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# Let The Plutes Rule! By MAX SHEROVER.

A Million Slaves.

The U.S. Steel Corporation controls the economic and social fate of 260,000 workers—multiplying this figure by an average of four beings per family-and you have a total of over 1,000,000 lives whose existence, employment and welfare is in the hands of a handful of plutes. No monarch, ruler, tyrant or despot since the dawn of history had such complete control over the destiny of his subjects. Let the Plutes Rule! \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

Proof of Prosperity.

Louis Follet, President Standard Tinplate Co., recently gave a dinner costing \$100.00 a plate. The meal included many kinds of game, the choicest cuts pre-pared by eminent chefs, and rare old wines and liqueurs. It was served on gold plates. Let the plutes

> \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Bursting Up The Home.

One business that shows great prosperity—40% increase in the last 5 years—is the divorce business. Chicago judges are putting together their heads to find a way to cut down the number. There is a saying that "When poverty comes thru the door love flies out thru the window." What we need is more poverty. Let the plutes rule!

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A Plute Sheet On The Embargo.

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Wheat is high, but there is no sign yet that it is not plentiful enough for all of the country's needs. That is not equivalent to saying that we shall not have to curtail our consumption of that cereal and use some other food to replace in part the normal supply of that which may be lacking this year because of the great reduction in output and the continued foreign demand. But it would be vastly better to consume a little less wheat and a little more of some other food than to attempt by an embargo to keep for our own use all of the wheat now in the country.

We are in no danger of starving. If wheat is dear enough or hecomes dear enough to impel consumers to depend more upon corn or oats or rye than they have been accustomed to do in the past, surely no harm would come from the shift to other food to a small extent and for the time being. Much harm would be doen by an embargo. It is not to be thought of as a remedy against a shortage which in the long run is likely to be found to be imaginary rather than real.—The Wall Street Journal.

Why Girls Grow Pale.

We have found one result of the war and its resultant high prices! Since the cost of carmine used in making rouge for map painting has increased 500% some young ladies have become strikingly pale. **\$\$\$\$\$** 

Here Lie 800 Victims of Papertrustitis.

San Francisco.—Assertion that 800 country town newspapers had suspended publication in the United States since the price of news print paper began advancing after the beginning of the war was made recently before the California Press Association by C. L. Day, a publisher of San Luis Obispo, Cal. Let the Plutes Rule!

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Why Farmers Oppose Government Insurance. During the last ten years private insurance com-

panies have collected for hail premiums from farmers \$10,786,986 and paid out \$7,194,806—a good ittle graft netting over \$3,000,000.

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The Why of Preparedness.

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# PLUTECONOMICS.

Here are a few gems taken from an article entitled: Profits In Profit Sharing.

(From the N. Y. Times Annalist.)

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When a corporation raises the wages of its employes there are three individuals to be considered—the man who gets the increase, the employer who pays it, and the stockholder who has his dividends to think about. Theoretically, it might be possible for one of the three parties, perhaps two, to be injured by a wage increase. The employer man anxiously figuring how far profits were to be cut down, and the stockholders were estimating whether the next dividend check would show one and one-quarter instead of one and one-half per cent on his stock for the quarter.

Judge Gary, speaking of the 10 per cent wage increase of U. S. Steel Corp. said, that the latest action was taken by the Finance Committee because of "the abnormal conditions now existing," which were not explained for the reason that they were self-explanatory. The Steel Corporation is making bigger profits than ever before, and looks ahead at profits which may be even bigger than those current.

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The explanation comes down to this: the corporation was remainded the corporation was remainded to the corporatio The explanation comes down to this: the corporation was receiving more orders every month, at prices which tended higher and higher, and the greater the activity at the mills the greater would be the corporation's income. The way to maintain maximum operations was to stimulate the workers, and this could best be done thru better wages.

Higher Wages-Larger Output. An employer can afford to pay his men 10 per cent more if prices and demand insure to the employer an increase of, say, 15 per cent, or 20 per cent, or 25 per cent in profits.

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ And Now Let Us Do A Little Figuring.

The accompanying table shows how prices and wages and net earnings for the corporation's common stock have progressed month by month this year:

	Average Wage per month	Average Prices 10 Steel Prod.	Earned on Com. Stock
January	\$77.33	\$42.47	\$11.629.900
February	80.92	46.18	12,028,300
March		49.34	15,554,000
April	81.12	56.72	18,215,000
May	90.32	55.80	20,346,800
June		55.50	20,939,400
July	86.64	<b>53.75</b>	18,150,000
August		53.73	22,247,000
September	88.45	<b>55.9</b> 5	22,920,000

Now, gentle column reader, let us do a little simple arithmetic. In going over the above figures at a glance we discover why there's "profit in profit sharing". In January ye steel worker averaged\* \$88.45 per month while the steal trust averaged over \$11,000,000 on the common stock alone\*\*. And in September ye steel maker averaged\* \$88.45 per month while ye steal taker averaged \$22,920,000. Net result: while average\* wages per month went up \$11.12 (cost of living went the same way too, only it's a little higher), steal trust profits, after this wage increase had been deducted went up \$11,290,100. Thus while wages went up about 15% profits went up about 100%. Let us reduce that to proletarian figures: for every \$11.12 wage increase the steal gang stole \$10,152.96 (ten thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars and ninety six

\* Average Wage—includes salaries of foremen, pattern makers, draftsmen, and otherwise highly skilled workers.

\*\* Common Stock profits—are attained after interest on indebtedness, bond issues, preferred stock and \$100,000 salaries, etc. have been taken care off.

Let the Plutes Rule! It is a good thing for the

If the above strikes home then work, vote and organize for a society wherein we will: Let the Wealth Producers Rule!

GRAND AND GLORIOUS With Apologies To Briggs) By JOHN M. WORK.

■ EY, YOU Gompersite— When a presidential election comes on-

And you take a look at the

candidates-And you find that one of them stands for the interest of

the working class--But you give him the go by because he is a Socialist—

And you say, "Woodrow's the boy for me!"— And you fall in line and

march to the music of the drum-

Diddybum — diddybum diddybumbum-And you holler your head

And your hero is elected-

And you feel the thrill of triumph---And you strut around and

"Ain't I a hell of a fel-

say, ler?"then Congress con-And

venes-And your hero stalks in the back door of the house of representatives and mounts the steps as big as life to read his annual message-

And he clears his throat and fixes his nose glasses and opens his mouth to read— And the first thing you hear

is a strenuous argument in favor of compulsorv arbitration-

Ain't that a grand and glorious feelin'!

ON THE JOB.

In trying to explain the causes of the recent Socialist victory at Eureka, Calif., The Times of that city

"The special municipal election proved two things conclusively: First, that the Socialist believers in Eureka are always on the job at election time; Second, that the average citizen does not always vote as he feels and vice versa. The election was practically carried by the Socialist minority of the city council because they voted

and worked to get others to vote. "They did not stay at home. They did not look at the dripping sky and after feeble comment on the unimportance of the measures before the voters of the city, decide to stay at home and let things go by chance. Oh no, not they. They went to the polls and voted and persuaded all their friends to vote. And the results were entirely satisfying to them.'

A. C. Gray, secretary of Local Eureka, Calif., writes: "To understand the situation I may say that the mayor, one councilman and the street superintendent are Socialists. The anti-Socialist majority of the city council sought to compel the Socialist superintendent of streets to employ men of their own choosing and thus impair the efficiency of his work. The fight has been bitter and was carried to the courts, as the wages of the men hired by the Socialist superintendent were refused endorsement by the council. We managed to bring the matter before the people with the result that we won out on all points."
The Eureka Socialists are right on the job.

THE HIGH COST OF DOG.

Twenty-five to thirty years ago there were more dogs than denizens n Topeka. The next to the last assessment showed 1724 and the last 1579. To one, not a lover of dogs, this is a very satisfactory showing. The triple tax has doubtless had a good effect, particularly in cleaning out that raft of curs poor people always had hanging about them, and the

poorer the people the more the dogs.

The high cost of living, however, has been the main factor in this decimation of the dog. A generation ago you could go to the butcher shop and get all the dog meat you wanted for nothing, but no more. Now the butchers are selling for us to eat what they formerly gave away to the

Thus times do change! We now eat ourselves what we formerly threw to the dogs. By eating his food we are starving out the dog.

Some European countries have gone even farther than encroaching on the dogs feed, and are eating the dog himself, not as a war measure, because they had started in to do so long before the war broke out. We mention no names, and thereby do not scratch your nationality.

Back of all this is the real cause, the concentration of the wealth of the country in the hands of a few, and the consequent degradation of the many to the level of the dog. But the people must like it, for they are standing for it so graceful-

SOCIALIST HAYMAKING.

ly.—From the Kansas Trade Union-

Aside from the direct beneficiaries of present high prices, the socialists are getting the most joy out of life these days. This is due to the fact that most everybody is proposing so-cialistic measures for coping with high Such a slump to socialism, prices. even the unconscious, is gratifying to Marxian orthodoxes.-Lincoln,

Congress is sitting-on the workers, as usual.

General Funston resents the imputation of revivalists that the soldier is lost. Well, if he isn't, what is he?

We had better remove Pershing from Mexico and Funston from the border or Villa will get them both.

Socialists must continue to stand up for their principles. If we lay down we shall be run over.

This is the season of blood on earth and go-to-hell

It begins to look like America was pre-paired—with some other nation against the rest of the world. Now is the time for Mr. Wilson to begin to materialize the fine phrases he uttered before election.

If we could only live without eating for about a year, doubtless the price of living would go down.

After two years of bloody war Europe does not yet know what nation will dominate in trade. Settling things for the capitalists is mighty costly business.

And now Roumania and Greecc join Belgium and Serbia in bewailing the fact that they were prepared

It is surprising with what speed a little torpedo will destroy a battleship that costs as much as a college and carries as many people as attend the average college.

