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The Blacklist in Texas.

The Rebel publishes below a copy of a blacklisting order issued by the assistant superintedent of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, under date of April 26, 1912, at which time the federated shop employees were on a strike on the Harriman lines in Texas. This is a timely document because similar letters are being sent through the mails in Texas and other states today by the officials of these great railway companies.

A document like this seldom falls into the hands of independent men and so far as editors like The Rebel are concerned their appearance are as rare as radium.

Printed as it is on official stationary and containing less than one hundred words it is actually a death warrant for the man against whom it is issued. It means that the man against whom it is directed cannot secure employment at the only trade he knows, at the only place where he can sell his labor—the railroad shops of the United States.

It will be noted by observing readers that this infamous document does not charge the man whom the railroads strikes at as lacking skill; he is not a loafer, a drunkard or a dead beat. Here is the indictment against him: "He worked on a Socialist paper, is a labor leader and agitator, wears glasses when reading and is quite intelligent."

The same indictment was drawn against Christ when his accusers said: "HE STIRRETH UP THE PEOPLE."

And so this Irishman, Fitzsimmons, skilled machinist, with a wife and babies, fought for the shopmen and because he did so he must become a pariah sitting outside the company's gates, denied employment, compelled to tramp, risk arrest for vagrancy, then work on a county road, be lashed by Donk overseers and all because he is "an agitator, wears glasses when reading and is quite intelligent."

Were he an ignoramus; did he vote his master's ticket; did he not know enough to work on a Socialist paper; did he bow his back under the lash; did he scab on his brothers; then against him such a document would never have been issued. But because he urged his brothers to organize and was quite intelligent then he must be made a vagrant of; his home must be broken up; his wife and children must be driven to starvation so says the big officials of the H. & T. C. R. R. C. as this document shows.

Form 2332 Standard 4-11-300000

Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company

OFFICE OF Supt.

In Reply Please Refer To No. 011.221

Ennis, Texas, April 26h, 1912.

In re - Fitzsimmons, Machinist -

KEEP FREIGHT MOVING

Mr. F. E. Franklin,
Foreman, Corsicana.
Mr. W. E. Pittman,
Foreman, Mexia.
Mr. E. W. Chambers,
Foreman, Waco.
Mr. J. H. Jett,
Foreman, Hearne.
Mr. George Russell,
Foreman, Hempstead.

Dear Sir:-

Look out for and do not employ a man named Fitzsimmons, Machinist, formerly with the MK&T at Denison. This man worked on Socialist paper in Chicago, is a labor leader and agitator. He is about 45 years of age, 5' 8 1/2", blue eyes, reddish complexion, wears glasses when reading and quite intelligent.

Yours Truly,

J. F. Pryme,
Asst. Supt.

Is there any law on this matter of blacklisting? There surely is. The Rebel has looked it up and found it in the Revised Criminal Statutes of Texas, 1911. We find it in Chapter 5, Article 1191, which reads:

ARTICLE 1191. PENALTY FOR VIOLATING PRECEDING ARTICLE, EVERY PERSON VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRECEDING ARTICLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE MONTH NOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR. (ART. 1907, P. 143.)

Again the next article provides:

ARTICLE 1192. PROSECUTIONS UNDER, WHAT IS PRIMA FACIE PROOF— IN PROSECUTIONS FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS LAW, EVIDENCE THAT ANY PERSON HAS ACTED AS THE AGENT OF A CORPORAION IN THE TRANSACTION OF ITS BUSINESS IN THIS STATE SHALL BE RECEIVED AS PRIMA FACIE PROOF THAT HIS ACT IN THE NAME, BEHALF OR INTEREST OF THE CORPORATION, OF WHICH HE WAS ACTING AS THE AGENT, WAS THE ACT OF THE CORPORATION. (Id. P. 143.)

The question now arises, what shall the authorities do in the matter now that it is brought to their attention in this public manner? It will be claimed by the attorneys for the railroads that they who are responsible for this violation of the blacklisting law of Texas are immune from the lash of the law and will go unwhipped of justice because the statute of limitation applies in this case, said statute being two years in misdemeanor cases. These gentlemen are decidedly wrong because this is a filed document in continuous operation and therefore the offense is continuous.

Now that the campaign is at its height and Mr. Ball, the great railway attorney, and the firm friend of the great legal firm of Baker, Parker, Botts and Garwood of Houston, the general attorneys for the H. & T. C., is making the fight of his life for governor of the state, The Rebel would like to know if he is in sympathy with letters of blacklist such as published above. This letter will be called to his attention and he will have more than three weeks to declare himself. If he should take the part of Fitzsimmons and make as big an issue of the blacklist as he does of the question of Mr. Ferguson's rent houses or Mr. Ferguson's alleged denunciation of cigarette smoking boys then The Rebel will believe that there is some small class to Tom Ball. If, however, he remains silent, although we shall see that this blacklist matter is placed under his nose then every decent working man in Texas, who is apprised of the fact, should proceed to eliminate Tom Ball forever. The Rebel will also see that Mr. Ferguson shall also receive a copy of this letter and we shall anxiously watch whether Mr. Ferguson's banking, brewery and similar connections shall keep him silent. In any event, going up and down the state, like an inspired apostle of olden times, E. R. Meitzen, the Socialist candidate for governor, shall declare himself with no uncertain sound, in fact he shall call for the jailing of those responsible for this blacklist.

The railroad orders will not doubt take this matter up and help the Socialist party to fight until the blacklist is wiped out forever.

Governor's Race

There is a slight improvement in the addresses of Ball and Ferguson within the pats week. Until this week both men had sunk to such a low level of mudslinging that every Donk in Texas that had a clean spirit and a mite of intelligence was ready to quit both of them, forever. They had gotten tired of the cry about Ferguson's attack on the cigarette smoking boys 5 years ago and they were equally tired of the attack on Ball's alleged whiskey and poker playing record. What made the Donk's position worse was the fact that it is being so well pointed out by the Socialist candidate, Ernest Meitzen, at all his great meetings, viz., that it was not until 8 months ago, when he faced Gov. Colquitt in the capitol with a petition containing 50,000 names petitioning for a tax upon land held out of cultivation to its full rental value that the Donks woke up to the significance of the land question and the great fact that it was the paramount issue in this state.

The arguments between the Ball and Ferguson forces this week runs something like this: That J. E. Ferguson was one of the incorporators of the Texas Light and Powers Company, which is financed by the money trusts of New York and Boston and is the Texas branch of the electrical trust of the United States, which is the seond largest trust in the world. The second smash at Ferguson goes this way: That he is a notorious usurer and violates the usury law by charging from 40 to 80 per cent. interest and that accordingly the usury law as applied to land rents is a howling joke.

The Ferguson men came back like this: That Ball's land plank is a howling farce because, says Ferguson, "If you divide one million dollars each year between 220,000 tenants in Texas they will get $5 each." "If you lend them $1000 each it will take 220 years for all the tenants to get their share of the million dollars of the school funds, which would take care of but 1000 tenants a year and for the next 30 years there will be only 30,000 tenants that could be supplied. As the number of tenants is increasing at the rate of 3000 tenants a year at the end of 30 years we would still have 60,000 more tenants than we have now."

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From the above it can be seen that The Rebel's oft repeated position covering a period of 3 years has at last been realized, that is that the land issue had in the near future to become the paramount issue in this state. We are glad that we have been able to throw, bridle, saddle and lash the Donk into taking up this great question. We are glad that we are so far ahead of them in our advocacy of the land question that even the most hide-bound up holder of the Donk admits the value of the Socialist work. We are sorry, however, that the Donk politicians are so low in the scale of human intelligence that they cannot handle the subject in a better way than they are doing. A bull in a china shop is an intelligent being alongside them. They are boasting that they have stolen the Socialist thunder but the poor fools do not know that the lightning hovers over them. However, we can rejoice in the fact that from now until the question is settled and settled right the land issue is the paramount issue of Texas.

Acordingly it is not strange that the men at the grass roots and the forks of the creek and the cities are thronging to the Soialist meetings and particularly those meetings where the Socialist candidate for governor addresses the multitude and showing with invincible logic why land palliatives, such as proposed by Ferguson and Ball should be discarded and the Socialist position be accepted, the position which is: That use and occupany shall be the title to land and that all lands held out of use for purposes of exploitation or specuation shall be taxed to its full rental value.

