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The Gunmen and the Miners.

(By Eugene V. Debs.)

The time has come for the United Mine Workers and the Western Federation of Miners to levy a special monthly asessment to create a GUNMEN DEFENSE FUND.

This fund should be sufficient to provide each member with the latest high power rifle, the same as used by the corporation gunmen, and 500 rounds of cartridges.

In addition to this every district should purchase and equip and man enough Gatling and machine guns to match the equipment of Rockefeller's private army of assassins.

This suggestion is made advisedly and I hold myself responsible for every word of it.

If the corporations have the right to recruit and maintain private armies of theives, thugs and ex-convicts to murder striking workingmen, sack their homes, insult their wives, and roast their babes, then labor unions not only have the right but it is their solemn duty to arm themselves to resist these lawless attacks and defend their homes and loved ones.

To the miners especially do these words apply, and to them in particular is this message addressed.

Paint Creek, Calumet and Ludlow are of recent occurrence.

You miners have been forced out on strike, and you have been made the victims of every conceivable method of persecution.

You have been thrown into foul dungeons where you have lain for months for daring to voice your protest against these cruel outrages, and many of you are now cold in death with the gaping bullet wounds in your bodies to bear mute testimony to the efficacy of government by gunmen as set up in the mining camps by the master class during the last few years.

Under government by gunmen you are literally shorn of the last vestige of liberty and you have absolutely no protection under the law. When you go out on strike, your master has his court issue the injunction that strips you of your power to resist his injustice, and then has his private army of gunmen invade your camp, open fire on your habitations and harass you and your families until until the strike is broken and you are starved back into the pits on your master's terms. This has happened over and over again in all the mining states of this union.

Now the private army of gunmen which has been used to break your strikes is an absolutely lawless aggregation.

If you miners were to arm a gang of thugs and assassins with machine guns and repeating rifles and order them to march on the palatial residences of the Rockefellers, riddle them with bullets, and murder the inmates in cold blood, not sparing even the babes, if there happened to be any, how long would it be before your officials would be in jail and your unions throttled and put out of business by the law?

The Rockefellers have not one particle more lawful right to maintain a private army to murder your union men than you union men have to maintain a private army to murder the Rockefellers.

..And yet the law does not interfere with the Rockefellers when they set up government by gunmen, and have their private army of man killers swoop down on a mining camp, turn loose their machine guns, kill without mercy, and leave death, agony and desolation in their wake, and therefore it becomes your solemn duty to arm yourselves in defense of your homes and in driving out these invading assassins, and putting an end to government by gunmen in the United States.

In a word, the protection the government owes you and fails to provide, you are morally bound to provide for yourselves.

You have the unquestioned right, under the law, to defend your life and to protect the sanctity of your fireside. Failing in either, you are a coward and a craven and undeserving the name of man.

If a thief or thug attacks you or your wife or child and theatens to take your life, you have the lawful right to defend yourself and your loved ones, even to the extent of slaying the assailant. This right is quite as valid and unimpaired in fact it is even more inviolate—if the attack is made by a dozen or a hundred, instead of only one.

Rockefeller's gunmen are simply murderers at large, and you have the same right to kill them when they attack you that you have to kill the burglar who breaks into your house at midnight or the highwayman who holds you up at the point of his pistol.

Rockefeller's hired assassins have no lawful right that you miners are bound to respect. They are professional man-killers, the lowest and vilest on earth. They hire out to break your strike, shoot up your home and kill you, and you should have no more compunction in killing them than if they uere so many mad-dags or rattlesnakes that menaced your homes and your community.

Recollect that in arming yourselves, as you are bound to do unless you are willing to be forced into abject slavery, you are safely within the spirit and letter of the law.

The constitution of the United States guarantees to you the right to bear arms, as it does eo every other citizen, but there is not a word in this instrument, nor in any United States statute, state law, or city ordinance that authorizes the existence of a private army for purposes of cold-blooded murder and assassination.

"Mine Guard" is simply a master class term for a working class assassin.

Let the United Mine Workers and the Western Federation of Miners take note that a private army of gunmen is simply a gang of outlaws and butchers and that TNEY HAVE NOT A SOLITARY RIGHT AN HONEST WORKINGMAN IS BOUND TO RESPECT!

Let these unions and all other organized bodies of workers that are militant and not subservient to the masters, declare war to the knife on these lawless and criminal hordes and swear relentless hostility to government by gunmen in the United States.

Murderers are no less murderers because they are hired by capitalists to kill workingmen than if they were hired by workingmen to kill capitalists.

Mine guards, so-called, are murderers pure and simple, and are to be dealt with accordingly. The fact that they are in uniform, as in Colorado, makes them even more loathsome and repulsive than the common reptilian breed.

A "mine guard" in the uniform of a state militiaman is a copper-head in the skin of a rattlesnake, and possibly only because an even deadlier serpent has wriggled his slimy way into the executive chair of the state.

It remains only to be said that we stand for peace, and that we are unalterably opposed to violence and bloodshed if by any possible means, short of absolute degradation and self-abasement, these can be prevented. We believe in law, the law that applies equally to all and is impartially administered, and we prefer reason infinitely to brute force.

But when the law fails, and in fact, becomes the bulwark of crime and oppression, then an appeal to force is not only morally justified, but becomes a patriotic duty.

The Declaration of Independence proclaims this truth in words that burn with the patriotic fervor the revolutionary fathers must have felt when they rose in revolt against the red-coated gnmen of King George and resolved to shoot king rule out of existence.

Wendell Phillips declared that it was the glory of honest men to trample bad laws under foot with contempt, and it is equally their glory to protect themselves in

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The RENTING SITUATION

There lives not a man in the south today, or in any other part of the United States for that matter, who will question this statement: That there is no body of men and women in any industrial category that is so stricken as a result of the European war as are the million and odd men, women and children who are renting land in Texas and this statement also applies to the men, women and children who are working in the cotton fields of the entire south.

Just look at their situation: They are renting land on the third and fourth where it is of average productive quality; where they are in the rich black land they are paying the bonus of from one to three dollars per acre, and incidentally, if the Ferguson land plank should go through they will have to work for wages as farm laborers.

To break even they must get 12 cents per pound for their cotton and after they have paid their store accounts and petty taxes and the landlords share they have nothing left and must watch themselves grow a year older while they resume the same old round of labor with nothing to put by for their old age unless that the following year shows that king cotton has gone to 15 or 16 cents.

Imagine then the situation of over a million people in Texas alone who finds that the best strict middling cotton is 7 cents where there is a market and in most cotton centers there is no market. For instance, a typical cotton center is El Campo, county seat of Wharton county, where there has not been one bale of cotton sold this year except the first bale for which the customary prize is given. What follows can be imagined. The banks have closed down on credits; the merchant has stopped his open accounts; the men in the family who find work for their neighbors at this period which is ordinarily the most prosperous season of the year, can get no purchaser for their labor and consequently famine faces the bulk of the agricultural population of the state.

Facing a crisis like this it might be expected that even a Donk legislature when convened in special session at Austin would do something to relieve this frightful condition. Unfortunately the record shows that the bankers, lawyers, merchants, landlords, financial pimps and other representatives of capital have wasted away their time at a cost of $1,000.00 per day and has done absolutely nothing for the suffering multitude who till the soil for the landlords of Texas. A warehouse bill has been introduced and now three weeks has passed since the legislature met and nothing has come of it. The Rebel is not particularly sorry because the best warehouse bill that could be devised by man could not relieve the tenants' hard lot, and if it could relieve their situation, owing to the irreconciable conflict between the master and slave, or landlord and tenant as you will, it would not be introduced and passed by the capitalist forces that control the Donk legislature.

