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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LABEL IOLA, KANS.

Capitalism vs. Socialism

It is really amusing to watch the antics of democrats and republicans in communities where Socialism has begun to gather strength and numbers. When they find they can no longer beat the Socialists by retaining their separate party organizations, they get together and nominate what they misname a non-partisan ticket. It is at his point that Socialists have cause to rejoice because it clearly brings out the real issue—capitalism vs. Socialism. When in any community Socialists are able to bring about such a condition they may know they are making worth while progress whether they elect their candidates or not. One community is much the same as any other community and it seems the workers have to be fooled about so many times before they realize that in socialism lies their only hope.

PEOPLES' COLLEGE LINES UP FOR THE TEXAS PRISONERS.

San Antonio, Tex.—Christian Balzac Hoffman, President of the Board of Administration of the People's College at Fort Scott, Kans., has written the defense in the case of Rangel, Cline and their comrades, endorsing the fight to save these brother workers and giving substantial aid toward their defense.

Eugene Debs is President of the People's College, the object of which is "To educate citizens for the industrial Commonwealth." Its motto is particularly pertinent to the Texas situation. It reads, "To remain ignorant is to remain a slave."

The ignorant and unorganized state of Labor in Texas is a byword and a drag upon the organized movement of the whole country. These Mexican common laborers need to be organized with some understanding of their rights. They hold down the wages of the whites and tend to perpetuate a state of society which is behind the times and which breeds recurring crops of ignorance and prejudice. Their slavery is the result of their own ignorance and of the indifference and lack of understanding of the situation down here on the part of Labor in other parts of the country.

The rule of the land and lumber barons and the railroads is absolute and the slavery is real. For bucking against it, Rangel and Cline are in the clutches of the plunderbund as exists, intent upon preserving its pernicious privileges through its own courts. There is no hope for these men in Texas courts unless outside pressure makes them sit up and take notice.

The two Christian organizations—Socialism and church are creeping a little closer together, and, with common sense preaching, may, some day, in the not far distant future, be fighting side by side for universal fellowship of man, then there will be no master and no slave, and every man can sit under his own vine and fig tree without want or fear of want.

Women On Picket Duty In Colorado

By Helen Schloss.

Ludlow, Colo., Sept 17.—Women in the strikers' colony have become pickets. They are already doing valuable work. One Sunday evening recently at the train was pulling in a group of women appeared at the station to meet it. They had sashes across their chests bearing the insigna, "WOMEN'S UNION PICKET SQUAD."

The soldiers at the station were dumfounded, and did not know what to make of us. We were not molested that evening, and we called a scab a scab. We pleaded with the scabs not to go into the mines, and take their brother's jobs. We informed them of the danger in the mines with unskilled hands.

We kept up our arrogant picketing for two trains but when the third arrived, we were informed that we would not be allowed at the depot.

Major Cable, of the federal troops, who is a Southern gentleman, told us that he hated to see women in the capacity of pickets, and that perhaps the scabs might insult us, and that he as a soldier would hate to see us insulted. The gentleman pleaded with us, but we stood on our grounds of constitutional rights.

We informed the major that we would return to the depot. He then informed us that we would be arrested and taken before the justice of the peace. After much argument and after we tried to show him what picketing meant, he said that we might return to the depot providing we did not call any names, such as scabs, which seemed to be very offensive to the gentleman.

One Saturday evening, after the train pulled out, and the scabs were waiting in the hacks for the soldiers to take their names, and while the pickets were standing near to listen, we were told to move.

We did move, but not enough to suit the major. "Soldiers," he shouted, "remove the women." The soldiers surrounded us like a pack of hounds, and tried to remove us from the platform. But alas, they were mistaken, they thought perhaps we would be so frightened that we would run back to the tent colony. But we did not move. One husky soldier grabbed me and dragged me from the platform, and I had a toss and tumble with him. Mrs. Dominiake took hold of a post and stuck to it with all her strength. Mrs. Bartalotti had her face slapped.

For a few minutes the shrill voices of women were penetrating the air. All the excited women talked at once, and the soldiers used more brute force. The men of the wives were standing opposite, and it is a wonder to me, that the men had presence of mind enough not to interfere. We would have had blood shed perhaps if it were not for the good behavior of our men. It was a tactless move on the part of the federals, and it looked as if they were favoring the mine owners.

The Federals have allowed the mines to be filled with scabs. Quietly, and in small groups, they allow the scabs to come in. If a scab gives a convincing story they allow them to come in. Most of the scabs learn their stories before they come in.

The federal soldiers stand for the same thing as the militia did, namely to protect private property and to break the back bone of the strike. The federal soldiers have done this in a more gentlemanly way, which is perhaps more deadly. The federals maintain that they are impartial, that they are not here to help the strikers or the mine owners, but any one with a grain of common sense will see where the federal soldiers stand, and whose interests they represent.

A delegation of women went to Trinidad from Ludlow, to have an interview with Colonel Lockett. The Colonel refused to see us but we had an interview with his spokesman, Major Rockwell and another Major.

The gentlemen advised us not to go picketing, and if we did not follow his advice, we would have to take the consequence. The women answered that they had to take a part in this strike, that their husbands' fight was their fight, and that side by side they would struggle with the men.

The militia is being reorganized under the direction of the Federals, and Major Rockwell informed me that they will be glad to be released.

They have preformed their duty by allowing all the scabs into the mines and now they are ready to go, to allow the Militia to do more dirty work.

The strikers stand pat, and say they will never return to work, until the strike is settled. They are ready to remain out of the mines another year if necessary.

While all the countries in Europe are at each others' throats, civil war is pending in the state of Colorado. We Socialists must never lose sight of the main issue.

The Socialists here are having a hard fight to make ends meet. We have no money and not many workers, and we appeal to the Socialists of this country to aid this weak district. The Socialists are a pack of undesirables here. The laws have been in favor of the mine owners, and the men who tried to organize, had the choice of going down the canyon, or leave. The reader will understand that if the Unionists had such a hard struggle for life, how the Socialists fare in such a community.

We need organizers and workers, and we need money. Send your mites to A. Marians, Pine Street, Trinidad, Colorado.

The Socialists must elect a sheriff this fall—Socialist candidate Wilson who is a miner on strike.

North Dakota is determined to have better rural schools. Two county training schools have been established to give instruction in agriculture, domestic science, manual training and pedagogy.

Private monopoly is always oppressive, public monopoly always beneficial.

WARNING TO TURKEY.

Like Japan, Turkey seems to be acting on the principle that when Christians fall out it is time for the heathen to get his dues. The Sublime Porte has announced that all laws, treaties and regulations by which extra-territorial rights were given to foreigners, have been abrogated. Henceforth the foreigner in Turkey will be judged precisely as the subjects of the sultan are judged.

There is some apprehension felt at Washington lest the American missionary may fall on evil days. The American foreign mission societies have been doing a great deal to uplift the Turk. They have educated him, they have doctored him, and they have brought the gospels to him, yet he is still a Turk and has not been weaned from his old habits. The shortest road to his paradise has not been closed.

It would be unfortunate for the Turk if he should press his opportunity too far. Europe, it is true, is busy adjusting the balance of power, but the United States is unoccupied and its navy and militia are growing restless. They are quite as capable as any other body of fighting men to take a hand, if need be, to preserve Christian civilization.

The Turk better have a care.—Milwaukee Leader.

KAISER PRESENT AT ALL BATTLES AROUND NANCY.

London, Sept. 12.—A Chronicle dispatch from Bordeaux says: "The kaiser has been present at all the engagements around Nancy. He travels in a portable palace car. All parts of the car are detachable. When put together the whole forms a luxurious house."

During the past four years there has been a steady advance in price of each class of meat animals and of milch cows. Horses, on the other hand, have been declining moderately in price.

Save Your Boys

Working women! You mothers who are giving your life, your hopes, your every thought to the rearing of sons! Yours are the boys who later are termed "food for cannon" and sent into the Hell holes of capitalistic greed to be slaughtered as so many wild beasts. Do you like war? Do you like to think of the babe at your breast being ruthlessly slaughtered to appease the imaginary anger of a group of capitalists? Do you want to think of your son, brother sweetheart, husband or father as a soldier on a battlefield, fighting, suffering and dying to create a demand for the products of laborers in some other part of the world. No, I hear you say. A thousand times no!! Then what are you doing to stop the needless slaughter of human beings? How can you influence the demand for war? By your organization, and your presence at the anti-war meetings now being held in the various cities and towns in this country.—Muscatine Socialist.

U. S. May Operate Colorado Mines

Washington, Sept 17.—A report that government operation of Colorado coal mines may be undertaken if the warring factions do not accept President Wilson's three-year truce plan is current here.

Secretary of Labor Wilson declined to discuss the proposition, but he made this significant statement:

"I don't want to say anything about that now; it might be considered as a threat."

That the proposition of government operation has at least been under consideration was also indicated from Wilson's statement that "present laws would not permit."

