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THE BIGGEST FAILURE THAT THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

The biggest failure that the world has ever known happened in the United States in January of 1914 and the capitalist papers were afraid to say anything about it and it seems strange the Socialist papers had little to say upon it. This failure was that of the Morgan Company but if you even mention it to some of our wise editors they will laugh at you. Let us see what really happened in this connection during the first week in January of this year. You will remember that the papers gave notice that the Morgan Company withdrew as directors from 28 corporations in one day and that they were going to get out of all they could; you will remember that Geo. F. Baker, President of the First National Bank of New York City, who is a director of 62 corporations gave notice that he would withdraw from all that he could get out of and you know Mr. Baker was connected with Mr. Morgan in most of his deals and if you have watched the Vacancies of ownership filled you will see that they were filled by Standard Oil men. Now the Standard people and the Morgan people have been financial competitors for the past 15 or 20 years and have been waging a fierce war against each other these many years. It seems that the Standard people had the Morgan people in such close quarters in the first part of this year that they said to them now we will leave you with your banks and industrial stocks with which you piled up money in a bank we want and must have and if you say anything-sir, we will take your banks away from you. The Morgan gang yielded without a word in so-far as the outside world knows anything of and the only excuse they ever offered to the public for their withdrawal was that it was too much trouble to attend the directors' meetings and of course it is real shrewd business to turn over the directorship to ones enemies as you can reasonably expect them to manage it for you better than you could or would do for yourself.

The writer was in Houston when this failure was mentioned as above stated and I went into the Houston Chronicle office and asked the editor why he did not publish it as the greatest failure the world ever knew and he said that he was too busy to answer my questions and requested that I go up to room 228 and talk to their attorney as he was better posted on those things than he was and I went up and found a very nice old gentleman of about 60 years of age and besides being a nice man I also found him to be very intelligent and well posted on all matters. But the first detail knowing any thing about the Titanic Failure but after I explained how this failure was planned in March 1907 on a certain night in New York City by the Standard Oil Bunch but which did not take effect until October 1st and how Teddie jumped in and loaned the Morgan bunch $40,000,000 from the United States Treasurer and then influenced the English Rothschilds to loan them $100,000,000 more which put them on their feet again and that the Standard Oil bunch backed off and said well Teddy wont be in office always so we will wait as we don't want to fight the whole world. Then I told him how Teddy appointed William Howard Taft as President of the United States and how *Teddie and Taft fell out* by Taft making all the cabinet officers from theStandardOil bunch. How Teddie went off to Africa to let it all die out and that when he came back how Geo. W. Perkins met him and told him that things had grown worse instead of better then theTeddie said, "By God, my hat is in the ring", and that Mr. Perkins said, "Go it Teddy I will back you to a stand-still if you can't be elected for "God's sake" split the old Republican party wide open and keep Taft out at any cost."

When I had told the Chronicle man all this and some more then I said, "Mr. Chronicle Man is it not a fact that you did know that the Morgan Co. had failed but that you and the rest of the capitalist papers were afraid to publish it and for this reason that the Standard a bunch of money lords would pull you out of business in 24 hours." The old gentleman looked at me and said, "Yes, I see you know what you are talking about, we did know it was a failure but we dared not mention it as they would have put us out of business", I said to him, "isn't it awful that we live in the clutch of such gigantic corporations as that?" and he admitted that it was. Then I asked him what he thought about regulating the trust or putting them out of business by the court. I asked him if he thought about the trust knowing the constitutional laws of any state of the United States in getting in the possession of any property they now own and that if they had the evidence you would offer to prove it would legally take it away from them. And he admitted that it would, then I said to him: Don't you think it is wrong to interfere with them in getting all the property they can in the same way they had been getting it, especially as long as you hold in this high esteem your perfect constitution and perfect code of English king made laws made to govern free American people? And I made him admit that the whole thing was a mess made to fool the producing class and that it had about run its course and I said "Oh that the people could see and think for themselves."

A. H. Ford.
Groveton, Texas.

$1,500.00 A DAY.

A wise man entered The Rebel office this morning and asked this question: Why is it that there are more jackasses in Austin this week than ever before in the history of that capital town? The answer is $1,500.00 a day. If you doubt this you who read this great religious weekly, I would kindly call your attention to the fact that there are 143 representatives sitting there at the state expense for the past 30 days and 31 senators all of whom receive five per which amounts to $870.00 daily. On top of that there are 20 stenographers in the house getting $4.00 a day and 20 more in the senate getting $5.00 per day. Then there are engrossing clerks, recording clerks, door keepers, pages, sergeants at arms and assistants. To this add printing of all kinds and sorts and you find that the state of Texas has been paying $1,500.00 per day to see the Donks walk around for thirty days; and now they are called for 30 days more and it is actually believed that these fellows will go 30 days further unless the people get up and swat them by voting for E. R. Meitzen and the entire Socialist ticket, in the idea of November.

In return for this $1,500.00 per day the Donk legislature has passed a warehouse bill to supply wave houses where they already exist and for the next thirty days it is to discuss and possibly kill a state bank proposition the capital of which is based upon the school fund to the extent of $17,500,000. The Rebel has no sympathy with those who make an attack upon the state bank on the grounds that it will impair the school fund for the simple reason that we have had this school fund for more than a generation and we are last among all the states in the Union in the percentage tables of illiteracy with the exception of the mountain states of the south; and this in spite of the fact that Texas is the most American state in the Union in population!

The Rebel makes the above statement for the purpose of pointing out that as long as a donk legislature made up of courthouse square bankers and landlords and lawyers continue to function in Austin it matters not what is the result of the banking and warehouse bills, guided by hands that were utterly incapable of making a business success of the penitentiary system of the state of even a state owned railroad ten miles long.

It may give the people of Texas some satisfaction to know that some of these $1500 a day days were consumed in the discussion of why "Kerrgene Joe Bailey" should speak on the question of national prohibition or national woman's suffrage or whether a beautiful southern lady of Houston— Miss Finnegan — should speak on woman's suffrage. The fact remains that the Donks were getting their $1,500 a day.

In the mean time Fergusson is running cotton is selling at 7 cts or going into the burr in the fields and the war is on in Europe. God is in the heavens and the Socialist party is making the fight of its life.

Supposing that the actual farmers of Texas, who numbers 1,000,000 strong should decide that they would take over the legislature at Austin, we wouldn't be spending $1,500 a day for something that is worse than worthless.

The Graft of Modern War.

The Socialists pointed out a generation ago that all wars were possible only because the masses of the people in the civilized nations worked two hours a day for themselves on an average and the remaining hours in factory, shop, farm, mill or mine, went to those who control the means of life through rent, profit or interest and get the results of labors toil for the balance of their time let it be eight, ten or twelve hours.

We also pointed out that the system under which we live have the same economic laws in Germany, France, England and Japan. The whole system is based upon this exploitation. Accordingly it would appear that the French worker robbed of his product would hand a kindly hand to the German worker who suffered from that exploitation; that the Moujik of Russia would shake hands with his proletarian brother in Ireland and the Lazzoroni of Italy would shake hands with the exploited Czech workers of the Austria Hungarian empire. Believing this way the one great fact to be understood about this war is not the piling of bodies mountain high, nor that there is a possibility of civilization being retarded, the one great fact is that the masses did not know of this exploitation that has been pointed out by Socialists for more than a generation!

Why did they not know and why has this almost inconceivable catastrophe been inflicted upon the world?

THIS IS THE ANSWER:

The beneficiaries of this surplus value have had the power, because of their ill gotten gains, to control the press of the nations. They have had the power to control the church in the most thorough fashion and, controlling these two agencies, their third step was to control the schools whether free or secular. Controlling these three agencies of information in the interest of the original graft indicated above (surplus value) they, the rulers could proceed to use every device to put more and more surplus value into their pockets.