So The Rebel may be able to drive home to the minds of the multitudes of its readers how desperate is the condition that confronts the renters of the south we publish here a characteristic letter, a human document, that will illuminate the whole situation. This letter was written by the secretary of one of the Renters' Unions and after reading it you will come to the conclusion that there is not a town in beleagured Germany Belgium or France in which the population is facing a worse situation than is the community in which dwells Hernandez in South Texas today, he writes:

Nordheim, Texas, September 4, 1914.

Hon. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

In time of trouble I always ask advice from the wise. You know I rent on halves. On account of so much rain I had to use some money to clean my crop with good results. One of my boys got sick and could not work for a month in the hardest part of the work. Also my wife has been sick. The result is I am pretty well in debt. With good price for cotton I would pay every cent and have some left. Now cotton is selling at 5 and 6 cents and if I picked the cotton myself I could pay some or most of my accounts, even if it takes till November. I have 6 in the family. We have to work for nothing and only for the benefit of the landlord. To hire the pickers costs 80 cents per one hundred or $14.00 per bale. While the bale of cotton only brings between $25.00 and $30.00. The cotton pickers and the rent take all the money. There is nothing left to get something to eat. Now the land manager of our farm says that he will get hands and pick the cotton and where are we left. He says that he will take our corn for money advanced to clean the crop. It can't be justice and right to leave a family to face starvation. No I will be shot before they touch my corn. I have nothing left for my wife and family, only the corn. If they put pickers in my field I might not be left one cent out of 15 or 20 bales of cotton that I have in the field. Many have left the farms here. Can I get all my creditors and give them the cotton crop and let them fight over it and me take the corn? Altogether I have lost the work of myself and family and a hired hand, all that I have. Hoping to hear from you, I am,

Fraternally yours,
F. A. Hernandez,

The Rebel anticipated a situation such as this three years ago. That is why we called for the organization of the Renters' Union. We have fought strenuously to get the renters of Texas into one great organization to the end that they would be able, in a crisis like this, to bring such pressure to bear upon the state and national government that immediate relief would come to them, and come because they were organized in full force todemand such relief. Instead of being insulted and scorned by the special session of the Donk legislature which is frittering away its time over such questions as whether Joe Bailey shall speak or not, or whether Miss Finnegan shall address the legislature on woman suffrage or not, they would be brought up with a round turn and told that their future would be made as black as the future of the tenant is now if they did not pass into law at once some measure of relief that the organized tenants would demand.

Unfortunately we have not succeeded in getting the Renters' Union to such a point where this pressure could be brought to bear upon the depraved Donks who misrepresent us at Austin. Let us therefore resolve now that such steps shall be taken at once as will make them understand that their political future is blasted if they do not move to the rescue of the more than a million renters who are facing a future that is as black as could be made by all the powder smoke on the continent.

You can do this by writing letters and postal cards to Austin demanding action. Tell them that Ferguson is not yet elected governor of Texas. Tell them that a large number of them can yet be beaten for representative or senator and their places filled by Socialists who will draft legisation in the interest of the renters in the 24th legislature. Tell them that you are going to meet in Waco on the Saturday before the next election at the fourth annual convention of the Renters' Union of America. In short tell the double-dyed scoundrels who are playing the masters game of delay in Austin that for every tear that they cause your wife and child to shed because of their failure to meet this situation that you are going to demand personal satisfaction from them.

If you take such manly action even now at the eleventh hour, the Donks will pass the stay law that Judge Meitzen requested of them and the State of Texas will pledge its credit to the extent of $100,000,000.00 to meet this emergency, even if Joe Bailey sighs, John H. Kirby cries and the interests are left standing in mourning.

For the sake of your women and children, their future and your future, get in touch with that Donk legislature and let them know where you stand in no uncertain tone, in this crisis that tries men's souls.

Socialists in Congress.

Our Duty to Our County and Our Cause.

(Carl D. Thompson.)

Congress is the strategic point We must capture the United States Congress.

If we capture a city we can do something for the working class in improving conditions and something towards Socialism. But state laws, constitutions, courts and federal control restrict the cities and limit their possibilities.

If we capture a state we can do much more. But even then the federal constitution and courts limit us.

But when we capture conrgess we have won the battle.

Congress is almost supreme in this country. It can even hold down the supreme court of the United States. It has the power, as pointed out by the Socialists and now admitted everywhere, to prohibit the supreme court from declaring its measures unconstitutional; to inaugurate the policy of the public ownership and operation of railroads and thus remove any question of strikes, reduce rates instead of increasing them, cut out the overcapitalization, discrimination and frauds that prevail under private ownership and put the people of this nation in possession of the greatest power for the development of the country's resources, wealth and progress that has ever existed.

Congress, acting for the nation, could take over and operate the mines, grant every demand of the United Mine Workers and the Western Federation of Miners, which would settle every miners' strike and make such disgraceful and atocrious occurrences as those at Paint Creek in West Virginia, Calumet, Mich, and Ludlow, Cilo., not only unnecessary but impossible. And what is more, it could reduce the price of coal and iron and oil, thus reducing the cost of living and eliminating all child labor from the mines.

Congress could take over the telegraph and telephone systems of this country and reduce the cost of the services at least one-third after raising labor conditions to the highest current trade union conditions.

Congress could take off the restrictions that now hobble the postal savings banks and make these public institutions the actual people's government banks and thus put the money trust out of business and put the people in control of the credit and commercial forces of the nation.

Congress, using the credit of the nation, which is as good as gold, could start up great public works, conducting them so as to pay for themselves, steadily increase the wealth of the nation, and add enormously to its industrial and commercial resources. It could reclaim swamp and desert lands, develop watetways, reforest the devastated timber lands ofthe nation and recover much that has been stolen by the trusts; it could take over the vast tracts of land now held out of use by speculators; could establish public industries where needed, and by these means put the unemployed to work until in a short time there would not be one of the 3,000,000 unemployed out of work. The employment of these alone would save the nation at least three billion dollars a year that today it is losing.

These and manay similar things congress can do. And no other body can.

Therefore I say—Congress is the strategic point in the struggle of the social revolution for Socialism and Social democracy.

It is more important than the capture of municipalities. More important even than the capture of a state legislature.

When we get Congress—we can get Socialism.

To capture the United States Congress—that is our real work.

Let us get it at once.

There are at least fifty congressiiinal districts in America where the Socialist vote is already lareg enough to be a factor; there are at least a dozen where we are within sight of victory; there are at least four where with some extra effort we might elect candidates this fall.

SOCIALISTS IN CONGRESS
A few this fall—more next time. until we control that body.

REMARKABLE PROPHECY.

The Rebel wishes that everyone of its readers will turn over the article on the European War written over two years ago by our famous Comrade, George D. Herron. Not since Biblical times has there been such a remarkable prophecy that has proven to be true down to the finest detail as this prophecy of Herron. And yet there is nothing supernatural about it. It is simply the forecasting of events by a Socialist scientist. Only a man who has the economic grasp of events gazes upon the world through the glasses of Socialist science could make the remarkable prediction that Herron has in this article. Read it and study the Socialist philosophy.

TEXAS NOTES.

(T. A. Hickey, State Secretary, Hallettsville, Texas.)

Governor's Special.

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

Mabank, Sept. 12; Temple, Sept. 13; Desdemonia, Eastland County, Sept. 14, 15 and 16; Weatherford, Sept. 17; Rockwall, Sept. 18; Wylie, Sept. 19; Allen, Sept. 20; Princeton, Sept. 21; Bonham, Sept. 22; Paris, Sept. 23.

