

Bankers in Move to Smash Europe's State Industries

Workers Rise Against This Attempt to Stamp out Socialism
PARIS—The scheme to "revive the flag" forced upon France and Belgium by the international bankers' trust...

We Were Dragged Into War by Lies, Says Wilson's Pal

Imperialists Paid \$50,000,000 to Fool Us, Former War Adviser Declares
By LELAND OLDS
That the world war was not fought for democracy and that the United States went into the war intoxicated by false propaganda...

The Broadcaster

You say you "used to be a Socialist." So was Mussolini.
If you have an indelible right to work, as the masters say, why have you not a job?

25 Per Cent of the A. F. of L. Jobless, Says President Green

Labor in general is suffering from overproduction, and approximately 25 per cent of the trades members of the American Federation of Labor are out of employment...
This, in brief, is the information conveyed to the President Coolidge by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor...

Government Secrets Held Dearer Than Sacco and Vanzetti Lives

U. S. Department of Justice Guards Files That Might Clear Victims
A most monstrous situation has developed in the case of Sacco and Vanzetti—a situation that should arouse labor throughout the United States...
Fred J. Weyand and Lawrence Letherman, former federal agents, who made affidavits that Sacco and Vanzetti were "framed" in order to get rid of them...

Mexican House Sustains Calles Overwhelmingly

Representatives of People Turn Down Catholic Program by Vote of 170 to 1
MEXICO—By a vote of 170 to 1 the Chamber of Deputies rejected the program presented by the Catholic party...

And They Say It Can't Be Done

Public ownership established in the case of the Chicago lighting grounds of private exploitation...
The U. S. census figures show that nationally owned electric plants in America grew from one in 1881 to 251 in 1922...

Advocates War to Aid America in World Trade

Overproduction Already Here as Result of Foreign Rivalry, Says Ex-Senator Lewis
CHICAGO—European nations, threatened by the war debts, are throttling American world commerce...

Churches Join War on Forced Military Drill

Movement Spreading to Colleges Nebraska Citizens Initiate Anti-Compulsory Bill
The majority of the National Student Council of the Y. M. C. A., the Extension Conference of Student Christian Associations, the national assemblies of two great Protestant churches...

Big Business

The annual business transacted by the United States Steel trust is reported to be a billion and one-half dollars; the Standard Oil company does a business of over a billion a year; the General Motors, about three-fourths billion...

Troops Used to Conscript Negro Labor in Miami

Colored Workers Seized at Point of Gun and Forced to Work
MIAMI, Fla.—(Special)—Soldiers of the Florida National Guard tonight patrolled Miami's black belt of 20,000 Negroes to prevent another outbreak of the rioting in which two United States sailors and three Negroes were shot and seriously wounded last today...

FATHER ROBS TO FEED HIS BABIES—IS JAILED INSTEAD OF HELPED

Lack of work for himself and food for his babies drove Leroy LaBart, 26 years old, 4115 Collerton avenue, to robbery yesterday afternoon. Conscience drove him to the detective bureau last night...
To Lieut. Timothy Rohan he tendered \$125.5, with the remark that he didn't stand possession of it any more.

Mexican Labor Leaders Coming

WASHINGTON—Three spokesmen of the Mexican Regional Confederation of Labor will attend the convention of the American Federation of Labor in Detroit, October 14-16, and will defend the policies of the Calles government...
They are Ricardo Trevino, general secretary of the confederation; Juan Rios, secretary of the Labor party, and Francisco Salazar.

Dictator Would Have Plunged World in War

ATHENS—Former Dictator Theodore Pangalos, in prison at Iskendria, made a startling statement today to a Greek newspaper man. He said he had intended—if his fall had not intervened on Aug. 22—to declare war Aug. 25 against Turkey and occupy Oriental Thrace, thereby realizing a Greek national dream which he felt would strengthen national spirit and give the nation self-confidence.

# Nation-wide Activities of the Socialist Party



## CONNECTICUT

At a Congressional Convention of the Socialist Party of the 2nd District, Martin F. Plunkett, of Wallingford, was nominated.