Now it is that from time to time the small capitalists such as are functioning in the Texas legislature now have protested in many states of this Union and in many states and principalities of Europe against the taxation ordered by the rulers, but their protest has been ignored. The big capitalists decided that they should get down to the last farthing, the money that was coming to them because of their control of the means of life. The wretched vassals did not even try to play the game of graft through the law of surplus value within the bounds of their own countries! Hence the German ruler and his colleagues bought German armament from Great Britain and vice versa. The London labor leader, under the head of: "A hellish conspiracy" published within the past month shows the way the game was played. The Rebel quotes from the Literary Digest of New York:

> Few people realize that British armament firms, both inside and outside the ring, have actually armed the German and Austrian forces against Great Britain. This assertion will appear incredible. Even those who appreciate the lack of principle which characterizes modern business transactions will hesitate to believe that the claims of 'patriotism' can be betrayed so infamously. Well, we will state the facts in detail.''
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> It then names several firms dealing in explosives, arms, and ammunition, and proceeds:
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> ''Names of officers of the British, German, and French armies are to be found side by side in the shareholders' list.
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> ''Let us hope fate may not be so unkind as to cause any of these officers to be blown to bits by their own gunpowder.
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> ''Great Britain is now at war with Austria, and before many days have passed the Austrian and British fleets will, no doubt, be engaged in battle in the Mediterranean.
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> ''Many of the destroyers in the Austrian fleet have been constructed and equipped by British armament firms.''
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> More than that, we are told, many of the torpedoes with which the Austrian fleet will attempt to sink British "dreadnoughts" have been manufactured at the torpedo factory at Fiume, which is controlled by British capital. Such are the main features of what this paper styles a "hellish conspiracy" against peace and the abolition of armies and navies desired by the Labor Party. The labor leader, John Burns, resigned his seat in the Cabinet because he was opposed to the "war lords" of England, we are told. But in spite of the efforts of the English Labor Party:

> "Alas—the schemers were also at work. The war lords, the financiers, and those who supply the instruments of destruction were not asleep.
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> "Why supply money and men and ships without an opportunity of trying them? The blood of the men, the tears of the women and children, and the future taxation and poverty of the poor were as nothing. An excuse must be made, and, slight as it was, it presented itself and it was sufficient.
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> "A man and a woman were done to death by a maniac. Men and women have been done to death in thousands in all of the countries in Europe, by those whose god is Mammon, as a matter of course and without protest. But this man and woman — they were more than God's creatures. Were they not gilded darlings of society? Nay, were they not Royalty? A cause of quarrel had arisen and rivers of blood must flow.
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> "Few people thought that the initial cause was enough to kindle a fire which might traverse the whole of Europe, but the chance of the war-mongers had come, and the conflagration must be hurried forward before the good sense of the people of all the nations concerned could arouse in them a feeling of horror which would arrest the blood lust and keep their rulers in check."

This statement from one of the most authoritative labor publications in Europe shows clearly that the masters of surplus values are the men who made the present European war possible. That they were able to do so because of their control of the press, pulpit and other means of education is the awful crime of today, the crime that makes the European war possible.

Ever and always the powers that appropriate this surplus values from the worker seeks to poison the wells of information. To illustrate: What is the reason that the Atlantic Cable has been cut that used to carry the news every minute of each twenty-four hours from Berlin? What is the reason that we can hear nothing from the 110 German Socialist congressmen who voted as a unit against war? What is the reason that the great Socialist daily, the Vorwaerts, is silent? The answer simply is those who have gotten rich on surplus value control the powers that be in Berlin and as the New Yorker Vorwaerts points out the military are in possession of the Socialist papers.

Come, now the question why does not the Dallas News, the Forth Worth Record, The Waco Times-Herald, The San Antonio Express and Light and similar publications bring out these facts and editorialize upon them and prepare the people of America for the great war that is coming upon them? Why don't they ask that the Secret Diplomacy, that was used so efficiently in Europe to keep the masses of the people ignorant of the cataclysm that was prepared for them, be stopped in the United States? Why doesn't the dailies of the North and the South show that the same method of secret diplomacy that is working under Woodrow Wilson's nose in Washington, D. C., today, as it worked under Taft, Roosevelt, and other presidents, be exposed? In this cursory review of the war situation we cannot help ask what is the reason that all discussions as to treaties between nations are not discussed in open session; that all matters that ambassadors discuss with the secretary of state be put on the wire before the sun goes down and arises in the morning. In short what is the reason that a blow should not be struck at secret diplomacy in the U. S. If we did this it appears to the Rebel that a big step would be taken towards the destruction of the war lords.

But anyway it appears to us that the secret diplomacy and the building of great armaments is inseparable from the collection of surplus value by the masters. Therefore capitalism must go and until that day dawns we shall hear of wars and rumors of wars.

VOTING IN THE DONK PRIMARY.

The following is one of numerous letters of a similar nature received lately. It would take too much time to reply to them all and not as half the good in clearing up matters as publication of the facts in the case.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 17, 1914.

Dear Compade:—Is there any law that prevents me, who has voted in the Democratic primary, from voting for the Socialist nominees

J. K. L.

(1.) There is no law which even hints at forcing a voter to stick to his obligation in the Donk primary either by fine or punishment.

(2.) If such a law were made it would require an investigation of the ballots as to who voted them and would have destroyed absolutely the now proclaimed and by law upheld secrecy of the ballot. Under the law no official under pain of severe punishment and fine shall violate the secrecy of the ballot by telling anybody how a person voted. If this is done it is wholly illegal.

(3.) This socalled pledge was carefully planned to keep people fooled. It was not made for those who are wise to the politician game.

(4.) If you make a promise, under pressure of having no other way, in order to help a friend at the primary or you are perfectly honest at the time of it, at that time, but during the following three or more months learn things that show you clearly that you were in error. It is not only your right, but your duty to ignore the promise though you intended to carry it out when you have made it.

(5.) Suppose you had promised your neighbor to help him butcher an ox but later found that he had stolen the animal, should you still keep your honestly given promise?

(6.) This pledge business is a scheme of the rotten democratic politicians to hold on a little longer and rob you a little more.

(7.) Any party that resorts to tactics to keep in power should be buried face downward and at deep that time could never resurrect it. Will you help to do it? We know you will.

The Rebel does not know how long the war will rage in Europe, but the Rebel does know that not one Socialist in all the nations stood for an instant under the noon day sun or under the shining stars and even though of voting for those that made that war possible. This though is respectfully submitted to the preachers who voted the Donk ticket last election.

You good people that believe in the ten commandments read the sixth and tenth and dig into your bible and find where they are stating: Wake to the Rebel and let us whisper in them that about who put you where you are at and then think how much you personally owe to the man who getting in this hell of a hess.

Christian civilization has obviously broken down in Europe. The so-"Christian" rulers have turned the big nations into slaughter houses. Does this mean that the teachings of Christ are wrong? The Rebel does not believe so for one moment. The only trouble is they have never been practiced.

The truth about crime is that there is none in history to compare with the filching of labor's product by the parasites.

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"Humble thyself in the presence of thy Masters." is one commandment that a true rebel violates with a high degree of dignity.

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There are two hellish ways of exchanging woman's love for man's wealth. The legal and the illegal. Think about it!

TEXAS NOTES.

B. A. Hickey, State Secretary, Halletsville, Texas.

Governor's Special.

Comrades R. B. Meitzen and W. S. Noble, candidates for governor and lieutenant governor will fill the following dates, making three speeches each day:

Comrade Oct. 2 and 3. Meitzen at Planning Gene night of Oct. 3, Fowlerton; Oct. 4, Meridian, Oct. 5 Hedley, Oct. 6; Oct. 7, open; Lett, Oct. 8; Noble at Cameron, Oct. 9; Meitzen at Rosebud Oct. 9; Bedias, Oct. 10; Madisonville, Oct. 11.

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Comrade P. G. Zimmerman is ready to fill dates now in central and north Texas. If you want him write us at once.