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Stanly Clark's Dates—Cameron, Sept. 18; Hallettsville, Sept. 19; Woodsboro, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25; Donna, Sept. 26, 27, 28 and 29; San Benito, Sept. 30; Kingsville, October 1.

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Delegates to the 12th congressional and 30th senatorial and 54th flotorial conventions met at Red Men's hall at 1:00 p. m. Aug. 29. Dr. S. J. Brownson of Fort Worth was nominated for congress, George Ackley for the senate and J. M. Sanders floater. W. J. Augett of Fort Worth was chairman and Dave Evans secretary. Dr. Brownson will enter at once upon a canvess of his district and to this end desires to correspond with Socialist locals or members-at-large in Tarrant, Walker, Johnson, Hood Erath and Comanche counties. His address is 2701 Rosen Avenue. The convention is urged that secretaries of locals and members-at-lage, send five cents to F. C. Weinert, secretary of State, Austin, Texas and procure at once a copy of the Revised Election Laws of Texas. It is but little use for us to work for converts unless we are represented at every voting box on election day by true Socialists who understand the law and will guard our interests. Thousands of votes are lost because we are thoughtless in this respect.

S. J. Brownson.

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Jack County.

Following is the lsit of nominees for the Socialist party in Jack county:

Representative for the 99th district, Comer C. Jones of New Castle; for county judge, Robt. H. Austin; county clerk, Thos. Murphy; county superintendent, Will Ham; sheriff, F. A. (Jack) Powell; tax assessor, J. F. Dwight; tax collector, Jas. B. Allen; District clerk, G. W. Meadows; treasurer and justice of thepeace precinct No. 1, C. L. Taylor; county commissioners, precinct No. 1, J. F. Pults; Precinct No. 2, G. V. Meador; Precinct No. 3, Tim Martin; Precinct No. 4, C. C. Weir.

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Limestone County.

Following are the nominees to the Socialist party for Limestone county:

Representative 63rd district, N. E. Yarborough, of Thornton; county judge, L. J. Stone, of Thornton; sheriff, G. B. Leawell, of Thornton; county clerk, S. H. Louis, of Thorton; district clerk, B. F. Clancy, of Groesbeck; tax collector, J. H. Henderson, of Thornton; tax assessor, J. J. Roundtree, of Groesbeck; treasurer, Mrs. Bettie Gibson of Thornton; commissioner, Precinct 3, R. R. Norton, Groesbeck; justice of the peace Pre cinct No. 1, C. C. Ferris, Groesbeck; constable Precinct No. 1, J. L. Stevens, Groesbeck; justice of the peace precinct No.8, R. D. Hansen, Thornton; constable precinct No. 8, J. E. Grilson, Thornton; justice of the peace precinct 6, J. M. Yarbrough Thornton; constable precinct No. 6, T. F. Hastings, Thornton; commissioner, F. E. Pilley, Groesbeck; 14th senatorail district, Jos. Ellis, of Orange; 2nd congressional district, H. Lingham, of Beaumont.

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Poolville, Tex., Sept. 1, 1914.

We, the Socialists of the Red Top local, met Sunday evening August 30 in call meeting and after dsicussing the European war and its cause passed the following resolution and further instructed our secretary to send a copy of the resolutions to the press for publication:

Whereas; we as peace and liberty loving people in the name of God and humanity do solemnly denounce war and further ask that the other brothers and sisters join in our protest. The origin of these wars as all other arises from the savage elements and are fought for the sole purpose of enlarging the dividends of the rich and enslaving the many. We see no good in hsooting our brother down to appease the wrath of the tribute takers. We stand for the co-operative commonwealth and brotherhood of man. We ask all liberty loving people to join in this protest to maintain peace. Yours for jutsice to all and down with war. Let this be the watchword and voice of every liberty loving American citizen.

(Signed:)

J. A. Lain,
M. K. Cornelisin,
F. Stutzs,
D. M. Fowles,
W. H. Yates,
Committee.

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Our encampment at Walnut Springs was a success in spite of several disadvantages rain and so on. Opposition broken down and the Socialists built up and on. their way to victory. Our speakers were of the best. Mrs. Jennie McGehe of Fort Collings, Colorado was with us and to say she is a good speaker is putting it very mild. She is one of the very best of the world's lady orators of the day. She has a magnitude that arrests the minds of her audience and brings tears to the eyes of her hearers. We heard old gray haired, brass-collared Democrats say with tears in their eyes that they had voted straight all their lives, but expected to vote the Socialist ticket from henceforth as long as they lived. We have seen great audiences weeping under the great swaying influence, she has over them with her sympathietic logical reasoning for which Comrade McGehe stands without a peer the world arond. The Socialists everywhere she goes are proud of her and their pride is well founded for such personality seldom appears upon the scene of action to fight the battles of the down-trodden. We haven't words to express our appreciation for the great work she has done for us at our encampment. We also had with us Comrade Goode of Dallas, our candidate for congress; he is a fine speaker and a worthy comrade. He stands shoulder to shoulder with right and is deserving of the support of every working man. We are marching at a lively pace to victory in Bosque county. We have our contry very well organized at present, but don't expect to let up until it is perfectly so. We have seven live working locals in this county. Socialism is the issue in our county. Two months ago you scarcely heard it mentioned and everybody can do the same in your county if you get busy, it is to your interest to do so. I will guarantee you that your master will honor you more for doing something for yourself and family than he will for licking his boots. There is only one vote that the masters of bread honor and that is the Socialist vote. When you vote the Donk ticket you vote for servitude and your master knows it and he also knows you are a darn fool for doing it. And you know that he won't honor you when you vote for yourself and family to be held as servants. There is freedom in no party other than the Socialist Party. If you are otherwise you are just as ignorant as a wild ass colt.

W. W. Reece,
Glen Rose, Texas.

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To The Locals of the Socialist Party:—

Occasionally it is necessary for every local to exert itself to the utmost. That time is now here.

Humanity is stirred today as it has never been stirred since the dawn of history. It would almost seem that civilization is breaking down. It is a crisis of capitalism and we must take advantage of the situation.

You know that back of all the murder and blood letting is the desire for commercial supremacy. And Socialism alone knows the solutiin of that problem.

Then let us carry this knowledge to our fellows. Let us hold immense mass meetings. Every union will co-operate. Every woman will be sympathetic.

Resolutions should be passed and sent to the president and congress, demanding in strong terms that the government take over such industries as may be necessary to protect the people's food

By acting unitedly in this matter we can make a display of strength; we can show America that the Socialist party is alert and watchful of the workers' interest and thus create on impression that could not be made under normal circumstances.

The National Office of the Socialist party has prepared special literature, namely, SOCIALISM, THE LONE FOE OF WAR, a chapter from Benson's "Truth about Socialism;" a stirring challenge to the nation, STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA, issued by the National Campaign Committee, and SOCIALISTS AND THE SWORD, by Kirkpatrick. The country should be covered broadcast with this literature. It is cheap, but extremely effective; it strikes the only clear note in this whole situation.

Everybody to work. STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA.

Walter Lanfersiek,
Executive Secretary.

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Henderson County.