So the man carrying the Socialist flag takes the middle of the road while the donkeys bearing Ferguson and Ball are in the ditch

To Be Dissolved.

Last Saturday Attorney General Looney institutede suit against the Texas Business Men's Association with headquarters at Fort Worth to put that organization out of business demanding its complete dissolution. The state obtained a temporary injunction against the officers and 95 individuals and corporations who are named as defendants enjoining and restraining these defendants from "paying or promising to pay, directly or indirectly, any sum of money, or anything of value out of the funds, property or assets of said respective corporations to the Texas Business Men's Association or any of its officers or agents unti further hearing therein."

The restraining order was issued and it is alleged that the purpose of this association was to repeal or amend the Hogg stock and bond law, the Robertson insurance law and corporation or tax laws and laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors; the law against trusts and the full crew bill and to prevent the adoption of the constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in Texas.

The suit goes on to show the connection between President Lewis of the Farmers' Union, ex-president Radford of the Farmers' Union and now a member of the Texas Welfare Commission and the Commercial Secretaries which is made up of the great railroad corporations and other corporations of the state. While The Rebel is pleased to note that the Attorney General has taken this step believing that if properly carried out it will expose the labor fakers that have brought the Farmers Union to the verge of disbandment, still we would like to know why it is that Looney did not include in his petition the names of the Frisco Railroad system or the Kirby Lumber Company both of which were contributors and were the real organizers of the Commercial Secretaries, that Kirby made the race for the legislature two years ago in order to assist in putting through all the railroad consolidation bills and at the same time help the corporations to kill the full crew bill with their tools of the Farmers' Union, Radford and Lewis.

That this step would be taken was known to The Rebel for sometime; it was inevitable. In no state in the union were such raw deals put over on the people as the Commercial Secretaries have been seeking to put across since they were organized. Such coarse work is only possible in a one party state such as Texas. The moral of it all is: Keep out of the Democratic primaries, build up an opposition party such as is the the Socialist party, withdraw from the wreck of the Farmers' Union, which is now gone beyond recall, join the Renters' Union in tens of thousands and thus take the play out of the hands of the deceivers.

The Rebel will have a great deal more to say on this important matter in our next issue. Up with the Renters' Union.

W. J. Burns, the sensational detective, was ousted from the International Association of Chiefs of Police in session at Grand Rapids, Mich., last week. The chiefs also passed a motion that if Burns or any other private detective carries a star bearing the insignia of the order he shall be promptly prosecuted as a fraud. A nationwide sentiment is arising demanding that the private detectives must go. The Rebel knows from personal experiences and has repeatedly proved that these fellows are inciters of crime and will stop at nothing, not even murder, to gain the end that their employers desire.

The Socialists of Dallas, as will be seen in another column, are preparing for a battle with the Donks, who control that town. The Editor of The Rebel and Socialist locals of Dallas fought the Donks of Dallas to a fare-you-well and won ten yeras ago. History will repeat itself.

Texas Notes.

T. A. Hickey, Secretary, Hallettsville.

ENCAMPMENTS.

Encampments dates for Texas so far are as follows:

New Castle, Young County, three days, July 2, 3 and 4.

San Angelo, Tom Green county, three days, 9, 10 and 11.

Gouldbusk, Coleman county, three days, July 13, 14 and 15.

Ben Wheeler, Van Zandt county, July 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Ezzell, Lavaca county, July 16, 17 and 18.

Paint Rock, Concho county, July 16, 17 and 18.

Dunn, Scurry County, July 20, 21 and 22.

Gustine, Comanche county, July 23, 24 and 25.

Goldthwaite, Mills county, July 26, 27 and 28.

Glen Cove, Coleman county, July 29, 30, 31 and August 1.

Grand Saline, Van Zandt county, August 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Kennard, Houston county, August 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Burkett, Coleman county, August 2, 3 and 4.

Ralls, Crosby county, August 5, 6 and 7.

Wood Lake, Grayson county, August 6, 7 and 8.

Plainview, Hale county, August 8, 9 and 10.

McLean, Gray county, August 11, 12 and 13.

Wheeler, Wheeler county, August 14, 15 and 16.

Paducah, Cottle county, August 17, 18 and 19.

Tolbert, Wilbarger county, Aug. 20, 21 and 22.

Woodson, Throckmorton county, August 23, 24 and 25.

O'Brien, Haskell county, August 26, 27 and 28.

Whitesboro, Grayson county, August 29, 30 and 31.

As To Dues.

Two weeks ago I stated in these columns that dues to county secretaries were now 10c. It seems as if some members got the impression that dues had been reduced from the former rate, which is not the case. The new constitution, which, by the way should be read by every member of the party, says that dues shall be divided as follows: National 5c, state 5c, and county organizations 5c, making 15c per male member per month. Ladies pay only 5c national dues and besides there is now issued a double, or man and wife stamp for 15c per month for both.

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We have printed a good supply of cards 11x14 inches, giving the pictures of our nominees for governor and lieutenant governor with suitable wording. Just the thing for posting up or putting in show windows. Will send these cards postpaid at following prices:
2 to 10 cards at 4 cents each.
10 to 25 cards at 3 cents each.
Over 25 cards at 2 cents each.
Send all orders to T. A. Hickey, State Sec., S. P., Hallettsville, Tex.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The gubernatorial candidates will fill appointments between New Castle in Young County and San Angelo in Tom Green County on July 6, 7 and 8 as follows: Longworth, July 6; Sweetwater, July 7; Brownwood, July 8.

The recent referendum vote on National Committeemen resulted in the election of Comrade W. J. Bell of Tyler, Smith Co. A tabulated report of the votes cast will be sent out to the membership in the near future.

The platform presented by the committee on platforms to the membership has been adopted almost unanimously.

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From Comrade Meitzen.

En Route, June 23.

Have arranged with the Sipe Springs committee to speak at a big three day picnic (Democratic) at Sipe Springs afternoon of June 25th. They pay my fare and $3 wages, and agree to take me immediately after my speech to Mangum in an auto (20 miles) in time for my night speech there.

Made a hit at DeLeon Saturday, spoke on street to big crowd, lots of them Donks—Ball meeting in city hall at same time had audience of 14 persons by actual count. Organized Socialist local with 10 charter members at Arbor Springs and one with 15 members at Indian Mountain.

E. R. Meitzen.

Leon County.

The county mass meeting which was called for the 4th Saturday in June has been changed to the 2nd Saturday in July (11th). All comrades of Leon Co. are invited to attend.

L. L. Baugh, Sec. Marquez local.

Jones County.

Hamlin Texas, June 22.

Dear Comrade Hickey:

The following are the Socialist nominees for Jones county:

Legislature, 103rd Dist:—W. H. Prichard.

County Judge—A. R. Davis.

Co. Clerk:—C. F. Powell.

Tax Collector:—H. D. Pardue.

Treasurer:—J. R. Echols.

Supt. Public Instruction:—Mrs. C. F. Powell.

Sheriff:—John Eason.

Commissioner Prect. 5:—H. S. Smith.

Justice Prect 5:—W. T. Green.

Cotton Weigher, Prect. 5:—Charley Young.

Comrade Dora Merts made two speeches in Hamlin, June 17 and 18 and one in Neinda on the night of the 18th; the crowds were good sized and very attentive, and much good was done by her lectures here.

H. S. Smith, Co. Sec. S. P.

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List of Available Speakers.

F. Schmidt, either German or Bohemian lecturer. Phone 6818, or 1509 Preston Ave. Houston.
Dan C. Crider, Marble Falls, Texas.
P. G. Zimmerman, Marlow, Ok.
W. T. Flowers, Tolbert, Texas.
Dr. J. A. Presley, Alvord, Tex.
G. A. Lambreth, Ira, Texas.
J. A. Freeland Reese, Texas.
J. W. Brice, Jr., Cameron, Tex.
Wm. Curd, Sulphur, La.
J. W. Pyburn, Birome, Texas.
O. G. Clopton, McDade, Tex.