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H. Grady Milner, of Wichita Falls, wants dates in south and west Texas, beginning Nov. 1st. Comrades in those sections wanting a good speaker write to the state office at once.

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OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED.

All Socialist Locals, county and district secretaries, should note that on October 1st the new constitution requires the beginning of elections. Nominations are first to be called for. Those who are nominated must be notified, those who accept nominations are to be placed on a ballot and sent to all secretaries in the territory affected. A tabulated vote is to be sent by locals to the Co. Secretary, who in turn sends the tabulation to the district secretary and he to the State secretary. In unorganized districts or counties the local secretary sends tabulated vote to state secretary.

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Marshall, Tex., Sept. 28, 1914.
Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Halletsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

I spoke here Friday and Saturday nights and also at Harlton (15 miles) out, yesterday. Go to Fairview schoolhouse tonight and leave for Jacksonville tomorrow afternoon. Harlton we came near organizing a local. Made arrangements for Comrade R. A. Patrick to return two weeks and organize at Pine Ridge about a mile from Harlton. This Pine Ridge box was carried for our ticket in the last election but the sentiment has never been organized. At the local last night I hustled up information and had comrades to agree to follow up with personal work that will, I believe, develop at least four locals in the county before election. Also Patrick will hustle up things at once among the railroad people.

Arch Linger.

The above communication is from our candidate for congress in the Second Congressional district, he is making a gallant fight against the Arch Donk reactionary, Martin Dies. We look for a splendid vote on election day because of his energetic work and the wonderful support he is receiving from the comrades all over the district.

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The encampment at Sherman old settlers park was a grand success. We pulled the thinking man off the fence and put them unthinking man to thinking. Our speakers were of the very best material and our attendance about 2,000 on the first day. Comrade W. S. Noble took the hide from Congressman Sam of Denison which was done nicely and easily. The little man blanketed for fear that the car would leave him. He was told that there was no danger. We are working for the biggest encampment in Texas next year. Let everybody get busy, now we all recognize that the Socialist party is the only party that presents the facts as they are, the workingmen and women of this state stand.

C. F. Duncan, County Sec.,
Grayson Co.

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On my own motion I will start next Thursday, September 24, on a tour of this county, send me Behels, platforms of the Socialist party and best literature on the land question.

E. Brown,
Box 133; Rockdale, Texas.

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Coalgate, Okla., Sept. 27, 1914.

I notice in the Rebel that W. D. Ingram of McKinney, Texas, has embraced Socialism. I have known him for twenty years, he is an able man, a deep thinker, well posted, a good reasoner and has the courage of his convictions. He is able to defend Socialism. I hope the comrades will give him chance to defend the same. With best wishes for you and your paper, I am

Yours for Socialism,
S. A. Morgan.

Frankston, Tex., Sept. 24.

I seen a letter in the Rebel concerning cotton prices where the farmers have bound themselves not to sell cotton under 12 cents. I glory in their spunk.

T. A. Hickey, B. McMahon.

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We would like to have about a hundred comrades from all over the state send us a letter like this which we have just received.

Paducah, Tex., Sept. 19.

T. A. Hickey,
Halletsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:—

After a lapse of about two years the boys have decided to reorganize a Socialist local. Please find enclose check for $1.00 for charter for Paducah local, and red cards, due stamps and all necessary dope to carry out a county organization such as: constitution, by-laws, rules, regulations, state and national platforms, price list of supplies, sample copies of The Rebel, etc. I want full instruction. I send just a small amount and when we grow will order more. Not knowing the cost of necessary supplies am sending personal check for the amount. Send your bill with a small supply. I will call the boys together and raise the required amount and permit by early mail. Besides send what else we need.

Trusting to receive your prompt reply I am Yours for a new and true freedom.

F. C. Samuels.

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Literature Bargains.

"War What For" by Geo. R. Fitzpatrick, paper cover, 30c.

"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.

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

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

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List of Available Speakers.

W. T. Flowers, Tolbert, Texas
Dr. J. A. Presley, Alvord, Tex
G. A. Lambkin, Bryan, Texas
J. A. Freeland Reese, Texas.
J. W. Brice, Jr., Cameron, Tex.
Wm. Curd, Bardwell, Texas.
W. Pybum, Brown, Texas
O. G. Clopton, McDade, Tex.
H. Grady Milner, box 312, Wichita Falls, Texas.
H. J. Brice, Woodsboro.
W. L. Thurman, Sulphur, Okla
Geo. W. Nicholson, Farmers Branch, Texas.

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T. A. Hickey, State Sec.

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From all appearances, Austria-Hungary now bitterly repents having thrown that stone.—New York World.

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The custom of kissing when they meet has been suspended among most European monarchs.—Washington Star.

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The people are to declare the glory of war. And the boobs are excited.

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A parrot says things he has heard; a man says things to be heard. Which are you?

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There is no coward like the man afraid of the truth.

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Thetruth about proletarian solidarity is that it is the sign of the early supremacy of labor.

Correspondence

Down With War.

Editor Rebel, Halletsville, Tex.

Comrades:—

WAR! WAR! WAR! on every lip, the thoughts of every person. Why? As I have said afore, in other publications, when man arrives at the state of power, in mind, he knows there are but two great, and greatest, subjects upon which to think, two things to pursue. First the welfare of the soul. All sane people, 'tis useless to say, know they shall comply with the teachings of the masters words, of their reward of a home in heaven. Second, a livelihood. We are striving to the utmost capacity of brain and brawn to ensure life and freedom, perhaps happiness. Luxury will be forgot, as thousands never knew it only thought, 'tis a fairy and comes only to the children of the rich.

Now war, the serious thought of war, and will it benefit us? War in Europe, — on the eve of one here, it seems we and the dove of peace has flown to the moon to find rest for the sole of its foot. Lets do all we can, in order to keep the "dogs of war" from off the soil of America, and try to usher in more LOVE, PEACE, FREEDOM AND TRUTH, for that is the craving of my soul.

Dear Editor, please send me the Rebel.

Yours for more success.

E. A. Wells.

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No Compromise.

Tivoli, Tex., Sept. 20th, 1914.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Halletsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

As there is some difference in opinion among the Socialists degree of how to ask over the question can a Socialist vote for candidates belonging to other parties where they have no candidates out of their own?

In other words can a Socialist vote a Socialist state ticket and a Democratic or other ticket (providing they have no ticket out themselves and be counted or would such a vote be thrown out. That is about the idea. Some think that such ticket would be thrown out, while others think it would not. We would like to hear what you have to say on this question at your earliest convenience.

I think you will understand the situation.

I remain your comrade.

H. A. Rickaway.

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There should be no difference of opinion among the Socialists in your town or any other town as to what to do when there are vacancies on the Socialist ticket. The ruling of Socialists on this matter is splendidly expressed in Liebknecht's phrase—"No compromise no political treaing". The moment the Socialists vote for any old party candidate that moment he denies the fundamental principle of Socialism which is that there is a class war raging in modern society. The Democrat denies this fact and the Socialist affirms it. Consequently a man's head must be terrible muddled on principles when he votes one ticket that asserts that there is a class struggle and seeks to abolish it and goes to another party's ticket and votes for men that say there is no class struggle at all. Accordingly a man who splits his ticket in any way is not Socialist. Fusion is confusion. A man who steps into fusion puts his first himself worse confounded all the time. Accordingly there should be no difference of opinion among the Socialists in the town of Tivoli. Finally remember this, Christ was right when he said, "HE THAT IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME."—Ed The Rebel)

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Not Time.

Greenville, Tex., Sept. 23, 1914.

Editor Rebel:—

On the editorial page of the Saturday evening Post, Sept. 26, I read:

"Last year however the Kaiser demanded his extraordinary military contribution of a cost of a quarter of a billion dollars on top of the ordinary military tax. This ominously hinted war; but the Socialist members voted for it solidly."

If this is a fact I have no means at hand for knowing.

Yours truly,

O. E. Obenchain.

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Evidence of Land Frauds.