No reply has come to the truce proposition, but the president and the labor secretary are hopeful for

America Is Feeding War

Flour has joined sugar and wheat in swelling the list of exports from this port. Witnesses testified before Chief Magistrate McAdoo that the inquiries for flour have been received from several European Governments and that unlimited quantities can now find a market abroad at high prices. The effect of this will be to put up food prices in America, it was said. Wheat at $1.50 a bushel, sugar at $15 a hundred pounds, and flour as $10 a barrel was the picture painted at the inquiry. Flour is not $6.75 a barrel. It was also stated that an American merchant marine will assist in raising prices.—New York Times.

What are you going to do about it?

Sending Out The Food

Exports of wheat, including flour, from the United States and Canada for the week ending August 27, as reported by telegraph today to Bradstreets, aggregate 9,397,00 bushels. This represented an increase of 2,457,000 over last week and was the second largest weekly wheat export movement on record. The high record had been fixed in the week of July 30, with a total of 8,614,000 bushels. For the eight weeks ending August 27 exports were 55,060,012 bushels. Corn exports for the week are 90,174 bushels. For the eight weeks ending August 27 corn exports were 414,558 bushels.—New York Post.

What are you going to do about it?

Gompers Declares Labor Opposes War

Washington.—In behalf of the millions of workers in the army of organized labor President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation said that he would gladly assist himself with the peace movement and go to any length to endeavor to bring to an end the present European struggle and secure permanent international peace.

"For more than a quarter of a century the American Federation of Labor has pressed home upon the people of our country and the people of the world the atrocity and futility of international war,' said Gompers. "All wars are deplorable."

"The present European war is condemnable from every viewpoint.

"Since the first rumblings of this unholy and unjustifiable conflict, I have gone on unsparing of myself in the effort to arouse the people of our country and of the civilized world, and to compel a halt in this inhuman strife I will gladly go to any length and associate myself with any movement to bring to an end the present European struggle and which will make for permanent international peace and the democratization of the institutions of the world."

Socialism's Advance, Cause of War, Avers Lehane

Pittsburg, Sept. 17.—The advance of Socialism was given as the cause of the present European war by Cornelius Lehane, Cork, Ireland, in an address before a packed house at the Lyceum theatre.

Lehan said that the capitalists, the "ruling class," found themselves confronted with a social revolution on the part of 50,000,000 people and unleashed the dogs of war in the hope of beating it down.

The armies now fighting each other he said, are made up of millions of men who were united under the banner of the Socialist movement, but are now opposing each other.

Sent To Prison

Murray Sentenced to 100 Days in Jail and $100 Fine and Costs, and Marians Gets $50 and Costs—Cases Will Be Carried to Higher Courts by Appeal—Movement to Recall Biased Judge Will Continue—Appeal Army Called on to Join Fight for Justice and Human Rights.

Trinidad, Colo., Sept. 17.—John Murray, correspondent for the Appeal to Reason, and A. Marians, Socialist Nominee for governor of Colorado, were found guilty of contempt of court. Judge Strong imposed a sentence of one hundred days in the county jail and a fine of $100 with costs, upon Murray. Marians was fined $50 and costs, to remain in jail until costs were paid.

In this attempt to recall District Judge McHendrie, the first one of the kind in the United States, the judge himself by contempt of court procedure has attempted to block the recall and by decision of Judge Strong nearly two thousand people who have already signed the petition are judged to be in contempt of court and their right to the ballot denied. Yet the right to recall judges is a part of the Colorado constitution.

When the case was called, Judge Northcutt, Rockefeller's attorney, arose and stated that, at the request of Mr. Hines, the following attorneys had volunteered as counsel: Henry Hunter, Judge Northcutt, E. E. Houston, F. A. Hornbeck and Robert Veatman. Murray arose, fired the five attorneys and demanded a trial by jury, which Judge Strong quickly denied. The judge then advised Murray to secure counsel or to permit the court to appoint counsel, which Murray declined, saying he would conduct his own case, and filed six motions, setting forth reasons why the case should be dismissed. All were overruled.

Judge Hunter and Northcutt, the chief spokesmen for the complainant, were ably answered by Murray, while the court room remained in a death-like silence. At the conclusion of the arguments, Murray was found guilty and was ordered to stand to be sentenced. Judge Strong said:

"The court has found you guilty of contempt of court, and, owing to the upon which it bears, it is more venomous on your part, it is the judgment of the court that you be imprisoned in the county jail here 100 days and pay a fine of $100 dollars with the court costs and you will be released when you have served your term."

Murray bowed his head and followed the jailer to the cell.

A. Marians was next called to the stand and was quickly adjudged guilty and asked to stand for sentence. The judge said to Mr. Marians:

"I thank you for your orderly conduct upon your statement made here in this court and of the statements complained. As judge, I find you are guilty of circulating other matter contemptous concerning the court and the judge. You may now receive your judgement, that you pay a fine of $50 and the cost of these proceedings and that you stty in jail until such costs are paid."

Being a workingman and unable to pay his fine, he was led by the jailer to the Las Animas county bullpen and left in this insanitary bastile which is already filled to overflowing.

E. H. H. GATES,
Secretary of Recall Committee.

Unemployment and hunger will wreck a labor union and Socialist ideal this winter if these twin horrors of capitalism, aided by the food gamblers, in their greedy hunt for profits, are allowed to ravage the land. It is within the power of the working class to check if not entirely wipe out this pending calamity. Let every Socialist and labor publication join in this fight!

Food is just as much a requisite of war as are weapons. Refuse to let the profit monger sell food to Europe and the war will be stopped to death. Permit them to sell food and you have created a condition of war in our own part, just as truly as though you were to permit them to sell ammunition to one of the belligerents.

Capitalism Gone Mad

Message to American Socialists Written from the European War Zone

BY CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL.

No one need be in the least doubt as to why we have this war.

No one that cares to know why civilization has been overwhelmed, Europe turned into a howling madhouse, and the Fourteenth need be muddled about it.

Millions of men are slaughtering one another, the business of the wide world is dislocated, horrible lists of dead and wounded fill the European journals, other millions are brought to starvation and acute distress that next century is darkened with these intolerable clouds of hatred, poverty, dust, want and pain, because competition went mad, capital became insane, militarist had its sure fruition and imperialism gibbered in the streets.

Nothing else. We have tolerated the fantastic lunatics that make war inevitable. When they come ripe shall we stand like dull babies asking whence has come all this?

Look for a moment. It was not the murders of the crown prince and his wife. Many princes as eminent have been assassinated and no war has resulted.

It was not Servia's failure to surrender to Austria's demands. Many other nations have rejected impossible overtures and no war has resulted.

It was not Russia's mobilization. Every European nation has mobilized at some time or another without causing war.

It was not any menace of France against Germany. There was no such menace.

Excuse and Subterfuge.

These things are but excuse and subterfuge. The swords that pricked the bubble of a fallacious civilization and sent us helter-skelter back to barbarism and the Middle Ages were held by Big Business on one side and Autocracy on the other.

Mankind ought to be as careful about tolerating Evil as about committing it. There is no such thing as a sterile Evil. No Evil is ever barren. Every Evil is fruitful in other Evils, and these in others, until the progeny full grown descends upon us with disaster, great or small.

It was so here. For many years men that knew better have acquiesced in surviving feudalism and its expressed in monarchical institutions. We have tried to convince ourselves that if a nation had some kind of delegate assembly, a parliament, a reichstag, meeting to pass some laws and fiddle about the skirts of government, why, all was well though it still retained kaiser or king.

What difference does it make, we said. It is but a name. Each nation to its taste. How smart is this kaiser and how clever is that king! There can be democracy in an empire, we said, and as truly might we have said that we could breathe in a vacuum or from darkness draw light.

What difference does it make? We can see now what difference. Men do not naturally hate each other nor seek to kill one another, nor thirst for one another's blood. Two months ago the men now fighting in Europe would have sat down together, walked and talked together, felt only kindness to one another; if in distress, gladly would have helped one another.

For no interest nor thought nor concern of theirs they go about now with guns looking for a chance to kill one another.

If they have been transformed thus from men to tigers, what has changed them except decrees and orders with which they have had nothing to do?

No Reason for Murder.

On Monday two men see a fellow man drowning in a river or imprisoned in a burning house, and they risk their own lives to save him. On Tuesday they take rifles and kill him, for no reason of their own but because their king has dreams, their kaiser delusions, or the capitalists that exploit them have quarreled.

This is the war that is now upon us, compared with which Ward's island Kankakee of Bloomingdale seems a sweet, and reasonable thing. Rulers paranoiac about military glory, governments that can make war without reference to the people, the insanity of irresponsible rule, the sheer incongruity of it, the fact that it will fit nowhere into the schemes of progress, these are some of the things for which the world is now paying down this immeasurable price, dripping with blood.

Then for such a cataclysm, men that have glossed monarchy and democrats that have been untrue to democracy must have their share of the responsibility.

There is no civilization but democracy.