PRICES ON PLATFORM LEAFLETS.

The state office has on hand a big supply of Platform Leaflets which is good campaign literature. These leaflets are 4 pages in size, 11x15 inches each, and give the Texas Socialist 1914 platform; the letter of acceptance of E. R. Meitzen, our nominee for governor; the state ticket, with pictures of E. R. Meitzen and W. S. Noble, nominees for governor and lieutenant governor and a biographical sketch of each. Also they have room on them where you can print your county ticket. We will deliver these leaflets to your address by parcels post at the following prices:
150 of the Platform Leaflets for..$1.25
250 of the Platform Leaflets for..$2.00
500 of the Platform Leaflets for..$3.50
1000 of the Platform Leaflets for..$5.50
Your county ticket printed on not less than 1000 for $1 extra and 50c for each additional 1000.
Send order to
T. A. HICKEY,
State Secretary Socialist Party,
Hallettsville, Texas.

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We have a few applications for encampments in South and East Texas but want more to be able to, at least, pay railroad fare of the speakers. So comrades from this part of the state are especially asked to send in their applications for encampments. But no matter where you live try to work up an encampment as we want to make 1914 a record breaker.

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The Constitution.

The new state constitutions are now ready and since the changes are so numerous and important, every wide-awake member should have one and study it carefully. The various secretaries, local, county or district, cannot do their work properly and in harmony with one another unless they have done this. Send 5 cents for one, 10 cents for three, or three cents each for larger quantities

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Literature Bargains

"War, What For," by George R. Kirkpatrick, 380 pages; the great anti-war book, formerly $1, now 30 cts., paper cover. E. V. Debs says: "It is an immortal achievement."

"What Is So and What Isn't," John M. Work, 160 pages. A clear concise refutation of the objetions to Socialism. 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents.

Platform Text Book, former price 25c, now 20c, postpaid.

Men and Mules, Bees and Butterflies, and other Ries books at 10c each, 3 for 25 cents.

"No Compromise, No Political Trading," by William Liebknecht, 64 pages. A powerful argument why Socialists should not swerve from the straight and narrow path. 10 cents each or 3 for 20 cts.

"Socialism Made Easy," by James Connolly, 61 pages. A simple easily understood expanation of what Socialism stands for. 10 cts., each, 3 for 20 cts.

"Socialism, What It Is and How to Get It," Ameringer's great little pamphlet: a 10c booklet. Till they are sold, at 5c straight, express or postpaid.

"Danger Ahead," by Debs and Chas. Edward Russell. All Socialist should read this 5c booklet now going at 3c a copy.

Quite a few other 10c booklets on hand which go at regular prices. Help us and help yourselves and others to more knowledge by sending for literature.

Address all orders to

T. A. Hickey, State Sec.
Hallettsville, Texas.

30,000 PARTY MEMBERS BY OCTOBER 1, 1914.

At the suggestion of E. R. Meitzen, nominee for governor who recently began touring the state, local Hallettsville has initiated a referendum providing for a "voluntary membership" that is another great maneuver in the tremendous campaign being waged for Socialism in Texas this year.

It will result in not less than 10,000 "regular" and 20,000 "volunteer" red card members by October 1, 1914.

Some far-reaching steps have been taken in the past few months to smoke the Donks out of the state capitol. Among these were, of course, the Lend Petition, the congressional organization plan and the Encampment Quartette and Governor's Tour, with the Campaign Speakers' Bureau, the Socialist Gospel Tent and Fair Election plans and other big things on the way.

But, somehow, this move of getting the vast body of unaffiliated Socialists into closer touch with the party—a problem that we always have with us, in every state in the nation will, it seems, put the capstone on all the great structures of agitation and organization now being reared in this state. It will, if adopted, help beyond estimate in starting the landslide to Socialism "HERE AND NOW."

Comrade Meitzen makes the suggestion for a volunteer membership only after a close investigation at first hand and after consulting with experienced Socialists in all parts of the state all of whom were agreed that something must be done to properly line up the vast army of unorganized comrades, especially the new converts that are now flocking to our banners by the thousands, but who understand ittle of organization tactics. The general idea is to make such comrades "First Degree" members, so to speak, until such a time when they have learned the necessity of and are in full accord with the dues paying idea and will then progress into the regular organization. In any case they will no longer hold aloof and let a few thousand red card members do all the work of organization.

The proposed referendum follows:

Motion for State Referendum Adopted at a Regular Session of Local Hallettsville No. 93, Socialist Party, June 21, 1914.

Whereas, according to estimate of State Secretary there are no less than 45,000 Socialist voters in Texas not connected with the party organization; there being about 5,000 regular party members, and

Whereas, never has such an opportunity existed to poll a staggering vote for Socialism in Texas this fall, if only some means can be devised to immediately bring these 45,000 unaffiliated comrades in closer co operation with the regular organization, therefore be it

Resolved, That we ask the membership to forthwith second the following proposed new article to the state constitution:

ART. 13. Volunteer Membership.

Sec. 1. Local or county organizations may admit persons in accord with party principles as "Volunteer Members" who shall each pay a fee of 10 cents for expenses of enrollment, but who shall not be required to pay further fees or dues, except such sums as they may voluntarily contribute.

Sec. 2. Such volunteer members shall be subject to all provisions of this constitution except as herein otherwise provided, and shall sign appliation cards and be issued membership cards the same as other members except that such cards shall be marked "Volunteer Members."

Sec. 3. They shall be permitted to vote in all local or county meetings, but they shall not vote in district, state or national meetings conventions or referendums, or be counted in the forming of such referendums.

Sec. 4. They may serve as voting precinct's chairman, where no dues paying members are available; also as ballot box watchers and as members of local or county sub-committees; but shall hold no other party office.

Sec. 5. They may become dues paying members by simply making application in writing to the secretary to place them on the regular membership roll and paying one month's dues in advance.

Sec. 6. Volunteer members may be nominated for precinct or county political offices after one year's membership, but shall become dues paying members before being legally nominated.

Sec. 7. Regular members suspended for the non-payment of dues may be issued volunteer membership cards and can be re-admitted to regular membership after paying all arrearages not to exceed three months' dues.

Sec. 8. The names of all volunteer members admitted or dropped during the previous month shall be included in the monthly reports made by local secretaries to the secretary to whom they are required to make report.

Sec. 9. The enrollment fee of ten cents and any further contributions secured from volunteer members shall be divided equally between local and county, but if the county is not organized, otherwise to the state and county organizations shall retain all moneys obtained from volunteer members-at-large within such county. Uniform special stamps in various denominations covering contributions from volunteer members shall be issued to locals by either the county or district or state organizations, depending upon jurisdiction, at a price equal to one-half the face value of such stamps. Such special stamps shall be at once designed and furnished by the state office at cost of printing same.

Fraternally submitted,

A. C. Meitzen,
Secretary Loal, 93, Socialist Party.

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To T. A. Hickey, State Sec.,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—We the undersigned members of the Socialist party, in good standing, hereby second the referendum submitted by Hallettsville local providing for a volunteer local and county membership.

Signed ....

Signed ....

Houston County.

Kennard, June 22.

The Socialists of Houston county intend to pull off the biggest thing that has ever happened in this county, by having an encampment at Kennard the first five days in August, the 1st to 5th. We expect to have an intellectual feast. Will have national, state and local speakers. $50 will be paid to Tom Ball, Jim Ferguson or their representative to meet our speakers here one day. If Socialism is wrong we want to know it. If any further particulars are wanted write to W. F. Melton.

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War, What For?

The great work, "War, What For?" can be secured from this office for 25 cents and 5 cents for postage; 30 cents will give you the greatest book on the subject that has been published within the past ten years.

THE "STAY OUT OF THE PRIMARY" EDITION.