Lovington, N.M., Sept 22, 1914.

The Rebel, Halletsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:—

Do you need any help in an editorial capacity?

I have in mind the leasing of a plant at Tyler and publishing a monthly Socialist magazine called "The Constructive Socialist." I propose also doing lecture work there and in Oklahoma. I spent one year as state organizer of New Mexico. My first series of lectures would be on "Getting a Home in New Mexico." That forceful dream which has lured so many to suffering here, I shall argue in lectures and in my books from the standpoint of a Socialist and show that it is the greatest method that has sent government methods and if there was just another step it would crown the efforts of all the home seekers. That step being use and occupancy.

Do you think there would be a field for such work?

I shall also through the Rebel push my pamphlet, "Getting a Home in New Mexico."

A kindly suggestion will be very much appreciated.

Yours,

J. L. Ray Lanesater.

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He Memorized it.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Sept. 9.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Halletsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:—

We have got a county ticket our except for a county attorney and superintendent of public instruction. Tom, I am going to ask you to reprint the Charles Edward Russell article printed some months ago entitled the church and Socialism. One comrade in this county memorized the whole article and added a few scriptural quotations and penetrated the thick tank, and several books that had never heard a Socialist speech. Just keep that little bullet gun the Rebel trained on the Dem politicians as you have already driven them from the prohibition trenches.

I am yours for the revolution.

Ans. Jones.

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Hurrah For The Volunteers.

Stamford, Tex., Sept. 19.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Halletsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade,—

With reference to the idea of a volunteer membership for campaign purposes and to increase the regular red card membership I desire to say that it seems to be a good plan. You're certainly right about there being a great army of Socialist voters, even of the "old guard" who are not carrying red cards, and really I think it but fair to you as State Secretary, that we do all we possibly can do to hold up your hands in an effort to build up the membership. Stanley J. Clark said to me some ago: "I fellow ought to be willing to try anything once and then let it alone if he doesn't like it," which is a good rule to go by that we need not worry when some comrade proposes a new method of carrying on agitation. Why force, I think your plan well worth trying.

One thing strikes me, Comrade Hickey, we are now about ripe and that is getting the Rebel in the hands of more of our small dying middle class business and professional men. I can understand the many hard knocks you have had in grand old Texas trying to get the people to understand the many hard knocks you have had in grand old Texas trying to get the people to see the bankrupt gentry who are rich in their minds. But I too have made careful observation and through experience I have found that this after all is becoming an element ripe for agitation. These people are losing money, the grip of economic condition grows more and more precarious each year. Think of the many places already in Texas where some substantial middle class man has come into our movement with that utopian zeal and fidelity to principle so fine in keeping the party growing. If the comrades could be brought to cooperate with you of the Rebel staff maybe different sections of the middle class might be taken up, say a special edition for the doctors, one for the small merchants and one for the preachers etc. with a campaign to get these folk on the Rebel sub list.

I have noticed when a man goes hird hunting he doesn't expect every one of the shots in a no 8 shell to get a bird neither do we expect every one we shoot the Rebel at 40 weeks to become a Socialist. The sentiment for Socialism here is looking up. I heard one of our leading physicians say that he believed the national government ought to ignore the bankers in the question of handling the cotton crop and issue money direct to buy cotton and then put them in the spindles and then go to manufacturing the cotton into goods, and the farmer has been reading Socialist literature to my certain knowledge.

Many of the 'old guard' here are grieved beyond expression at the carnage in Europe and especially the reported murder of one member of the Reichstag of Germany for refusing to endorse the war. Comrade Fitzpatrick is especially moved. The mental anguish of the comradeship the world over was bad enough but perhaps the worse is to be the prize.

R. F. Stevens,
Box 94, Stamford, Tex.

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Petitions President.

Mt. Sylvan, Tex., Sept. 21, 1914.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Halletsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:—

I am glad to report to the Rebel that the farmers of this section of East Texas have at least realized their helpless condition under a democratic administration. I have been carrying on a house campaign showing the farmers that congress was able to provide a sufficient amount of cash to handle a 15 million bale crop at 15c a pound. Congress is amply able to prepare the sumptious real but unable to get the farmers to the table, because of our 17th government at Washington and the big one at Wall Street. I have been circulating the following form of petition and protest to Woodrow Wilson which has been signed by more than 80 per cent of the people presented to. Several hundred has already been sent in from this section. The form of the petition follows:

To the President of the United States of America.

We the undersigned citizens as food consumers and cotton producers do hereby petition and respectfully urge on you to assist congress to immediately enact a law providing for this government to set a minimum price of not less than 13 cents standing basis for cotton. And that such law further provides for this government paying for same through the postal savings banks. Without interest to the farmers. Said law to further provide for government to control cotton exports by increasing the price of the cotton to the consumer.

We would respectfully remind you that the constitution of these United States vests in congress the power. See Section one. Article one of the constitution. We maintain that if a king can provide for the safety and well being of his subjects then a republic could do as well. Witness Norway. Now the nation should do as good as a king. Should we fail in this our humble petition we second protest will be at the ballot box.

J. L. Bright.

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Socialist Evangelists.

Clovis, New Mex., Sept. 22

Editor Rebel, Halletsville, Tex.

Dear Hickey:—

As I read the distressing letters in the Rebel I feel sorry for the poor robbed and oppressed after almost two thousand years of christianity I am led to wonder where the Socialist evangelists are to understand now why souls are so precious in this part of the moral vineyard. The evangelist preachers are beginning to come our way. Two Socialist evangelist meetings are in progress here in Clovis one just closed a week or so ago and the lord knows how many more we will have.

It seems like when the cotton farmers could find no market for their cotton and it went down in value, the value of souls went down accordingly. But I want to say to the Henry Dubb cotton farmers that while according to news reports President Wilson cannot assist you in any way, remember he made a large appropriation to assist the rich globe trotters to get out of Europe.

But now don't get mad disturbed, he has issued a proclamation for a day of prayer for Sunday in October to pray at their different places of worship and cry for peace. Maybe he will cry for the people to pray that the rich globe trotters might escape out of Europe unharmed but thats different from you know, but never mind. Those evangelists who have left you to the tender mercies of the banker landlord and profit monger can pray for you from a far off. It is true christian Europe on both sides of the bloody conflict are praying to the same God for success in the human slaughter but the proletarian has great confidence in the Lord doing the right thing about it.

It is true christians have ceded the power of life and death over to into the hands of a few capitalists and profit mongers and have given up the privilege of ordering us out to shoot each other any time they see fit, but of course that is patriotism you know.

Of course God's word says, "Thou shalt not kill" and also "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and nation shall not go to war with nation etc. But that would be against modern warfare and destroy patriotism. It's all right to pray for peace just as long as we keep on voting for war.

Now honest to goodness it looks to me like as insult to God to ask him to take a hand or ask him to use his influence in an affair he has nothing to do with bringing about. The fact is the capitalists and preachers have gotten us into a h— of a mess and now they want us to call on God to help them out of it. Don't they know what they have robbed from honest toil.

Let me make this suggestion Henry Dubb don't bother God about the matter. He has already done his part by sending the rain and sunshine which has blessed this old earth with good crops. So go to the polls in November and vote to keep all you and your wife and children have produced.

C. Copeland.

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The debate between Comrade R. L. Norman and Lee Ray Elkins is a thing of the past.

Comrade Norman is an able debater and an able exponent of Socialism.

Some of the elder Elkins moderators, a Democrat, said that if Elkins made one point during the discussion he never saw where it was. He made the point Hudson Hudson.

There were many others who heard a portion of the debate also who said that Tracy Daughdrey the boy orator made an able speech during the day, they were turning to the Socialist party.

Comrade Hudson the moderator subscribed for the Submarine from Comrade Norman. During the debate Elder Elkins said while debating with Comrade Norman that since he (Elkins) had debated against the Socialists at Coalgate the Socialist vote had fallen off 200.