It seems that the people have decided to try everything else first. Those that are left after other panaceas have been tested, will turn to Socialism. Mr. Wilson has been so successful in arbitrating the

European and Mexican wars that he is clearly entitled to force his arbitration on the workers. The thing that most people will get in their stocking this Christmas is a hole. But even that is better than a hole in the head, the thing they are getting in Europe.

With one Socialist and one woman in congress, the present congress gives promise of being to a mild degree respectable.

It is the avowed intention of those engaged in the European war to make 1917 more terrible than was 1916. The munition makers of America don't say any thing, but they clearly have the same purpose.

Capitalism has found the workers so easy that it has quit promising them anything. It openly declares there will be lower wages and higher prices, and the workers must learn to live as the Asiatics do. The toilers gasp and says Uhhuh.

The new postal bill helpt the merchant by reducing postage. It does not strike at the rates of the daily or of the country weekly. It is directed solely against papers of general circulation, like Socialist papers. That is what we get for not polling a bigger vote.

Since the government chooses to put control of the means of life in a few hands and permit them to hold up the rest of the people for all they have a mind to, it might just as well let some other ration come and kill us too. What is the use of half doing the job?

ANOTHER INDICTMENT.

We record here another indictment against the capitalist system of society:
"Fifty thousand babies and 20,000 mothers die annually in the United States because of improper care at childbirth".

This statement was made by Dr. Joseph B. De Lee before the annual meeting of the friends of the Chicago Lying-in Hospital and Dispensary. And he ought to know.

Capitalism ought to be convicted on this indictment alone, sentenced to immediate extermination and forced to make way for an improved system of society.

THINK AGAIN.

Charlotte Perkins Gilman has said a great many good things and written much that has been worth reading. But she ought to think a little deeper in giving her advice to young women on the "marrying

She urges young women to refuse to be married to undesirable suitors and declares as a result the worst class of men will be extinct.

We fear that the capitalist system will be able to

produce undesirables faster than young women can refuse them. Wipe out the capitalist system and make it possible for everyone to be desirable by developing a perfect race of human beings both male and female. Don't blame the poor men exclusively.

TERRIBLE!

A. R. Brunker, chairman of the Chicago branch of the Navy League, has made a terrible discovery. He declares that he has just found out that members of the so-called navy advisory board had forgotten their 'patriotism" and were coining the advantages that a membership on the board gave them into profits for themselves

What does Mr. Brunker think the war lords and munition makers are in business for, anyway? If he doesn't know we'll tell him—they are in business to make profits, and if they are compelled to force the United States into war in order to protect their profits

they will do it. Wake up! Mr. Brunker!

STILL NO RELIEF.

Stomachs of unborn children show symptoms of hunger, the Chicago medical society was told by Prof. A. J. Carlson of the University of Chicago.

While he was saying that the egg barons, the milk and bread trust heads were gloating over increased dividends as pregnant mothers were starving for lack

Incidentally the government of President Wilson which the voters recently returned to power, sat idly by in Washington, D. C., while the slaughter of unborn babes, worse than any crime yet committed in the name of the European war, continued. Are you satisfied?

WILSON BACKS DOWN.

President Wilson has indulged in another case of cold feet. He has approved the action of a court-martial in sentencing Lewis O. Gardner of the New Mexico militia to dishonorable discharge and a year in prison at hard labor for failure to obey the federal call for border duty last June. Fearing that it might result in additional agitation against the state guard, however, the president provided for the non-enforce ment of the prison sentence.

The militiaman was therefore merely dishonorably discharged in the eyes of the capitalist government at Washington and the jingoes of the Army and Navy

League and similar organizations. In the eyes of the right minded citizens of the nation he performed an honorable service in bringing to the attention of those who "don't care", the efforts of the upon the masses. Let the masses be warned in time or they will set off with a mere "dishonorable discharge". plutocracy to fasten an ever strengthening militarism

establish immediately and maintain municipal markets and shops for the sale of foodstuffs and coal at cost.

We demand that the city secure coal mines and establish dairy farms and cattle ranches for the supply of the municipality with the respective products. We demand the establishment

of municipal bakeries and butcher shops, milk and egg depots, where the food will be sold at cost. We demand the establishment

of municipal coal and ice depots, where coal and ice should be sold at cost. We demand the establishment municipal markets with terminal facilities and with

municipal commission bureaus. We demand that the city buy directly from the farmers their produce and sell same in its own stores, at cost.

We demand that the city supply lunches to all school

children. We demand from the State and Federal government the immediate enactment of laws for lower railroad freight rates on foodstuffs transported to this

We demand of the State and Federal governments criminal prosecution of the food pirates and famine manufacturers.

Mayor Mitchel, like the good capitalist mayor he is, told the Socialist committee that the city of New York will do nothing drastic to smash high prices this winter "because it can't."

Extracts from statements made to Mayor Mitchel by members of the Socialist committee were as follows:

"We come to you as our city father to give us our daily bread. We don't want charity. We want you to give us our daily bread-at cost."-Mrs. Theresa S. Malkiel, president Parents' Association, Public School No.

"Law and order are threatened in this city unless the people get some relief. We expect you, as Mayor of this city, to do something to preserve law and order."--Joseph A. Whitehorn. Assemblyman-elect.

"We have heard in the last campaign the cry, 'America first.' The election is over. Now, on behalf of this delegation, shout 'America first!' not in guns, but in food."-Joseph D. Cannon, recently candidate for United States Senator on the Socialist ticket.

Men, women and children assembled in demonstration at the city hall while the Socialists delivered their demands to New York's mayor.

CAPITALIST INGENUITY.

Instead of making provisions for pensioning the aged and providing a little peace and comfort for the declining years of the veterans of in-dustry, big employers in Chicago have another scheme. They are going to take them back off the scrap heap and shove them thru the mills of mam-

mon once more.

These philanthropic exploiters have organized an employment bureau and 1,500 men past the age of 45 have applied for jobs. Only 200 have been accomodated so far. These helpless old men will work for any wage offered them. The 200 will bid against the 1,500 for a job, thus hammering down the price of labor some more. They will take the places of younger men who have been able to demand a liv-ing wage and perhaps make provi-

sions for old age.

The ingenuity of the slave drivers of the twentieth century knows no limit. Let the workers meet this new danger with a renewed campaign for old age pensions and social insurance.

The national referendum held in Denmark on the question of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States resulted in 283,000 votes being cast in favor of the sale and 157,000 against such action. The Socialists favored the sale and even went so far as to put their national secretary, Theodore Stauning into the coalition Danish cabinet to help pass this measure.

# WE DEWANDHere are the demands of the New York Socialist Party on the food question presented to Mayor Mitchel at the City Hall by a committee representing the party: We demand that the city government seize all the foodstuffs and coal stored and locked up by speculators within the city limits. We demand that the city we demand that the city limits.

The most critical period for the independent press is at hand. There was a time when king or government could legislate a free press out of existence. No one ever conceived the possibility that a handful of capitalist highbinders could seal the doom of a free press without a murmur of protest from the people. Yet this is exactly what is happening daily. The prostituted press is financially well situated and in a position to meet a crisis. The free, independent papers and magazines, of which there are now only too few, are financially weak and the slightest crisis tumbles them into the graveyard of American journalism.

THE PAPER trust already has put 800 independent newspapers out of business. These casualties are scattered thruout the country. The paper trust in its greed for profit at once sees an opportunity of accumulating greater profits and at the same time kill off publications which are anti-capitalist in their utterances and policies. This is the decree of the paper trust. News-print paper, the kind this paper is printed on, costs now \$5.75 per 100 pounds—four months ago we paid only \$2.20 per hundred pounds. And now we get notice from the mill that our next lot of paper will cost even more. Printing ink has gone up. Other articles used in connection with the mailing of the paper have gone up. Everything that goes into the make-up of this paper has gone up!

The American Socialist, just like the rest of the struggling working class press, is seriously affected by this situation. It costs us now several hundred dollars per month more to get out the paper than it did ten months ago. There is a deficit, which, unless it is swept away will seriously endanger the future of this paper. Where does the difference between the cost of The American Socialist and the price paid for it come from? It comes out of the party funds which should be used for party propaganda work, for education, for organization. Thus it is easily apparent how this loss on the paper seriously handicaps us in other avenues of activity.

THIS CHASM—created by the increased price of paper—must be bridged. Last week we told you some things about the paper situation and invited your advice and opinion on this matter. But every day that we postpone the inevitable means an additional loss to us.

# No Raise In Sub Price Yet.

BUT. AS stated last week, a raise in the subscription price is an inevitable solution of this problem. But we shall put off or dodge the inevitable, as long as possible. But we must do something now. How can we help The American Socialist NOW without raising the price. Well, here's one way: We have a paper bill for \$2,900 which must be paid right away. We must have money to meet that bill. One thing that's certain is that we are going to abandon the forty weeks for twenty-five cents rate. Such subscriptions with the present cost of paper are prohibitive. We therefore take this occasion to advise our readers that after January firfist 1917 we will not sell any more 40 week cards. However, all cards purchased prior to Jan. 1, will be honored for 40 weeks. In other words by buying a supply of these cards NOW you can accomplish two things. First, you will have taken advantage of the only and last opportunity to supply yourself with 40 week cards at the 25c rate. Second, you will enable us to get sufficient funds to pay our large paper bill.

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# Be Patriotic — Enlist

By WM. F. KRUSE.

indignantly denied it.

"Why when its 100 up here in Chibreezes blow right over-I tell you its fine. And the grub we get, lot's of it, and good too. Say young feher you oughter jine the army. Look here, chance to see the world, and pay from \$18 to \$118.50 a month. Kin yuh beat that?"

ing. But it hasn't, the recruiting ser-

enough to stand for already.

against in this deal.

# Loaded On Auto Trucks.

that all that was required of them hardening process. was to wear an uniform and look pretty. But when the mobilization order came there was no question about that. They were wanted for business-what thing that they knew about it was

iled in Washington showing that almost a million and a half dollars worth of property furnished by the U. S. Government to the national guard had "disappeared". Who got

Then came the order to leave for the front. After being herded around

T. Lincoln, by a strange paradox of they were given to ride in-they were Pullmans even if they were old—and "Why when its 100 up here in Chicago, it's only 70 down there. And we have our tents pitched right along-side of the Rio Grande, and the cool were compelled to stand for the men were compelled to stand for might change a little.