The Socialist Party of New Haven has nominated Joseph Pele and Joseph Freedman as representatives in the State Legislature. Charles O'Connell, the Sheriff of New Haven County; George Miller for Judge of Probate, and four State Senatorial candidates: S. S. Kuhn, 8th Dist., Gertrude Due, 9th; William Loeffstedt, 10th, and E. Miller for the 11th District.

Joseph Hade acted as chairman and Mary Haguzas as Secretary of the Convention.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Socialist Nominee sends letter to Butler. Hon. William M. Butler, Republican Campaign Headquarters, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir: I gather from your speeches to date that you are seeking re-election to the Senate as the Candidate of the Republican Party, on your record and that of your party while in office.

With President Coolidge a Massachusetts man, and, as you are a very close friend of the President, it cannot be denied that Massachusetts has tremendous influence in the National Government.

Why then do you do so little for the workers of Massachusetts?

Forty percent of the shoe workers of our State are out of work. These are the official figures of the Mass. Department of Labor and Industry. What are you doing for these workers?

Nearly twenty percent of the workmen in the woolen mills are unemployed, and the situation is worse with them than it was a year ago.

Over twenty-five percent of the operatives in our cotton mills are unemployed, and the situation is worse with them than it was a year ago.

Average wages among the workers in our cotton mills are less than \$18 a week. Even for men—heads of families—the average wage in the cotton mills is only \$20 a week. Yet you are a great cotton manufacturer.

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Lena Morrow Lewis' visit there recently. Upon Sinclair's side away for a few moments from his busy day's work, he was able to attend the meeting and incidentally confer with the candidate for Lieutenant-Governor as to campaign activities. Sinclair is planning to "smoke out" the other gubernatorial candidates as to their position on the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law and we may expect a good story from Lena Morrow Lewis very shortly on this issue.

Local Los Angeles is planning to cover the city with Congressman Berger's speeches and, especially, circulate extensively in one of the colored sections the speech on his Anti-Lynching bill. The wish comrades in Berkeley, Sheriff's County, candidate for the State Assembly, are planning a house to house canvass and from 200 to 250 voters not already receiving the American Appeal will be placed on the subscription list for four weeks with the hope that not only will they receive the Appeal but will also vote for Sherer for the legislature and persuade their neighbors and friends to do likewise.

Bakersfield local orders one thousand copies of Congressman Berger's speech on the Social Question. This will be distributed to the Socialists in Berkeley and will be used in the big job of the literary literature distribution campaign. Mrs. Lewis' recent visit to this place resulted in reviving the membership, several delinquent comrades paid their back dues and a number of members made donations to the state campaign.

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## TEXAS

Secretary G. W. M. Taylor, of Dallas, Texas, sends in the complete list of State nominees for the Socialist Party of the Lone Star State. He also sends a brief of the State Platform, Socialists and American Appeal readers of Texas should now get busy and boost their ticket everywhere; get subscribers to the American Appeal and order bundles of copies for general distribution. We would urge the comrades to organize Socialist locals wherever it is possible, and where it is not possible to organize locals, Socialists should join as members at large.

The State Secretary of Texas is M. A. Smith, 2016 Pennsylvania Ave., Dallas.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Comrade James H. Maurer informs us that only once in his life could he remember having seen more flowers at a funeral than there were at Comrade Cora Bixler's. The Socialists of Pennsylvania are much grieved over the loss of this excellent comrade and Party worker.

## INDIANA

The Socialists of Indiana are winding up the gathering of petitions for placing of the ticket on the ballot at the November election. American Appeal readers should all be members of the Socialist Party. They should pay their dues and cooperate in every way with their State Secretary. They should also gather subscriptions to the American Appeal and purchase bundles of same for general distribution in the furtherance of their campaign.

## ILLINOIS

State Secretary Win. H. Snow is prepared to file the Socialist State ticket within the next few days. He also reports that the meeting for Miss Tony Sender, member of the German Reichstag, will be held in the big hall of the Douglas Park Auditorium, Keokuk and Ogden Aves., Chicago, at 2:30 P. M. Sunday, October 10th. Admission to this meeting will be free and we expect the hall to be packed. Readers to the American Appeal will please not forget.