There never was but one Democrat and seventy-six Socialists votes cast in Coalgate at any election there, fore Elder Elkins must have been dreaming. The Socialist vote has increased in the three years ago but as usual the opposition in the next election pulled off a wholesale fusion which beat the Socialists.

The national Banking Set and boot-leggers and the big bunch with their presidents, preachers and preachers is what the Socialists in Coalgate, Oklahoma had to beat and have to beat yet. You will always find the government bunch of the capitalist stripe in up to their ears in politics in the defense of the profiteers and pillage the poor. Still they claim to be christians. As Christ told the hypocritical pharisees, "they for a pretense made long prayers and rob widows' houses."

So are these modern shyloks who strain at a gnatand swallow a camel.

T. N. Pritchard and Jesse Price,
Coalgate, Oklahoma.

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Here's An Agitator.

McDade, Tex., Sept. 20th.

I note that the powers that be are now oiling the rusty brains of some of the old fogies and sell fruit trees and there is a very marked change among the Germans here. They are always anxious to buy trees when we need more agitators like a man we have here, O. G. Clopton, he breaks the ice for us, then he tackles the donks in groups and gives them platforms. He has twice tacket Meitzen and Noble cards in town but cowards have kept them down. But such work will hurt the donks in the end.

J. W. Brice.

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Dublin, Tex., Sept. 24.

Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed find enclosed money and names so please send papers to them for 40 weeks. To say that your paper is fine and dandy sounds so tame it is the best paper in the South, full of truth, so I say, hit the devils hard, do not spare their hides. Take them all every time.

I am with you till the end.

W. J. Morgan.

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CAPITALISTIC PALAVER - INGS.

President Wilson has ordered a thorough investigation as to the cause of the recent increase in the prices of foods. Armour, J. Ogden Armour, one of the heads of the Beef Trust says, "Beef is good, school and the food situation will adjust itself" and the Fort Worth Record in commenting says, "Of course if it should be found that it is concerned effort among the owners of foodstuffs to practice economy such effort will quickly fall under the condemnation of the law" and then the Record backs up and says "no law can make the owners of a beef or hog or bushel of wheat sell for less than can be had for it under the law of supply and demand." These great million aire packers have been burdened long enough with this business of distributing meat food products. Let the nation own the packing business and give these Armours, Swifts, Cudahy's, Morris etc. a rest.

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Here is a good one. Neil P. Olsen Secretary of the Southern California Retail Grocers Association, recommends that sugar and all other food products upon which prices have been raised be boycotted. The question is what would we eat? Of course for "green stuff" we might begin on the likes of Mr. Olsen, but I fear this diet would be indigestable and besides it isn't good to eat anything so awfully green.

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A fifteen year old New York girl is facing imprisonment for stealing money and using it to relieve a wretched starving family. This girl is the same sort of philanthropist that John D. Rockefeller is because when John gets ready to endow some church or school he literally forces the entire population of America to furnish him the money by raising the price of his oil products.

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Joseph W. Bailey, ex-United States Senator from Texas, but better known as a lackey and licks pittle of the Standard Oil Co. accuses the Socialist party of attempting to destroy homes. Joe is correct. We aim to abolish the miserable shacks of the working class and erect good comfortable homes for those who must do the world's work. This same Bailey tried to prove by the fathers, so called the early founders of the American Government that we must never get away from our representative form of government or adopt the initiative, referendum popular recall system.

The trouble with statesmen of the Bailey type is that the upper parts of their heads is about 100 years behind the lower parts. Daniel Webster laid down the proposition in his works that when economic conditions had undergone a great change that the form of government or political condition must change undergo a change in keeping with the changed economic conditions. As a matter of fact when the fathers founded this Republic we had no, telegraph lines, no steam railways and the means of communication were very limited hence the fathers could not get a direct vote on public questions. According to the logic of Webster they could get no nearer a democracy than a representative form of government still changing economic conditions including the discovery of the telegraph, the telephone, the application of steam to locomotives as well as the development of a great postal system makes it possible to get a direct vote on any question in a very few days.

Bailey is a disgrace to the intelligence of Texas and all the powers in heaven or hell could not drag him on to a public platform with a Socialist to answer his dirty cheap billingsgate flings at the only movement that offers a gleam of hope to the myriads of industrial slaves under our present civilization. Tass Joesh around.

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Day after day they utter lies, and night upon night they scream patriotism, until the world is one red hell and mankind are turned to demons. Surely I will subscribe to a capitalistic sheet and my soul shall feast on deception.

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Politics is a poor game to play at unless you know the rules.

VILLA AND CARRANZA FIGHT—THE REASON.

The following interview with a prominent mining man of Old Mexico who visited his family in Halletsville last week was published in Comrade Meitzen's paper, the New Era. First it shows from an unprejudiced source, the people interviewed, being old party followers how conditions are changed after the great landslide had their financial, if not their political back broken. He points out how prosperous the people are compared to the days when Diaz and the landlords ruled the roost in Mexico. He shows how wealth has enormously increased since the idle lands were thrown open. He throws a vivid light on the American muzzled press and shows with what contempt it is held by the Mexican people. Reading his article we can understand no little reliance can be placed upon the capitalist press stories of the trouble in Mexico now. This interview was printed before the break between Villa and Carranza last week and clearly demonstrates what a thorough insight into Mexican affairs the gentleman had. Note his reasons for the coming fight between Villa and Carranza. Carranza, the Hacienda owner, and Villa the representative of the landless had to clash and Villa will be supported by Zapata, the revolutionist, who demands the land for all the people. A fight on a big scale is never settled until it is settled right. So this fight in Mexico will never be settled until use and occupancy will be the title to the land. Mark the Rebel's prediction that the same rule will and must apply on this side of the line. The land in Texas must be taken out of the hands of the speculators and be made the property of all the people.

Mr. Kreklau's interview follows:

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EMIL KREKLAU RETURNS.

Mr. Emil Kreklau who left here on July 19th to visit his mining properties in Torreon Old Mexico, returned for a short visit to his family Wednesday afternoon. He visited the New Era office yesterday and was interviewed on conditions existing in Mexico. He said:

"I went back to my properties that are located in the vicinity of Torreon two months ago. Inasmuch as I knew that the great battle of Torreon was one of the most decisive in the late revolution I expected when my three railroad trip was over to find that everything in the big Mexican city was shot to pieces. To my surprise I found the city in better shape than when I left there one year ago. For instance there is the great big wooden depot in the center of the town which presented the same appearance as when I left there was no more evidence of war about it than it is about the depot in Halletsville. The same is true of all the stores and brick buildings in Torreon. There was no evidence of a siege; the close approach to damage I found was a few adobe huts had their walls down which might have happened and usually does happen from the weather alone. The only evidence of war that I could see was in the rolling stock of the railroads I saw burned box cars and locomotives lying on the side of the track at many points between the American line and Torreon.

Asked about the condition of the people Mr. Kreklau said: "After a residence of many years in Mexico I know from practical knowledge that the people were never so well off as they are at the present time. The soil was so fertile it harvest the like of which was never seen in Northern Mexico as far as the eye can reach in the plain and for hundreds of miles beyond in every direction there are great fields of corn that equals anything I ever saw in Kansas, Iowa or North Dakota. The cotton is yielding more pounds to the acre than in the black lands of Texas. As a result there are more hogs running around than ever before and they simply dropping with fat. The people are happy and seemingly contented and are all blessing the revolution for producing this wonderful result."

Asked how he accounted for this prosperity Mr. Kreklau said: "The people are ploughing land to which they have no regular title. They have simply taken possession of the mighty estates owned by absentee land lords. They have through the revolution confiscated hundreds of millions of acres for instance in the state of Chiemhan one man Don Terraeraz owned one half of the entire state and held the people in

To Our Rebels:—

From every nook and corner of Texas comes stirring words of the mighty opportunity that is now ours to reap down the fields of agitation white with the harvest of revolt.