Tunimans even it they work along along on ten line likes under the torrid sun—and on this fare! law prohibiting strikes on railways their ideas of patriotism "until a public investigation shall have been instituted."

Tunimans even it they work along along on ten line likes under the torrid sun—and on this fare! Perhaps their ideas of patriotism "until a public investigation shall have been instituted." side of the Rio Grande, and the cool hours in the driving rain while waiting for the trains that bore them to the sunbaked, mosquito-infested camps along the Rio Grande.

ankle deep in mud. In spite of regan, doesn't think so, anyhow.

"It's them fool National Guardsman," he said, with that fine contempt and always displayed by the regular toward the "tin-solder." "About two and all they had to carry wuz a gun and lit they had to carry wuz a gun and lit they had to carry wuz a gun and and canteen. The gun weighed eight pounds and the canteen four when it younds and the canteen four when it was often. The powers all write and a canteen. The gun weighed eight pounds and the canteen four when it was often. The powers all write and a canteen four when it was often. The powers all write and the canteen four when it was often. The powers all write all write and a canteen. The gun weighed eight pounds and the canteen four when it was often. The powers all write and then 996 of them fellers keeled over. The papers all write at the head of the column and the canteen four when it was often. The papers all write and mown people won't enlist."

\*\*ANOTHER revolutionary step in the time came to make good there for them the time came to make good there for the sauring reports leaked thru the strice, and I do not the target time to make good there is sufficient. The sour in the least doubt it, that boy is the time came to make good there is the time came to make good there is the time came to make good there is sufficient. The sour in the least doubt it, that boy is the time came to make good there is was another story.

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Sad story.

The regular round-up man out hunting for suckers was sore at the militiamen because they spoiled his business.

Attomobile at the destitute. Newspalate the destitute men because they spoiled his business. The regular army under no condi-We are not sore at them, they have tions travels at more than a 120step-a-minute pace, but these untrained boys were to break the record.
They did. They dropped like flies by the roadside, 400 from the First those who fifteen days after heiner than course the roadside over all the dollars over coined the roadside.

They did they dropped like flies by the roadside, 400 from the First those who fifteen days against the roadside. This is a matter of training. Why they could be a started eviction proceedings against the roadside. The roadside of the over all the dollars over coined the roadside. The roadside of the process of the course of the roadside of the roadside. The roadside of the roadside of the roadside of the roadside of the roadside. The roadside of the roadside. The roadside of the roadside. The roadside of the roadside o Here is what they have been up trained boys were to break the record. Regiment alone, 996 out of the entire In the first place most of the soldier boys never joined the militia with any idea of being called upon to serve in Mexico. They had an idea of serve in the United Kingdom, delawing the picket line. Teller stutter and staning when attacking the picket line. Teller stutter and outweigh all the property ever to did the doctor who dressed his claring they would rather deal with pay their rent. In one case a furniture in the United Kingdom, delawing the picket line. Teller stutter and staning and outweigh all the property ever to did the doctor who dressed his claring they would rather deal with pay their rent. In one case a furniture in the United Kingdom, delawing the picket line. Teller stutter and staning the doctor who dressed his outweigh all the property ever to did the doctor who dressed his outweigh all the property ever to did the doctor who dressed his outweigh all the property ever to did the doctor who dressed his outweigh all the property ever to did the doctor who decimally and outweigh all the property ever to did the d

The recruiting sergeant waxes eloquent about the "good grub and lots of it". But the soldiers, such of them as have been able to smuggle business? We shall see. A large them as have been able to smuggle number of these soldier boys were working at Sears-Roebuck Co. First disting, have a different story to tell, a story that knocks the spots off the that several large motor trucks pulled up before the place and the muster officers went thru the estabmuster officers went thru the establishment and picked out their men like so much bought-in-advance cattle, loaded them on the trucks and carted them to the armory. The same was done in other places. It was surely treatment worthy of the patriots.

The men responded to the call all the fine and only on of the time, and only on thousands within the next few weeks. These men, when discharged under this condition, do not have their rail-to condition. To this and their condition on the open shoppers to rush the condition. To this are factors that are fa The men responded to the call all pots and a big spoon and give us one right. But there was a very serious spoonful of potatoes, two thin slices lelay in their movements. It was of sow belly burnt so we could hardly

"Last Sunday we got a pretty good meal on account of some civilians being around the camp. I suppose if they hear about me reporting this to they hear about me reporting this to you I'll get a court-martial, as they allow no newspaper reporters or allow no newspaper reporters or labor legislation which he purposes stance, the food thieves and food points. guard had "disappeared". Who got allow no newspaper reporters or that strikes at the very fundamentals of labor legislation which he purposes of our freedom. It is the most audacing to have the State Legislature enact our scheme ever hatched in the minds into law. tions.

in the pouring rain they were shipped one soldier. Breakfast: One large the next. in old broken-down wrecks of Pullman spoon corn beef hash, one spoon cars that had been standing around in the yards for years—cars that no cup of coffee, so thin you can see the

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bottom of the cup. Dinner: One piece of bread, some butter, one cup of dishwater coffee, and one spoon of road to-day would dare put on its tracks. When the soldiers complained of fried ham some grease for grave of fried ham, some grease for gravy, OW IS the time for every pagainst this ancient equipment, the patriotic patriotic patriot?

The president of tried ham, some grease for gravy, one spoon of potatoes, one cup of dish-water coffee, one piece of bread with some kind of jam in the place. dish-water coffee, one piece of bread with some kind of jam in the place When the temperature was about fate the son of our martyred president, is reported to have grown highly indignant and said that it was imputed by the sergeant that it might be recruiting sergeant that it might be recruited by a serious afterrather warm in Mexico. That worthy to object to these Noah's arks that all patriots. Wouldn't it be great fun math. to see them cutting sage brush and grilling along on ten mile hikes under termined to force the enactment of a

# Employers Patriotic.

The troops finally reached the would even continue their pay—in the papers. That was good advertisting, but it hasn't, the recruiting ser
The troops finally reached the would even continue their pay—in the papers. That was good advertisting, and best of all, it did not cost a cent. But when the papers are to accept.

The troops finally reached the would even continue their pay—in the papers. That was good advertisting, and best of all, it did not cost a cent. But when pose President Wilson's scheme of ed.

ported destitute was more than doubminers more and believed that the godier's wife lay in child-birth!

#### Conditions Grew Worse.

a country in which they own not even the plutes to play for quick action. their own cook stove.

Tricked to the trenches, and then age, by such treatment, a part of the day, as wages, this to be the minimarmed forces which they count among tum wage. Also the Governor of Sohis theft is a petty one compared to their strength. But their scheme lies nora has called a conference of labor the legalized robberies of some emissions. of would-be militaristic autocrats. The

# **Evolution Or Revolution**

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

the science of political economy. Be- tury. sides the million or more graduates dates. While these votes of the freshman class rather indicate a lack of clearness in their conception of the socialist philosophy, it nevertheless is an encouraging sign that socialistic we will pubish a list of all competing candidates who ually csystallize in united action.

violence and revolution. But this opinion is held principally by people who possess no social ideals of any future betterment of human relations. They imagine conditions always were A scholarship will be awarded to the five candidates and will continue to exist as they are who are first to attain 2,000 points. Every quarter sent in for subscriptions counts as one point. Every dollar as is the direct result of ill-informed and of any series of a lack of mental perspective which is the direct result of ill-informed and of any series. four points. You have more than six months' time in unreflective minds, unaware of the which to make the 2,000 points. Almost anybody that's civilization have marked the progress of the human race all down through

the ages. movement should dispel all fear in the anvils around." 1917. No candidates will be admitted after that date. minds of people who can see only disaster and ruin following in the wake of oppression and wrong in the world. It is certain a crisis is sure to come in the relations of the exploited masses and the beneficiaries of the prevail ing social order. But it is here that the was Pat's boast. teachings of socialism will step into Pat's boast. the breach. With people possessing a comprehensive knowledge of the labor problem, reason and understanding settlement of differences.

co-operative system of industry, guaranteeing peace, plenty and security to all the so-called criminals. I have been one myself.

Let us for once be decent and business the securthese d—d anvils!"

# IN THE WORLD OF LAEOR.

By Max 8. Hayes.

In other words, the Lemieux act of Canada (known as the "lemon") is to You heard a great deal about the be foisted on the workers of this patriotic employers who were going country, under the operations of to make all kinds of sacrifices to keep which corporations are given plenty The troops finally reached the border and then their "vacation" be-

The number of soldiers' families relave been steadily increasing the poor boy, William Bell, in jail than I
pette and Steve Dronjak were tried of the price of coal, but refused to pay the do of all the property on earth.

Last week Eli Monovich, Rafael poor boy, William Bell, in jail than I
price of coal, but refused to pay the do of all the property on earth.

NO SOONER are the votes counted impeached. in Minnesota when word is given out Property is good, very good, and in the one who had stabbed him. All that the ways are being greased to modern society absolutely essential, the trusty henchmen of the operators ENGLISH Simple, free from frills, have said, on July 20th, that he had received so many requests for the release of men to prevent their families luth and Superior and the fear that the home from standing that it would be not be said on the Mesaba Range, the release of the release of men to prevent their families luth and Superior and the fear that the release of the at home from starving that it would next spring the building trades and prove necessary to release several thousands within the next few weeks.

The start of their to prevent their ramines and superior and one real there has been property and this has inciting to violence or carrying weap-been thousands within the next few weeks.

