.

Adolph Germer, Executive Secretary. Carl D. Thompson, Campaign Manager.

Wilson, the "workingman's friend." pleased. But he doesn't please to do Unanimously the organized and un- so. The rich landgrabbers don't want organized workers of Porto Rico an election. They fear the labor and demand that the elections be held, so Socialist forces might win. that the government of "our possessions" may be truly democratic, as Send five cents for a sample copy the Washington politicians pretend to of The New World, Lincoln Phifer's favor most solicitously. At the recent reliable investigators that the Penn-Paper-Magazine, Girard, Kansas. Debs says in the Rip Saw: "It is a live and ambitious publication, and will make a place for itself in the modern struggle for demonrate and course Congressmen London made."

The charge is made by several reliable investigators that the Penn-sylvania Railroad Co. has been discharging all employes suspected of being Socialists from its big shops in Altoona, Pa. A Socialist City Countries and another than the poor, of the Porto Ricans—the poor, of the Porto Ric modern struggle for democracy and course. Congressman London made a cilman was elected in Altoona and

Here is another little count against President to call an election when he

The charge is made by several freedom. It is one of the most unique bitter fight and exposed the infamous the Pennsy and other big corporaand original publications that come scheme. Then the bil was held up and tions have decided to nip such treason a resolution put thru authorizing the in the bud.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

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INDIANA. INDIANA.

The leagues in Indiana are doing very well indeed according to the report of the State Secretary, Comrade Chas. Rogers, of Indianapolis. His home league reports a very successful box social and Kokomo will run a Halloween Dance that will make a fair bid for national honors. Anderson doubled her membership in the first three weeks of existence. Fort Wayne and South Bend were both reported to be very quiet but the indications are for a revival of interest soon.

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GIVES UP GHOST.

We regret to announce that the organization at Fitchburg, Mass., has been obliged to give up its hard struggle for existence.

Many elements enter into the story but it is to be hoped that this action is only temporary. The comrades in charge fought a good fight to keep going and they are not licked yet.

New Years.

English speaking leagues are all very active and good growth is predicted.

and good growth is predicted.

PENNSYLVANIA BUSY.

The Yipsels of Allegheny County will soon hold a county convention, and from their plans there will be big doings. These enterprising Yipsels are to be the hosts of the next state convention and this ought to give them good practice.

READING is hustling hard these days. They expect to send Jim Maurer back to the legislature and perhaps send along a running mate in the person of Comrade Stump. They recently, ordered a thousand Benson-Kirkpatrick Campaign buttons, and plan to pin one to each Y. P. S. L. leaflet that they hand out. A good many other leagues are also pushing our leaflets hard, and with good results.

ORGANIZATION.

and with good results.

A new league among the Lithuanian young people has been organized in Chicago, Ill., with a send-off of 32 charter members. Another league of young Bohemiuns will shortly be started and at least 50 members are promised by the comrades in charge.

The league recently started at Detroit (Circle 2) has grown to 24 members now and they are planning for many more. Providence, R. I. is snother newcomer that is doing very well. At present there are more boys than kirls there but that won't last long. They are taking in new members

There are many places where the old party politicians would purposely count us out if they could. There are other places where they would merely neglect to count our votes, or fail to count them correctly. We would lose many thousands of votes if we did not have watchers at the polls.

During the past four years a number of laws which are of benefit to the working class have been passed by congress and the state legislatures. This is due to the fact that the Socialist vote took a big leap upward in 1912. The rising Socialist vote frightened these laws out of the other parties.

We can get equally tangible and valuable results this year by making a good increase in our vote. A large increase will mean that many good laws will be passed during the next four years. It is therefore of the greatest importance that every Socialist vote should be counted, even in the places where we do not expect

when this shall have been done.

SPORTING NOTE.

An inter-state Yipsel base-ball game was played at the picnic of Local Philadelphia, recently held. It was between Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The \$10.00 award to the winner was spent by the Camden Mosquitoes, the exact score not being sent in. Having seen these boys play I can say that it is no disgrace to be beaten by them.

PRESS AGENT WORLD.