Our capitalist masters have placed the final straw on the backs of the toilers of Texas and America. Not content with their immense stealings they are now using the European war as a pretext to beat down below the starvation level the prices of raw product and labor power that the working class must sell to the masters and at the same time to advance above all previous levels the cost of necessities that workers must buy back from the masters.

This crisis the old party politicians stand almost paralyzed all they can do is to put forward make-shift measures that will merely make bad matters worse in the final reckoning and they would not do this but for the fear that the Socialist party will sweep the state next November.

In this crisis the working class is turning instinctively to the Socialist party asking for a way out of the wilderness. Read the following extract from a personal letter to the writer from E. R. Meitzen, Socialist nominee for governor, who has been steadily on the hustings since May 26.

"I tell you T. A., the psychological movement to strike and strike hard for our cause is here. In the tone of the gubernatorial candidates all previous records are smashed, so far as crowds and intense interest goes. This war-cotton-sugar business is waking the masses as never before. They are in a terrible condition and rotten ripe for revolt. Should not wonder, provided the ruling class do not let up in their mad race for profit from this war situation if bread riots do not take place in many places soon. In every community we go—especially in the rural regions—they are coming our way in droves and it would be a crime if we Socialists overlooked the present God-given opportunity to reach the tens of thousands of Texas voters now ready for our message.

We must give them our message; we must show them the way out and we must DO IT NOW. For all these tremendous reasons The Rebel has decided to issue the greatest campaign edition in its history. chuck full of articles on the cotton-war-sugar situation, a general summing up of the campaign issues especially articles with regard to LAND, etc.; including a stirring campaign manifesto by the gubernatorial candidates; E. R. Meitzen and W. S. Noble which is calculated to shake Texas from center to circumference, provided we succeed in our aim of circulating

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T. A. HICKEY,
Editor The Rebel.

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absolute peonage until the constitutionalists under Villa ran him out and made him a refugee in California. All of that land is now being used and occupied and made to produce hundreds of millions of dollars of wealth that formerly lay absent with no sign of life except an occasional buzzard flying over it in response to the scent of a dead animal. As a result the peons is fed as never before; he is wasting fat and healthy and happy; he is eating meat such as his father never dreamed of tasting and the larder is always well stocked. He only has one immediate trouble in his mind and that is that there is no market for his produce be it corn, cattle or cotton due to the European war, but I understand that the same situation exists on this side of the line. But the Mexican peon or rather the man that used to be a peon before the revolution is fortunate in this that he has no rent to pay no depts to meet, no credit to ask for. The farmers are living in a communistic way. They exchange their horses and crude tools and are happy. There is one thing that has to be settled before their happiness is complete and that is as to the ownership of the land that they are now using and occupying. True it is that the former owners have left Mexico and have resigned all hope of getting the land back that was to a great extent given to them by Porfirio Diaz. How they will adjust conditions, whether they will reestablish a system of *private ownership* based on use and occupancy or whether they will continue to farm land in a communistic way is to have to be settled as the Mexicans say "Manana" (tomorrow).

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The men who hold this land believe absolutely in Villa and if another revolution occurs it will be because Villa and Carranza has broken over the question of the ownership of this land. In such an event Villa who now controls northern Mexico will be triumphant, I am sure. I fear that such a conflict will come off between Carranza the Hacienda owner, and Pancho Villa, the leader of the people who are now on the land.

As to the mining situation Mr. Kreklau said: "The great Guggenheim Company which is the largest mining corporation in Old Mexico have opened their smelters up at Chihuahua Chichuhua, Monterey and Durango. To one another the Asarco, the owners are shipping 18 cars of coke a day and five cars of oil. The biggest smelters of all, at Torreon, will soon be in full blast and everything looks more favorable than for years. A great boom in the mining industry is on."

"The American people are respected more today than at any other time in the history of Mexico. All kinds of courtesies are shown by the natives to a son of Uncle Sam. The only thing American that is disliked by the educated people of Mexico is the American daily press that has consistently, and chiefly through the channels of the associated press lied about the Mexican situation for the past twenty years. They say the American dailies are one huge joke. Personally I believe that the reason for this dislike is that Diaz successfully subsidized Hearst and all his papers and did likewise with Otis of the Los Angeles times and dozens of other daily papers of immense daily circulation and influence. All to the end that Diaz and his grafters could continue to rule and rob the millions of Mexican people and at the same time be safe from the great American public opinion who would otherwise sympathize with the masses of Mexico if the Wells, information were not poisened at their source."

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Thou shalt not bear false witness, we have preachers for that purpose.

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What is the result of a Socialist victory without Socialists?

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Can you endure the responsibility of freedom?

THE BIG OCTOBER 10 EDITION.

The big special campaign edition of the Rebel a double column advertisement of which is published elsewhere will come off our big press next week. Judging by the advance orders it will be the largest ever gotten out by the Rebel and will undoubtedly turn thousands of Donks into the path where they can see the light of Socialism. The Socialist party will undoubtedly poll an enormous vote in Texas and Oklahoma next election day, and we at this end of the line believe that in proportion to the amount of Rebels circulated the vote will grow. There are tens of thousands of voters in the cotton kingdom who are ready to jump off the fence into the Socialist pasture and they only need the push that the Rebel will give them as it seems to us that every Socialist without exception who reads these lines should make this a personal matter with himself and proceed to turn in an order within the next week for this edition. We will hold the forms open until October 12th. Look for the big article on the land and war situation from E. R. Meitzen, our candidate for governor; look for an article on religion and war, by W. S. Noble, our candidate for lieutenant Governor. The cotton situation will be analyzed by the editor. E. O. Meitzen, Secretary-Treasurer of the Renter's Union will show why every advocate of free land should be in Waco at the Renters' Union convention which will be held during the cotton palace which will occur from October 31st to November 16, in Waco, the full particulars will be published in the edition. Writers of national prominence have been invited to contribute to this issue of the Rebel, at least one of them will have an article that will be of such amazing strength that if enough copies of it were distributed in the South it would cause a tremendous upheaval in popular sentiment.

Remember that the price is as low as can possibly be made so that everybody can come in. Send us a nickel and get 10 copies, send us 50 cents and get one hundred, send us $5.00 for 1,000. I am depending upon you Rebels to attend to this matter without a moments delay, the sooner you send in your order the sooner they will be filled.

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In a week or two we will realize that it is hell to be patriotic. Funny that a worker's head is so hard that you have to use dynamite and machine guns to blow patriotism out and brotherhood in.

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The truth about theft is that surplus value is the bigger steal.

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The truth about the wealth of the world is that it has never been paid for.

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Judging from the war news, there seems to be quite a brawl in God's family.

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The worker, who is not an industrial collectivist, is either ignorant or a fakir.

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Lawyers, preachers and politicians, when they seek to enter the labor movement, must be treated like medicine; that is, must be well shaken before taken.

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Thetruth about Surplus Value is—it is the real robbery.

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The truth about Labor is that it leads a lemon life.

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The truth about prostitution is that it goes hand in hand with low wages.

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When will we have freedom if we do not organize to take it?

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What will we do with the industries if we don't know how to mange them?

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The truth about TRUTH is that it concerns itself only with truth.

Oklahoma Notes*

(H. M. Sinclair, State Secretary.)

New Locals for this Week.

Bixby, 7 members, J H Nance, Hisaw;— Prospect View, 9, F W Wright, Hobart;— Vine, 7, M M Abel, Vinita;— Calvary, 7, C C Baird, Colony;— Rosedale, 8, W V Carothers, Rosedale;— Odetta, 5, V M Harrison, Snyder R 2;— Springhill, 14, J F Hendrick, Hewitt;— Riverside, 7, T M Bohannan, Keokuk Falls;— Cross Roads, 5, E T Johnson, Sasakwa;— Prairie Lee, 8, J S Williamson, Lawton R 6;— Centralia, 9, H E Hering, Centralia R 1;— Johnson, 6, W M Allison, Purcell R 1;— Paden, 6, U S Kennedy, Paden;— Owl Creek, 5, Cal Owen, Maysville R 1;— Zena, 5, John D Anderson, Zena;— Valentine, 12, A R Burns, Welty;— total for this week: 16 new locals with a membership of 121.