Commercialism, drunk with power and grasping frenziedly for more, saturated with profits and seeking for more business to dominate and more territory to exploit, must share the disaster that brought this plague upon us. To say now that it never intended nor dreamed of the ruin it would precipitate helps nothing. Blind, as it always is; stupid, as it always is; brutal, as it always is; ravening for more and more, it lunged forward for the one prize it wanted most and knocked down the props of the house of peace.

Like this: The huge colonial empire of Germany, created and developed with a speed that astounded the world and is without analogy, brought to the country almost fabulous wealth, that under the existing system was absorbed by a few. As the colonies increased so rose this golden tide.

England and Germany.

The swift expansion of German commerce turned certain German heads. In commerce Germany competed with and by resolute enterprise playing the game according to accepted methods, outstripped most other nations except England. Between these the competition was a struggle of giants.

England's colonies made her rich. Germany added colony to colony. Colonies produced trade. Long ago the trade routes passed the point where it could be well handled by a nation geographically circumscribed as she is.

The pressure of competition, the pressure of the widening prospect of more and more profits, the pressure against her sides of her expanding business, became an irresistible force for territorial increment.

France, also, had many and rich colonies, Algiers, French Congo, Dahomey, Senegal, rich islands in the West Indies and the Pacific, and many others.

In the event of another war like that of 1870, France would be shorn of these valuable possessions, which would then become German. More colonies meant more commerce, more commerce meant more profits, more profits meant more power. Thus was the pressure inevitably tended, and even if no one had ever designed war nor intended it, under the existing system war was certain.

The apparent destiny of German commercialism, exalted by its many victories, was to annex the French colonies, to enlarge with German's enlarged borders, and to raise Germany above all competitors to the supreme commercial command of the world. It was nothing but easy victories added provinces and added business. Controlling a great part of the press, and moving hand in hand with a government sympathetic and waiting for war, it dragged the sure part of Germany into the struggle, and down came the red deluge.

Then Germany, declaring itself to be threatened by an attack from Russia, rejected all proposals of arbitration and all appeals for peace and met the alleged Russian attack by moving a million troops upon France before she had declared war against that nation, and while her ambassador was still in Paris.

Only Part of Black Night.

The shuddering horror with which we read of battlefields whereon the dead lie piled in heaps, of torn and mangled youths shrieking with the torture of their wounds, of towns burned and peasants put to death, is only a part of the black night that has come upon us. Not only this year is dreadful but the years to come will be. For every shot that is fired and every march that is made the future must pay and pay again and there can be no payments of this bill except from the products of industry already bent to the ground under the burden of past follies.

Before the war began the economists had uttered solemn warnings against the heaping up of the debts of the nations. They pointed out that the interest charged on these debts were steadily mounting to a sum that could not be paid. They showed that because of their interest charges the poor were still further impoverished, ignorance and darkness were spread around the world, and want threatened the toilers in every land.

These were the results of the existing system, of the debts of former wars, and of the huge armaments that the nations maintained.

Think, then, that this war is costing these nations Sixty Million Dollars every day, that practically all of the staggering sum must take shape in national debts for succeeding years to pay, and that these debts and the crushing interest charges they will entail can be paid in no way except by the sweat of labor.

Before the prospect thus opened the mind sickens and hope dies.

We are paying today the expenses of the wars of Napoleon, a century old.

Should the present system last, three centuries hence men will toil and children be reared in ignorance and insufficiency that the monstrous bill for this day's insanity may be paid.

Back to Savagery.

From such a burden piled upon the debt burden the world already bears could come but one result. Mankind would revert to savagery. Knowledge, progress, hope and light would be overwhelmed in one abysmal catastrophe.

Instinctively we cry out against this prospect. We declare that such a thing must not be. That this war must be stopped. That all war must be abolished.

Then, if we really mean what we say we must set ourselves to great and enduring changes.

We can see certain results of the present system of Business founded upon grab and gain, the cutthroat system of competition, the deadly system of Business conducted for private profits.

A few made rich and the many poor; a few made powerful and the many made the battle-pawns of these the resources of the world and the strength thereof controlled by a few for their own benefit and the man obliged to go out and fight the wars engendered by the competitions, jealousies or maniac dreams of their masters.

Meantime, the masses sinking to lower levels of existence and the joys of life more and more restricted to the beneficiaries of the system.

All this for just these same two reasons, the Surviving Feudalism of Autocracy and the Surviving Savagery of Competition.

Let the competitive system survive, and whichever way the present war results it will assuredly breed other wars as gigantic or worse. From that conclusion there is no logical escape. The same causes will produce same results, always, automatically, irretrievably, as certain as night follows day, as certain as the pressure inevitably tends to, and may sow his field with any faith that he can reap it and no man can look forward to a year of peace. So stands the terrible fact that now confronts mankind. We can shut it out of our mind if we care not or try to forget it if we are fools; but refute it or deny it may no man living.

Civilization's Only Hope.

If then we are determined that when this whirlwind of bestiality shall have passed we shall not have another, if we wish a condition under which the structure of society shall not be blown down, human intercourse shall not be destroyed, civilization shall not be set backward and the earth shall not be bathed in blood, the one possible way to that condition is to eliminate forever the causes of war.

Instead of business for private profits we must have Business for the Common Good. Instead of private monopoly of the means of life we must have the means of life owned by the public for the public welfare. Instead of gigantic fortunes gathered at the general expense and by the individual power we must abolish poverty, and give to the poorest child in the land all the education that can now be secured by the richest.

Instead of outworn feudalism we must have the full measure of democracy for men and women.

ABOLISH CAPITALISM. TAKE AWAY THE HUGE, SELFISH, REMORSELESS, SAVAGE POWER OF PROFITS AND PROFITS CAN NO LONGER PLUNGE THE NATIONS INTO WAR.

GIVE TO THE PEOPLE THE SOLE CONTROL OF THEIR OWN AFFAIRS AND THEY WILL NEVER LEAD THEMSELVES INTO WHOLE SALE SLAUGHTERS.

ALL OTHER TALK OF REMEDIES, REFORMS, MEASURES, EXHORTATIONS, APPEALS, PREACHMENTS, AGREEMENTS, TREATIES, PEACE CONFERENCES, GABBLE, TALK FESTS, PROTESTS, PEACE SOCIETIES, ARGUMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS IS CHILDISH PRATTLE. ONE THING OR THE OTHER. ABOLISH THE SOURCES OF WAR OR PREPARE TO SEE CIVILIZATION PERISHED AND YOUR OWN COUNTRY WITH THE REST REVERTED TO THE STATE OF THE CAVE MEN.

WHICH SHALL IT BE?

CARL PERSON SPEAKS.

At a labor picnic in Danville, Ill., Carl Person spoke and expressed his appreciation for what union labor had done in helping him in his pending trial.

Person Thrown Back in Jail

To Keep Union Man In Jail In Preparation For Trial

By Floyd P. Gibbons.

Clinton, Ill., Sept 17.—(Special Correspondence.)—Anarchy is rife in DeWitt County, Ill. It is the red high handed anarchy of the dollar demon.

They have thrown Carl Person back in jail. Today I saw him locked up in the same cell in DeWitt County Jail where he had lain for six months on a murder charge until a Chicago Judge ordered his release on bail.

The iron heel of the Illinois Central has trampled justice beyond all recognition in this corporation infested community. States attorney Williams has gone insane with madness, he is serving the interest that is demanding the life of Carl Person.

Latest Outrage is Timed.

Williams and the Illinois Central timed this latest outrage just when Person and his Attorney Frank Comerford were engaged in preparing the labor editor's defense on the murder charge by which the railroad corporation hopes to end Person's life on the gallows.

Several weeks ago Person printed in the Strike Bulletin, the same paper that has cost the Illinois Central millions by its fearless exposures—the name of a man who was known to the Union men of the Illinois Central as a strike breaker for the DEN-ELEVEN railroad. The Bulletin the man was called a scab, so far it has not been denied that he was a scab. No one has ever questioned the rightfulness of the name being applied to Illinois Central hirelings who betray union men by working in their places during the long strike of the shop men.

Flimsy Foundation for Charge.

This is a flimsy foundation for a charge of Criminal Libel on which Person was arrested in Clinton and thrown back in the dinky cell in the DeWitt county jail.

States Attorney Williams knows that Person's trial on the charge of murdering Toney Musser, ex-chief of Police of Clinton, Ill., and chief strike breaker for the Illinois Central is less than two weeks off. Williams knew that Person working all day long at his desk, was working all night with Attorney Comerford on the preparation of the evidence for the defense.

The story of the so-called murder is known to every Union man in America. Person was decoyed from his office by the Gunman and almost beaten to death when the giant sprang upon the little editor from ambush. In self defense Person shot and killed the Illinois Central Slugger.

The prejudice against Person and the labor hatred in DeWitt county was so intense that Attorney Comerford by remarkable canvass of over 500 square miles in DeWitt county secured over 500 affidavits of prejudice on which the courts were forced to grant a change of venue, thereby taking the trial to an adjoining county.