All Tipsels are urged to do their utmost to get sufficient publicity for the league. Socialist and labor papers should be used at every opportunity. All Yipsel column editors are requested to send their names and addresses together with a sample of their work to this office. The purpose of this collection will be to establish a Y. P. S. L. press service the purpose of the service the service of the service that the service the service to help in getting the best results out of the

A NEW Y. P. S. L. SONG. MERRY YIPSEL HEARTS. Tune: Funiculi, Funicula. (College Songs.)
Some think—'tis wrong for Yipsels to be jolly,
But not so I, But not so I!!
Some think—all socialists are melancholic
And pine and sigh! And pine and sigh!!

But we—we love to spend our time in singing Some joyous song! Some joyous song! To set—the air with music bravely ringing Is far from wrong! Is far from wrong!! CHORUS:

Yipsels, Yipsels, Comrades true and fair, Yipsels, Yipsels, Comrades true and fair, You see them here, you see them there, you see them everywhere. We're always on the square.

NOTE:—If more stanzas than the one are desired it will be found that the remaining two given in the college song will be found singularly appropriate for many leagues. A fine collection of Yipsel songs, both classic and popular, will be found in the special song folder sold by this office at \$1 per 100.

## Wilson Asked Why He Signed Infamous Bill

Allan L. Benson, Socialist candidate or president, in behalf of an audience of 6,000 persons gathered at Portland, Ore., sent a telegram to Pres. Wilson demanding his reasons for signing the Hay Chamberlain army bill con-taining the infamous clause giving the president of the United States power to draft citizens into the army

The telegram reads: To the President,

Long Branch, N. J. Six thousand American citizens in mass meeting assembled in Portland, Ore., by unanimous vote, request me to send you a telegram to the following effect: These citizens respectfully ex-

press their desire that you should publicly set forth your reasons for having signed a bill which gives the president power, in time of war, to draft American citizens into the army. They refer to the so-called Hay-Chamberlain army reorganization bill which you approved on June 3 of the present year, section 79 of which contains a draft clause. NO GENERAL DISCUSSION.

These citizens of Portland are unable to understand why the power to draft American citizens into the army, which even Abraham Lincoln did not have when he became President, and which, after it was given to him he soon ceased to use because of the opposition that it provoked, should now have been given to the pre-sident in such manner that it will remain one of the presidential powers until such time as the law may be repealed. Much less can these citizens understand why a law containing a draft clause was enacted without public notice or public discussion.

As the Socialist candidate for the presidency, I but obey the mandate of 6,000 citizens of Portland, Ore., in most respectfully laying these matters before you. May I, with equal respect, venture to say that, in my opinion, the information requested these citizens of Portland would also be received with profound interest by the entire American people.

MANY NOT SOCIALISTS.

I base this statement upon my observations in a campaign that, having already lasted more than 40 days, has enabled me to address great audiences from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

These audiences at first received with incredulity my statement that you had signed a bill containing a draft clause.

Upon proof that you had signed such a bill, credulity gave way to amazement, which, in the case of 6,000 citizens in Portland, nine-tenths of whom are not Socialists, has been transformed into a definitely expressed desire that you give the American people the reasons that moved you to approve a bill containing a draft

ALLAN L. BENSON.

### "Political Action" By OLOF P. VICTORIEN.

We are coming, we are coming,
Coming sev'ral million atrong;
From the Mills and Shops and Railroads,
From the Mines and Fields and Forest
Down the Highways and the 'byroads',
Singing 'Freedom's Holy Song'.

Song of Equal Rights and Duties,
Song of Useful Men and Women.
Song of Children Free and Happy,
Song of self-sustaining Labor,
Song of All who Fought the Battle,
Song of SOULS that Know the PONDAGE.

We are coming, we are coming, With a purpose Good and Strong, Facing Battle with the Ballot, We shall Crush the Greedy Tyrant. And ABOLISH 'RENT and PROFIT'. Singing 'Freedom's Holy Song'.

Song of 'HOME' and song of 'COUNTRY'.
Song of Sweetheart good and true,
Song of Father and of Mother,
Song of Sister and of Brother,
Song of LIFE and song of Nature.
Song of HOPE for ME and YOU.

We are coming, we are coming,
What a MIGHTY, THRILLING THRONG.
ALL AGLOW and ALL INSPIRING.
WORLD-WIDE, UN-CON-QUER-ABLE.
With the 'BALLOT' we are coming,
Singing 'FREEDOM'S HOLY SONG'.