When the Terrel Election Law was framed the landlords and industrial capitalists of Texas put over on the masses of the people one of the most unjust measures that is possessed by any state in the union. They provided that the party that had a hundred thousand or more votes should be in a class by itself, holding its own primaries, several months prior to election and they have so interpreted the law that the man who enters that primary must be bound by his honor not to support any other political party at the election held the following November. Should a man change his mind or get his eyes opened to the falsity of the Democratic party he is supposed to be disfranchised at the general election for the reasos that he voted in the Democrati primaries in July. It follows, therefore, that we who belong to the Socialist party must strain every nerve to reach the greatest number of people between now and the 25th of July to the end that they do not vote in the primraies. Every Socialist and sympathizer knows that there is but one paper in Texas that can accomplish this work and that paper is The Rebel. Should we be enabled to get out 100,000 copies over the state, containing our platform, declaration of principles and our position on the land question, we will be then in a position to keep many thousands out of the Democratic primaries, with the result that we will have an immensely increased vote next November. The best writers in the South will contribute to our July 18th issue, our "Stay Out of the Primary" issue. Help us to get out the hundred thousand, at least. From ten copies to 10,000 a half a cent eah.

If you get within 50 miles of the Meitzen meeting and you have to walk all the distance to get there, you will be well repaid for your task, because Meitzen is the people's candidate for governor and the record shows there are no others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Glen Cove, Tex., June 22, 1914.
The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrades:—

I herewith had you Money order for $1.35 for which you will send The Rebel to the five names below. We had an abundance of rain here. Am greatly behind with my crops and am very busy; but picked up the subs Saturday eve while waiting at the postoffice for my mail. On with the fight.

Yours until the fight is over,
J. W. Stone.

Paint Rock, Tex., June 21, 1914.
Dear Comrade Hickey:—

Since our organization we have added seventeen new members to our local and will get 10 or 12 more at our next meeting. We now have twenty-nine members in Paint Rock Local No. 2122.

I am enclosing you money order for $2.55 for which send me due stamps and red cards for the seventeen new members.

I wish you would place my name on your subscription liist for The Rebel. Will send you sub price when I write again. I have been selected and elected as county organizer and will enter the field regularly commencing Thursday June 25 and expect to organize several locals in the county as soon as I can get to them. We are getting the Socialists of Concho county in line and expect to have a great revival at our encampment. They are becoming very much interested and enthused. We are going to make a great showing in the November election.

Our encampment will be held on the beautiful and scenic river of the Concho, about three-fourths of a mile from our courthouse. We have asked and made application for reduced rates on the railroads from Brownwood to Sterling City and from Ballinger, Abilene and Menard and all intermediate points. We expect to advertise it thoroughly and look for a large attendance during the three days.

Fraternally your comrade,
W. B. Turner,
Secretary and Organizer.

Palacios, Tex., June 22, 1914.
Dear Comrade Hickey:—

Enclosed find $1.10: 25 cents for one sub card, 25 cents for Rebels that I received to distribute this month, 10 cents to pay for one issue of The Rebel to be sent to the ten names and addresses on separate sheet. Please send issue No. 153, June 20, to ten names, 50 cents for bundle of Rebels to distribute the Fourth of July. There is to be a big barbecue at Palacios on the Fourth. My local has appointed me as literature distributor in the future. The local will pay for the literature I receive.

I approve of Comrade H. A. Stephens' of Cushing, Texas, plan to circualte a big issue of The Rebel, before the July primaries, with our platform in it. I will order 150 of that issue. Boost up the proposition, the platform is what we want before the people.

Yours respectfully,
B. F. Ezzell.

Houston, Tex., June 21, 1914.
Dear Sir:—

Enclosed is 25 cents in stamps and send 50 of your July primary issues to that many people. I enclose a few names which I know. It would only injure me and do you no good for me to sign my name because my husband and sons would lose their positions were it known their wife and mother believed in Socialism. And you can believe me when I say that there are thousands of other women who are in the same position and men too. It means starvation and blacklisting were they to come out openly.

Mineral Wells, Tex., Rt. 1, box 66.
June 21, 1914.

Dear Comrades:—

I want The Rebel. I would not let the sub expire only on acount of poverty. Please put my name on for three months. I wil ltry to keep it going. Comrade Winder tried to get a club but failed. When I read a paper I always give it to my neighbor.

Yours for the revolution,
S. R. Wynne.

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Estelline, Texas, June 22, 1914.
Editor The Rebel:—

We have here in Hall county quite a lot of sympathizers but it seems impossible to enlist them. I have given out quite a lot of our literature which they seem to enjoy reading.

I would like to have you send Comrade J. E. McCullom, the Socialist platform so he can understand the land division problem.

I would like to ask how many of the readers have had any experience with the United States Army. I can't see any good in it and the way some of the soldiers are treated is a shame. First the government puts out signs to be posted up with this encouragement: 'Join the army and see the world and from what I can find out they are sent to some recruiting barracks and then sent away to some island to serve three years and never see anything but hardships, there is sentry duty, then guards and then comes the kitchen police and many others, cutting grass on the officers' lawn and all work of that nature is done by the soldiers, who is promised a chance to go higher when he first enlists. But not three out of ten ever have a chance to advance any higher than a private. And then they wonder why there are so many deserters. If all this wouldn't cause a man to risk getting away I don't know what would.

I recall an incident that took place in two of our home forts; one at Fort Bliss and the other at Fort Sam Houston. There were three boys tried and convicted on the charges of desertion and were sentenced to two and one-half years and as they were only absent twenty-four hours and there were two more men tried in Fort Sam Houston who were absent somewhere close to three years and one of them got acquitted and the other got six months confinement and a small fine. Is there justice in this; is it treating men right? I can't see itthat way and don't think there are many of you that can.

What I have written is the truth and comes from an ex-soldier.

Yours for Socialism,
J. M. Minyard.

Mineola, Texas, May 25, 1914.
Dear Comrade Hickey:—

Please find enclosed two sub cards; one is a new one and a Democrat. I want you to convert him before the election. I think your paper will do the work O. K. Well The Rebel is getting better all the time so let the good work go on.

Your friend in the cause,
R.A. Trim.

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THE S. A. EXPLOSION.

This is some of my experience as a locomotive fireman, as I served 14 years on the main line of the Southern Pacific, between Lafayette and Sanderson. I was discharged for incompetency but the real reason was I was an A. P. A. and fought the Catholic church which is a tool in the hands of the money power. In regard to that boiler explosion at San Antonio, two years back will say: As I was about to enter a hotel with a can of milk an old acquaintance said: "Hello, Bob, are you here. I am glad to see you." Well Murphy and myself talked a while and it came up about the boiler explosion. Murphy told me that the facts had never come out about the explosion as a confidential friend of his was at San Antonio at the time and when they found the dome cap, the safety valve or pop was in its place and had been screwed down till it would hold over 1200 pounds, the tube or syphon that led to the steam guage probably was partly stopped up and prevented the guage from getting the steam pressure and I suppose he kept on screwing down thinking he had no pressure till the explosion took place.

Bob F.

SOCIALIST PROTEST MEETING.

Dallas, Tex., June 28.—The Socialists will hold a protest meeting at Stone and Elm streets at 8 o'clock tomorrow night; we propose to hold a similar protest meeting at that place each night this week, and according to a pledge made today, the 100 Socialist candidates for office in this district will go to jail, refuse to pay a fine and hold protest meetings in their cells if they are arrested.

The protest meetings are according to announcement, provoked by the recent city ordinance of the city administration that no collections or the sale of literature be allowed at street crossings in Dallas.

Ben H. Williams congressional chairman said: "every nominee of the Socialist party, from congressman to constable, is pledged to make short speeches at the protest meetings, offer some literature for sale and then ask for a collection for campaign purposes in this congressional district, and should the municipal administration decide to attempt to enforce this ordinance by arresting these speakers each and every one of them will go to jail and refuse to pay a fine if one should be assessed against them.

ANOTHER JASSACK PREACHER.

Smiley, Tex., June 26, 1914.
Editor The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—

I want to tell you about a little preacher that runs a little paper in the wideawake and growing little town of Smiley, Texas. The reason that I have for saying that he is little is from the fact that he will publish some of the most idiotic and insane articles that could be imagined by any mind this side of Austin or San Antonio asylums and then won't allow the other fellow the right of reply through his little sheet. Now Comrade, I am going to send you one of his crazy articles exactly as it appears in his paper. Here it is!