Make Bail Prohibitive.

The same prejudice has been taken into consideration by the prosecutor in arranging bail on the last charge so that it will be impossible to get Person out of jail. The prosecutor demands that the bonds in this case be signed by property owners of DeWitt county. A large per centage of the property of the Illinois Central is owned by the Illinois Central. The remainder is under the control of the corporation interest which are far reaching and all powerful. No property owner of DeWitt county dares to sign Carl Person's bond, even if he wanted to.

This is the anarchy that is abroad in DeWitt county where people are calling themselves Americans.

Public Ownership Coming

BY R. A. DAGUE.

The Associated Press recently contained the following statement:

Topeka, Kan.—That the present system of railroad management is breaking up and may drift to government ownership within a few years is the belief of E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway, who was here today.

"We are drifting toward a radical change of some kind," said Mr. Ripley. "The present system of railway management is breaking up. Whether we will have the misfortune of government ownership I am unable to say. But this is certain, the transportation companies will have to be allowed to earn a sufficient sum of real money to pay their operating expenses, maintain the efficiency of their service to the public and give a fair return to those who invest in railway securities, or capital will withdraw from that character of investment.

"All that the railroads have to do now is to rustle the money to pay the bills; the government has taken charge of management of our property and fixed the rates. Of course this condition can not last always."

Ripley Right.

President Ripley is certainly correct in making the statement that the present system is breaking up. All Socialists and other well-informed people know that. It is one of the fun-damental propositions of Socialism that when a great public utility owned by private parties becomes "ripe," it should then be taken out of the ownership and control of individuals who have used it as a private monopoly for personal profit, and it should, therefore, be owned by the public collectively and be conducted in the interest of all the people. The Socialist proposition is:

When a privately owned trust or industry of a public nature develops into a gigantic and oppressive monopoly crushing its competitors, fixing arbitrary the prices of all its products or services regardless of the law of supply and demand refuses to pay its employes honest wages, and inactively defies the government under which it is permitted to exist, then that particular trust has outlived its usefulness as a privately-owned industry; has gone to seed or rotten, and is now ripe for public ownership. It should not be smashed, but should be appraised by a board of commissioners, the watered stocks eliminated, the owners paid a reasonable price for the property, and it should then be taken over by nation, state, county or city, as the case might require and therefore be carried on at cost of operation for the benefit of all the people.

The Socialist View.

Socialists think that railroads, the coal mining combines, Standard Oil, telegraphs and telephones, and some other public industries, are now quite ripe for public ownership. President Ripley knows that the privately owned railway system is going to pieces, and is fearful that the "misfortune of government ownership" may ensue. While he is doubtless a most efficient officer at the head of a great industry he is evidently not a philosopher—is not a student of nature's law or industrial evolution. If he were such he would know that every fruit, flower, vegetable, bird, and animal, including human beings, have within themselves the seeds of change or transition (or death), and every one have their birth, youth, maturity and decay. Railway system is not of business creation, has no exception under the law. The law of evolution both pushes and pulls. "Go forward! Stop higher! Shed your old, wornout, garments; change your activities to a higher plane or die," is the command. Nature is not a standpatter but cearelessly is at work along progressive or Socialist lines.

Industries, while they are growing infants and of United usefulness, may be privately owned. When they become fully developed and affect the interests of an entire community, then they have become ripe and they should be owned and operated to promote the best interests of the public, and if they are not so owned, the law of evolution is violated and corruption and decay set in and disintegration follows.

Will intelligent people know that the American railway system is mellow ripe if not rotten ripe. Very truthfully does Mr. Ripley say that the whole system is breaking up. As a political and industrial, it is fatally rotten. Deadly poison is circulating in every artery of its body.

The hookworm of stock-watering and greed and graft have such a grip on its vitals that nothing can cure it except public ownership. The public must soon take charge of the system and give it a new birth, and put it to work on a high and less selfish plane of activity or it will go to pieces, and its putrid remains will infect the entire nation.

The owners of the American railroads have already made profit enough.

Cost of Duplication.

To construct the entire system in the United States costs about $6,000,000,000. They were stocked by about $15,000,000,000. Therefore the enormous sum of which costs the railway builders nothing except for the paper and printing—a legal theft from the people. But that is not all. The trust, as the railroads cost the private builders nothing, as Uncle Sam gave them lands of greater value than the railroads. They were presented with a total of 250,000,000 acres, or an area of lands greater than is contained in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, which six states have an area of but 242,000,000 acres. They were given more lands than is contained in the entire Pacific slope.

Ex-Gov. Larrabee of Iowa, in his book on railways, says: "The railroads on an average did not cost their builders to exceed $25,000 per mile, but they stocked them for more than $60,000 a mile.

The six Pacific railroads cost $95,955,347. They were capitalized at $268,302,463, this $172,347,115 being "water."

The Union Pacific, The Southern Pacific and the Northern Pacific were given 180,000,00 acres of land, and also subsidies by states, counties, and town, over $2,000,000.

The New York board of trade a few years ago issued a report in which they say: "The railroads control absolutely the legislatures of a majority of the states of the union; they make and unmake United States senators, congressmen, and state governors, are practically the dictators of the governmental policy of the United States."

Every year, by reason of refusal to make needed repairs, they kill and disable more people than were killed in some of the great battles of the civil war. There are many more accidents on American railroads than happen on the government-owned railways of Europe, and yet they charge from double to six times more for carrying passengers than the European lines. Notwithstanding the fact that the roads practically cost them nothing, and that they stole from the people the colossal sum of $9,000,000,000 of values by watered stocks, they charge for their services such exorbitant rates that they are enabled to pocket a net profit of $414,000,000 a year.

Every intelligent person knows that in order to make a profit on the watered stock, the rates charged by the roads for shipments, are oppressively high.

Needlessly Alarmed.

President Ripley is needlessly alarmed over the thought that the government may take over the ownership of the railway system. Of course, if Uncle Sam should do that, the people would save that $500,000,000 of profits that are now going to the private owners, and it would not be a bad thing for the people. Moreover, the employes would be better paid, and there would be fewer accidents. To take over the railroads would not be a bigger job for Uncle Sam than it was to construct the Panama canal.

One thing that Uncle Samuel must do, and that is to keep both his eyes wide open or the Goulds and Rockefellers and Morgans and Big Business will unload on him those $9,000,000,000 of watered or fraudulent stocks when he tries to buy the railroads. Fortunately, the Socialists are onto the confidence game of Big Business and they will assist their Uncle Sam in making a square deal at the proper time. If the railroad boys will not deal on the square, the Socialists will advise their Uncle Samuel to tell them to go to Halifax with their old, wornout proposition, because he can construct all the up-to-date lines that he needs for half what they are demanding for their old junk.

WOMAN'S COLUMN

CHILDHOOD.

By Eugene V. Debs.

What sweet emotions the recollections of childhood inspire, and how priceless its treasured memories in our advancing and declining years!

Laughing eyes and curly hair, little brown hands and bare feet, innocent and care-free, trusting and loving, tender and pure, what an elevating and satisfying influence these little gods have upon our future years!

Childhood! What a holy theme! Flowers they are, with souls in them, and if on this earth man has a sacred charge, a holy obligation, it is to these tender buds and blossoms of humanity.

Yet how many of them are prematurely plucked, fade and die and are trampled in the mire. Many millions of them have been snatched from the cradle and stolen from their arms to be fed to the furnace that turn a workingman's blood into a capitalist's gold, and many millions of others have been crushed and perverted into filth for the shums and filth for the gutter's field.

Childhood is at the parting of the ways which lead to success or failure, honor or death. Society is, or ought to be, profoundly concerned in the environment that is to mold the character and determine the career of its children, and by remissness in such duty is rebuked by the most painful of penalties, and these are inflicted with increasing severity upon the people of the United States.

Childhood is the most precious charge of the family and the community, but our capitalist civilization sacrifices it ruthlessly to gratify its brutal lust for pelf and power, and the march of its conquest is stained with the blood of infants and paved with the puny bodies of children.

What shall the harvest be?

The millions of children crushed and slain in the conquest of capitalism have not died in vain. From their little martyr graves all over this fair land their avenging images are springing up, as it were, against the system that murdered them and prosecuting upon it, in the name of God and humanity, the condemnation of death.

WAR MAKES WOMEN DO MEN'S WORK.

In Europe women are demonstrating how successfully they can take on the industrial duties of men. With all the able-bodied men of Germany, Austria, France, Russia, Poland, Servia and Montenegro, and nearly all of Great Britain, Switzerland, Holland, Italy and Portugal entirely removed from their usual labors, the activities of peace women come to an abrupt stop if it were not for the women. But now, as heretofore, they are stepping into the places of the men who have gone to the war, and crops will be harvested—and planted too, if the war should last until next seeding time—and factories are kept open. Shops are doing business and transportation remains in operation. All this is largely possible through the efforts of the women who old old men and boys in keeping the great industrial machine moving.