Speakers Dates:

E O Enfield; Victory, Oct. 3, Duke 5, Pleasant Point 6, Lock 7, Hess 8, five miles south of Olustee 9, Snyder 10, Headrick 12, Lawrence 8 R 13, Big Elk 14, Gotebo 15, Pleasant Point 16, Art View 17, Bussie 19, Clinton 20, Duke 21, Sentinel 22, Port 23.

H H Blalland: Viet, Oct. 5, Cestos 7, Selling 8, Camargo 9, Talogo 10 2 p. m., Putman 10, p. m. All time is 3 p. m. except as otherwise marked.

Our next Byran county Mass Convention will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10, in the carpenters hall at Durant at 1:30 p. m. All Socialists are urgently requested to be at this convention. Come and learn what has happened and what there is yet to do in this campaign. J. Rowland, Co. Sec.

Committee of 6th congressional district: Having completed my work with encampments, I am now ready to take up and press the fight for victory in special work in this district. To the district organization I desire to say; map out the time of date spent with me in fall and address me as above. Yours for victory in November, J. T. Combs, Sugden, Oklahoma.

Comrade T H Pickens of Coalgate and Lee Roy Elkins a Democrat skypilot had a debate at Turkey Creek school house in Coal county. Pritchard tore up the rotten harangue that Elkins made against Socialism viz; free love, breaking up homes, and such stuffe. As a result they organized a good local at that place with 10 members.

New Motions.

New motions by local Warren, Dewey county: No candidate for public office on the Socialist Ticket in this state for the state ticket, any district or county ticket or any subdivision of civil government but the president, shall not be nominated by or in a convention.

All candidates shall be designated and nominated by the various locals by and through referendum ballot taken by and through the mails.

J L Hanes, Sec.— Local Warren has 7 members in good standing.

More Evidence of Corruption from a Good Democrat.

Kate Bernard, Commissioner of Charities and corrections in a letter to the preachers has this to say of the corruption of the Democrat party:

"The primary election is over, attended with such a train of drunkenness, debauchery of voters, bribery, perjury and political trickery as has seldom been seen any where on this continent. Where is the public conscience, that could be shocked, and the moral spirit that ought to display its hostility to the continuance of the reign of the professional politician. My friends so long as the dollar is considered of more importance than the human being, there will be graffers, and there will control the political parties. Will you join in a movement for the purification of Oklahoma?"

Kate only considers the Democrat and Republican parties. She knows that such matters as these cannot exist under the Socialist party's plan and as she is somewhat of a politician she doesn't care to lose her back at her siring so proposes with the aid of the preachers to start a purification process. She led the gang in the campaign when they were nominated and would be there now had she not got kicked out for being too hoosy.

Capitalist Nominees For Governor.

Williams and Fredrick are both acceptable to the banking crowd. They are safe men to protect their interests and the bankers know a good thing when it is put up to them. The workers are too bonehended to see through the game or every one of them would be out working for Holt, a working man on a ticket that does not propose to represent the interests of the banks and worker alike, an impossible task, but for the workers only.

Important Business.

There are several very important matters that need looking after between now and November 3, but the most important of all is the perfecting of a plan to get our votes to the polls and see that their votes are counted and properly reported. This is a matter that should concern every Socialist in the state and I suggest that the Socialists in every precinct get together, talk over the following plans and have things so perfected that there will be no confusion on election day.

We are entitled under the law to both a counter and a watcher and great caution should be exercised in their selection by the precinct committeeman to select capable and trustworthy comrades to act in these places and by all means to select ones who will do as instructed. Caution should be taken to select comrades who are not candidates for office or relatives of any who are. In the matter of counters the selection should be made of one who is reasonably good with the pencil and is literate. The law requires it.

To each of the committeemen this office will send a blank form for the counter and watcher to use on election day and on which they will get the total vote cast for each and every nominee on every ticket. And this report of the total vote cast in that precinct must be placed in the hands of the county chairman or county secretary of our organization on the night of or the next day following the election. BY ALL MEANS THIS MUST BE DONE.

When these counters and watchers get this report they should have all the persons present sign same as witnesses to its correctness.

Now comrades, there is no benefit to our party to have a counter and watcher serve us at the precinct election unless he makes out this report and gives it to the hands of our county chairman or county secretary immediately after the election is over. The crooked work is done at the county records during the official count. It is done in this manner; when the caller of the result in a certain precinct announces the call he drops figures or changes them to suit his fancy. They have denied us the right of representation on any of the election boards and refuse to let us watch the count when this official count takes place. There is no way to catch them in the crooked work except to furnish our county officials with the total vote cast in your precinct and with this we can check them off when they do the counting and if it does not tab with the report you send him he can call them down and while the box is open the matter can be investigated.

This office will furnish each precinct committeeman with a blank form for him to sign as communication to serve as the credential for counter and watcher to use in getting seated as the law says they must be commissioned in writing by the proper committee of their party. We will also send special instructions to each of the counters and watchers and this will be done in plenty of time before the election. Another very important thing that needs looking after is the getting of our votes to the polls. A system should be perfected now and be ready to act with great speed on election day.

A list should be made of all favorable voters and on election day one comrade should be at the polls all day with this list and check off the name of every voter as he comes in and votes. Great effort should be made to get every Socialist vote to the polls early in the day as in many cases there are shortage of ballots. If there is time back to hold, let the opposition hold it."

There should be a working committee to go and see the favorable voters and have them get to the polls early. Good idea to have a few buggies to go and get them for in many cases they have no conveyance and want walk the distance.

Now Comrades, these are very important matters and should be thoroughly perfected so that it will be in operation on the morning of the election. Get together and have a thorough understanding of these matters sugh understanding the principal thing now's get our votes to the polls and see that they are counted.

Nice Compliments.

This office is in receipt of many nice compliments and appreciated them all very highly. Following is a sample of one just received:

Wapanucka, Okla., Sept. 24, 1914.

Mr. H. H. Sincler Sir I see in your bulletin No 2 what yog have to say about the Democrat Party it is so tonishing to my onest man to think that there is such a lying man in this state as you are. I live in a Democrat for 40 years but never saw our report of such a lyer as you I only say this to say all you want is to get your hand in the trever of my money to rob me of one dollar that is in it. now you can publish this if you want to I sine my name as A. L. Demoss.

The foregoing is evidently from one of those "Dont owe nuthin, dont want nuthin, dont know nuthin" dimokrats that is as honest as any man can be but who has so much wool over his eyes that he can't see an inch in front of his nose. He is sure loyal to the Donk, but woefully ignorant and to be pitied, not condemned. To him and all his kind I wish to say that I hold the original documents to prove every assertion made in bulletin No. 2, and as they are from Democrat sources I suggest that you start down the line with them and if they are not true to brand the members of your own party as liars for they furnished the information.

The joke of it is about sticking your hand in the treasury and robbing it of every cent in it when as a matter of fact there has been so many Democrat politician's hands already in it that if a person fell in all ever he could search until doomsday and not coming on Christ and never find a cent.

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PEASONETTES.

Believing that women, either directly or remotely, are connected with every crime, the French say, look for the woman.'If you wish to know what modern war is about, you should "Look for the dollar."

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Every war is about money. Study any war, you will find a man who is trying to hold money or to get money from others, or you will find an individual who is fighting such a man. Every war is about money.

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In this way the known facts indicate that there were more reasons back of the Mexican war than one for letting loose the guns. At least three of the nations now sending out their people had internal troubles of the gravest character.

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The rapidly growing Socialist party of Germany was known to be a menace both to the autocratic power of the Kaiser and the Junker, and to the institutions reared by the capitalist group half of the Kaiser.