"England is confronting a serious matter in the suffragette question. The militant women are becoming more and more aggressive and defiant and life and property are unsafe. The fact is that England has been far too lenient in this matter. It was no doubt difficult to believe that women would so far take advantage of their sex as to carry their conduct to such extremes. It is not popular to advocate cold lead for persistent women criminals but that is better than law defiance and anarchy."

Good God, what do you think of such as that coming from the pen of a preacher? The word militant as defined by Webster means to oppose, to contradict. I can't find the word militant in the little volume that I have, but I think it means about the same. We will suppose that it does, what is these women opposing? Nothing but the age long slavery that has been piled on them by men. Women are not fools although they are enslaved. They know that this is the 20th century; they know that they are subject to the same laws and conditions of life that men are and they know that they should have a voice in making the laws that they have to live under. What is more, women ought to know and they certainly do and if they don't all intelligent men know that the noblest part of God's handiwork was when he cretaed that beautiful woman, that first led men to knowledge and elevated him and brought him up to an equal standing with herself when a man was so ignorant that he was going around over the country like a muley steer and didn't know that he had no clothes on. And what does she get for her kindness to the man? Through man's physical force, he being the stronger vessel, she gets to stay at home pretty close and raise all the kids that she can and keep up the home; but poor thing, according to some men's theory she hasn't got sense enough to vote and I don't expect that George W. Coltran is any exception to that rule. He says that life and property are unsafe. I wonder why? Can't the crowned heads of England and other strong men over there take care of a few weaklings? If the English parliament will meet and give them equal suffrage all this trouble will stop (I don't say this beause I care about dictating to Johnny Bull). Brother Coltran says that England has been far to lenient in this matter. Goodness gracious, I wonder where he gets that? If the Associated press hasn't lied worse than Billy Sunday has, their leaders have been clubbed and jailed many times. That is some leniency. He says that it was difficult to believe that women would take advantage of their sex and so on. If he, the Smiley editor, would use his head for something else besides a hat rack he would see that men had taken the advantage of women in every age of the world. Right here is the hardest thing that I have ever seen on paper. Listen: "It is not popular to advocate cold lead for persistent women criminals but that is better that law defiance and anarchy." Mine Got, and him a preacher. He pretends to be a follower of the meek and lowly carpenter that taught the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man 1900 years ago.

Now gentle reader, understand me, I say that this man Coltran pretends to follow the prince of peace and the first peace maker that the world ever knew; the man that said: Come to me ye weak and heavy laden and I will give you rest;" the man that said; "ye shall know the truth and truth shall make you free;" that man that entered the temple of the [illegible]lenders in the city of Jerusalem [illegible]d over turned their tables [illegible] them out of business: [illegible] that common people fol[illegible] the mountains, on the [illegible]d everywhere he went; the man that preached the truth to the working, suffering world and was killed by the ruling class because he did; the man that said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

But ladies and gentlemen here comes the rub. How is it that any man can be a follower of the man above mentioned and advocate the pumping of cold lead into poor troubled women that have committed no crime, is beyond my figuring faculties. But there is one thing that I do say and I challenge him to refute it and that is that there isn't an infidel, agnostic, spiritualist, Socialist or free thinker of any kind tht would advocate such measures. However, this is not written with any spirit of animosity. Brother Coltran is a good man in a way but he does not weigh much, but I fear that as I said before that he has used his head for a hat rack so long and has gone on in his wickedness until there is no redemption for him. But I will be like the great and immortal Ingersoll when he said he hoped for all the sons of men. I will hope for Brother Coltran and when the good women over the country reads this article, I hope they will forgive him on the grounds that he knows not what he does.

Submitted by
S. D. Lee.

FEARS THE TRUTH.

Austin, Tex., June 27, 1914.
Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—

Your last Saturday's issue of The Rebel just played the wild with me. I happened to be the only man who worked at the Austin insane asylum and that was a subscriber to The Rebel and I have been an employee here for two and one-half years and have made good and can prove it by all the other physicians here. Have been a shoemaker for over a year. My paper came last Saturday while I was off duty and got in circulation and the doctors all read it and I never got the paper myself till Tuesday eve, and Monday morning, Dr. Preston, the superintendent called me up at the office and talked so unkind to me I had to give in my time. He said that he did not want anyone there that read such trash and demanded me to bring that paper to the office at once that he did not want the patients and employees reading those lies that was published on him. So I thought if I couldn't be a free man and read any kind of newspapers that I pleased and work there I'd quit for I couldn't hold my head up and stay there, so I'd like for you to change my paper from Austin to Henley, Texas.

Respectfully yours,
J. B. Nichols.

P. S.— What I tell you in this letter I can prove by 25 or 30 attendants here.

J. B. N.

HERE IS WHERE WE ALL AGREE?

To The Rebel: —

I take no interest in politics and so take no interest in the making of the laws which govern myself, my family and my country. Besides politics are so awful dirty—too dirty for my wife and daughter to have anything to do with, (about right for a buck negro) but all right for my women to live under. Wonder if us lords of creation did not make them dirty? I loan money at ten per cent, but charge thirty per cent of all crops grown on my land, because it is customary.

Prohibition has been the only live issue in state politics for the past ten years, and perhaps if we had statewide, it would put an end to all the troubles which so sorely beset us.

The earth was created in order that one-half of the people may charge the other one-half thirty per cent of their annual earnings in order to stay here. I feel sure no one will dispute my position, as it is very popular with a majority of our preachers, priests and parasites.

M. D.Brand,
Glen Rose, Texas.

Texas stands 38th in education among the states. If Ball or Ferguson are elected, Texas will soon be 39th because tenantry is bound to increase no matter which of thes gentlemen are elected.

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All the after election sub cards to the The Rebel are now good for forty weeks.

From the advanced orders received it looks as if there will be at least 100,000 of the "Stay out of Primary" Edition printed Rush your orders in now.

DEBS IN DULUTH.

Eugene V. Debs, who has been the Socialist candidate for president of the United States in four successive campaigns, spoke to a packed house in the auditorium, in Duluth last Monday night.

In spite of his 58 years, more than 30 of whih have been spent on the firing line i nthe great war of the working class for industrial justice—an experience which might be expected to break even the strongest of men—it was no tottering, senile and decrepit wreck of manhood that confronted the great audience and smiled his acknowledgment of their thunderous welcome.

He stood erect [illegible] brant with youthful vigor, and his kindly eyes flamed with the light that never shone on land or sea, except when it is reflected from the soul of a man inspired by a great ideal and moved by the restless impetus of a great purpose in which all humanity is concerned.

It was the old time Debs, only a bigger, greater Debs than ever before, with a bigger, greater message than ever before, and with all his old time brilliance and power, he rained a continuous succession of sledgehammer blows upon the minds and hearts of his audience, driving home the gospel of economic justice with a force that was irresistible.

For two solid hours, the densely packed throng of humanity listened with tense interest, maintaining profound quiet, except when—as was often the case—it burst spontaneously into storms of applause which frequently lasted several minutes.

It was the most masterly and unanswerable arraigement of capitalism that the writer—who has heard all the great Socialist speakers, and has heard Debs on many previous occasions—has ever heard from any platform.

The only trouble with Debs, is that there are too few of him. We need a thousand like him, but they are coming; the class struggle breeds them an dthe Socialist movement creates them and develops them and equips them for great service.

The Two Harbors Socialist.

A DREAM.

By W. H. Lewis.

(Air—Oh What a Weeping and Wailing.)

I dreamed that the great day of
Freedom
Had dawned and the master had
flown,
I dreamed that the workers, united
Had won for each other a home;
I saw the One Big Union
As it swept over land and the
sea,
And swore, with its million hands
upraised
A slave was no longer to be!

Chorus:

Oh what a weeping and wailing,
When the boss was told of his
fate;
He cried, "Oh workers have mercy
Don't make me the object of
hate."

I saw old Ball and his gunmen,
His spies and his damned scabbing crew,
With the gang who indicted our
brothers,
Get hit with a big wooden shoe.
I saw the sleek praying Parson,
With his cargo of bull-con and
bunk,
With his offer of a Heavenly mansion,
If we'd live here on earth like a
skunk.

Oh what a weeping and wailing
When Fat was deprived of his
swag;
He cried "Oh workers have mercy
Be loyal to country and flag!"