The start of their to prevent their ramines and one real than the hard superior and one real than the hard superior and one real than the fundamental blasphemy of ons. Regardless of this, possibly becomes the fundamental blasphemy of our-so-called civilization. To this and cause some juror, for reasons best this classical than the fundamental blasphemy of our-so-called civilization. To this and cause some juror, for reasons best this classical than the fundamental blasphemy of our-so-called civilization. they receive as "pay" for their ser-likely to introduce new plans to han-vices in defense of "their" country, dle strikes may also have influenced property and ruined by its cowardly

The seventh of November witnessed at present, can adopt such Russian multitudinous class of graduates in ideas is one of the enigmas of the cen-

who enrolled themselves under the banner of socialism, there were several hundred thousand other voters several hundred thousand other voters or are permanently disabled. The specific respectively. who might properly be classed as freshmen in the study of sociology. Full-fledged graduates voted for Benson and socialism, while the freshman class "scratched" the national ticket but yoted for minor socialism and socialism to the membership, which will be fully discussed during the coming year and but voted for minor socialist candi-dates. While there votes fit family action will doubtless be taken at the convention in January, 1918.

STANDARD Oil Co. in California found it difficult to hold competent workers in their jobs and so concedthought is gradually permeating the minds of the people which will event- the refineries and pipe line and producing departments without a reduc-It is a comon belief that a grave simists and misanthropes that a grave unorganized workers succeed in holdon that list so that your friends can help you win the crisis impends between labor and caping the eight-hour day when industry scholarship by turning over their subscriptions to you ital fraught with possibilities of slackens and large numbers are again

> PAT AND THE ANVILS. A reader writes us that the relations of the workingman to the two old parties are about the same as was Pat Murphy's connection with a couple

> Pat, who was small of stature but very strong, approached a wharf one bright morning where a crew of men were loading anvils on a steamer.
>
> "Kin I get a job?" he inquired.
>
> "Aw, go on," said the foreman. "It

The rapid growth of the socialist takes a full-sized man to chuck these This angered Pat.

"How many does it take to handle one?" he demanded. "Two men for each one of them," replied the foreman.

"Aw, I'll handle two by myself," "Carry up two of 'em and the job

is yours," said the foreman. Pat, true to his boast, grabbed an will supplant hate and passion in the anvil in each hand. Half way up, the gangplank broke and Pat fell into the It is thus that the policy of social- water. He came up the first time and ism offers the safest insurance to yelled: "Throw me a rope!" There was future society against anarchy and disorder. Chaotic and unjust condifuture society against anarchy and disorder. Chaotic and unjust conditions born of the competitive system will give way to an orderly and just to rescue him. Coming up for the co-operative system of industry.

steak his wife buys will pay a dollar and a half without the slightest qualm for a dinner down town and another dollar for drinks and smokes, HE CHEERS of victory having to say nothing of a fifty cent tip to the waiter. To these people the high of President Wilson and the cost of living is really "only a joke" vindication of the Adamson law, the as it goes in the song. It is quite workers of the United States will another matter with the fellow who carries a sandwich in a paper for his lunch because he cannot afford a fifteen cent meal at a counter.

# Shame On This Society

Eugene V. Debs, in the accompanying article published in The Terre Haute, Ind., Tribune again cries "Shame!" on a system of society that seeks to punish petty offenders against capitalist law while the big criminals are never even bothered by the threat of fail or prison pen. The article is so applicable at the present time that The American Socialist publishes it in full.

#### By EUGENE V. DEBS.

If the story printed by you in The Tribune about William Bell, the alleg-"lone bandit," is true, and I do

capital, then man is a mistake, if not a crime, and God himself stands till afterward; yet he had a story to will give you this training.

Conditions grew worse and worse, until General Pershing is reported to ate a state constabulary. The big be allowed to set itself up as his mas-

Property has ruled the world since there has been property and this has

subserviency to property. He is poor. Of course he is poor, and never knew found that the militiamen were short of uniforms, they were short of shoes, and short of all kinds of equipment.

The cavalry had no horses, the artiland short of all kinds of equipment. The cavalry had no horses, the artillory had no guns, the engineers had no guns, the enginee may seem like a piece of foolish play Mexico, has decreed that laborers ment, and under the same circumon the part of the masters to discourshall be paid five pesos, or \$2.50 a stances. This boy is right in declaring that

soners who make millions not only by stealing, but by destroying the health of the agents of employers go unmethod has been laid bare in this article,—the reason will be treated in one soldier. Breakfast: One large the children of the poor, who have to complished by methods unparralleled take what they can get. A few of in civilized countries." voters to hamstring free speech on take what they can get. A few of the public highway and to prohibit these high-up robbers, organized as picketing during strikes were carried an egg trust, have 360,000,000 dozen in the recent election. How a city eggs locked up in cold storage in Chithat claims to have elected a Labor cago and New York. Eggs are denied party ticket in the past, to have a the working poor who ought to be of heart? Or does it fear that all "friend of abor" in the Mayor's chair well nourished. They become weak, an workers in the steel industry may aemic and their offspring are born weak, if not degenerate. The egg trust hogs make milions, steal millions to be exact, selling stale, poisoned eggs to the people at outrageously high prices. If theft is a crime and that poor boy Bell should go to the peni tentiary for his paltry pickings, then the food pirates and poisoners deserve electrocution at the hands of an outraged people.

There is a press dispatch from Chicago in The Tribune of Terre Haute, of November 22, which says: "Seven acres of pumpkins on an Indiana farm. twenty-eight car loads of potatoes and train loads of cabbages at other points were allowed to rot after being purchased by produce dealers." Much more to the same effect appears in thieves and respectable robbers destroy food products to starve the people: how to boost up prices and to make millions for themselves they rob with a cold-blooded piracy that defies belief, but not one of them will ever smell a sentence or see the inside of a

Shame on the society that would send a poor boy to the penitentiary for picking pennies in his poverty, while the gigantic robbers of the peo ple, the stealers of the common bread. the pilferers of the milk of babes, leaving them to starve and die, go unscathed

# Would Save Him.

Allow me to commend your efforts, Mrs. Ragsdale, in behalf of William Bell, the so-called bandit. I would rather keep his company, even in the penitentiary, than to have the favor of the self-righteous who propose to send him there. You have rendered this community a distinct service by confronting it with one of the victims of its social injustice, and you have made a direct appeal to its conscience. Every man, woman and child who has any decent sense of moral obligation to a human soul, will sustain vou.

Let us save the boy. It can be done. It must be done. To send him to the penitentiary will be to send him to hell and the responsibility for this crime will be finally lodged where it

# In The Iron Empire

By HARRISON GEORGE.

Besides the murder charges against eight strikers and organizers of the Intered as second-class matter, July 21, 1914, Iron Miners' strike on the Mesaba at the post-office at Chicago, Ill., under the Act of March 3, 1879. Range in Northern Minnesota, there remains a number of lesser cases which are being heard at present. These were sifted out of the six hundred arrests made by deputized gunmen the Steel Trust imported to break the strike. The indictments are for alleged rioting, assault and kindred charges growing out of picketing. In themselves, these cases are not of great importance; yet they indicate the relentless attitude of the state when its forces are prostituted to the desires of organized capital.

In the case of Joe Blago, on trial trial, he had secured a statement—he

impeached.

Property is good, very good, and in the one who had stabbed him. All looked caused the jury to discredit their yarns entirely, its verdict exonerating the prisoners from violence, known to himself, hung out for conviction: the jury judged Pette and Droniak guilty of rioting. Defend-ants having been clubbed and having suffered from imprisonment, appar ently the jury decided a little more of the same wouldn't make much difference to them.

It was also shown that the deputies were so irresponsible that they clubbed one another during the excitement and that the fight was precipitated by a scab who had evidently arranged with the deputies to "start something' among the pickets.

One is reminded of the Industrial Relations Commission's Report, wherein it is stated that, "In some localities the control by employers of the entire machinery of government The U.S. Steel Corporation has

announced a general raise of wages Does anyone imagine this labor-hating crew has experienced a change join with the miners now organized in the next fight with their exploiter? Does the Steel Trust wish to exculpate itself before working its murlerous will upon Sam Scarlett, Joe Schmidt and Carlo Tresca?

# Survival Of The Fittest

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

In commenting on the probable outcome of the war a magazine writer contends that the nation which wins in the conflict will thereby prove itself the fittest to survive. winian phrase is frequently misapplied. The fittest to survive under one condition may be the least fitted the same article to show how rich we arrive under another condition, and in neither case does it necessarily follow that the thing which does survive is the best or most desirable. From the standpoint of physical

prowess the Roman gladiators were the fittest to survive. But there can be no such comparison drawn between man and man in modern warfare. Today, with the aid of a Gatling gun, a man whose aim is true, though he be a pigmy in physique or a nondescript intellectually, can destroy the lives of a hundred erudite college professors or gridiron athletes. But will any-one say that such a being is the fittest to survive in he sense that he is the best and most desirable?

The same principle holds good when applied to human relations in general Through inordinate greed and unscrupulous practices a man may attain to supremacy in the commercial world and thereby prove himself the Issued monthly. 12 cts. per 100. Post fittest to survive under a competitive paid. Samples for stamp. system of industry, though his acquisitive faculties may doom thou-sands of his fellowmen to squalor and want. Is it best for the human race to foster conditions in which such characters are the fittest to survive? Would it not be better if society were so organized that people who give the most instead of those who take the most should be the fittest o survive? Free literature. Address

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#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1916.

The one greatest need of Socialists today is patience. Not patience with their misery nor with the capitalist for assaulting a deputy, prosecutor system which is grinding them down, Funk called for the state a fourteen-but patience with the rest of the but patience with the rest of the year old boy from whom, previous to workers who cannot or will not rally trial, he had secured a statement—he without urging about the Socialist writing the statement and having the standard. The fluctuating of the

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In view of these facts the only alternative seems to lie between socialism and evolution.

The workers are in almost the same predicament. They have come up for the third time before drowning and are ready to drop both of the old parties.

The workers are in almost the same predicament and summans toward an unfortunate boy. He they drop both of the old and sympathetic treatment, and he are ready to drop both of the old parties. workers will see the light.