Following are the nominees of the Socialist party for Henderson county: For representative, 28th district, G. L. Parker; district clerk, J. W. Hooper; county judge, G. H. Roberts; county attorney, H. O. Jeter; sheriff, C. H. Cloud; county clerk, Joe Owen; tax collector, Ras Jordan; tax assessor, Waldon Lewis; county treasurer, M. J. Abbot, county superintendent, G. H. Harvil; commissioner, precinct No. 1, C. J. Thomas; commissioner, precinct No. 2, H. S. Reynolds; commissioner, precinct No. 3, G. W. Hamel; commissioner, precinct No. 4, W. H. Hardin; justice of the peace, precinct No. 1, J. S. Hendley; constable precinct No. 1, J. W. Davis; justice of the peace precinct No. 2, W. L. Gibson; constable precinct No. 2, Tom Geomes. justice of the peace, precinct No. 3, D. A. Dodd; constable precint No. 3, Joe Pickle; justice of the peace, precinct No. 4, J. C. Thomas; constable, precinct No. 4, Billie Anderson.

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To the Socialists of Haskell County, Texas:—

You are requested to meet at Haskell on Spetember 19, at 1:00 p. m. to decide about when and where we will hold our next annual encampment. We have to raies $75.00 expenses in sending delegates to the state convention and balance on encampment expenses. The boys at Haskell worked hard and had everything of the best arranged of any encampment I have ever attended, but the rain kept the people away so they did not meet expenses. So you must help. You know it isn't right for a few to bear these expenses. I want every Socialist to be there on the 19th and help us what you can; if it is impossible for you to come, you can send 50 cents or a dollar by some one who is going. Now remember this must be raised, so come on and do your part, it will be light if every one will do his part. So come to Haskell on the 19th and help us in this and attend the debate.

Yours in the fight,
Joe F. Hudspeth.

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All locals in the 18th congressional district comprising the counties of Austin, Fort Bend, Grimes, Harris, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Walker, and Waller counties will hereafter remit and report to your district secretary, C. R. Triay, 110 Stewart Biulding, Houston, Texas.

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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.

"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.

"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.

"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.

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

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

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

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List of Available Speakers.

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, Bardwell, Texas.
J. W. Pyburn, Birome, Texas.
O. G. Clopton, McDade, Tex.
H. Grady Milner, Walters, Okla.
H. J. Brice, Woodsboro.
W. L. Thurman, Sulphur, Okla
Geo. W. Nicholson, Farmers Branch, Texas.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

We have seen that the people's political institutions and their moral ideas are the direct result of the way the people get their living taken in conection with the way their fathers and grandfathers got their living. We have also seen how the laborers today get their living by creating surplus value for the capitalists. Put these two thoughts together and what do they suggest? Here we have a class on one side, a class of capitalists who live in luxury on the labors of others. Yet no one capitalist is forcibly robbing any one laborer. Quite possible each capitalist or at least the father or grandfather of each capitalist has been a laborer himself. So these capitalists and their hangers on persuade themselves and also persuade the less intelligent laborers that wealth is a natural reward of virtue and efficiency.

On the other hand the more intelligent laborer realizes that they are getting far less than they produce. They realize that the modern machinery now used makes their labor immensely more productive than labor used to be, yet they see the are receiving as wages a smaller portion of their product than ever the laborer received before. So the class struggle is on and the Socialists do not make it; they simply explain it and point out the lines on which it must develop.

Thus far the chief weapon of the laborers has been the labor union and the fighting has been through strikes and boycotts. In the day of the small capitalist real gains were made by the unions, but in this country the development of of industry has made craft unionism worthless. The laborers today if organized at all are mostly organized by crafts so that a corporation employing laborers of several crafts can make a separate contract with each and when those of one craft are striking for better conditions can use their fellow workers in the other crafts to crush them. To contend with the great corporations on anything like equal terms the unions will be forced to organize industrially so as to include in the membership of one union every laborer in the employ of one corporation. Again the unions have thus far been made up mainly of the better paid laborers, and through these unions they have generally endeavored to prevent the overthrow of the capitalists; they have been conservative rather than revolutionary, but the changing mode of production is an irresistible force against them. It has cheapened the skill of the union laborers. Every improvement in machinery enables each laborer to turn out a larger product than before in the same number of hours and thus the employer is enabled to do without a part of the laborers. These displaced laborers make up the "army of unempuoyed."

It is natural under such circumstances for the unions to resort to force, but here the capitalists are ready for them with superior force. The powers of government in America and every other "civilized" nation are at the disposal of the capitalist when a contest is on with the laborer. Thus by the logic of events the class struggle has been extended to the ballot box. Here from year to year the voters have a chance to say who shall direct the clubs of the police and the rifles of the soldiers. Thus both in the shop and at the polls the struggle is on.

Let us take a look at the forces ranging on both sides. The capitalist would have you believe that the battle is between the hand workers on one side and the brain workers on the other. Such an assumption is wholly untrue and it is in direct conflict with the Mexican ideas that we are studying. We have sen that the classes of men are mainly moved by econo mic conditions through which they get their bread. Now apart from begging and the various illegal method of stealing there are just two ways to get bread and the other necessities of life under our present society. One way is to work with hand and brain. The other way is to own land or other real estate and by the ownership get hold of the wealth made by some one else. It is of course possible for one person to do both. It used to be more common than it is now. It will soon be less common than it is at present; the lines are being drawn more and more clearly betwe n those who live by working and those who live by owning.

H. K.

OUR REBS.

A number of our best sub hustlers are adopting a plan of buying a dozen sub cards in advance and selling them singly to their friends and neighbors and others which they wish to convert. Comrade Partridge of Morales, Texas is one of those who has adopted this plan He writes:

Morales, Tex., Sept. 1, 1914.

Dear Comrade Hickey:—

For convenience I have decided to invest three dollars in Rebel sub cards. I can often take one sub where it is not easy to get four at at the same time have thecards on hand. The rest is easy, then you don't keep the subscriber waiting for his paper, thinking you or the editor is a dead beat. Cmorades let's boost The Rebel. Load, fire and load again. Enclosed find three dollars. Send me eleven cards and The Rebel for forty weeks to H. Gerjes, Edna, Texas.

Yours for the revolution,
R. E. Partridge.

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Temple, Tex., Sept. 6, 1914.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,

Dear Comrade:—

I just want to tell you that the more I read The Rebel the more I like it. It is getting better all the time. You certainly speak my sentiments exactly. I tell them all that I am the proudest man in the world because of it. If every laboring man would read it they could not help but be a Socialist. I can not help it but I talk Socialism anywhere and at all times. There is but two things that will prevent me from talking Socialism and that is death or total paralysis. With many kind wishes I remain,

Your true comrade until death,
Clyde H. Cook.

These letters are characteristic of many we receive from our friends daily. They inspire because they show that we are reaching the hearts of the people. We have often said that if we had 100,000 Rebel subscribers we could destroy the Texas bourbons and turn the state into Socialist channels. Help us to get that 100,000 by ordering sub cards now.

Oklahoma City Headquarters.

The comrades of Oklahoma City local have opened a city headquarters, cigar stand and literature depot in the very heart of the city. Red is the prevailing color in the decorative scheme. Socialist literature of all kinds, including the National office campaign book for 1914, is on sale. The venture has been quite successful so far and bids fair to grow into quite an establishment.

Comrade Louis Harvey is in charge of this headquarters and he has a royal welcome for all visiting comrades. The address of this meeting place for Socialists of Oklahoma City and the state is 212 W. Grand.

PARIS TO HONOR JAURES.

It is significant that in the midst of war Paris is reported to be planning a memorial to Jean Jaures, the pacificist martyr.

The proposal is made to change the name of the Rue d'Allemangne to that of the Rue de Jean Jaures. It would demonstrate to the world that even when engaged in putting forth her full military power in defense of her people and her institutions, even when the patriotism that is stirred by the sight of battle flags and armed men pervades the nation, France is big enough to remember gratefully and to honor a citizen whose voice was raised in protest against militarism and in advocacy of the dream of human brotherhood and peace.