## WARNING

VOTERS MUST REGISTER EITHER ON OCTOBER 2ND OR 11TH IN ILLINOIS. AMERICAN APPEAL READERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OTHERWISE YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE.

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Mrs. Doris Morris, National Organizer, is continuing her excellent work in Oregon and Washington. Her efforts seem to be successful everywhere. She is having excellent meetings; taking in new members; good collections; literary work; and getting subs for the American Appeal. We hope the American Appeal readers who have assisted in her work will assist in every way possible in her work.

## California Campaign News

### LENA MORROW LEWIS

The thousand-four week subscription of the American Appeal sent to voters in California is the National Office contribution to our campaign. To the readers who are privileged to receive this paper for one month without any cost to themselves, we respectfully request a careful reading to the Appeal and trust that many of you may become regular subscribers after trying it out for a few weeks.

We ask of all the Appeal readers a careful consideration of our platform and the merits of our state ticket. Our candidates are each and every one eminently fitted to fill the respective offices to which they have been nominated.

California boosters could find no more efficient way to advertise our state not only throughout the United States but even in Europe than by electing Upton Sinclair Governor of this state.

It is a foregone conclusion that C. C. Young will be the next Governor of California. Many sympathizers with the Socialist program and platform voted to place Young on the Republican ballot in order to defeat the conservative Richardsons at the primary. The opinion prevails over the state and the claim is made that the State of California has been reclaimed from the hands of the reactionaries and "progressives" are now in control. It is a significant fact that during the period when the progressive republicanism vote was highest in 1912 in this state, the Socialist party also cast its record vote (beating the last election vote of 1912).

There are a few pertinent facts that progressive minded voters should bear in mind and that is that C. C. Young again and again proclaimed during the primary campaign that he was a loyal republican in 1912 and supported Coolidge. La Follette voters ought therefore by all logic to vote for Sinclair.

The larger the Socialist ticket vote on Nov. 2nd, the more pressure can be brought to bear on the administration to give us some real progressive kind of legislation. There is no way to tell the difference between a conservative reactionary vote and a liberal or progressive when cast for C. C. Young the Republican candidate.

The progressive who is anxious to see Young win and yet is friendly to the Socialist program and platform and who will not need the extra votes of those who are so inclined, and therefore the thing to do is to vote for Sinclair, La Follette, and a big Socialist vote in this state will insure us an administration favorable to the workers and producers.

Keep in mind that all the LaFollette Plechters of 1924 will vote for Sinclair. Every voter who cast this ballot for LaFollette in 1924 should by rights vote for Sinclair this year.

## Appeal Fund For the Week

Six new contributors gave a total of \$22 to the American Appeal Promotion and Sustaining Fund during the week as follows:

O. E. Samuelson, Capron, Okla.	\$5.00
H. W. Harris, Chicago	5.00
Dr. W. Van Netts, Clyde, Ohio	5.00
A. L. Day, Detroit, Mich.	5.00
William H. Mittelbaecker, Detroit	1.00
E. Tolvey, Kettner, Cal.	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>
Previously reported	\$1,709.50
<b>Grand Total to date</b>	<b>\$1,731.50</b>

Gifts like these from comrades throughout the United States will be very acceptable to the Appeal until that 100,000 circulation is attained, when the Appeal will be self-sustaining.

## Campaign Issue American Appeal

The American Appeal Campaign Issue will be in your hands, Saturday, October 23, more than ten days before the citizens vote.

It will be devoted to the single task of swinging as many votes as possible to the Socialist Party candidates.

It will contain the tickets of all the states putting Socialist tickets in the field this year.

It will have such other brief and effective information as the state organizations elect to go in.

It will marshal facts and arguments from beginning to end to show what a good Socialist vote this year will mean.

The state socialist organizations, the local branches, the Yippels, all kindred organizations, all friendly labor organizations, all live Socialist individuals, should get big bundles and see that they are distributed.

You have much time. Order right away.

## Italian Socialists Define Attitude to Anti-Fascist Alliance

Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Italian Socialist Federation at its meeting held in Chicago on the 31st of August, 1925, approved by the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of this meeting held in Chicago August 29, 1925.