In France it is reported that women are acting as conductors on street cars and omnibuses, that they are employed as waiters, ticket operatives, heads of shops and short in all the walks of life. The same is true in Germany. Belgium is torn by war that there is almost a total suspension of industry, and it is only when women take the inevitable reconstruction comes women will be doing their share of the work. In Great Britain conditions are not as bad as on the Continent but they are bad enough, and women there will have to replace the hundreds of thousands of men who have been changed in a few weeks from peaceful producers to military consumers of the nation's wealth.

The harvest is a most important factor to all the warring countries, and women are at work in the fields everywhere. In some of the countries the peasant women are accustomed to this work, but there are many performed by women from the cities and villages, who are totally unfamiliar with such heavy toil, but whose spirits are strong to do what they can for their country—and home.

Note—"For their country"? Is

FIGHT THE FOOD PIRATES WITH THIS PETITION

Read the accompanying coupon. It contains the resolutions adopted by the Socialist party National Executive Committee on this crisis. After you have read it carefully, cut it out, paste it on a piece of ruled paper and then go out and get signatures.

Take it to the meeting of your Socialist local and get Socialists intensely in earnest about it. Take it to the meeting of your trade union. Get the unions aroused. Take it to your lodge meeting. Take it with you whenever you expect to meet with your fellow-men. Women must also enlist in this fight. It is their war too.

MONSTER PETITION

TO PRESIDENT WILSON AND CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH

FOOD SUPPLY DEPOTS

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WOODROW WILSON:—

Whereas, The speculators are arbitrarily and unnecessarily raising the prices of the necessities of life; and

Whereas, The United States government should conserve and protect the interests of the Producers and Consumers as against these Speculators who are robbing the people, multitudes of whom are already in dire need;

Therefore, We hereby petition the President and Congress of the United States to establish SUPPLY DEPOTS in the strategic industrial and agricultural centers of the nation for the purpose of maintaining a just market for the producers and for the purcase of food and for the sale of these Necessities of Life direct to the people.

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION

Paste the above on ruled sheets, secure signatures, with addresses and occupation, and forward the same, bearing your name and address, to either the Socialist state secretary in your state, or to the national headquarters of the Socialist party, 803 W. Madison street, Chicago, and they will be immediately sent on to Washington, with thousands of other petitions.

Starve War, Feed U. S., Simons Says

Racine, Wis.—National jealousies bred by commercial rivalry and lust for foreign markets were declared to be the main causes of the war in Europe by A. M. Simons, Milwaukee, at the war protest meeting of Racine Social-Democrats.

"War," said Simons, "has become merely a side issue of the great steel trust.

"America can stop this war if it will follow the advice of the Socialist party in this crisis: 'Starve the war and feed America.' If the United States will forbid the exportation of food to the nations now at war it will compel the cessation of the struggle. Holding the food in this country would have a tendency to lower the cost of living."

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The Colored Man in Politics.

Just what to do just now in politics and just how to do it seems to be one among the chief questions which at the present time awaits the Colored man's solution. Will some brave and wise Colored men please come to the front and advise and counsel, in the midst of the terrible and economical chaos and night of the times, the wise and righteous political step for the Colored people to take? Oh, do please let some well advised, some well informed Colored Leader speak. And let this leader remember, that ten million colored people are waiting. Would it be wise to investigate the whole field of politics, with the end in view of ascertaining which political party extant is best qualified to cure the very serious economic and political ills from which we all are now suffering? Are the principles of any of existing political parties deep enough and righteous enough to establish and maintain a condition of peace, plenty (righteousness and happiness for the human race on the earth? Are any of the political parties now existing making a rational and serious effort to bring about the establishment of "Peace on earth and good will among men?" And, if so, which party is making this effort and in what way is the effort being made? What is wrong with the existing economic and political system and what is the remedy? In these days of political ostracism and general political and economic unrest and uncertainty: Where is the Colored Philosopher and Leader of men who will kindly step forward and direct these Ten Million waiting Colored people out of the existing economic and political wilderness? This is an honest and sincere call for such a leader to come forward, and do please let him come.

The writer would be very pleased to hear from some Colored man with references to the above inquiries and suggestions, from some Colored man whose general experience and intellectual equipment and ethical nature are of such proportions as to authorize the expression of an opinion on these questions, from some Colored man who has an interest in and who hopes for and who works for the economic and political peace, welfare and happiness of all the people, without regard to race or color or creed or kindred or tongue or existing or previous condition.

Very sincerely,

JOHN W. GAINS,
Attorney-At-Law,
Little Rock, Ark.

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Socialism in America Declares WAR ON FOOD PIRATES

Campaign Now on That Will Sweep Nation

WAR BRINGS HUNGER.

The record for the 11 months just ended of the fiscal year of the United Charities of Chicago show 20,441 families have applied for help. The organization's figures for the average family is four persons, hence this means that in the 11 months appeals have been made by and in behalf of 81,764 individuals.

For the same period last year 13,820 families, or 555,280 individuals, called for help. The increase for this year is 47 per cent.

"We had thought that the high water mark had been reached last January," confesses Superintendent E. T. Lies. "We are face to face now with a cumulative problem. It began with the floods, continued with last year's unemployment, and now climaxes with the conditions produced by the European war and resultant an drelated unemployment."

Socialism in Amerca has declared war against the food pirates. It has thrown down the gauntlet to capitalism and its government at Washington and declared. "THERE MUST BE NO GAMBLING IN FOOD."

This war is to be the big campaign in the titantic effort of the American Socialist movement to "STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA."

This campaign is now gaining a whirlwind headway on the Pacific coast in California. From there it will sweep across the land eastwards to the Atlantic forcing the national Democratic administration at Washington to take the necessary measures to safeguard the nation's food or stand forever condemned in all eyes as the betrayers of the American people.

How the War Started.

The national campaign was put in motion when J. Stitt Wilson, Berkeley, Cal., member of the Socialist party National Executive Committee, moved that this committee adopt a set of resolutions covering the situation and call upon all the locals of the party to hold mass meetings to protest against the arbitrary boost in the price of foodstuffs and to petition Congress to establish food depots in strategical industrial and agricultural centers.

These resolutions, as unanimously adopted by the Socialist party National Executive Committee, are placed at the head of a petition published in another column.

Monster Petition Started.

This petition was born at a monster mass meeting addressed by J. Stitt Wilson at Dreamland Rink, in San Francisco. It started with 4,000 names. All saw that the need was urgent. All saw that the plan to fight this need was simple and easily realized if the national government could only be forced to act.

Before the meeting there was a big parade in the form of a peace demonstration. Banners were carried bearing the mottoes: "War—What For," "Who is Killed in War?" and "The Workers Pay the Bills."

Soon those 4,000 names had grown to a petition a city block long crowded with names in double column, just a small part of the protest of the 500,000 adult workers of California.

Up to the present time 50 meetings have already been held in San Francisco and Oakland. J. Stitt Wilson has now started a tour of the state. He is being aided in the campaign by Walter Thomas Mills, the noted Socialist orator, who will remain in the San Francisco Bay district. Part of the non-Socialist press is joining in the campaign. The fight has the hearty indorsement and support of the entire California Socialist movement.

People Are Eenthusiastic.

"The people are receptive and enthusiastic," declares Wilson. "One petition secured is 10 feet long. It is full of signatures. This is the supreme move of the hour. This petition should be pushed from the National office of the Socialist party and every local in the nation should duplicate the work that is being done in California.

In reviewing the food crisis in this coutry Wilson declares:

"In the midst of [illegible] conditions which [illegible] into an acute struggle for bread it seems to us that at least four forms of our food should be immediately considered by the national government. There should be no tampering with flour that makes bread

"If prices continue to get higher we think the government is justified in seizing such supply as is necessary for its people, and fixing its sale at a fair price. There must be no tampering with sugar. This enters into such a variety of our foodstuffs. It is a co-ordinate element. Then beans and potatoes—from these four kinds of food the hand of greed must be broken."

Wilson's powerful protest is stirring the entire state. He characterizes the feeling of the world today as the sorrow of a family into which death has come—the sorrow of the one who must go on and live

Must Go On and Live.

"You can't weep yourselves to death, you can't die and go with the beloved one, you can't beat against the brass of heaven and penetrate it. You must go on and live. In the midst of this great war, its terror, its tragedy, its unspeakable destruction, we have to go on!

"We have to do what is nearest and what is best. And this thing that we are doing here, this struggle to keep the world's food for the world, is, perhaps the nearest and the best thing we can do.

"In the midst of the tremendous events transpiring in the world every individual, every theory, every proposition seems like a chip on the wave. Yet we are forced back on ourselves as the chip must ride the wave."

Wilson not only urges that the time has come to seek to break the monopoly on foodstuffs, but also on land.

Break Land Monopoly.