When the war is ended and the world has had time to look back upon it, to digest its bitter lessons, to give its heroes their just place in history, the names of Jean Jaures and Herr Liebknecht will be given a chief place as those of men who sought not only to serve their countries, but the race.—Rocky Mountain News.

DODGE THE REVENUE TAX ON TOBACCO.

Write for a copy of my pamphlet, which tells you how to obtain natural unflavored Kentucky leaf tobacco direct from the grower and how to convert it into cigars, smoking or chewing tobacco at one-fifth of dealers prices. It tells how you can avoid paying the revenue tax and beat the tobacco trust. It tells how to save most of the money you now spend for tobacco and still have the finest on earth. Sent FREE to anyone on request. Write for your copy today. Moss, J. Beall, The Trust Buster, R. 6, Cave City, Kentucky.

RENTERS' UNION.

(E. O. Meitzen, Secretary-Treasurer, Hallettsville, Texas.)

The following set of resolutions have been adopted by local 41 Renters' Union of Nordheim, Tex.

Whereas; We should all live and let live; with co-operation and good will towards all we wish to point out the following facts: The tenant cannot meet his debts on account of no price for cotton and where the price of cotton picking has gone to 75c and 80c and all the money is going to cotton pickers and landlords and nothing is left for the tenant to buy something to eat and pay on his account. While tenants have worked with wife and children in the hot sun and cold weather and where all business men depended on the farmer and the farmers are left in misery.

Resolved; That the landlord pay one-half of the cotton picking and that amount be paid to those that the tenant owes or otherwise, that all landlords and owners of farms shall lower the price of cotton picking to 40 cents per one hundred.

Resolved; That all merchants should reduce the price of goods to a living basis since the landlords get their share and cotton pickers the other part and we tenants have nothing and are left without food and clothing for the coming winter.

Resolved; That a copy of this resolution shall be spread in the records of our local No. 41, Renters' Union and one copy sent to The Rebel at Hallettsville, Texas. Further

Resolved; That all papers that are friends of the tenants of the state of Texas, are asked to copy the above.

F. A. Hernandez.

Local No. 41, Renters' Union of America.

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Palestine, Tex. Sept. 2, 1914.

The following letter was addressed to Gov. O. B. Colquitt by a committee from our local.

Palestine, Texas, Aug. 31, 1914.

Governor of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

Socialist Local No. 806, Palestine, Texas, directs us as a committee to address to you our unqualified endorsement of Comrade E. O. Meitzen's letter addressed to you from Hallettsville, Texas, on August 29, 1914, on the question of the relief of the tenant and small farmer from the distressing conditions in which he finds himself incident to the European wars and our present economic system.

We recommend for your serious consideration his suggestion that you present to the call session of the legislature a law suspending the law of the state authorizing the enforcement of the statutory and contract liens for the collection of rents and money due, for the advancement against crops in the hands of the producer until January, 1915.

Judging by your public utterances, we feel sure that you understood the deplorable condition of the producing class under our present economic system.

You express great sympathy with the laborer. Why do you not offer a real remedy?

(Signed:)

J. W. Thompson,
T. E. Foster,
C. M. Anderson,
Committee.

Did you ever look for the decalogue in the dictionary? I did. I found that it was the ten commendments. Did you ever look for the ten commandments in the Bible? I did. I was looking for that sixth that says: "Thou shalt not kill." I found it in Exodus. but it was marked the 13th verse in the 20th chapter. Doesn't beat all hell that the preachers won't practice and live up to that moral law?

THE GUNMEN AND THE MINERS.

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their lawful rights when those who rule the law fail to give them such protection.

Let the unions, therefore, arm their members against the gunmen of the corporations the gangs of criminals, cut throats, woman-raivshers and baby-burners that have absolutely no lawful right to existence!

Let organized labor, from one end of the country to the other, declare war on these privately licensed assassins, and let the slogan of every union mon in the land be

DOWN WITH GOVERNMENT BY GUNMEN AND ASSASSINATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

A Vivid Forecast.

(*By George D. Herron.*)

(*Note—The following remarkable forecast of events in Europe was written by George D. Herron in the early part of* 1913, *and was published in "The Coming Nation.*)

It would be a rash prophet who would undertake to forecast the immediate future of Europe. One can depict the present situation, and indicate some of its inevitable results. But, granting a European conflict or catastrophe, the issue therof depends largely upon unkown and untried factors.

Orrather it depends upon what shall prove to be the quality of the Socialist movement, including its yet unapprehended and unorganized marginal influence. Neither the quality nor quantity of international Socialist conviction has yet been put to the proof. We can not tell how strong or wise the movement is, how capable or incapable, until it has been tried. We do not know what resources it can command—what new and unknown potencies may be precipitated into sudden power. I believe the Socialist movement is gradually accumlating a vast spiritual fund; and that it will draw upon this fund in the day of the world's trial. But does the fund bulk yet large enough? Is it sufficient for the organization of society ,if a European catastrophe should resolve the nations back into their ethnic elements. If Germany, or France and Russia should force the trial of national strength, the struggle for capitalist mastery, with the chaos that would inevitably issue therefrom, would/the Socialist movement be equal to its opportunity? Or, putting it another way, when the capitalist catastrophe comes, as come it will, will the opportunity of man again prove greater than man himself, as has been the case in the past? Or will the opportunity this time prove an open door, through which the Socialist movement leads mankind into a nobler world, into a larger being?

Germany Holds the Key.

It is Germany that holds the key to the present European situation. The rest of Europe is merely waiting for Germany to move. As a capitalist power it is necessary for Germany to expand Nothing else can save her from collapse. It is certain that she will very soon put her strength to test. It is impossible for her to draw back, or much longer to delay. Her dilemma offers her the choice between war and bankruptey. Of course, as a Socialist nation, she would have no such dilemma; but as a capitalist power, she is bound to choose between expansion and a collapse of her present military and industrial system. She is preparing to strike soon and swiftly, and to put all her resources to the supreme proof.

German's first enemy is France. And France, as the banker of Europe, is determined to reduce Germany by economic pressure She is determined that Germany shall be financially dependent upon Paris. And she is also determined to get back Alsace and Loraine.

Then there is England—an exploiter of the world, the most universal plunderer since Rome, England is resolved that Germany shall not expand. She is resolved to keep the earth she has stolen. And Germany can expand only through possessing some portions ofthe earth already ocupied by England, either in fact or intention.

On the East is Russia, fast becoming the dependency of English capitalism in industrial development, as she is already dependent upon the Parisian bankers for her governmental finances. Russia has reorganized since the Japanese war. She is prepared for the struggle, though preferring to delay it as long as possible. The immediate issue between Germany and Russia is the occupation and exploitation of Asiatic Turkey. The Turkish Empire has no longer an actual existence. It is but a theory and a shadow, to dis appear as soon as the bondholders have made arrangements for the payment of the interest on their bonds. They will make the Balkans pay—if they can.

If the European war comes, England, France and Russia will, of course, unite against Germany, Austria and Italy. The enemies of Germany will stand together without a doubt. But the problem of Germany has not only to do with her own military preparedness; it has to do with her allies. The German Kaiser knows very well that in leaning upon Austria he is leaning upon a broken reed. The German portions of the Austrian Empire would be with Germany to the death; but the Slavic and larger portions would be as likely as not to desert to Russia; while Hungary might prove as worthless in a military sense as she is worthless in fidelity and morals.

Italy is another matter. Italy is in a better condition, financially and morally, and nearer Socialism than any other country of Europe today. Yet her hatred of things Austrian and German is fundamental—brewed in her blood by a thousand years of Germanic oppression and savagery. Indeed, it would be difficult to drag Italian armies to fields of battle whereon they would be fighting side by side with Austria.