Optimistic views of political conditions in Germany are being taken by many of the Socialists, especially those connected with the majority faction. A party split having been avoided by common consent, prominent Socialists are saying that the government has introduced so many State socialistic schemes which the people approve that they will clamor for more, and it is also asserted that the grip of Junker reactionists has

Socialism is the issue. The other

Two Killed! 25 Wounded! This, according to press reports is the toll that labor has been compelled to pay for revolting against the despotism of Rockefeller in Bayonne, N.J.

Immediately after the brutalism of Rockefeller was exposed in Colorado his hired Hessians enacted a massacre at Bayonne. Sheriff Kincaid served with the same willingness and sycophancy as Jeff Farr, the deposed king of Huerfano County, Colorado. It is clearly apparent that Rockefeller industries mean Rockefeller political industrial domination. The people's will must be subscrvient to the will of this king of the money kings and it matters not whether the affairs of the political state are in control of the Democratic or Republican parties.

### Yellow Press Lies Again.

A little over a year ago the hired murderers of Rockefeller shot down the workers at Bayonne who were driven to desperation. Nothing was done. Encouraged by the inactivity of the so-called constituted authorities the bloody scene is now reenacted and as usual the yellow press sends out the word that the strikers began the

The violent industrial outbursts in Bayonne, in Colorado and clsewhere are but the counteracts of industrial tyranny exercised by America's in-dustrial over-lords. Whether it is in the Democratic State of New Jersey, the some state of President Wilson, who is now lauded to the skies at the true friend of Labor, or in the Republican State of Minnesota, where HO'S GOT the \$40,000,000,000 of increased wealth that our Democratic brethren are so the United States Steel trust struck down every right of man, the result is the same so far as Labor is coneloquently claiming as an asset of the cerned.

These crimes against Labor point out the supreme need of working class action. Today it is in Bayonne. Tomorrow it may be in your very midst

## Opportunity For Workers.

On the 7th of November the working class of America will have an opmaster class and trace big chunks of the loot, which represents the exploitation of labor at the rate of at least \$10,000,000,000,000 a year.

The loot which represents the exploitation of labor at the rate of at least \$10,000,000,000 a year.

The loot which represents the exploitation of labor at the rate of at least \$10,000,000,000 a year. THE PROBABLE condition that labor will find itself in after the European war is now being widely discussed in all beligerent countries. It might not be amiss to ask—considering the manner in which the labor. The Socialist Party is the only political party in this campaign that is entitled to the votes of the working class. It is a party made up by workers for the workers. A vote for the sidering the manner in which the workers. A vote for the workers are being slaughtered and Socialist Party is the most decisive workers are being slaughtered and the threats of the great statesmen who are keening away and rulers who are keeping away from the front that the struggle will be continued indefinitely—whether agencies.

there will be any laboring men left West Virginia Socialists are putting new enthusiasm in their campaign as a result of the opinion of Attorney Harold W. Houston, of Charleston voted to assess all union men and women in the city 20 cents a week that the Socialist Party of the state will be granted the right to place the per capita for the purpose of beating names of the state and county candiback the attacks of the Chamber of Commerce and kindred organizations dates on the regular ballot sheet. The West Virginia Socialists have been fighting the high filing fees demanded in that state and the indications are that their long fight will be crowned The assessment will continue indefinitely and bring in about \$13,000 per with victory. T. ROOSEVELT, in his "eat-'em-alive" speech at Battle Creek, Mich.: "I believe in labor unions. but—"

Why does the Wilson administration permit the idle rich to dodge their income taxes? Let the income tax records he public records and expose the dodgers.

Need more be said? ALDER 1904 I 2000 MANGERSORRI DALLI I RERESER I ERIKER ERIK I ERIK BANKEL ER I REDAKTER FRANKEL ER ER FRANKER

## Clearance Sale

CAMPAIGN SUPPLIES AND NOVELTIES SPECIAL BARGAINS AND REDUCED PRICES.

In order to clean out our entire stock of campaign novelties and supplies, we are making a big reduction on the prices. They are going fast—but we are not going to take any chances. We want them all out before the campaign is over. So we have cut the prices. If you want any of these goods you will have to hurry.

The following are the new and reduced prices:-

New Reduced Prices on all Campaign Supplies and Novelties. Each BUTTONS ......8c per dozen 50c per 100 PENCIL CLIPS 5c. 50c per dozen
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