"The west slope of the Rocky Mountains, the land that stretches from there to the Pacific, could supply the food for Europe. Yet it lies idle. Tens of thousands of acres of land in California must lie idle uncultivated for years because the hand of the monopolist has closed upon it.

"Acres are lying idle while we can't get a piece of land big enough to build a shack on to cover our heads. The time has come to break the monopoly of land, to demand that the governor of California, the Legislature of California, open the opportunity of the land of the state of California to those who need it and who will produce something from it."

Wilson characterizes the present exorbitant prices of food as resulting not only from the manipulations of commercial pirates using the pretext of war to force prices up, but also as a result of "the unproductive, wasteful condition of the capitalist market—that can conserve nothing."

This is The Fight.

This is the fight that the Socialist party will carry to the nation. Clip out the petition in the adjoining column, paste it on ruled sheets go out and get it filled with the names of your fellow workers and then mail it to the state secretary of the Socialist party. Then it will be sent on to Washington accompanied by the petitions of other workers. This is work that must be done now.

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The Socialist Press Bureau would like to receive reports from the editors of Socialist publications concerning the celebration of Socialists week. Also reports from Socialists and labor editors of what local organizations are doing in the campaign to [illegible] WAR AND [illegible]

FATHER JONES COLUMN

WHAT IS LIFE.

Geo. D. Coleman.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."—Matthew V. 48.

Life is growth In outward form, from simple,
To compound, and then to the multiplex.
From crystal, plant, and beast, on thus to man;
'Twixt seen and unseen, he the pontifex.
Science sees the outward form of matter,
But the life, the energy, that conductive
Thing the crystal binds, and cell, in firm law,
Evades the crucible, unseen, and elusive.
Reason sees the law, but instinct feels it.
Conscious in man, unconscious in the beast,
But in rock, and plant, and beast, as man,
Law rules o'er all, from greatest to the least.
The steps of science tread the borderland
No farther can she go, except she's past
The gate, and in the land she's e'er nied,
And sight tread on the heels of faith at last.
We measure things by pound, by quart, by yard,
Each by the qualities they have. And so of life.
The subtle fluid Franklin drew from sky,
Is measured as must be what we call life.
Theology would measure souls by pounds and pence,
But measures of the outward form will fail
To reach the law of things, for life will not
Be touched by Troy, nor any metric scale.
The ether in the interstellar space,
The thing that flows on wire, and wireless space,
We seek in vain, to see, or feel, or taste,
But yet we know, and daily deeper trace,
And so is life. It's essence is unseen.
We know it but by form. In mind, by thought.
The beast EXISTS by instinct life, but man
LIVES, and grows, according as he has wrought
A character and built, as architect,
A personality that will endure
The change we call death. The law of growth,
Is upwards, onward. There is no cure
For lagging; No balm that saves the lax soul
That will decay, and rust, and think it well
To live as beasts, and not grow by good use.
Their fate's decay, death, by the waste of hell.
Eternal life is not a gift. 'Tis won.
An attainment wrenched, by the will, from out
The environments of life. A victory
That comes to the soul resolutely stout.
'Neath natural law, the rock, the plant, the beast,
Have reached the end of types capacity,
But man, is in creature stage, as yet,
His life is still potentiality.
The natural law created man we see.
Man is the master, if he will create,
His destiny. The future is his own,
And he can be, if willing, godly great,
To man. The Great Architect has given
A power, with Him e'en commensurate.
The hand of love is beckoning higher.
With us rests still the godly, to create.

AMERICA.

Each morning as we slowly pass
The city's streets along,
We hear the voices of the class
Ring out the nation's song.

With swelling hearts we hear them sing,
"My country 'tis of Thee;"
From childish throats the anthems ring
"Sweet land of liberty!"

Their little hearts aglow with pride,
Each little exultant tongue
Proclaims, "From every mountain side,
Let Freedom's song be sung!"

And we shall e'er be strong,
From scenes like these, our grandeur springs,
While o'er the land, the school bell rings
Each day with Freedom's song.

—Selected.

"Workers of the World, Unite!"

The effective application of steam to the machinery increased our activity and gave a new impetus to the influx of foreign labor, especially was this noticeable after the European strife during the decades following the year 1830. The new arrivals helped to utilize the new invention of steam locomotion and the factory method of manufacture extended itself to many branches. Success followed, glory came—ours is among the greatest Nations of the earth. In industry too, we rank among the first, while our trade is world wide and wealth fabulous.

But workers, you who made this glory possible, you who have given freely of your brain, sinew and muscle, you, the real creators of all that wealth, don't you realize that you have profited but little by it.

Is it not true that you hark to the clarion call—"Workers of the World Unite." Make common cause you toilers of all Nations gathered under one flag, serving one master ,suffering of the same disease—oppression, for you must seek a common remedy to rid yourself of it.

The late total currency of the United States is about three and a half billions of dollars. The Rockefeller group of capitalists own or control nearly twenty-five billions of dollars' worth of property, or seven times the total currency. When they want to make money "tight" they have only to convert a small part of their holdings into cash, and they [illegible] to pay their debts, or the sheriff will "confiscate" their possessions. Thus the great capitalists can use their power of wealth to get more wealth, returning no equivalent. No "currency reform" can prevent this. The only remedy is Socialism, which will socialize the ownership of industrial property.

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And Adam and Eve then did believe,
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YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

A SNAKE OF A MAN.

Under heading of the words "A Snake of a Man" I have seen a poem about some selfish mean man or boy who poisoned a dog. I do not know who wrote the verses, but "F. B. B." who sent them to me says:

"The intelligence of the dog is wonderful, and most often the most pronounced is the little stray, mongrel.

"A corpse was found in the woods here one day, and then pedestrians remembered a little, thin, starved dog that had paced that path for two or three weeks, whining, barking, howling, begging to lead superior man back in the woods a few steps to his dead friend. Recently a Scotch collie ran home two miles and forced a young man to go with him to the water, where the young man's father had drowned."

The verses are as follows:

Somebody poisoned my dog today,
Though he never did any one ill.
And so he is through with his canine play
And his wagglety tail is still.
No more shall I walk in the fields with him
Along at my side to jog,
And—I don't care if my eyes are dim—
Somebody poisoned my dog.

He was homely, I know, as a dog could be,
And only a mongrel, too:
But I loved him, and he loved me
As people and dogs may do.
Nothing on earth could disturb our trust
Or his love and his faith befog,
And now he lies here in the dust—
Somebody poisoned my dog.

He crawled to my feet and licked my hand,
And then with a gasp he died;
And—though some people can't understand—
I patted his head—and cried.
For it isn't funny to lose a friend
From off of this earthly cog,
And he was loyal until the end—
Somebody poisoned my dog.

I wonder how any one could have done
This poor little fellow harm;
But here he lies—his race is run—
Though his body's still soft and warm.
My life is lived on a peaceful plan.
My pace is a quiet jog,
But—I wish I could find the snake of a man
Who poisoned my little dog.

I regret that I do not know the author of the verses. I would enjoy writing him or her a letter of congratulation and praise. I hope that all the boys and girls who read this will resolve to treat all animals kindly.—R. A. Dague.

OKLAHOMA STATE NOTES

H. M. Sinclair, State. Secy.

NEW LOCALS FOR WEEK.

Total 14 locals with a membership of 106.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Garvin County at Pauls Valley, Saturday, September 26, Comrade R. L. Allen will then start a series of dates and all those wanting his services write to J. H. Layfield, Elmore City.

DEBS AT ALINE ON SEPT. 27TH.

Comrade E. V. Debs will speak at the big encampment at Aline on Sunday, Sept. 27th H. C. Geist, Manager, Aline, Okla.

EXPELLED FROM PARTY.

Local McAlester at its regular meeting September 4th, expelled from the party A. Turner, who had been nominated for District Judge. Charge that he had misappropriated funds belonging to the local, also beating Fred Warrer out of money for a meeting at that place.

RESOLUTIONS OF PROTEST.

The Socialist Committee who had charge of the encampment at Lexington passed resolutions condemning the management of the concessions for allowing improper dances to be held on the ground. And, by the way, they put a stop to it.

E. DUFFY, Chairman Com.
J. M. BISHOP, Secy

The Socialists of Hughes County in Convention at Calvin passed resolutions calling upon the State Secretary of the Socialist party (through the County organization) to call a meeting of all farmers at the County Seats for the purpose of passing resolutions demanding the Government of the United States to loan the farmers money through the Postal department, of $40.00 per bale of cotton when deposited in a ware house, and that the cotton so placed in ware houses be held by the government until it brings 13c per pound.

Let the county organizations go it if they want to. We are for any thing to protect the farmers from the exploitation of the bankers and grafters.

LABOR DAY AT OKLAHOMA CITY.