The widow was there and the orphan,
And the girl that lives on the
street—
No more will they see dark sorrow—
Freedom to them was so sweet,
I saw the One Big Union,
With its cry of free homes and
free land,
Which had won for the workers
their freedom
And vanquished the parasite
band.

Oh what a joy and pleasure,
To work for a movement so
grand,
To fr e all the slaves in creation
And give them the wealth of
[illegible]

If Rockefeller has a billion and you are a renter and you vote the Rockefeller ticket, how do you explain it to your wife?

WRITTEN FOR THE REBEL.

Wills Point, Tex., June 25, 1914.

An open letter from his Satanic Majesty, (the Devil) to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., written by F. M Locke, a blind Baptist preacher.

Dear Sir:—

Doubtless you will be surprised to get a letter from me, but I write this in order to send you the compliments of myself and all the imps of hell. I do this because of the atrocious murder that you committed on the 23rd of last April. I will admit that I am rather late about this matter, but you devils up there are doing so much meanness that I can hardly keep up with you. Now Jonnie we wish to highly compliment you for your brave but dastardly deed and express our gratitude to you for the emigration that you sent us on that memorable day known as bloody Monday. We had rather receive an emigration of the poor than the rich, for two reasons, namely; after the poor get here they express themselves as being perfectly satisfied with the change that they have made, for they say that the hell down here is better to live in than the hell you are making up there. John D., I feel like taking my hat off to you, yet I am a little jealous of you; because you have done a deed that I would have hardly dared to do; for it has been my business to deceive and lead men and women, boys and girls astray, but I never dreamed of murdering and sending them to hell by the wholesale as you did. So we have decided to set apart the 23rd of April of each years as a speciel holi-day in honor of your terrible deed, but look out Jonnie, for you are treading on dangerous ground for the people will not stand that long; for I remember that I stirred up a little hell in Heaven a few centuries before the earth was created, and they kicked me and my gang out unceremoniously, and you are standing over a volcano that is likely to erupt at any time; and when it does they will give you a through ticket to hell by the first lightning express. We are glad that you do not send many rich people here for their dress is so ridiculous that it makes us ashamed for there are no such things as they wear in our wardrobe and we would rather they would stay where they are; for they are a useless crowd here. Now J. D. let me say that we are waiting, yes, sweetly waiting, for you to come to see us (which we feel surely that you will soon do) but when you come you need not bring any of your gorgeous appa[illegible]el for we have a hot scorching robe for you with a coronet decked with red hot jewels of brimstone prepared especially for you but please leave your money for we have Morgan, that great steel king here and we don't know what to with both of you. This Morgan was called the steel king up there and he steals everything that he can get his hands on and I have to watch [illegible] like everything to keep him from stealing the jewels out of my crown. Now when you come please ring the bell loud and long and instead of admitting you as others I will send Morgan out to you with a chunk of fire and you and he can go and start a hell of your own. For it will be impossible for hell to hold myself and two such devils as you and he; but come on and we will manage things some how the few remaining years of eternity. Now Jonnie perhaps you think that my remarks have been rather scattering for since I heard of those atrocious deeds that you committed, my nervous system has been so badly shocked that I am afraid that I would be treated so bad that I thought I would risk it a while longer here. Now in conclusion let me say to you Jonnie, that I will keep things hot for you until you come to see us when the Lord comes and pitches you into Hell, all that I shall request of Him is, that He will allow me to be along side with you the balance of eternity. So hoping that you will come to us soon I will close for this time,

Your sincere friend.
Satan The Devil.

The editor of the Girard (Ala.) Social Democrat is getting out a 10,000 edition of his paper and promises an immense exposure of the bourbons power and place in that state, he winds up by saying to his readers: "With your help, I can make this paper the greatest Socialist paper ever gotten out in the South, excepting The Texas Rebel." Comrade Marchant can unquestionably make good. We need a lot more editors like him in the South.

Primary Edition.

It is the intention of The Rebel to break all records, so far as special edition goes in its issue of July 18th. We go to press five days earlier which enable us to have The Rebel in the hands of all its readers not later than the Saturday preceding July 25 which is the day in whih the Donkocratic party will hold its primaries.

Every man and woman who has been keeping track of The Rebel knows that two great landlords are fighting for the nomination on that day. They also know that from the moment that the first line was written or speech was made in this campaign neither of the contestants for the Democratic nomination nor their backers nor their friends has ever said one word about the destruction of landlordism in this state or the abolition of tenantry.

Ferguson has bluntly and frankly stated that he desires nothing nor less than the regulation of tenantry.

Ball has boldly and unequivocally stated that he desires landlordism to continue and will not lift his little finger to destroy that colossal evil.

Ernest Meitzen strenously challenges both of their positions and says that landlordism like Carthage must be destroyed and in the issue of The Rebel of July 18 in words that will stir the souls of men he will show why you must stay out of the primary so that tenantry shall be abolished from this state and nation.

T. A. Hickey has in preparation an article that those who have seen the first draft of it believe it will be the greatest document on the land question that has ome from his pen.

John A. Currie will have a magnificient article on the land question from a biblical standpoint.

Our old Comrade Brenholz, who is probably the greatest proletarian poet in the South, will contribute a magnificient poem on the land question.

W. S. Noble and other candidates on the state ticket will contribute short articles showing why every lover of human liberty should stay out of the primaries.

This edition should go into six figures. If you help us to do this the hundred thousand votes that we desire next election can be easily secured. We want every red card member and sympathizer in Texas, without exception, to order bundles. And to do this we will send as few as 10 papers for a nickel, 50 for a quarter, 100 for half a dollar and a thousand for $5. This work is absolutely necessary now. This is the time to strike don't wait untl the primaries are over, act at once, get hold of a sheet of paper and write your order now, bring the matter before your local and let us have one edition that will spread dismay statewide in the ranks of the Donks.

Remember all orders must be in not later than July 12. Be a fighter; be a worker; be a foreman in the ranks to destroy landlordism and keep the benighted donks out of the Democratic primaries.

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DO YOU DARE?

Written for The Rebel by Cash M. Stephens, Milton, Okla.

There is work for men of mettle
In the struggle that is high
Will you stand a man beside us
To do and dare and die?

Fight the fiends of foul oppression
Where children toil for bread,
Dwarfed in brain and soul and body
That the shirkers may be fed.

Idlers in their gilded churches
To a far off Savior kneel
While tender little children
Die from smoke and flame and steel.

Their blood is coined to dollars,
Their tears are wrought to pearls
The tears of weeping mothers
The souls of fallen girls.

While through silk and satins
Worn by the ladies fair
Runs the threads of pain and misery
Of horror and despair.

Oh, how long you servile toilers
Will you meekly cringle and whine,
While the gunmen murder women
Drink the workers blood for wine.

Trample on the rights of labor
Starve the poor and weak and old
Make this earth a bloody shambles
Where human souls are sold.

Are you men or cringing cowards
That from mangy curs have sprung
Dare you not assert your manhood
Dare you not defend your young?

Are there none but slaves and peons
Servants to the God of gold
Where is the spirit of the Alamo
And Bunker Hill of old?

Tom Ball says he is willing to take a million dollars per annum out of the school fund of Texas to supply farms to renters. Now little boys and girls get busy on this sum: 250,000 renters goes into a million four times, in other words Ball will give you $4 a piece towards a home after he has been elected; Meitzen will give you the 117,000,000 acres of virgin soil fit for cultivation that has never felt the touch of a plow. Which do you want? And what's the answer?

The Rangel and Cline case will come up in San Antonio on July 6. Keep your ears to the ground.

It appears to The Rebel that if Rockefeller cannot maintain order throught the regularly constituted authorities of the U. S. that he ought to hike to some other land.

The Rebel believes we are going to have war with Mexico, in spite of all that Wilson and Bryan say to the contrary. The Standard Oil and Catholic church will force that war. Watch our prediction.

There is a pitiful cry going up from the plutocrats of New York. Why? A director has to be a stockholder in most states. The New York Times crys out that there are not enough adult men in the U. S. with an income of over $3000 to supply the banks and corporations with directors. If this were true we would be in a jellofafix. Fortunately The Rebel has about 50 bank and corporation directors ready to leave Hallettsville at a moments notice. If they lack the $3000 they at least have the brains that is needed for such jobs.