Yet it is possible. For Italy has been infamously berayed by English diplomacy, and meanly treated by France. With the prospect of getting back Savoy, and of gaining Corsica and Tunis,—thus settling her accounts with France—Italy might readily fight beside Germany. And the Italian army is to be reckoned as a fighting force. It is, as the German Kaiser well knows, far more efficient and to be depended upon than the armies of Austria. The chief regiments and officers of Italy were never sent to Tripoli, as is well known, but were kept upon the Austrian frontiers, ready for the European outbreak. Another inducement to Italy to fight beside Germany is her discernment that the end of Austria draws near, whatever the issue of the European war. If Germany should win, and thus obtain the hegemony of Europe today or tomorrow she will surely annex German Austria and Bohemia. If Germany should lose, the disintegration of the Austria Empire would be inevitable and immediate.

And for this let Europe thank God! It will be a god day that dawns upon the end of the Hapsburgs, wiht their thousand years of treachery and tyranny, against which every European nation has had to struggle for liberation and life. Yes, it will be good to lift the cause of the Hapsburgs from the continent.

The Time Not Far Off.

Who can foretell the issue of this European conflict? Its time is not far off. It will, as I have said, begin whenever Germany feels prepared, or when some crisis forces her hand. Viewed superficially, the chances seem to be against Germany, especially if the Balkan Alies should go with the Triple Entente. Yet of this we cannot be sure. In the crisis of the last few months, the Kaiser is the one man who has kept his head. He has certainly restrained Austria to the utmost. He had also refrained from any hostile word or action toward the Bulgarians, Greeks and Servians in their struggle. On the other hand, the diplomatic action of England, as represented by Sir Edward Grey, has been perfidious and contemptible. Diplomatically, London and Vienna have been acting together on behalf of the Rothschild owners of Turkish bonds. Also, so far as the national entity of the Balkan people is concerned, they have much more to fear from Russia than from Germany. If Germany could have a clean economic field, she would make no encroachments upon Balkan territory. She would like to have Asia Minor; and Asia Minor would be vastly better off in the possession of Germbany than in the possession of either the Turk or the Russian. On the other hand Russia does intend to absorb the Balkan peoples, and to make Constantinople her Southern capital. She also intends to absorb the most of Asiatic Turkey. The diplomacy of Germany, speaking from the capitalist standpoint, has been very wise at this juncture. We cannot know beforehand, therefore if Bulgaria and Greece and Servia with Roumania also, might not be found fighting upon the side of Germany. If this should be so, England would but get her just deserts.

The End of the Czars.

But leaving Englad and France out of the question for the moment,sooner or later must come the conflict between the German and the Slav for supremacy—that is, granting the continuance of capitalism. As the United States stands between Germany and South America, as England stands between Germany and Africa, so Russia bars the German road to Asia. Both the German and the Slav must have room. Under Socialism, they would have it already, and to spare; but under capitalism, they must expand. Without Socialism, the German and the Slav will inevitably fight it out as to which is to have the hegemony, not only of Europe, but of Western Asia.

And whatever the immediate issue, it would seem that Russia alone, can effect a synthesis of Europe and Asia. Notwithstanding the insane and criminal Romanoffs, there is a vast intellectual and spiritual ferment in Russia that is absent from Germany and Englad. There is also a profound communistic basis in Russian life for the Socialist to build upon. And sooner, or later, there will be revolution and the end of the Romanoffs. Also, being even more Asiatic than European, will the East and West yet meet in the Rusian mind and society.

Capitalism Approaching Senility

Yet this struggle, with its probable European catastrophe, though it be now inevitable, was absolutely unnecessary to the capitalist. We shall have done with over-estimating the capitalist brain, one of these days and shall take marveling at capitalist incompetence and stupidity. Just as the diplomacy of the world now in its-tottering dotage so is the capitalist system running riot and uncontrolled Capitalism is indeed approaching its period of senility. It is only by a vast imposture and hypnosis that we are led to think that either the industrial or the political world is being managed with brains. The world is being run today, politically and fiancially, uetterly without principle, and with even less sense. If there had England and France and Germany those three would have divided Africa and Asia between them, redeing their own armaments and increasing their industries. The European catastrophe, when it comes will be due sa much to capitalist imbecility as to capitalist development.

Are We Ready for the Hour.

What will the end of it all be? And where should the sympathy of the Socialist be placed? Can the Socialist sympathize with anything so incompetent and hypocritical as to that which passes for British government today? Can he find any hope in the triumph of England in the struggle? Can the Socialist sympathize with anything so corrupt to the core as the present French political system? Can he hope for anything that is taking place in the France of this hour—that country of revolutions and phrases, yet of reactions and delusions? Can the Socialist sympathize with anything so deadly, so brutish, as the Prusian bereaucracy? Can he find hope in the extinction of the savage and sodden Prusian system of Europe? Can the Socialist sympathize with the monstrous and murderous Romanoffs? Can he find any hope in strengthening of the Russian political sytem, and the retreat of Germany before that?

Nay; the sympathy and the hope of the Socialist can lie only with the workers of all nations. He can only have faith that, when the empires fall upon each other, the workers will rise against them all. For the fulfillment of this faith he must work, sacrifice and suffer day and night. For it is the Socialist alone who can save the world from a new series of dark ages. It is only the Socialist that can decide the tomorrow of the world; and the hour of decision draws near. The day of opportunity aproaches with appalling rapidity. The Armageddon that tries and judges the world will also be a judgment upon the Socialist movement. Are we Socialists ready for the hour and the opportunity?

War, war, war, what for?
The big man's war and the little man's fight,
The big man's money and the little man's life,
The big man's will and the poor man's bill,
The big man fills while the little man ills,
The rich man's hatch and the poor man's patch,
The rich man's pie, while the poor ones die,
The rich man's time while the poor man whines,
The rich man's goat and the poor man's throat,
But why not make the rich man fight,
While the poor man stays home all right.

H. E.

CREDIT BUSINESS.

To those whom we have recently sent statements of account, some of whom have replied kindly and some not so kindly, we wish to say that in the beginning in order to get The Rebel before the people we first called for volunteer workers supplying them with sub cards on credit.

Then we started our lectures on a sub card basis suplying many places with sub cards in large quantities to be sold by the lecture came off. In some instances these lectures failed to materialize and cards were sold or kept on hand, sometimes they were returned. When our circulation grew by leaps and bounds we were forced to buy costly machinery, having very little cash on hand, we went over our books selected 500 subscription hustlers and sent each (June 6th, 1912,) 10 sub cards, (5,000 in all worth $1,250.00) asking them in a circular to help us raise the money by selling the ten cards. This latter act was without the request of those whom we sent the cards to, but the emergency was great and the circular sent along with the cards explained fully our reason.

This will explain why some of our comrades got statements of accounts due us who did not order cards. Statements were first sent to all in December, 1912, and in August 1914 the last statement was sent.

We have summed up and find that we have outstanding $2,300.33, there being possibly some errors, leaving an amount of over $2,000.00 for sub cards alone that have been sent in and Rebels sent out for most of them. We know however technically that we owe 40 weeks yet for every one not sent in. We want to get straight and ask all those who have had sub cards a long time, which are unsold to kindly return them and we will give full credit. We have no comment to make only that we beg pardon of any good comrade that we may have sent bills to who did not get their cards or paid for them before and urge all to write us so we can determine in the struggle for social democ where we are.

Now comrades we are under a heavy financial strain soplease remit at once.

OLD PARTY.