All three of the nominees for governor, were billed to speak to the labor organizations at Oklahoma City on September 7th. Fields, Republican, was on the program for the first speech, commencing at 1:30 but he hid out and the committee put up Judge Hurt, who was representing Holt first. The Judge threw hot stuff in them so fast that instead of getting his 30 minutes, the chairman, Labor Commissioner Daugherty cut him out of 12 minutes. What Judge did to them in the few minutes allowed him was a plenty. Williams, Democrat, followed and made a complete failure in every respect. He tried to work on the patriotism and hide behind Woodrow Wilson and such bunk, but fell completely down in his endeavor. He further tried to make the laboring men believe that they could support the capitalist interests and the interests of labor at the same time, which all know was a joke. Fields who followed put the finishing touch on Williams who was already down and out but he was very cautions not to mention the Socialist party.

The Socialist gain in Oklahoma a short time since was 300 per cent. Louisiana over 50 per cent.

MOTHER JONES.

There was a movement started recently for the purpose of erecting a statue to Barbara Fritchie. * * * For fifty years—since the loss of her husband and four children, when he ceased to be a private individual—we have had in the United States a woman, now eighty-three years of age, who is "Mother" to the toilers of every state. In summer or winter she has organized and led the mining hordes into the hillside camps to fight for their rights; she has watched by the beds of their wives and children; she has revived hope when degradation had almost killed it, and she has been hunted, beaten, insulted, arrested, jailed and threatened with death. Some day it may occur to somebody to erect a statue to Mother Mary Jones.—Art Young in Metropolitan.

The stage is set. All that is necessary is for you, as an official of

Repellents For Protecting Animals From The Attacks Of Flies

The results of tests with various substances designed to keep flies from annoying cattle, horses, and mules are shortly to be published by the Department of Agriculture. In these tests, the specialists of the department found that there were substances which, if applied to animals, would keep the biting flies, such as the stable fly and horse fly, the bot fly, and the screw worm fly, away from the animal from one to four days. They also tested a number of substances to be used on wounds to prevent the screw worm fly from depositing its eggs and the housefly from interfering with the wound and possibly infecting it.

Various kind of flies tend to injure cattle by weakening them and reducing their milk supply. It is fairly well established that the stable fly does considerable damage, especially in northern Texas, where it was found that they killed stock directly, made cattle more subject to the recurrence of Texas fever, and reduced milk supply, causing a loss estimated at over $25,000 in a single year. The test experiments with dairy cows seem to indicate that the effect of flies on milk is not of great economic importance, although evidence seems to show that animals protected from flies feed better and are generally in better condition. Reduction in milk, some authorities believe, is due as much to the fact that cows do not graze as freely in the hot sun in summer as at other seasons.

In general, the conclusions are that many of the substances, such as pyrethrum powder, comphor, citronella, and sassafras, while temporary repellents, lose their effectiveness very shortly. Ten per cent solution of the liquids in cottonseed oil, therefore, commonly have to be applied daily.

Various oils, emulsions of oils, and mixtures of oils are used in repelling flies. Crude petroleum, cottonseed oil, fish or trail oil, and light coal-tar oil may be used pure.

Jensen (1909) recommends the following formula, which is said to protect cows for a week:

Common laundry soap	1 pound
Water	4 gallons
Crude Petroleum	1 gallon
Powdered naphtalin	4 ounces

Cut the soap in thin shavings and dissolve in water by the aid of heat; dissolve the napthalin in the crude oil, mix the two solutions, put them into an old dasher churn, and mix thoroughly for 15 minutes. The mixture should be applied once or twice a week with a brush. It must be stirred well before being used.

Fish oil is rated as one of the best repellents and has been used alone and in combination with various other substances. Other substances that have repellent qualities and that have been used in various mixtures are pine tar, oil of tar, crude carbolic acid, oil of pennyroyal, and kerosene. The protective action of fish oil is stated to range from less than two days (Parrott, 1900) to six days. Moore's formula is said to protect for two days. This mixture is safe when applied lightly with a brush, but not when applied liberally with a pail spray pump. The formula is as follows:

Fish oil	100 parts
Oil of tar	50 parts
Crude carbolic acid	1 part

Laurel oil is a very effective repellent. Mayer (1911) found that the protection lasted from 2 to 12 days. The oil when used pure has an irritating effect unless it is applied lightly. According to Mayer the irritating effect may be overcome by combining it with linseed oil in the proportion of 1 to 10. In the experiments of the Department of Agriculture, it was found that 10 per cent of the laurel oil in cottonseed oil was active for less than a day.

A number of formulas for repellents for application to wounds have been recommended by various authors.

In experimental tests carried out by the department the following results were obtained:

A 10 per cent mixture of crude acid (21.8 per cent phenols) in cottonseed oil has a very strong repellent action on flies, but this lasts less than a day, in consequence of which it is necessary to apply the mixture every day. The mixture should be applied lightly with a brush, since a heavy application with a spray pump is likely to cause phenol poisoning.

Mixtures consisting of 10, 20, and 50 per cent of pine tar in cottonseed oil have marked repellent qualities. They should be applied lightly and it is necessary to apply them every day. A liberal application of a 10 per cent mixture is deleterious to animals. This is also the case of half-and-half mixture of pine tar and Beaumont oil when applied lightly with a brush.

A mixture of oil of tar (14 per cent phenols, volatile with steam) in cottonseed oil and in Beaumont oil has a very marked repellent action. A 10 per cent mixture of oil of tar in cottonseed oil is safe. A half-and-half mixture of oil of tar and cottonseed oil when applied liberally with a spray pump and 50 per cent oil of tar in Beaumont oil applied with a brush are not safe; 10 per cent oil of tar in Beaumont oil is safe. When applied lightly it is necessary to apply 10 per cent oil of tar in cottonseed oil or 10 per cent oil of tar in Beaumont oil every day.

SOME TRUTHS FROM "TRUTH."

Hard times—a social state of indigestion.

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Shut up or be shot up. Some civilization that!

* * *

Thou shalt not kill. We have an army and navy for that purpose.

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The truth that Rome hates the public school should put a bug in the ear of the people.

* * *

The truth that capitalism loves to see the school in the hands of Rome should give food for thought.

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The slave that thirsts for liberty yet fears and shuns the battle to win it and wearies of the struggle to hold it declares his own unfitness for a fuller and a freer life.

WANTED TO KNOW THE SECRET.

The devil poked his head through the editor's sanctum doorway and announced a tramp outside who said he "ain't had nothin' to eat in six days."

"Fetch 'im in!" shouted the editor. "If we can find out how he did it we can run the paper for another week."—Printing Trade News.

A RIVAL'S COURTESY.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger

"Let me plow this field."

"Thanks."

"I'm canvassing this district for Congress," said the willing worker, after finishing the field. "Do you own this fine farm?'

"Oh no,' replied the other man. "I'm the candidate on the other ticket. The farmer has gone to town, but I assured him the field would be plowed by the time he got back."

Socialist papers are frightened with

HIS LIFE WORK.

From Tattler.

"It's lucky I should meet you, Smith. There's a little bill you owe Timkins, the tailor; he's commissioned me to collect it."

"Has he, old man? Well, I'm glad you've got a permanent job at last."

THE PRESENT EXAGGERATION.

The teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. "Now, boys," said the teacher, "if I stood on my head the blood as you know would run into it."

"Yes, sir," exclaimed all the boys.

"They why," continued the teacher, "does not the blood run to my feet when I am standing?"

"Because your feet ain't empty," shouted one smart youth who evidently was aware that the teacher was a standpatter.

PADEREWSKI'S REPARTEE.

From the Christian Register.

Quickness in repartee has been credited to Paderewski. A gentleman once introduced the pianist to the champion polo player of England and added:

"You are both leaders in your separate profession, though they are, of course, very different."

"Not so very different," quickly responded the great pianist. "My new friend is a dear soul who plays polo, whereas I am a dear Pole who plays solo."

SUSPICIOUS.

Harper—Foozle has a great scheme and he invited me "to get in on the ground floor."

Carper—Don't forget that that is where the trap-doors are.—Town Topics.

If you can not talk and explain

They See It Coming

By Carl D. Thompson.

The beginning of the end is at hand.

The capitalist scouts are every day reporting the rapid approach of Socialism.

Chauncey M. Depew, the famous after dinner orator of the "Grand Old Party" takes a good look at the military maelstrom in Europe, throws up his hands and cries: "This war will mean the greatest impulse for Socialism that history records."

For once, Chauncey's eloquence sounds good to us.

The Springfield Republican, said to be one of the best edited of the capitalist papers of today, makes an analysis of the war situation, considers the attitude of the Socialist on war, and exclaims: "Socialism never looked more attractive than now. It it able to prove beyond any possible controversy the cataclysmic capacity of the existing order for upsetting the civilized world. If Socialism can save mankind from this stupendous catastrophe, from this prodigious backslide into savagery; if Socialism can put an end to war, * * * let us have it, and quickly, too."

And for once we heartily agree with a capitalist paper.

Even the great peace societies are beginning to recognize the part that Socialism and the Socialist movement are playing in the world-wide war upon war. Both the July and the August issues of the American Association for International Conciliation Bulletins are devoted to this subject. The July number is on "War and the Interests of Labor."