Br. Tucker says that the Social Ser-

secured the use of a Jewish synago-

are Socialists. So the plute element

for socialism saw their scheme frus-

who attempted to suppress agitation

Rather unusual and unparliamen

tary language was used during the

ecent great campaign in Australia

hat resulted in the defeat of the is-

sue of conscription submitted to a re-

ferendum vote by the renegade Labor

Premier Hughes, backed up by the

Liberal and Conservative politicians

and practically all the capitalists of

bar, etc., Hughes took the stump and

ienounced as traitors the leading La-

bor men who opposed conscription.

and in turn he was condemned as a

tyrant who sought to muzzle free speech and press. Hughes said the

Laborites were playing the

ransplant Prussian militarism

'ungrateful dog,' "contemptible ass.

"shameless mongrel," "gasbag,"
"puppet," "skunk," "malicious scoun-

drel," etc. It will be some time yet be-

fore anything definite can be learned

ber of the leaders will voluntarily

descents to discover even her statue.

"The worthy rise out of their poverty," says Andrew Carnegie.

worthy rich that Andrew hob-nobs

employment. That the capitalists get all the profits and the workers

get all the work does not seem to

matter to most people, for under the

riches at the same time.

W. F. K.

gue across the street, and daily meet

# Wilson's Railroad Program Falls Flat As He Fails To Ram Anti-Strike Law Thru Congress

By LUCIEN SAINT.

as good as failed to ram thru hard body blow. Congress a bill to "prevent endorsed this bill. Secretary of Agri- and its employes might cooperate in strikes" by delay and investiga- culture Houston, one of the most contion. Unless the entirely unex- servative of reactionaries who ever pected happens, labor, organized and unorganized, has blocked this little game.

Twice has the President tried to throttle the right of alleged free men to quit work for good as are all good and right things. and sufficient cause. Once was last September when he urged Congress to pass an imitation of the famous Canadian Industrial Disputes Act. The second time was when he addressed the startling announcement made by this this December. At no time have labor, pro-speeding-up newspapers:
"Under the law the Department is ers who are in close touch with the possibilities in Congress felt really alarmed. The proposition was too monstrous, too unbelievably raw to go thru even

#### Wilson Was Bluffing.

As a matter of inside political history, Wilson was more or less bluffing when he demanded the passage of this Act. He knew that the railroad workers did not want it, and he felt sure that the railroads were not enthusiastic about it. It was merely a sop to the public—to the public which is afraid of labor because a distorted and disguised lan- war or not?

The real trouble with the Canadian Industrial Disputes would be asked to decide whether Act is that it does not stop in- conscription should come in that coundustrial disputes It merely try or not. The federal parliament, for the first time in its history as reprovides cumbersome machin- gards the military administration, deery whereby the unions may cided that the people should be almeet the employers and talk it lowed to ballot whether they would over before calling the strike. It agree to conscription or not. Accordhas been successful in some tralian commonwealth Oct. 28. cases because it has taken the justices to which they are subjected. It has succeeded in other cases because it has forced the employers to recognize and treat with the unions—which certain employers in the United States do not care or intend to

# Flat As A Pancake.

Wilson's entire railroad legislation program has fallen flat as a pancake. He first proposed allowing the railroads to increase their freight rates to the shippers IF the cost of enforcing the eight hour day was seen to be great enough to warrant it. Then he abandoned this scheme. But the rest of the items in the program are kicking around in Congress somewhere along with the famous railroad investigation, which was to have looked into public ownership, among other things. but which has adjourned in order to take a much-needed rest and think it all over.

Meanwhile there are indications that the railroad employers and the employes may get together to form an industrial court and settle their own dif-

# NOTHING WILL BE DONE.

WASHINGTON.-Roused to action by the cries of the starved people, the Federal Government has instituted suits against some of the food speculators. But the Democratic Administration has taken no step against the system which makes food speculators inevitable and prosperous. Soon prices will drop and the outcry will be less loud, and the great and noble Government will forget that prices are still tremendous and unjustifiable, and NOTHING WILL BE DONE.

A small radical group in Washington-Socialists, Single-taxers and government ownership men-have, however, taken one little step which may have valuable results. This is to establish in the District of Columbia as a model for the nation, a municipal abattoir and a municipal milk-distributing station. The idea is simple and sound. Under present conditions the producer and the consumer do not get their money's worth. The Big Interests which control the distribution and the marketing of food see to that. For example:

# One Farmer's Experience.

A Maryland farmer had two small cows. One he sold to the agent for the the animal. The Trust got the meat and all the by-products. The other ducts either on his farm or else selling them to people who would give

thanks to the efforts of the radica group afore-mentioned, a bill has be introduced for a municipal slaught house or abattoir. Such an institution would make it possible for a city supply itself with meat from the su rounding neighborhood, encourage

Washington.—Organized cap- percentage of from 15 to 20 below the that the employe has no voice nor

The Administration has not enposed as an "economist." frowns on it. the reports published by his own Department shows that the first municipal abattoir, that at Paris, Texas, is a financial success.

The milk fight is lagging far in the

WORLD DOES MOVE! WASHINGTON. - A cooperative "efficiency" system is proposed by Secretary of War Baker instead of the usual efficiency system for the bene-

prohibited from using time studies fire exploitation of their labor which and premiums, and is therefore deprived of the means of acquiring the sort of knowledge without which just now, however, Baker goes a step beywage regulation is impossible, or of ond this step forward and asks per-offering inducements to zeal and good mission to devise a profit-sharing workmanship, which if offered in moderation constitute a just recognition will divide the excess deration constitute a just recognition value created by labor. of individual skill and energy. My own belief is that most of the difficulties ker's words mean what they say.

most interested to discover, if possible, a plan by which the government and its employes might cooperate in and greater evil is indicated by the thods fair to both for the determination of relative skill and zeal among operatives, which would at the same time protect the interests of the government as employer, and while conserving the strength and energy of the employes distribute justly among them the rewards of faithful ser-

This is a revolutionary statement. allowed efficiency systems to be workfit of the employing class. Here is the ed in arsenals and other Government shops, the employes, by dint of hard opening session of Congress official, but hardly noticed in the anti- and organized hammering on Congress, secured the passage of a law which forbade time studies and the rapidists. This was a step forward. But

Truly, the world does move, if Ba-

# Let People Vote On Peace Or War, Australian Demand

By W. FRANCIS AHERN.

be the first country in the world to tion was defeated by more than 60,000 bring about the abolition of war by votes. labor's aims and aspirations are the people being allowed to decide by reported to it in a kept press in their votes whether they will wage

> This is the big question now being ingly, a vote was taken of the Aus-

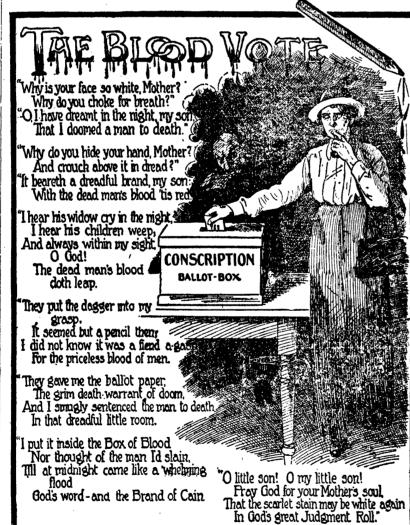
I do not intend to take up any time fine edge from the workers, all detailing how the campaign of the ernment. By creating this precedent, aflame with the burning in- referendum was carried out, except to we have given a lead to the other nasay that it was one of the bitterest tions that will surely be followed.

fights-if not the bitterest-that ever SIDNEY, N. S. W.—Is Australia to took place in that country. Conscrip- mittee on dispatch and business had

> To be logical in the future, the Australian people will consider that they have a right to be consulted by ballot as to whether they will wage any future wars or not.

Australia is the first country in the

world that has ever balloted on the conscription issue. The precedent now established is one that will be seized on by nations all over the world, and the outcome will certainly not be to the disadvantage of the workers. The precedent now established Australia will be one that will be pounced on by the other nations of the world, when the people are strong enough to force it home to the gov-



Various theories have been advanced as to the defeat at the referendum in Australia of the conscription proposal. Some have said that the conscription scheme proposed by Premier Hughes was defeated by the labor vote. Others have laid it to the women. The correspondent at Sydney, Australia. of the American Union Against Militarism says that the above cartoon, which appeared first in the Australian Worker and was afterwards widely reproduced, was responsible for "deepening the convictions of thousands of women that it was immoral for them to vote for conscription, since by so doing they would be directly responsible for the murder of men."

## capitalist system prosperity can only mean for the few, much money, and for the many-only a job. Where Does Your State Stand

We have just compiled the circula- | Colorado tion of The American Socialist by states. We wanted you to see whether Butchers' Trust for \$28, which was states. We wanted you to see whether barely enough to pay him for raising your state is on the job getting subs for The American Socialist. If the tocow, an inferior animal, this farmer tal for your state is not where it killed himself, selling the meat direct ought to be, get to work at once. Mato the retailer and using the by-pro- ny of these subs are expiring each week and should be renewed. Send value received. This inferior cow netcity and see that everyone keeps on Growing out of this experience and reading The American Socialist. Here

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In Spain great mass meetings are being held under the auspices of the No. Dakota .... 875 organized workers to protest against the soaring prices for food products klahoma .....3450 Demands are made that the govern regon .....1204 ment take over all industries and put ..... 50 a stop to further profit-grabbing by ennsylvania .5412 middlemen. Roosevelt has gone on a hunting nnessee .... 472 trip to Hawaii, it is said. What he is

xas ......1790 going to hunt there is a mystery, for tah ...... 825 there is no big game on the island.
Perhaps he is hunting for an issue to ..... 337 spring on the "deer publik" in 1920. Whether butter sells for 47 cents isconsin ....1823 or 49 cents a pound—what does it yoming .... 269 matter to the millions of Americans ..... 56 who have never tasted butter and who ..... 29 are lucky if they can afford a bit of Defense League and other jingo or-

#### FAILURE OF NONPARTISANSHIP. Radical Ideas From Texas That attempts to establish "non-To tax unused land into use, to im-

partisanship" municipal government is a failure, is the confession of Ald. pose graduated super-tax on landhold F. C. Bogk, one of the big business representatives in the Milwaukee, ings of more than a certain acreage farmer to produce beef by giving him which have been felt to inhere in efrequency for it, and reduce the cost of meat to the public by an estimated that they are employers' systems and up the pretense any longer. So he just than a certain acreage are the official up and spilled the beans, as it were. recommendations of the Commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas

the evil of political party administra-Governor of that state. Confirming the findings and con-clusions of the United States Comand greater evil is indicated by the attitude assumed by certain aldermen mission on Industrial Relations conof the city elected as non-partisans. cerning the evils of tenant farming Instead of conducting the city's affairs and the growth of huge landed esopenly and giving to all aldermen and tates in the Southwest, the report conthe public the benefit of the point of tains sweeping condemnation of the view of the individual aldermen upon prevailing conditions and urges raany public question which may arise, dical changes in the taxing laws. National Significance. a certain number of these independent Coming out at a time when the high aldermen meet in secret caucus and

behind closed doors adopt a policy of cost of living, when the nonuse of majority rule, binding upon all who cultivable land, when the industrial A little history will help to explain it. participate in the caucus. Thus a min- unrest in a time of fevered prosperity Owing to the entirely capitalistic ority of the common council seeks to are engaging especial attention and fashion in which Baker's predecessor predetermine what the action of the when human rights are asserting council shall be."