The Chicago Tribune says: "One million boys and girls failed to answer the school bell recently because they had to answer the factory whistle. That's capitalism.

Texas had no land renters in 1860, she had a few thousand in 1870, tens of thousand in 1880, crossed the hundred thousand mark in 1890, has a quarter of a million in 1914. What will she have in 1916? Don't all answer at once.

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There was a man lived in our town
of brain he sadly lacked;
He voted for a Donk one day, his
wife his thick skull cracked.
He says that he knows more than
then, his crime he won't repeat;
He'll vote for Meitzen and freedom and the Donk he'll surely
beat.

HURRAH
FOR
THE
WIFE.

The Rebel would like to receive short articles consisting of not more than 250 words describing the psychology of the courthouse ring. These articles should be written by men who live in on or around the courthouse squares of the various counties of the state.

THE RELIGION OF REVOLUTION.

(By Bouck White.)

(Concluded From Last Week.)

Must Change Idea of Man.

But for another reason also are we in Revolution reason. This change in the idea of God carries over immediately into the human area and involves a change in the idea of man. The hard-eyed religion let human society pretty much alone. The salvation offered by it was in terms of escape from a wicked world: "Come ye apart and be ye separate. O, think of the home over there." Their Father in heaven paternally stretched out arms of refuge to shelter them snugly from the wickedness and the sorrow and the casualties.

But when God is seen as a Man of War who rallies forth and offers battle to the evils that are in the world, straightway a new type of the religious life results. It translates devotion no longer in terms of the passive, but of an active, energetic career. Now the man of God, instead of enduring the ills of life with patience, goes out against those ills with a militant zeal; for this type does not understand religion as means of contemplative life, but a career of action.

When this religion of strength turns its attention to human society what does it discern? A society whereof Mammon is in control. It needs no unusual gift to perceive that money is the master of the world. Food and raiment, homes and lands and goods, books and schools, all products of science and beautiful arts; marriage and children, the joys of a home, doctors for health, recreation for the mind, amusement and travel, friends and influence; these are in Mammon's right hand for him to dole out to those who serve him best.

Gold, Gold, tyrannous Gold! A god that is growing ever more bold.

Foe of virtue from days of old;

For it our souls in the gutter are rolled.

On history's page loud its sinnings are told;

In the marriage mart our daughters are sold.

A master whose heart is ruthless and cold;

Gathering men into Satan's own fold—

Gate of a prison, to pen and to hold;

Fashioning men into hell's brutal mould.

God will not rest till its passing is told.

Hateful, defiling omnipotent God!

At present, God is at the bottom, and Gold is at the top. To reverse that ordering, whereby God shall be on top and Gold at the bottom—could there be a blessder, divines overturning?

Exactly that is what is meant by social revolution. And it is the creed of our church. Listen to the avowal we take:

"I enlist under the Lord of the blood-red banner, to bring to an end a scheme of things that has enthroned Leisure on the back of Labor, an idle class sucking the substance of the poor. I will not be a slacker-shirker, but will work with the workers in class solidarity till class shall have been done away in fellowship with the Lord. I will seek recruits for the church of the Revolution, unto the overthrow of present day society and its rebuilding into comradeship."

"Lord of teh blood-red banner" may need a word of commentary because many part of the present notion that Socialism's flag of red is symbolic of a bloody assault against the upholders of the present order. The truth is quite the contrary. The red in our banner emblemizes the one blood that is in the veins of al the peoples of the earth. Outwardly the nations and classes within the nations are of different aspect. Color and features and hair and stature and manners and speech are so many wedges doing a divisive work. But prick under the skin and you will find in them all a blood of one and the self-same color. So that it becomes the natural emblem of unity, a sacred thread internationalizing the tribal banners now so bloodily arrayed each against the other; and forecasting a day when the world family will be a fact and not purely a fiction of the poets. Could the Democrat of Galilee, who left his carpenter's bench to lead his fellows to freedom, find a fitter employ today than as Captain of this red-banNered host, whose battelwords are peace and justice to brotherhood!

Which is not to say that Socialism is a movement of universal, unenquiring amiability. The Irishman, who announced that he meant to have peace in his house if it was war to fight for it, displayed therein a very real measure of insight and philosophic grasp. Peace at any price," is a contemptible thing; an affair of outward profession and inward averseness. We of the Revolution Church recognize the presence of economic classes to-day in the world; a presence which makes for discord and not for harmony. Never very inequalities of human fortune more steep than today. And shortly they become steeper. To sing "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world" is to stamp oneself a lying prophet. God is in heaven—quite true. But all is not by any means right with the world; and it is becoming more outright with each day that adds its fatal quota to the calendar. Rich and poor is a relation of master and slave. Today the rich are becoming richer with fatallest momentum. Thereby they are growing more masterfully master, and the poor are going into an ever more cruel and desperate bondage. And this, notwithstanding the personal kindliness of many in the master class. Charity covers a multitude of economic sins, has been the principle of this. But it is fast losing its power to hypnotize. The people are waking to the deadly workings of an unjust economic law. There is no amount of benevolence in the disbursement of an income will make much longer stone for extortion in the origin of that income.

Therefore the militant clause in the covenant one signs upon joining the Revolution Church. We are hostile to the present scheme of things, for it is a scheme that makes for the survival of the brutallest. A competitive civilization glorifies the acquisitive type of man and makes of the acquisitive type of the type in whom altruism and a regard for the gracious, kindly, unselfish arts are suppressed. Against such a civilization we are in utter antagonism. And this, out of a passionate affection for fellowship. The Prince of Peace we follow is for that very reason a Captain of War. He is of sagacity to know the folly of attempting to live on peaceful terms with the federated destroyers of the public peace.

Ours, therefore, is the Church of Social Revolution. We propose an alteration in society's structure from the ground up. That is not in this feature or in that. The very plan upon which the present edifice was built is the devil's plan. All against each, and each against all. Therefore the change must be radical, extending clear down to the foundation upon which the building reposes. Reform will not avail. You can't change a gatling gun into a printing press by piecemeal process. The two machines are designed on a different pattern, to turn out a different product. An attempt to alter the gatling gun into a printing press would only result in spoiling it as a gun without making it into a press. There is a way whereby the transformation can be affected. The gatling gun must be melted up and its metal poured into new moulds.

So with the attempt to cure our ills by tinkering up the present order. Social reformers have been at the task now for long years. And with what result? The chasm between the Haves and the Have-nots is widening. Widening, moreover, at a constantly accelerating rate. The only remedy ever published by the school of social reformers has been to create a wide amount of friction in the workings of the present machine, without giving us any other. Reform is powerless. Competition as the formative idea for human society has come to its perfect work. It must give way to God's idea; co-operation, let the cost be what it will.

To organize the world's life upon a principle so squarely diffident from the one now in force means a tremendous change. And that is why we call ourselves Church of the Social Revolution. No other word is strong enough to express the intensity and extensity of the alterations that are required. "Revolution" in its many minds an association of blood and turbulence and all manner of wildness. But this quality of rashness and hardlong fury is not essential to it. The word is exactly used when it is made to mean a deed of completion and thoroughness, wherein all compromise is accepted and no distraction permitted. To such a work of completeness, a mood of poise and circumspection is not only possible but essential.

Indeed, it is in order to aware that poised and orderly state of mind in the work that we couple together the two parts in our name, "Church" and "Social Revolution." Each needs the other. Too much has the church in times past withdrawn its mellow virtues of dream power and its sobering weight from contact with the tumults and the rough and tumble of folk uprisings. On the other hand, the upstartings of labor in the past have withdrawn themselves too much from the ripe experience of the stern storehouse the church. And the divorce has told miserably on both parties to the estrangement, labor and the church, in the contrary direction doning the folk movement to wild and irresponsible leadership.

The Church of the Social Revolution seeks to reunite the divorced couple. To the folk upheaval it brings divine sanction and enriching gifts from the kingdom that is spiritual. To the church, in the contrary direction it brings fructifying contact with the world of living men the solid wholesome realities of the life industrial; overlaying the earthliness of things economine, with the halo of a light that never was on the sea or land.