Man with joy,
Baby without toy.

SOCIALISM.

Man with joys,
Baby with plenty of toys.

Iron and rust, the world is full of trusts,
Somethilng is going to burst,
You must act with your brain to stop the strain.
(*Written by a ten-year-old Socialist girl.*)

THE GODDESS OF PEACE IS WEEPING.

(By Frank Conner.)

The Goddess of Peace is weeping,
The world is in sad turmoil,
And bosoms now feel the piercing of steel
That slaughters the sons of toil;
While brothers must shoot their brothers,
Obeying a stern command,
The fiery hell of cannon and shell
Re-echoes across the land.

The Goddess of Peace is weeping
For mothers whose sons must die—
The war gods in vain defiance,
Are sounding the battle cry;
The peace and good will we long for
Are only a dreamer's dream;
The Goddess of Peace is weeping
And carnage now reigns supreme.

The Goddess of Peace is weeping,
For down through the lapse of time
To conquer and kill has been the mad will
That leads in the wake of crime;
And there are the martyred comrades
Now gone from this earthly throng,
For daring to stand with brotherly hand,
Proclaiming that war is wrong.

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And carnage now reigns supreme!

The above poem was written by Frank Connor, of Waterloo, Iowa, an Illinois Central striker. Brother Connor has written many poems and songs and his latest work speaks for itself, and entitles him to rank among the worl'ds deep thinkers.

PREDICT SOCIALIST WAVE AS RESULT OF THE WAR.

Everywhere the consciouness prevails that the war will result in an immense wave of Socialism over the whole world. In an editorial the Pittsburg Press says:

"It can be depended on that if the rulers of the great nations drench a grat continent in human blood, they will have an unparalleled wave of Socialism to combat in-the coming generation. For the war that it makes on war is one of Socialism's most conspicuous features. A generation ago, in most of the countries of Europe, the blare of the war trumpet would have found every worker responsive. At the signal of the king or of the privilege behind the throne he would have answered the call to the colors dumbly assuming the bloody burden and fighting, even dying, in a quarrel in which he had neither voice nor hope of gain. But now a new note resounds. It is the tramp of millions in organized protest, marching to hymns of human brotherhood.

"'You shall not press upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns,' a working host is shouting to the despot kings. Unarmed save by the justice of their protest, wholly or in large part disfranchised, they nevertheless gain strength as a tide that is rising; and already the butchers of men are wondering if they can meet the issue. For the moment, perhaps they can. Meet it and do their own will with it. But not for long."

THE WAR THEY NEVER FOUGHT.

(Harry Kemp.)

The millionaire went forth to fight in the War They Never Fought.
The broker and the banker each a place in the vanguard sought.
The preacher left the church behind to march and shoulder a gun.
The senator tied on his sword; the magnate sent his son.
Then, finding war so fine a thing, he by all his pelf
And took a rifle in his hand and went to war himself.
The king served on the battleship; he fought as a gunner there.
The emporer went forth on foot the lot of war to share.
And none of them on horses rode, but side by side they went
And carried knapsacks, slept in rain and ate hard fare, content.
The Poor, the poor, they stayed at home while all these bore the brunt.
Charging and breasting cannon balls and starving atthefront.
Yes al lthe workers stayed at home and knew a happy lot—
The ruling classes were so brave in the War They 'Never Fought!

CORPORATION COMMANDMENTS OF THE "OILYGARCHS" AND "OILY GAMMONS."

(By W. E. P. French, U. S. A.)

I'm the God of greed and Mammon,
I'm the Dollar-God of Pelf,
Lust of Gold, Graft, Grab and Gammon,
Thou shalt worship me, myself.

Thou shalt make a minted image—
Bird of prey and woman's bust—
And emboss thereon the legend,
In our God of Gold we trust.

Thou shall use my name to swear by,
For I make the she-horse go,
And I'm hot stuff at conversing—
Only "money talks," we konw.

Please remember to keep wholly
Ev-rything that thou canst get;
Squeeze the stuffing from the Eagle;
Take thy-pound of flesh for debt.

Honor, Profit, Rent and Int'rest;
Twist the shipper's tail on right;
And be sure to put the letter
"S" in front of peculate.

"Thou shalt do no murder" (retail)
Does not mean thou must not slay;
Wreck or poison half a nation
In a lawful wholsale way.

Tut! that "don't" is not for Magnates,
But for poor and humble folk;
Mere polygamy's not sinful—
Under Alimony's cloak.

If thou'rt rich, just grab more millions
Fleece and skin the public lamb;
Grind the poor men, women, children;
Jail the wretch that steals a ham.

When you lie about your plunder,
With apologetic cough,
It is not to bear false witness,
But to swear your taxes off.

Do not covert or desire
Things nailed down or things red-hot;
Simply seize weak neighbors' fortunes,
Be content with all they've got.

Thou canst break the laws wide open,
And the people calmly flout;
But this plan is cheaper, Plutie—
Do, but do not be found out.

Now the first and great commandment
Is to "salt" the bird "Success"
And the second, "without ceasing,"
Prey, and then avoid duress.

Call the piracy plain "business,"
Hide behind thy legal gang;
On these hints and these commandments
All the Laws of Profits hang.

Great Democratic prosperity. No market for cotton. Groceries gone up 33 1-3 per cent. The Donks are getting the dose they voted for.

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Oklahoma Notes.

(H. M. Sinclair, State Secretary.)

County Conventions.

Grant County. The Socialists of Grant County are requested to meet in mass convention at Medford on Saturday, September 12, 1914, at 1 o'clock p. m. Meeting called at the courthouse. Every Socialist of the county is urged to attend, as business of great importance to the Grant County and state movement will be brought before the meeting. John W. Hardin, Medfore, OKlahoma county, secretary.

Grand Rally.

The Socialists of Coal county will hold a grand rally at Coalgate, on Saturday, September 12, 1914. A splendid program has been provided. Speaking both afternoon and evening. Comrade G. G. Hamilton will be one of the speakers. Every Comrade in the county is expected to attend and take part in the parade. The Coalgate Cornet Band has been secured to lead the parade. Banners declaring the Socialist attitude towards war and the present capitalist system have been provided for the occasion. Every comrade in the county is urged to attend. Dwight Spencer, Coalgate, Oklahoma county, secretary.

Speakers, Dates, Etc.

We have a ltter from Comrade T. A. Hickey, state secretary of Texas, advising this office that Comrade John A. Currie of San Antonio, would invade the great commonwealth of Oklahoma in the near future. He is about to cross the Texas line. September 5th is the date set. We know Comrade Currie to be red hot, all fired good speaker. To say that we extend to him the glad mitt is unnecessary. Come on comrades, give Currie all the dates he can fill during his stay with us. He is one of the kind we need in this fight. He will be with us several weeks.

Comrade Frank Ryan, of Okemah, Oklahoma, is preparing a list of dates for the month of October, and will be glad to arrange with you for most any kind of field, organization, picnic, or encampment work. Comrade Ryan is certain to do much good in any locality covered by him. We need every speaker that can be secured for the coming campaign. Let us keep them all busy.

We are pleased to inform the Comrades of Oklahoma that Comrade S. C. Stair, of Walter, Oklahoma, will enter the fight for victory as a speaker and organizer. Comrade Stair has been engaged in preaching the gospel for over 15 years. He is a member of the Christian Socialist. He has a splendid voice, is a rapid and convincing speaker, and a man above reproach. He has the profound respect of every one having the pleasure of his acquaintance. He is a wniner; one of the men we need to bring victory this fall. Comrade Stair is anxious to secure dates for every day from now till the close of the campaign. His terms are as low as could be asked. Those desiring him may address, J. W. Smith, county secretary, Walter, Oklahoma.