The trouble is that the voters are getting wise. They realize that a commendations of the Texas Land getting wise. "non-partisan" is nothing more nor Commissioner are of immediate naless than an anti-Socialist doing the tional significance. bidding of the master class. The mask "Texas is Mexicanized with large has now been torn off. A few more land holdings by individuals, firms

corporations and the estates of de-ceased nersons." says the Commis-sioner. Mr. J. T. Robinson. Showing Socialism was a prominent note at the triennal general convention of the from the records the facts that sus-Protestant Episcopal church, which tain this statement, the report says: closed at St. Louis, Oct. 28, Rev. Ir-Absent Landlord Ruleing. win Tucker writes in the Christian Socialist (Chicago). In speeches, de-"With the large land holding shown herein and the refusal of the owners bates, sermons, and official reports to sell it at fair prices and upon easy the demand was voiced for the reconterms may there not be a plausible struction of our whole social and inreason assigned for the statement in justrial order on lines of justice. the Federal Census of 1910 that ten-This note sometimes drowned out all other issues. This was especially ants in Texas increased during the last preceding twenty years from 376 per cent of all the farmers in significant inasmuch as an attempt had been made to stifle the note of 1890 to 526 per cent of all the farmcocial protest, Rev. Tucker declares. ers in 1910. Should nothing be done Before the convention met, the comto check this increased tendency to tenantry how soon will our State he adopted a rule which prevented any joint session of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies for considera commonwealth of absent landlords? proportion to the price of land The ation of social service. This commithigher the price the more tenants". tee is dominated by two influential corporation sawyers from the east, who apparently hoped by this means to prevent any such tremendous ut-terances as and been made by Bishop Spalding at the last convention. But

The United States Commission on ndustrial Relations showed by testimony it produced in the hearings of 1915 that hy that time tenancy in a great part of Texas had increased to 60 per cent of the total number of farmers, and that in Oklavice Commission pitched a tent just homa the prevailing percentage of outside the convention hall and also tenancy was 54.8 per cent while the 47 counties where the tenancy is highest, the percentage of tenancy is 68.13 per cent." ings were held which were addressed by delegates to the convention who

# The Strikebreaker

Jack Lait has written a story about "Waddell—the Strikebrraker" in The American Macazine that seeks in a measure to laud the seab herders' profession. He brings out some facts, however, that should be of interest to the workers who are compelled to face the armies of this strikebreaker chief. Note that Waddell has gained his power thru caveful organization. Let the workers learn this lesson. Lait writes:

James A. Waddell is his name. He has created, polished, and monopolized the country, as well as the chief ecclesiastical authorities, the bench and y from what might be the popular onception of the calling.

Waddell never calls himself strike breaker He has given himself a degree, which, while bereft of a cap and gown, nevertheless sounds mpressive enough. He announces "dirty himself as an Emergency Employgame" of doing Germany's bidding, ment Engineer This means that he ways have a function other than to while he was charged with trying to will act-and does-in an advisory, ulting civil operating Australia. The factionalists of high matic capacity for any employer who and low degree also vented their feel- thru any extraordinary circumstance ings by hurling such epithets as the lis out of harmony with his "hands.' following at each other: "Dirty lie," That is an elegant version of it. In That is an elegant version of it. In trol them.

its working aspect it reduces itself to this: Waddell crushes labor uprisings and undertakes to disrupt industrial unions. He will do it peacefully if he can, but if negotiation, arbitration as to the probable effects of the and mediation fail he will employ struggle on the Labor party. It is quite certain that a considerable num-Has Perfect Organization.

Waddell takes his business serious-

withdraw or be expelled for favoring conscription. Whether much of a folly. He has perfected an organization equipped to dally with every lever lowing will go out with them rethat might switch a labor situation.

He has lists of skilled non-union mechanics in many lines who are Patriotism, profits, plunder. That is an unconventional trio, but that trio is the cause of all war and most that they command. He has an armory in New York with 1,100 rifles, and barracks where guards are drilled and Dubb: They turned the lights on the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor the other day.

barracks where guards are drilled and trained and maintained. He has a press bureau which he throws into a striketorn community to build public Yipsel: Yes, there's so little liberty

to be seen around these diggin's opinion for his clients.

Nowadays that they had to use incan
It is a lucrative if unique profession. During the recent threat of a general railroad tie-up, Waddell had 13,000 engineers and trainmen corralled in Chicago, and was drawing down \$5 per day per man as his commission, or \$65,000 a day. On commissary Yes, the worthy poor are going to purchases he takes ten per cent in rise out of their poverty some day and at the same time a lot of unfees from the merchants, and, by his own statement, he bought \$168,000 worth of provisions in one strike lasting thirteen days, which made his profit on that part of that little deal with are going to fall out of their

\$16,800. Hires Special Train.

Yea, verily, these are days of great prosperity—lots of profits and lots of To reach New York ten hours sooner than the fastest regular train would have carried him the night the New York traction strike was declared, he paid \$3,500 for a special train from Chicago, and tipped the crew \$500 besides. Unlike the late Mr. Farley of Phila-

delphia, who confined his strike-breaking to brass knuckles and "rough Waddell offers the de luxe system, inspired by his own delicate propensities. The correspondents on the special train above referred to swear that Waddell telegraphed from Cleveland to Buffalo to have strawberries brought on board there for his breakfast—in September!

Moralists tell us that the greatest ives are those in which men have lost themselves in some cause. We know a lot of Socialists, then, who will become great. In fact, all real Socialists are known to their friends as Socialists as well as individuals.

"Wake up, America," is a good slogan, but if America really woke up we would hear the last of the National an oily substitute occasionally to ganizations such as foisted that song on us

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avoid mistakes. Whenever we do make them we shall be pleased to have them

#### HE HAD TO MOVE. One of our comrades has just had

his address changed from a city in West Virginia to Detroit, Mich., and gives an interesting story why he had to move. He is a telegrapher and was discharged by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad because he made use in a Socialist speech of some matter that passed over his wire. This was construed as a violation of the rules. The comrade referred to the fact that it was necessary to order an extra amount of disinfectant for the officers car on a troop train but that it was not necessary to do so for the privates' cars. This speech was reported and an investigation showed that our comrade had told the truth. He had sent the message himself so he knew what it contained and for telling the truth about the pampered puppets of the plutocracy he was immediately separated from his job. He has now moved to another city and secured and paying for things the capitalists another job and we predict he will be would otherwise have to meet in the better rebel than ever.

Joseph Novak, translator-secretary of the Bohemian Socialist Federation, has just received an enthusiastic letter from the Bohemian Socialists at Loyalhanna, Pa., giving the straight vote at that place for all parties on election day. The result was Socialist, 62; republican, 36, and democrate. 25. The comrades at Loyalhanna point out that if the comrades elsewhere had been on the job equally strong Benson would have been elected. A. Wagenknecht has been elected state secretary of Ohio to succeed O. G. Van Schoyck. His address is Room 405, 737 Prospect Ave., Cleveland,

#### UNAVOIDABLE. From The Milwaukee Leader.

Gov. Philipp (Wisconsin) is coninced that the drift of public opinion s favorable to government ownership of the railways. The governor is not Socialist. Since he has lived in the shadows of the state university he is not so confirmed in his individualism as he was when he went to Madison to eradicate Socialistic tendencies from of living, a corporation raises the the state's great educational institu- wages of its employes five or six per tion, but he is still devoted to private cent, it is considered of sufficient imhas reached the conclusion that public newspapers. ownership of coal mines should prove beneficial to the American people.

The governor, while he is still at tached to private ownership of rail-ways, is yet convinced that the railprovide a melon patch for self-made nan and successful earnings, he thinks, should go to provide needed equipment rather than to enrich the banking groups which con-

The private ownership of railways has broken down. The railways are unable to perform their functions. They lack the terminal facilities, the cars and the locomotives to carry the country's crops to market and to dis-tribute the products of the mines and factories. It is not that they have been caught unawares by the war, to which everything is laid. Years ago, James J. Hill pointed out precisely what would happen and what has happened under private ownership. It is true that he was arguing for higher rates and a free hand to the railway managers. But higher rates and

a free hand have resulted in higher dividends and greater indebtness rather than in added equipment and enlarged facilities.

There is no getting away from public ownership of the railways. The industrial development of the country demands it. Even the capitalists will be forced to lend it their aid and sup-port to escape from the intolerable situation of transportation paralysis.

# **Preventing Waste**

By FRANK MACDONALD

In American Labor Year Book 1916. The struggle for a higher standard of living means the prevention of the waste of human l.fe. The shorter work day tends to the physical and mental improvement of the workers. Improved dwelling places give the workers an incentive to still better conditions. The curtailment of the once unlimited power of the "boss' increases the self esteem and respect of the workers. Better and safer factory conditions have led demand for better social conditions.