In so doing we believe we shall accomplish a dual purpose. We shall both avail to the principle of ation a certainty, and at the same time ster its energies into beneficient constructive channels. Religion, we hold, is a principle of infinity. Coupled up hitherto with the conservative faction, it has been that conservatism of the subservation indeed, solemnizing the status quo into sanctamental and divine. Now, in the contact upon us feet of the innovator dare not come. Coupled up with revolution, its intensifying power will be that makes for the survival of the brutallest. A competitive civilization glorifies the acquisitive type of man and makes of the acquisitive type of the type in whom altruism and a regard for the gracious, kindly, unselfish arts are suppressed. Against such a civilization we are in utter antagonism. And this, out of a passionate affection for fellowship. The Prince of Peace we follow is for that very reason a Captain of War. He is of sagacity to know the folly of attempting to live on peaceful terms with the federated destroyers of the public peace.

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ROCKEFELLER OR JEHOVAH

To the prating hypocrites who call themselves ministers of the gospel and followers of Christ and have sanctioned by their silence from the pulpit their fellowship to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., whom I believe stands convicted before man and God for the murder of men, women and children at Ludlow. I present with regret a change the following beautiful lines from Oscar Wilde:

Christ does their love indeed or are they heroes

Still straightened in their rockand-rye position?

And was thy rising only dreamed by her

Whose love of thee for all her sin atoned.

For here the air is horrid with men's groans

The mothers who called upon thy name are slain

Dost thou not hear the bitter wail of pain

From those whose children lie upon the stones.

Come down, o Son of God in awful glory

Curtain the land and through the starless night

Place over thy cross a crescent moon

If every truth didst burst the tomb

Come down, o son of man and show thy might

Lest Rockefeller be crowned instead of Christ.

W. S. Noble.

What's the Matter with the American Working Class?

(By George D. Coleman.)

An American capitalist daily recently published the item that in a single week in this city the working class had $2,000,000 in the savings banks of that city. Two millions in the hands of those economically poor. Why not employ it collectively for their own benefit?

Some of these working class people still call the Italian "Dagoes" but in Italy, with less capital, the Italian workers form co-operative banks and the laborer puts his money from them and cut out the contractors and take municipal contracts direct and carry on extensive works co-operatively, giving themselves better hours and wages than the contractors give them. Why don't American workers do the same?

In the city of Inique, Chile, South America, with only 60,000 inhabitants, the trades unions have a casa del pueblo or people's house where all the trades unions meet. They have a chamber of labor of one delegate from each trade union that has the management of this People's House, and a co-operative bakery and a large co-operative store where bread and all kinds of goods are sold at lower rates than elsewhere. They also have a co-operative printery that publishes a daily Socialist paper that circulates all over the Department of Tarapaca.

Americans, that ought to have better sense ask the writer of this "Are the Labor Unions Organized?" Until American workers con DO something to compare with this, we are civilized?

In Belgium, Argentina and little Uruguay the workers are starting successful co-operation that should make American workers for asking such questions.

In the Argentine Republic there are four Socialists in the house of representatives and one Socialist in the senate, and others were defated by th narrowest margins.

Uruguay has a strong compact Socialist organization, and, in proportion to her population, has more representatives in her municipal governments ten to one that we of this glorious "land of the free and home of the brave" can show. Socialist papers and pamphlets that came before me show that the Socialism of the South American workers is of the same stamp as ours, and then some.

The Rebel has the names of 10? families who own 50 per cent of every cent's worth of wealth in the United States. How long will it take them to get the remainder?

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Rebel Stock Company

The immense crush of work at this end of the line has prevented us from attending to the organization of The Rebel Publishing Company, as quickly as we would like to, however, we are now in a position to go right through with the work. The big facts about the proposed company are as follo—

1st. Our attorney, Mr. Chas. Fertach, of Hallettsville, is drawing the necessary papers to secure the charter from the Secretary of State.

2nd. The company will be capitalized at $7,000.00.

3rd. A low base Model 5 Linotype with mataxines and equipment and other necessary printing machinery will become the property of the company when incorporated.

4th. One hundred and thirty-seven comrades have already listed as stock holders in amounts from $1 to $100 but mostly in $5, $10 and $25 lots.

5th. It will be necessary to have one-half of the amount of stock paid up in cash and in the hands of the trustees of the company before the Secretary of State will issue the charter.

From the above it can be seen that the organization of The Rebel Publishing Company is well under way. The next step must be the paying in to our office the amounts that the prospective stockholders have already pledged.

Next all those who have been waiting the organization of the company should at once proceed to subscribe for stock at a dollar a share and they can take as many shares at this sum as they wish.

The men who have been behind The Rebel from the first and have with your assistance accomplished many wonders not the least of which is the making of the Land Question the paramount issue in the minds of the people of this state know what a battle we have had. We have had to struggle against the frightful odds against that any newspaper struggles against that lacks working capital. With the incorporation of The Rebel Publishing Company, this strain will be over and we will be in a position to devote all our energies towards the building up of this paper to the six figure mark. In fact with what we have accomplished already after three years of existence we know that no newspaper in the South has such a future before it as has The Rebel. Not only will the stockholders secure the advantage of having an unmuzzled paper fighting their battles but they will actually have a good dividend paying institution in The Rebel Publishing Company.

We will be able to secure special writers, special correspondents, cartoon ists and increase the size of The Rebel as soon as we are incorporated. That we can even reach the figure that The Appeal has reached is well within our possibility. For we were launching The Rebel for the first time this might appear too extravagant a statement but with our years of growth and success behind us we believe that the statement is warranted by the facts.

If you have not already purchased stock in The Rebel Publishing Company, do so on blank published below. If you have sent in a pledge for stock forward your money immediately to The Rebel office and we will send you receipt for same. Act immediately in this matter, help The Rebel grow, you will benefit your wife, and children thereby and will help to solve the problem of land ownership in the South.

Pledge for Stock.

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Messrs. T. A. Hickey and E. R. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

I, the undersigned, agree to subscribe for ____ shares of stock at $7 per share, in the publishing company to be organized by T. A. Hickey and E. R. Meitzen. When said company is legally incorporated and the subscription price of The Rebel is reduced, as proposed, to the former rate, I agree to pay on July 1, 1914, One-Half of the amount due for share, the balance to be paid by me on demand, though not earlier than October 1, 1914.

Signed ____

Address ____

VIDETTE PLAN

1. The name of this organization shall be the REBEL VIDETTES.

2. A member can be any good Socialist, whether red card or not, male or female, boy or girl.

3. All members will be expected to do a few hours' work at least once each month.

4. Their duty will be to hand a copy of the monthly *propaganda edition of The Rebel*, (or other literature) not less than once a month to every non-Socialist within a given territory, whether it be a city part of the precinct.

5. They may otherwise aid in the work of agitation and organization of the Socialist party, though of course subject to the orders of their local and county organizations. *For instance our Red Card non-Socialist should be so set to it that every man likely to vote in the next should pay his poll tax by February 1, 1914, and come to the polls before that day.*

6. The REBEL VIDETTES will be officered as follows: Vidette captains will have charge of counties; vidette chiefs, of voting precincts and Videttes of portions of voting precincts. Only those will be appointed to this take charge who freely agree to act.

7. Each vidette is expected in his rounds to collect enough cash to pay for Rebel Propaganda Editions at the rate of half a cent each, but for those unable to pay for copies, we propose to establish a Vidette Fund, out of which to pay for free bundles to those who are willing to distribute but not able to pay for them.

Yours for victory.

E. R. MEITZEN

Tear Off Here

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To E. R. Meitzen,
Business Manager of The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade—Enroll me as a Rebel Vidette for the following term, to which I agree to hand to each non-Socialist at least once a month a copy of the Monthly Propaganda Edition of The Rebel.

My voting Precinct is named ____ and

Numbered ____

My county is ____

I can use ____ Copies of the Propaganda Edition each month until further notice.

I will pay for ____ copies, for ____ for

find $ ____ enclosed, at the rate of one-half cent each, till

Signed ____ final

Adress ____