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A St. Petersburg cablegram, dated July 28th said: "Internal unrest would not shake Russia to pieces and the only means left was to strike out for military glory. The danger of Democracy is greater now than ten years ago."

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That any individual should presume to send men to war is monstrous. This is a question thatmost vitally concerns Americans. Not one in ten thousand of our Constitution provises that only Congress shall declare war.

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The power to declare war should not be given to Congress. Congress might be wisely entrusted to engage in defensive wars. But offensive war should be engaged in only after direct affirmative vote by all the people.

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If it is worth while to hold a national election to determine the tariff question, it is worth while to hold a national election to determine whether hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions of men should go to war.

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The greatest crops in the history of our country have made food plentiful. We are nevertheless facing the probability of great national hunger. Industry is at so low ebb that millions are out of employment.

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When crops are poor, the gentlemen who run this country tell us that we must suffer because food is scarce. But now that food is plentiful they do not tell us that we must suffer because Europe offers more profit.

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The above paragraphs are from Pearson's Magazine of October. Look at our clubbing offer on another page. If your subscriber gets Pearson's and the Rebel for one year he will have a revolution in his head. A great many donks need to get the gray matter from Pearson's magazine and The Rebel goes to them for one year. The price is $1.75 for Pearson's, the international Socialist Review and The Rebel one year.

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Do not under any consideration fail to turn in your orders for the great campaign edition of The Rebel on October 10th. It goes to the heart of all that has come up in this campaign of 1914 and the price is 10 copies for a nickel, 100 for a quarter, 100 for a half a dollar, 200 for a dollar and a thousand for $5.00. This lets you in if you have anything from a dime to a hundred dollar bill. Let us hear from you now and at once.

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Went somebody please answer that question: "Why are there more jassacks in Austin now than ever before in the history of that town?"

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There is one pleasing aspect about this Anti-Socialist war. When it is over there will be fewer patriots to fight for the bosses, and more rebels to fight for themselves.

FIVE MINUTES SERMON.

(Written for the Rebel by R. F. Stephens, Stamford, Texas.)

Inasmuch as the most of Europe is shrouded in morning,appalled at the awful spectacle of working men in the several countries flying at each others throats because of national, international,social and religious difference we deem it fitting this morning brethren that we should gather unto us and meet so on the best way to promote true patriotism.

In turning through our testament we find that in John 10 ch. 12—13 verses this reading: "He that is an hireling and not the shepherd who owns the sheep seeth not the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and fleeth and the wolf catcheth them and scattereth the sheep." "The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling and careth not for the sheep". This ought to be a warning to the middle class men and women, of the small land owned and rented or small merchant and dealer and the rest of the middle class aggregation that finds its ranks ever decreasing as each day the great monopoly trusts counts heads and inquires into the statutes of your economic and other conditions.

The leading minds of America including such thinkers as David Starr Jordon of the University of California say that time can almost be estimated when the middle class of America is gone and only a wealthy plutocracy on one hand and a nation of wage or slavery workers on the other. Now in our text you know Jesus was talking down to the people that a man or a nation of men would not defend or fight for that in which they held no interest of ownership. Are you counter-jumpers and trust goods distributors of the Rebel congregation whose none is Legion? Are you counter-jumpers of your mind off the question of which of the capitalist horde of politicians you wish in office. I say brethren unto you as unto mine I ask: If you believe you would fight as valiantly for a country in which you were denied the privilege of owning a home as would you not feel more like fighting to defend your country in which you had your own and fee simple under which you had the right of use and occupancy as long as the sun shines? No use to prolong the discussion brethren, if you have no proprietary interest in the nation you are really not so good a citizen as you would be if you were a fee holder in the true sense.

And you Doctors, who are little else but a walking sign board for some big sanitarium and you lawyers who are forced to grab at every side line you can think of to reinforce the income that is suffering over the loss of your regular profession and you little middle class bankers and merchants who stand today on the brink of bankruptcy and shudder as you wonder where the money is coming in to handle the crops this fall, hear me and hearken to me as I urge upon you to heed to the words of thinkers and philosophers as they warn you in thunder tones of your impending doom and now brethren receive the benediction: May the great fraternalist spirit the brotherhood of man as exemplified and taught by our great revolutionary brother Jesus be in the minds and hearts of all and may your minds turn more and oft to a closer study of social and political economy even the "Political Econauty of Jesus" Amen.

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The object in regulating the acreage of cotton is to regulate the price. If the state can regulate the output and price of cotton, it can regulate the price and output of any commodity however, should be limited only to the needs of society. Production should be for use and not for profit. People should own the tools of production which would assure them employment and the means of supplying their needs. But, confound it, that would be Socialism, and that would make us free boys and girls, bust up homes and make infidels of every blasted one of us

That School Book Matter.

When you buy a new outfit of school books this fall don't forget that the school book trust needs the money and that the democratic party has been mighty good to the school book trust. With Socialists in control in Texas and Oklahoma the school books would be printed at the state capital. Printing plant and furnished free to the pupils The state can furnish free text books as easy as it can furnish free schools houses and free teachers But then, what would become of the poor school book trust. Will

PETITION TO GOV. CRUCE.

The comrades of Comanche county in convention on September 12th adopted the following petition to the farmers from the banker-landlord- interlocked parasite class in the county seats.

Hon. Lee Cruce, Governor of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Okla. Dear Sir:—

Whereas the cotton crop of Oklahoma will soon be ready to market for the sale of said crop, thereby placing the great mass of the actual farmers of the state at the mercy of those who have liens upon their crops for rentals, money and other advances made to such farmers, with the strong probability that the collections for the rentals and advances will be made with the prices of the crops depreciated to the lowest possible point, and,

Whereas, it is estimated that there are not less than 145,000 of this class of farmers in Oklahoma, it seems to us that an "EXTRAORDINARY OCCASION" as meant by section seven of article six of the constitution of the state of Oklahoma, now confronts the people of the state which would authorize you, as Governor, to call an extra session of the legislature and recommend a law suspending the laws of the state authorizing the enforcement of "STATUTORY CONTRACT LIENS" for the collection of rents and other debts until March 1st, 1916, without any way affecting the validity of the liens given by law to secure such payments.

Such a law, if passed, would enable the farmers to hold their crops until the market opened up by transportation facilities being in operation to take our products to European markets.

In the name of the farmers of Oklahoma who till the soil, and their families, that number not less than half the population of the state, we ask you to give the matter due consideration, and we ask you to do all in your power to have passed the above law suspending the enforcement of the said class of liens, in order that conditions now prevailing may not be taken advantage of by usury sharks to the injury of the farmers of Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted to the farmers of Comanche county, Oklahoma

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THE LAND AMENDMENT MUST WIN.

Lufkin, Tex., Sept. 23, 1914.

Mr. T. A. Hickey, Halletsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:—

Why all this talk and newspaper talk about the State and National government enacting legislation to limit the production of cotton?

Why should well meaning but unfortunate philanthropists spend their time and the plutocratic press space in advising the farmer to raise more foodstuffs and less cotton; to produce more of that which will sustain the lives of those dependant of him. It is useless to waste time in telling him what he already knows.

All the renters I have conversed with tell me and I can't believe they are lying, that the landlord forces them to put all and in some cases nearly all the land in cotton. If such is the case the renter is the most object slave imaginable. His hands are tied and he cannot be the master of his own life. No legislation is necessary to force him to raise more food and less cotton. He is free from the landlords shackles. Let him be free to follow his own inclination and he will better his own condition thereby and add to the wealth of the commonwealth proportionately. If the legislature must try a remedy let it do the same thing post possible. Strike the shackles from the slaves and guarantee them the right to plant what they will. Let the governor issue an emancipation proclamation anjouncing that the fetters have been removed from the renters' neck and limbs and that when in future they hire land they receive from the master they can use that hired land and get the value of what they paid for: Let this Slogan reverberate over the vast domains of the Lone Star State: "The Land Amendment must win!"

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