Labor legislation and labor control

of working conditions are the two most encouraging things of the present time. there is another factor that has been a great influence in bringing about the demand for more and even

more labor and social legislation. That is the organization of the various benefit funds of the unions and the increasing number of unions which maintain their own homes for the sick or disabled, the growth of pension funds and the existence of such organizations as the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society and the Workmen's Circle.

It is a mistake to think that the workers are thereby lifting a burden from the shoulders of the capitalists, would otherwise have to meet in the form of increased taxes. The control of their own affairs by the workers leads inevitably to his determination to control still more. The indutsrial insurance societies have fattened on the poorest of the workers. The union workers do not have to resort to the industrial societies. They can belong to their own and at the same time obtain a measure of economic protection. The union worker does not have to go to the almshouse when he is old or ill, as more of them now have their own resorts and union homes. They are forming within present capitalist society a new order of things in which the welfare of all is considered

Each year the unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and the big railway Brotherhoods pay out millions of dollars in relief or death benefits. At the same time they stand between the whole working class and a violent lowering of the standard of living. Thru their efforts the country is gradually finding itself and awakening to the understanding that the human being is the most important thing in the world.

When, in these days of rising cost ownership of railways, even tho he portance to warrant an article in the

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By ALLAN L. BENSON.

Starve To Be Neutral

Food that we need is being shipped away. After our wheat is all gone (and we did not raise enough this year for ourselves). all the regulatory laws in the world could not reduce the price of flour. Yet, it is said in Washington that one of the great handicaps upon the embargo idea is that its application would help the Germans and that, therefore, it would constitute an unneutral act.

Perhaps—but I do not see the matter in that light. It ought not to be considered unneutral for the people of the United States to settle a domestic question solely on its merits without regard to its effect upon any other people. It ought not to be considered an unneutral act for the people of the United States to say that if either they or others snall go hungry for lack of American food that it shall be the others.

If ever neutrality shall come to consist of starvation for the benefit of a belligerent, then, indeed, will war have acquired a new horror.

Meanwhile, the interests in

keeping the farmers poor are keeping the industrial workers poor. If these producers would ment has played in the Socialist Party of Massachusetts, where the "hybrid" first made its appearance. League, they will find its record outlined above. If you want this thing, well, this is the thing you want! poor. If these producers would ing of why they are both poor. a

# ROLL OF HONOR

L. L. Moore, Lake Bay, Wash, subscribes or four years. "Hope the Henry Dubbs will wide awake by the time my sub expires",

How about making a New Year's resolution to renew your sub for one year or to send a one year's sub to some one else.

"Am on the job to help build up the Socialist Party," writes Courade S. L. Phibbs, of Fries, Va. He sends in a list of six.

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"Committe the sends in a list of six." Comrade Heary H. Galbraith, of Tacoma, Wash. comes in with a list of 12 forty-week

pulling the teeth of profiteers by cle within the party. Composed of State ownership. It is reported from Syndicalists, Direct Actionalists, I. Montreal that after the war Canada W. W.'s, anti-religious bugs, and a may establish a State-owned line of hash of other views, they constitute steamers operating during summer the queerest collection of opinions between Great Britain and St. Law- that will be found anywhere in the rence ports and in winter with Hali-fax as the ocean terminal. A fleet of W fast vessels, with accomodation for passengers, cargo and mails, is proposed to serve both as an additional posed to serve both as an additional cutlet and feeder for transcontinental redering treffic agreeighty in the cutter. Federation which is split into factorized treated. probable development of a Stateowned railway from coast to coast.

in jail again. This time he drew six denounced for practically every pomonths for having been caught red-handed with 80,000 forbidden leaslets. This is a forecast of what may be exconcealed in his book store in Petro- pected should the "revolutionists" get Rabkow spent nearly eight support elsewhere. years in Siberia and various prisons

# Henry Dubb Is Keen For Early Christmas Shopping



# A Short Gut To The Revolution

By JAMES ONEAL. State Secretary,

Socialist Party of Massachusetts. The December issue of the International Socialist Review contains an article entitled "The Left Wing", by sachusetts is sound; it is committed Congress are playing off the far- S. J. Rutgers, being an account of against militarism; it bases its agitamers and the residents of cities the alleged formation of a movement tion on the class struggle, and has alagainst each other—the farmers, within the Socialist Party by so-called ways accepted the decisions of the "revolutionists". As it is stated that membership in the state and the nawho do not want an embargo and the city residents who do.

"revolutionists". As it is stated that this proposed organization expects to organize in all parts of the country, organize in all parts of the country. "Divide and govern"—that is it will be of interest to the comrades class party. If comrades want to try it. The same interests that are to know just what part this move-

The program is a very modest one come together, compare deficits being nothing less than the organiza-and learn how little they get for tion of the Socialist Party of the Untheir work, they might develop a great sympathy for each other, and a better understand-"new International." In Attleboro. Salem, Malden, Beverly and Boston the men connected with this movement have largely dominated with the following results: Attleboro, the Local, has disappeared and the only agi tation carried on there has been by the State Office. Salem and Beverly, the says.

Here's a letter from Debs:
"Dear Comrade Engdahl: Please renew my subscription for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917. Remittence enclosed. Allow me to wish for you and The American Socialist a year of prosperity and success.

"Yours fraternally,
"Eugene V. Debs."

the Same Story.

the same body.

To each and every league and comrade policies of the "revolutionists" organized the movement out of existence.

Boston, the membership has declined, ful organization, effective education, and the jolliest imaginable comradeship. May the holiday spirit be with you every day of the coming year, and may your relations with the same story. These three cities ing speakers.

# Wouldn't Vote Ticket.

Speakers.

West contains in with a blue to find the control of the

Comrade James W. Booker. of Church Hill, Tenn., sends in a list of five and says: "Four subs last week, five subs this week, and I will give you another batch next week. We want to know what Wison and congress obligations have been paid. While

we want to know what Wilson and congress to doing. The Henrys are coming our way in this neck o' the woods now. They are waking up as never before."

"Election is over and I am determined to continue doing what I can towards advancing our righteous cause", writes Comrade C. K. Berg. of Janner, Cal., as he sends in a club of four.

"I wish this list could have been longer but perhaps more subs can be secured later", writes Comrade Ross Magill, secretary of Local Garnett, Kans., as he sends in a list of nine. That's a good starter.

"We have started the campaign of 1918 and the work is progressing nicely. The local movement is growing as fast as the cost of living", says Cemrade F. A. Hollis, of Princeton, Ind., sending in a list of five.

"I am starting in on the 1920 camprign and will do all I can to push the cause along", is the word that comes from Comrade J. H. Miller, of Arkansas City, Kans. This is from Comrade George Carson, of Clarkwars W. Va. "After taking vomes."

these super-men are superior to referendums, conventions and constitu- English can understand this book. Canada is following Australia in tions. They must have an inner cir-

# What About The Future.

What the future has in store for them is seen in Lettish Branch 1, of paganda Leaguers control it, and the two are tearing each other to pieces over "proper tactics." Translations of

Insisting on industrial unionism, understand Socialism as it really is because of his unpatriotic and crim- few of them belong to any union; they cannot afford to leave it out of their inal persistence in trying to educate the masses. He is past 70 years and an enthusiastic old chap who refuses to reform and repent of his sins against capitalistic exploitation.

The wort them belong to any union; they have not the ability to organize one. Having wrecked Socialist Locals, they are unable to reorganize them or organize others. All that they are capable of doing is a saddle the party cannot allore to leave it out of their list of books read.—W. F. K.

"Elements of Socialism", Spargo and Arner, MacMillan, N. Y., 1913. Cloth \$1.50. Can be procured at this price from the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

with debts. They refuse to co-operate with it in campaigns, refuse to even wage a campaign of their own to reach the working-class, adopt "burning resolutions," and block all efforts of the party based upon majority decisions in conventions and referendums.

Finally, the Socialist Party of Mas-

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# NEWS NOTES.

n Have You Read Elements of Socialism by Spargo and Arner.

then studied some more. Such a book this purpose." of the latter class is Spargo and Arner's "Elements of Socialism".

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time. while thought and discussion.

Altogether, this is the best arranged and most comprehensive text-

# Farmers Hit Militarism

American Society of Equity recently held at Wausau, Wis., representing 50,000 farmers in 18 states, unanim-school of journalism. ously passed resolutions denouncing the Hay-Chamberlain army reorganization bill as follows:

"WHEREAS, certain groups of Big Business have seized upon the opportunity offered by the European war to foist upon the people of this Republic a military force that will, if not checked, surpass the militarism of any country on the habitable globe,

"WHEREAS, militarism is directly contrary to the spirit of our institu-tions and hostile to a republican form of government and perilous to the liberties of the common people, and

"WHEREAS, in order to establish into military service, and

"WHEREAS, the agricultural and industrial workers make up the greater part of the military serviceable citizenship so that when they are drafted into the military service our productive agricultural and industrial activities will be interrupted and society's welfare thereby injured, and

"WHEREAS, it is the common peo ple, who, in case of war, are the trench diggers and food for the cannons' mouths, driven to the slaughter, while those who profit by war get not near the firing line, and

Press Services, that a copy be rurnished to the President of the United war and bitter attacks upon Russia States and to each member of the Un- for forcing the country into the strugited States Senate, and be it

"RESOLVED further that a committee of one be appointed by this body to wait on the President of the United States and upon the members of Some books are written to be read tion, also that the National Secretary and thrown aside, and others are best be requested to have printed, six when they are owned and studied, and hundred copies of this resolution for

The State of Yucatan, Mexico, The State of Yucatan, Mexico, has been pursued with a particular which was nearly annexed by the vindictiveness by authorities of the who would like to know what social- American Harvester Trust, will have capitalist order. Trotzki was editor of ism really is. They are too well eduan elected Socialist as Governor next cated to be influenced materially by month. The Military Governor Sal- the outbreak of the war and was our small propaganda pamphlets— vador Alvarado has accepted the gubthey are past the pamphlet stage. For them and for all of our members ist and Constitutionalist political he was persecuted by the monarch-who would really know what they are parties. No other political party has ist and deported to Havana, Cuba. This is from Comrade George Carson, of Clarksburg, W. Va.: "After taking your advice to get one yearly subscriber for The American Socialist, I started out to make it at least four; and to my surprise, with the assistance of three other comrades, we seribers. So we are not at all discouraged by our small vote. Socialism is discussed more than ever before".