"Whereas the Executive powers of the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America, in spite of our repeated warnings and our none the less repeated refusal to give the honor of our participation to draw together all Italian Radical groups of the United States, in the struggle against Fascism, have conducted an unprincipled, subtle, continuous war against our party, trying to undermine it organized forces as well as to render it directly or indirectly the property of the State; and

"Whereas the present leaders of the Anti-Fascist Alliance keep control of the party through fraudulent methods, by sending to the Comintern delegates representing joint organizations or of fictitious make-up;

"Whereas we find it impossible for our party to associate with and give value to immoral and unscrupulous elements who belong to no party at all and yet for obvious reasons support the Comintern in their campaign of subversion against the Socialist Party;

"And whereas the Italian Comrades of New York have withdrawn from the Anti-Fascist Alliance for the above stated reasons;

"And whereas the last Convention of the Socialist Party in Pittsburgh was presided against and fronted with the Comintern, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**

"That the branches and individual comrades affiliated with our Federation from this date on will no longer adhere to the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America;

"That locally in the struggle against Fascism our branches may act with other groups only when said groups are not part of the Anti-Fascist Alliance and after a careful scrutiny of the ease by our Executive Committee;

"That as regards the new proposed Anti-Fascist Alliance that the New York comrades are planning to form our Executive Committee reserves to themselves the right to pass judgement until they know the facts of the case in detail;

"This decision, unless reversed by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, is obligatory to every branch of the Italian Socialist Federation."

## Melms Is Almost A Sure Winner

Wisconsin will send two Socialists to Congress instead of one, if present developments in his constituency mean anything. After endorsing Melms and condemning his opponent, Schaffer, Labor, the organ of the railway unions, Washington, D. C., came out with a fresh attack on Schaffer calculated to drive every labor man and Progressive in the 10th district, Milwaukee, to the support of Melms.

Schaffer, Labor explains, came to Congress in 1922 as a La Follette Progressive. This year he announced himself again as a Progressive, but the day of filing for nomination was repudiated the Progressive platform and candidates.

Labor concludes as follows: "Edmund Melms, former sheriff of Milwaukee county, and a staunch friend of Labor, is the Socialist candidate in the 10th district. He has already been endorsed by The Madison Capital Times, the only La Follette progressive newspaper in Wisconsin."

# The Appeal Army Begins To Strike A Faster Pace

The Army made a glorious record during the week. The total income of the Appeal jumped from \$210.75 to \$225.55, as follows:

Subs	\$151.00
Sub cards sold	60.00
Bundles of Appeal ordered	29.58
Promotion and Sustaining Fund	61.00
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$302.58</b>

In every item there was a most encouraging gain, showing that the comrades campaign activities of the comrades have begun and that we will soon have an income equal to the outlay and better; and that before we know it, we will strike that program pace.

The Army sent in \$151.00 worth of subs in contrast to \$109.00 worth the week before; bought \$60.00 worth of cards against \$20.75 the previous week; bought \$29.58 worth of bundles, as against \$28.50 the week before, and paid into the Promotion and Sustaining Fund in new contributions and on all pledges a total of \$61.00 in contrast to \$22.30 the week before.

Keep it up, comrades, you are hitting the ball fine. LET'S MAKE UP OUR MINDS THAT WE MUST AND WILL SHOW A GAIN EVERY WEEK. Let's see how much that gain will be next week.

While the old Army workers did a little better than usual last week, the most encouraging thing that happened was the fact that a noticeable number of our old subscribers who have never sent in subs before joined the army and took a hand in the great battle for emancipation for the first time since the Appeal started. You should see the faces of the manager, the editor, the red headed girl and the office bull dog as they look at the list of names that are being added to the BIGGER ARMY OF SUBSCRIBERS. WELL BEGINNING TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE APPEAL ARMY. It will make the Appeal and the Movement the biggest and best thing in the United States. YES, THE ONLY THING THAT WILL ACTUALLY DO IT, AND THE THING IS SO EASY, AFTER YOU OBEY GOD'S COMMAND.