Socialism is now being read on the streets in broad daylight.

The Coming Food War

Callao, Peru.—Banks closed. Scarcity of wheat.

Corinto, Nicaragua.—Staples already advanced in price.

Amsterdam.—Holland only two weeks away from famine.

Santos, Brazil.—Banks closed and markets demoralized.

Montevideo, Uruguay.—Export of coal prohibited. Specie payment suspended.

Iquique, Chili.—Factories shutting down. Money scarce. Bank of Italy suspended.

London.—A report that Albania is in a state of anarchy and that Prince William, who ascended the throne only a short time ago, has fled, has been sent to The Daily Mail.

London.—Dutcsh papers have received a telegram from Berlin stating that an important public manifestation took place before the imperial palace on account of the economical crisis. The crowd, according to the dispatch, called for bread and foodstuffs.

To die as a martyr to the cause of peace is surely more noble than to lay down one's life in a modern war of conquest.

... is becoming so respect-

Socialists' Ideas

An apartment house to be built in New York City is to have a large nursery for babies from six months to four years of age; a kindergarten for children from 4 to 6 years, and a school and play-room with swings and other appliances for children from 6 to 10 years of age. There will be trained nurses and teachers to look after the little ones; dieticians to prepare their food and a physician in attendance at all times so the youngsters will have the best possible care and their mothers will have an opportunity for several hours per day to improve their minds. Food for the grown folks, prepared by skilled cooks will be sent to the various apartments by dumb waiter. When the Socialists proposed something of this sort 50 years ago the Dubbs said it would destroy the home. So much more practical to keep the mothers sizzling over a cook-stove while the little ones run the streets, isn't it, Henry?

There are over nine million Socialist voters in the world—nearly a million in the United States alone.

IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED.

"The Socialist party urges the entire working class to learn deeply this one lesson from the Colorado outrages; that capitalism not capitalists, must be overthrown, and that the entire army of the common people of this nation bmust unite politically in one solid phalanx against their common foe. If the plain people persist in their support of the capitalist political parties, Republican, Democratic or Progressive, they will have to suffer the oppression and outrage which the plutocratic masters of these parties plan to perpetuate.

"We, therefore, urge the party membership and the awakened workers to a campaign of agitation and education, against the whole unjust system of capitalism and to stand solidly for an intelligent, constructive, social and political program of the disintegrating and anarchistic forces of a decadent, degenerate, capitalist civilization."

"Won't you please help a poor crippled man?"

"You look healthy enough; how the duce are you crippled?"

"Financially, kind sir."—Philadelphia Ledger.

WISCONSIN MINISTERS CONDEMN KINGS' WAR.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 17.—Lutheran pastors here have adopted resolutions deploring the war in Europe which will be sent to all the Lutheran pastors of the state for approval.

It is rumored that Socialists are marrying white women.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT CONFISCATES.

In Austria the government has confiscated the commodities in storage in the Socialist co-operative stores and warehouses and appropriated them to the use of the nation's army.

AN OPEN LETTER

To Hon. Walter Elder,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd inst. hand. Note what you have to say in regard to your candidacy for re-election to Congress, also have read the speeches you sent with much interest. I trust Mr. Elder, that you will be elected in preference to any Democrat in the district. I fully believe you are better qualified for the position than Judge Wilson. I believe you and Judge Wilson are both men of high ideals and honest intentions. But I know your politics and I further know that the Democratic party does not recognize the real facts of the class struggle now in existence between the capitalist class and the working class. I further see from what appears in your speeches that you have given this important subject very little study. Now I cannot vote the Democratic ticket in the primary or Sept. the 1st, and I will not vote the Democratic ticket at the general election in November, as I have lost faith in the old parties as thousands of others have done. I do not believe that present class arrangement of society which has produced the class struggle should be allowed to continue. I further believe that it is a cowardly act upon the part of any political party to deny that there is a class saruggle while at the same time seeking to protect some particular class by raising or lowering the tariff and thereby imposing an indirect tax upon the masses of people for which they get nothing in return. Now Mr. Elder, as for your work while in Congress I will say, as far as I have investigated I find that you have supported the platform of the Democratic party on which you was elected, and like all other good Democrats you have done your best to patch up the present old class ridden capitalist society and make it look decent. But I much prefer the methods of the great Nazarene teacher, who advised his followers not to patch old clothes with new cloth or put new wine into old bottles. I have learned that when I vote for a man I am simply voting his politics into power. I further know that economics and politics rule this government, regardless of the fact that we have SOME GOOD men in office. To elect men to office with initiating or propagating any real POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC principles by which the present evils of this government can be ABOLISHED is simply to loose the real BENEFIT OF THE BALLOT and place good men in a position to be abused by their enemies and constituants both at the same time. No man is good enough. Big enough, or strong enough of himself to lead his people out from under the oppression of this economic or political enemies without first understanding the means by which the people are oppressed and espousing the principles by which the people are to be set free from oppression. And since the Democrat party does not recognize the present class struggle as it now exists between the capitalist class and the working class and does not even seem to know that we must go to the ballot box soon and change this system of government or drift back to a system of slavery, the worst that man has ever known, old party politics have failed to keep step with our material progress, and the working class will be forced to pass on to the next step in the evolution of society. In the pursuit of life, liberty and the necessaries of life (SOCIALISM) the working class are fast becoming class conscious to the extent that they recognize the class and fully understand to which class they belong, and not the party ticket that offers them relief. What have you to offer a working man for his vote that is in harmony with the Democrat party?

The ECONOMIC FOUNDATION of life demands that the people shall have FREE ACCESS to the natural resources of the EARTH. By what plank in the Democrat platform do you claim to be authorized to support such a demand? Sixty per cent of the farmers of this nation do not own the farms they cultivate. When does your politics authorize you to abolish such conditions? The wealth of this nation is fast drifting into the hands of a few men. And by the power of their wealth they control the two old political parties and oppress the working masses. By what principle in the Democrat platform do you expect to stop this concentration of wealth into fewer and still fewer hands? Mr. Elder, is it not a fact that the two old parties have been in power during the last fifteen years? And is it not a fact that the average cost of living has increased sixty per cent in the last fifteen years while the average wage has increased less than twenty per cent? Where do you find the gall and im-

... ficiaries who reduce the cost of living which has made its greatest advance under their rule? And at a time when the people were crying to them for help? We Socialists are not expecting the old parties to do anything for the working class. We expect all politicial parties to benefit the class that pay their campaign expenses and finance them in general. Therefore we can expect absolutely nothing from the parties that draw their finance from the capitalist class. It naturally follows that such parties are owned by the capitalists class and it is a self evident fact that they own the product of such parties just as they own the product of their land and productive machinery, and for the same reason. The working class own and control the Socialist party and hold its finance in their hands. They also democratically manage its affairs and make its platforms and select its leaders just as they will manage the nation's affairs or the affairs of a state, or a shoe factory or packing house. The greatest issue now to be solved is HOW SHALL THIS NATION SECURE to its wealth producers the right to live on the earth without becoming slaves to the parasites who own most of the wealth of the nation and produce absolutely nothing but starvation and misery for the workers by their legal right to rob them. We Socialists don't want to regulate the trust; bust them up or prosecute them. We want all the people to own them collectively and produce things for use instead of for profit. Democratically managing all industry through the legal functions of a true democratic form of government.

Mr. Elder, I know you are a Democrat, and I am very near sure your father and grandfather were both Democrats and I believe they were good men. But I am writing you this letter to notify you that almost every thing has changed since your grandfather's day except his grandson, and he is getting older every day. Of course I know the blessed old tariff is perhaps as old as your grandfather, but it has changed to suit the whims and schemes of the different groups of the capitalist class. It sits down when the Democrats rule and hops up when the Republicans rule. It is all things to all men just to suit the lords of industry It will act or react on a Democrat or Republican Congress and produce about the same results. But thank God, no Democrat has ever had the gall to offer it as a sure cure for a deformed brain yet.

Now Mr. Elder, I will write you a bit of fresh news and then I will close. The Socialist Party is growing fast in this old world of class struggles. In Oklahoma we have good hopes of electing two or three Congressmen, in the primary election held in Oklahoma a few days ago we gained three hundred per cent all over the state. Louisiana has gained since the last general election of 1912 over fifty per cent. Socialism I am satisfied has gained in your district since you were elected, over fifty per cent. Trusting that this little bit of news will be of some benefit to you in your sad hours of campaign struggles, and that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you, I am your,

N. E. CHATHAM,
Baskin, La
—Southern Light

The movement to "bust" the trusts and to return to the stage of industrial development of 50 years ago is a move of the little business men and does not concern the working class at all, if it was at all practical. The small capitalist class is just as anxious to hire you cheap as the large business man. They are both "agin" the worker.

SOME BOOKS YOU SHOULD READ.

Socialism Exposed by L. A. Lincoln..

This is a dandy and should be read by all Socialists and non-Socialists

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