This is from Comrade George Carson, of Clarksburg, W. Va.: "After taking your advice to get one yearly subscriber for The Rutgers advises others in organization in Yucatan and Gov-taking about—this book is just the taking about—this book is just the thing. It should not be inferred that the will be elected without opposite that of the kindergarten, but neither is it that of the privileged orders.

Amyone who can understand real about 20,000 Members of the Constitutionalist political party has an Organization in Yucatan and Gov-the ists and Constitutionalist political party has an organization in Yucatan and Gov-the ist and Constitutionalist political party has an organization in Yucatan and Gov-the ist and Constitutionalist political party has an organization in Yucatan and Gov-the ists and deported to Havana, Cuba. The ist and Constitutionalist political party has an organization in Yucatan and Gov-the ist and Constitutionalist political party has an organization in Yucatan and Gov-the ist and Constitutionalist political party has an organization in Yucatan and Gov-the ist and Constitutionalist political party has an organization in Yucatan and Gov-the ist and Constitutionalist political party has an organization in Yucatan and Gov-the ist and Constitutionalist political party has an organization in Yucatan and Gov-the ist and Constitutionalist political party has an organization in Yucatan and Constitutionalist political party ha Anyone who can understand real about 20,000. Members of the State country, has just inaugurated a Legislature and Yucatan's repre- scheme of sharing profits with its em-What commends this work as a sentatives in the National Congress ployes. By some sort of an arrange-text-book to the serious student is, will be voted for at the election in ment, if the employes will put 5 per first of all, its masterly arrangement. January, General Alvarado has been cent of their wages into a fund the There are five parts, each complete in the Military Governor of Yucatan firm will add to it 5 per cent of its itself, and yet dependent on and re-ferring to those that precede or fol-low it. Part I deals with Socialism as laws providing for a division of puba Criticism, a subject about which lic lands among the poor; eight hours tion was being explained was that many soap-boxers talk long and working day; five and a half days the company's annual profits amountknow little. Then comes Socialist working week; minimum wages for ed to 142 per cent of the annual pay Theory, clearly and comprehensively all laborers; prohibition of child lastated. Next "The Socialist Ideal", bor and regulation of female labor; per cent of the stock is held by one treated authoritatively and scientifi- compensation for accidents in factory railway traffic, especially in the quite tions because the men who are Pro- cally, in a way that settles our "cus- and field; compulsory education; propidor philosophers" once and for all hibition of the manufacture and sale "The Socialist Movement" is of intoxicating liquors; hygienic recomplete up to the changed conditions gulations for the protection of the Word comes from Russia that J. the Lettish organ, "Stradneeks," show brought about by the war, and the public health; prohibition of gambles. Rabkow, the veteran Socialist, is that the Socialist Party is continually last part, "Policy and Program" will ling and the abolition of vice districts provide much material for worth- in cities. Alvarado speaks English fluently and is a warm friend of the United States. When he took charge of affairs in Yucatan one of his first ranged and most comprehensive text-book yet put out, and all who would Harvester Trust by organizing the farmers and aiding them to control the sisal output.

Hand this paper to someone else to into court for ignoring the law which read or leave it on your neighbor's doorstep.

#### That Socialism will follow in the wake of the war is the prediction The National Convention of the made by Frank Harris, editor of Pear-

Several members of the Italian Arkansas ..... 8,153 Socialist Party have been prosecuted California .....79,201 for having posted placards and circulated leaflets against the contingance of the war. In four cases sertences of five and six years' im-

prisonment have been imposed.

The national congress of Argentina has a group of 10 representatives. Idaho .......11,960 They are Dr. Augusto Bunge, Dr. Del Illinois ........81,249 V. Iverlucea, Dr. Antonio de Tomaso, Indiana .......36,931 Dr. Angel M. Jimenez, Dr. Enrique Love 16,967 Dickmann, Dr. Nicholas Repetto, Antonio Laccagnini, Francisco Cuneo, Mario Bravo and Dr. Juan B. Justo

The proposed amendment to the this un American, undemocratic and state constitution in California to tax unnecessary military burden upon the away the unearned increment of land people, as a first essential in that direction, Congress passed what is known as the Hay-Chamberlain Army

Socialists and others who backed the Reorganization Bill, which makes a "Great Adventure," as it was called, soldier of every able-bodied male ciare rejoicing and declare that about tizen of the United States and gives one more campaign will put it over. Missouri ......28,466 power to the President to draft them The big landlord and capitalist class fought the amendment most bitterly.

> Thru his far-flung, manifold inter-locking influences, John Wanamaker has struck a blow at the freedom of the press by having Pearson's Magazine for January withdrawn from sale at the subway news stands, after discovering that it contained an article, entitled "Wanamaker's Hypocrisy and the Muzzle of the Press," written by George Creel.

> German Socialist leaders attending the meeting at the Hague of the Executive Internationals told their Dutch

gle are increasing. The internal trouble is, of course, laid at the doors of the Socialists and union labor people. Newspapers and leaflets are being secretly printed and circulated and the government is also openly denounced for mismanaging affairs. Scores of agitators have been thrown into prison, but coercive methods don't seem to do much good.

Leon Trotzki, a Russian Socialist a Russian Socialist paper in Paris at exiled to Zurich, Switzerland. From there he fled to Spain, where again

man, we understand) thus are receiving in profits nearly one and a half times as much as 20,000 employes receive in wages.

We went through one slaughter houses of Chicago's great Packingtown the other day. mpressed us most was the slaughter of human beings. There seems to have been little change in working conditions there since the days Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle." This impression was emphasized by the news that recently leaked out that some of the packers had been haled

# State Debs Benson

By RYAN WALKER

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Alabama ..... 3,029 Arizona ...... 3,163 Colorado .....16,418 Connecticut ....10,056 Delaware ..... 556 Florida ..... 4,806 7,894 Georgia ..... 1,028 21,855 Iowa ......16,967 Kansas ......26,779 Kentucky ......11,647 Louisiana ..... 5,249 Maine ..... 2,541 Maryland ..... 3,996 Massachusetts ..12,622 Michigan .....23,211 Minnesota .....27,505 Mississippi ..... 2,061 1,484 Montana .....10,885 Nebraska .....10,185 Nevada ...... 3,313 New Hampshire. 1,980 New Jersey ....15,928 New Mexico .... 2,859 New York .....63,381 North Carolina . 1,025 North Dakota .. 6,966 Ohio ......89,930 Oklahoma .....42,262 10,000 Oregon .........13,343 Pennsylvania ..83,614 2,433

the fine old veterans of the labor and around roustabout, who was only re-Socialist movement in Germany, died in Cologne a few days ago at the age tee. For the important position of of 60. For many years he served as business agent of the unions in Cologne, later became editor of the party of a union of grocery clerks and also party organ and several years ago a strike leader, was selected. Isn't it was elected to parliament in that a wicked world when our sleek and clerical ruled city. Hofrichter, at the pompous fatmen are being thus dioutbreak of the war, lined up with the majority faction in support of the government, but later joined the minority in opposition to the war. Hofrichter, like all the old-timers, served terms in prison rather than for peace in chorus at a recent sitting surrender his political convictions.

prohibition plank and put it in the democratic platform for 1920. We think he can "lead the mule to water but he cannot make him drink" but he cannot make him drink."

# A FRATERNAL HAND

By JOHN M. WORK.

HE BIRTH of a Nation" is still playing to crowded houses. It is too bad that anyone should go out of his way to stir up race hatred. Why not give the colored people a fair chance?

I suppose that hardly anyone, either white or colored, will contend that the Negroes as a general thing have evolved to a stage equal to that of the white race, even tho individuals have done so.

Negro Makes Great Progress. But, considering the gigantic obstacles they have had to meet, their progress since the civil war has been simply stupendous.

Decoyed from their native hills and dales with low and mean deception by vicious human brutes, transported like swine for the market to the Socialist Vote Compared. strange shores of America, sold by calloused men to calloused men, driven to their work with the lash of a taskmaster, sundered with fiendish brutality from wife and babe and every tender human tie, denied all opportunity to improve their minds, 5.000 made chattels by the laws of a country boasted for its freedom, taught from infancy to consider themselves equal only to the beasts, without friends. without opportunity, without resource, without hope, until the force of circumstances struck off their shackles; yet, in one generation, in the face of all but insurmountable obstacles and inaccessible heights, enveloped in poverty and despair, debarred from the privileges of other men, retarded by superstitutions inherited from the jungle and the desert, hunted by the Ku Klux Klan, injured by the ill-advised efforts of their friends, degraded by those who formerly enslaved them; in the face of all this, inspired by the mere change from chattel slavery, they have ascended the heights of civilization until they are but one step below the white race in whose veins run twenty centuries of civilized blood.

Shame On White Race. Shame on the white race for

42,637 trying to keep them down! They have outstripped its grandest record by the rapidity of their progress.

They deserve its admiration and respect.

Let it rather extend to them a willing and fraternal hand and 1,062 welcome them into the higher planes of thought and life.

Awful, if true! The man appointed by the Labor government of Queens 1,453 land, Australia, to have full charge of State railways is Harry Coyne Adolph Hofrichter, another one of formerly miner, dock laborer and allvorced from their divine and inalienable rights by course labor persons?

The action of French Socialist members of Parliament in shouting of that body and denouncing the government press of Paris has created a Bryan is trying to whittle out a great deal of discussion in the rural the districts, according to a Swiss news-we paper, which adds that the workers generally endorse the Socialist outbreak.

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