The big army of Appeal subscribers has been slowly tracking into the smaller Appeal Army for months, if we don't count the truth, there has been a steady stream in the last six months that hasn't brought its little bunch of stragglers over from the big crowd of Appeal readers to the little, vibrant, growing Appeal Army. In addition, we are always digging up new volunteers for the Appeal Army in the most unexpected places; old veterans of the movement who have been idle and silent in the movement during the terrible War and Post War period and among them have been old Appeal to Reason Army enthusiasts, who have come to give us the benefit of their experience in building up the largest circulation for a Socialist publication in the history of this country. Four months ago there were about 1250 active members of the Appeal Army. About 1000 subscribers have joined us since then. ONLY A MATTER OF TIME, PROVIDING WE CAN KEEP THE APPEAL IN THE FIELD IN THE MEANTIME, WHEN THE APPEAL ARMY WILL BE BIG ENOUGH TO INSURE THE COMPLETE SUCCESS OF THE PAPER AND THE MOVEMENT.

Now YOU SOCIALIST READERS OF THE APPEAL WHO HAVE NEVER LET US HAVE A SUB FROM YOU EXCEPT YOUR OWN, there are more than 1500 of you now, and that you give us every week while, CAN ACCOMPLISH WON DERS. If each one of you sent in

ONLY ONE SUB A MONTH YOU WOULD GIVE THE APPEAL A CIRCULATION OF ABOUT 200,000 INSIDE OF A YEAR.

That would make the Appeal more than self-sustaining. It would enable it to grow and improve until we would soon have an irresistible organ of education behind our movement. And think what 200,000 Socialist readers would mean in the United States. CAN ANY OF YOU DOUBT THAT IT WOULD MEAN GENERAL INTEREST IN SOCIALISM, THE SOCIALIST PARTY STRONG AND GROWING, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS DISCOVERING SOCIALISM, THE OLD SPIRIT OF HOPE OF SOCIAL FAITH AND VISION, OF REAL NATION-WIDE COMRADESHIP, ONCE MORE REKINDLED, EXCITANT, CONQUERING.

Don't you think it worth while to at least get that one sub for us each month? DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING RIGHT IN DOING NOTHING WHEN SO SMALL AN EFFORT ON YOUR PART WILL ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH? Are you treating yourself the way you should? Are you doing your full duty for your children and the unborn generation of the future?

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Public and Private Ownership in New York — A Contrast

Editor's Note

The following is a series of extracts from an article written by Cornelius M. Sheehan, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity of the City of New York...

Comparison of Capitalization

The investment of the City of New York in its water system is 200 million dollars. This is actual investment and has a salable value of at least 200 million dollars...

Since 1892, the receipts of the Water Department were as follows:

For water rents, etc. \$158,227,244
Expenses 26,122,272
Profit \$ 89,211,219

As the entire cost of the water system up to the consolidation was but \$100,000,000, this profit of \$89,211,219 was almost enough to wipe out the entire debt as it then existed.

January 1, 1925, the outstanding bonds and contractual indebtedness not yet funded amounted to \$220,000,000. As there is \$100,000,000 in the sinking fund for the redemption of this debt, the Department today has only \$120,000,000 of debt against a property conservatively valued at \$200,000,000.

This despite burdens fastened on the Department by legislation, which include water for fire hydrants and the hydrant service for the Fire Department; \$200,000 a year in taxes to the various villages, towns and counties in which the water supply lies; and in support of schools in these communities; supplying a number of private institutions with water for a charge in compliance with an up-to-date law.

Better Protection

Under private operation the companies generally issue bonds to at least the full value of the system, and pay one to two per cent more interest charges than a city, and when the bonds fall due, require the city to raise taxes to meet them.

Better Financing

The City obtained the capital invested in the Water Department by the issue of fifty year bonds. Prior to the consolidation of the Water Department in 1908, when Greater New York was organized, the Water Department receipts were in excess of its requirements and the balance of profits in some years amounted to 11 per cent, which was paid into the general fund for the benefit of taxation.

Better Service

Were the City of New York to treat its water system for fire hydrants as corporations treat their plants by permitting the demand to always be in excess of the supply, the City of New York could make 30 per cent on its investment.

Better Prices

As to price, nothing in the world exceeds it in cheapness. THE CITY SELLS A TON OF WATER FOR THREE AND A THIRD CENTS, THREE TONS FOR A DIME. 75 gallons for one cent; while private water companies sell bottled water at 5 cents a gallon, THE NEW TIMES AS MUCH AS IS CHARGED BY THE CITY.

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Other New York Utilities

The City of New York, despite the fact that it has not many municipally operated utilities, is one of the best evidence of the superiority of government ownership and control in the United States.

For the year 1906 to 1910, the city's activities, conducted by the City of New York, such as police, health, fire, park, bridge, dock, charity, correction, library, school, public works and all activities paid for out of taxation, cost the city only \$1,250,000,000.

During the same period there was paid for car fares, gas and electricity to private corporations \$1,500,000,000, more than that cost for every service the city supplied out of taxation.

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Swindling and Law-Breaking

As a result of the Stevens Investigating Committee, the laws of 1907, the standard of gas at no less than 22 candle power which required at least 32 1/2 candle power bases to avoid violation of this law, yet in 1911 that this department tested the gas in the Kings County Lighting Company in 1920, operating in part of the Borough of Brooklyn, only one day they give the legal requirement of 22 candle power, on 181 days the gas was below 11 candle power, on one-half the statutory requirement; 85 days it was 18 1/2 days it fell below 11 candle power, or one-quarter of the statutory requirement, and 2 days it was below 11 it was below 2 candle power.

The average of all the gas companies in the Borough of Brooklyn for the year 1920 was 10.42 candle power, which is a fair sample of the treatment of the people of Brooklyn, that is, the people who pay 47 percent of the cost of power that the law required, which is as though a person going into a grocery store and covered 75 cents to the point of 125 cents to the yard. These corporations had power with the State Legislature to have the law arranged that no one or borough official has any power to force this law or to prosecute for violations of this law.

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Plundering Private Ownership

The Third Avenue Railroad issued bonds to the extent of \$5 million dollars, used 22 million of the proceeds to refund the debt, spent 40 thousand dollars for electrification and left \$12,900,000 unaccounted for.

The Second Avenue Railroad paid \$1,000,000 to electrify its road from 127th Street and Second Avenue to Broadway and Astor Place, and two years later, when it became part of the Metropolitan System, the stockholders were charged \$3,000,000 for the same work.

The 23d Street Crosstown Railroad was changed from horse power to electricity at a cost of \$1,250,000 and the most year without any additional work being done, the stockholders were again charged \$1,500,000. The following year the stockholders were charged a third time \$1,750,000. The fourth year, amounting at their own modesty, the big four just doubled the original charge and the \$2,500,000 for work that was never done.

The stockholders of the 34th Street Crosstown line, which was owned by three private companies, were jolted out of a total of \$700,000 on work that cost only \$170,000.

The Brooklyn Union Elevated Railroad had bonds and stocks outstanding to the amount of \$1,150,000 per single track mile, and only \$145,000 had ever been paid into the treasury of that company.

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Extent of Municipal Ownership in U. S.

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An important feature of the Municipal Index for 1925 is a list of the utilities and services owned by the municipalities of the United States for the year 1925, according to the 1925 census, 100 per cent or more. Of the 1,181 municipalities covered by the inquiry, 627 had received from 1920 and for 33 others information was secured from other sources.

A list of the utilities and services covered by the inquiry and the number of the municipalities reporting are given in each case follows:

- 1. Water works, 1,073.
2. Electric light plant, 337.
3. Police the current, but not the distribution system.
4. Gas plant, 41.
5. Street railway, 24.
6. Motor bus line, 22.
7. Ice plant, 19.
8. Central heating plant, 13.
9. Coal storage or fuel yard, 12.
10. Harbor and terminal facilities, 11.
11. Air traffic, 10.
12. Market building, 17.
13. Public laundries, 15.
14. Airport building, 10.
15. Public comfort station, 12.
16. Municipal garages, 193.
17. Central asphalt paving plant, 1.
18. For the complete list of cities and municipalities owned utilities and services reported by each, the reader is referred to the Municipal Index for 1925, pp. 95 to 107. Public Ownership.

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