Comrade H. H. Stallard has arranged to speak as follows: Hollie, Sept. 19, 2 p. m.; Vinson, 20, 2 p. m.; Carl, 20th, 8 p. m.; Thompson schoolhouse, 22nd, 8 p. m.; Deer Creek, 23rd 8 p. m., Brinkman, 24th, 8 p. m.

A Word From Woodward County.

On behalf of the comrades of Woodward county I wish to make some report of our work. We have a full ticket (except judge) in the field. Our chances for success are favorable. In 1912 there were 3,037 votes cast in the county, 538 of theme were Socialists. An addition of 300 votes would place in a position to hope for victory and give the state ticket a great boost. Our political organization is nearly complete. Watchers and counters have been arranged for. Our last county convention appointed a campaign committee. This committee has arranged to stump the entire county and organize locals wherever possible. Every voter in the county will be fully informed of the objects of Socialism, and what it is offering to the workers of the state. With hundreds of our voters informed for the first time, and fully advised of their interests, we can reasonably expect to double our vote of 1912. There are four (4) tickets in the field. Let every Socialist devote every minute of his spare time to the business of Socialism. The opportunity to expose the corruptness of old party methods must not be overlooked. We have arranged to put on the greatest campaign ever known in Woodward county. Let us have your moral and financial suport.

Yours for victory in November,
The Committee.

Resolution of Protest Against War By Moutain View School, Hughes Co.

Mountain View school, Hughes county, used the period from 10:20 a. m. to 12 m. as war period, Monday, August 24th and nearly every pupil able to write wrote a letter to President Wilson, protesting against war. The attached resolution was signed by every pupil able to write.

To The Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
President, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:—

We notice in studying history that the leading bankers, merchants, and business men of the nations always stay at home in time of war and look after the business interests of the country and working men like our fathers and brothers are always the ones that march to the front and get shot, that workers' wives are the ones left widows, that the workers' children are the ones left orphans. Therefore be it resolved by the students of Mountain View school, Hughes county, that we are opposed to war under ny conditions; and resolved further, if war is forced upon us, that big business shall furnish the soldiers from its own ranks, composed of big bankers, merchants, business men, politicians, etc., and we hereby pledge you that our fathers and brothers will remain at home with us and attend to the business of the country while the Big Interests are patriotically furnishing the widows and orphans from heir own ranks.

Be it further resolved that the big interests are the ones that make money out of the war, with which to buy homes and comforts for their families, therefore if human corpses must be the price of this money, we believe it only fair and right that those who receive the money and profits of war should be the ones to furnish the corpses.

Debate.

Ttere will be a debate at Standing Rock September 14/17 between Comrade R. L. Norman and Leroy Elkins.

Expelled From Party.

The Comrades of Rose Hill Local in Logan county have done their full duty by expelling from their ranks, their former secretary, F. M. Crow, for violation of the state constitution in announcing himself as candidate for representative on the independent ticket. They elected Comrade A. McNeill, Mulhall, Route 3, as their new secretary.

Comrade A. E. Blackwell announces that he will get into the southwestern part of Oklahoma the last week in September. That the comrades who spoke about dates for county campaign work at the recent encampments i nthat part of Oklahoma, take the matter up at once with the locals and write him as he is getting all his work definitely assigned up till the November election. Any one wishing a Blackwell date address him at Huntington, Arkansas.

Comrade W. L. Thurman wishes to announce that he is open for dates after September 6.

The Frenches.

Comrades Mr. and Mrs. M. French are doing valuable work on the platform for the cause in Oklahoma. Mrs. French was formerly Violet Goldie Evans from Spring Hill, Kansas, her work in Oklahoma has been very satisfactory. She not only gives them a fine lecture but sings songs of the revolution. Get a date by writing them at Spring Hill, Kansas. They will be in the neighborhood of Rogers county and northeastern part of the state soon.

More About Parkinson Report to Governor.

Fred Parkinson, State Examiner and Inspector, submitted a report to governor Cruce showing where he had investigated conditions in 34 of the 77 counties in this state and in them he fouund shortages to the amount of $852,623.97, and pointed with wride that about half of it happened in republican counties, but made no special stress on a little more than the other half which happened ní the Donks' strongholds. He also threw out some strong intimations that the office of commission of school lands was being conducted along lines of favoriteism to certain employees in that department and Cruce immediately demanded that Parkinson go to the bottom of all these reports and submit another report to him, which was done and shows no great credit to the efficiency of the school land commission which consists of the following commissioners; the govenor, state auditor, superintendent of public instruction, secretary of state and president of state board of agriculture.

In this report we find that T. M. Miller is chief clerk to John Williams who is secretary of the commissioners of the land office. That Mr. Miller, evidently with the consent of the commission made certain loans on farms in Roger Mills county in excess to that fixed by the constitution and shows official favoriteism to certain persons who are close to the ones making the loan.

The constitution and laws of this state provide that the permanent school fund shall be invested in first mortgages upon good and improved farm lands within the state (and IN NO CASE SHALL MORE THAN 50 per cent. of a reasonable valuation of the lands without improvements b 'eloaned on any tract.) Lets see what Parkinson found and see if there was any graft or favoriteism going on in that department.

Farm loan No. 3340 made to Richard F. Baird of Cheyenne, Roger Mills county. This Richard F. Baird is not a farmer, he is an abstracter, a partner of T. M. Miller, chief clerk in the school land department. On January 31, 1912 he made an application for a loan for $2500.00 on W 1-4 section 11, Twp 12 N, R 23., I. M. and that he and two appraisers, under oath valued the land in question at $5,000.00 and the improvements thereon at $885.00 and that Mr. Baird, under oath stated that the assessed valuation for 1912 was only $1,863.00. The deputy counnty treasurer of Roger Mills county gives the assessed valuation on this land in question for the year 1910, at $560.00 for 1911 at $883.00 for 1912 at $1400.00 and for 1913 at $1120.00.

V. A. Watson and J. H. Taylor, two farmers who own land adjoining this land in question places the valuation of the land at $1200.00 and improvements at $300.00.

Parkinson goes on to report and using his own language as follows: "In my judgment, this loan made by the State of Oklahoma to Richard F. Baird has all the ear marks of a crooked deal and shold be investigated thoroughly and punishment meted out to the guilty parties.

Cruce wanted the dope, well I guess he got it O. K. Never been any more holler go up from him that any one has heard. The same old bunch are still on the job. They are the ones who make these leases on oil lands and the people must not expect to get much from the resources in this department under their management, which as you note is composed of big guns from governor down tne line. The constitution says 50 per cent. A loan of $2500.00 on land valued at $1408.00 is not 50 per cent of but 106 1-2 over.

Another one was made to John P. Miller, a physician and father of T. M. Miller, chief clerk to the secretary of this noble commission.

Loans No. 4303, 4325, 4326 and 4350 are of a very doubtful nature and will demand close investigation, the same being true of many other loans in Roger Mills county says Parkinson.

For some reason this great splurge of investigation has stopped and chances are that it would not have leaked out at all had the governor and Parkinson not had a little set to over some gink running for the nomination of goveror on the Donk ticket.

Great is Demorracy in Oklahoma.

When will the Yaps get their eyes open and put a stop to this continuous grafting system in Oklahoma.

WAR PRAYER.

King of Hades, fiend of hell.
We, thy servants, love thee well;
We are soldiers of thy will—
Help us slaughter, help us kill.
Thou, oh, Lucifer, we pray,
Help us draw some blood today.

We implore thy burning hate,
Still on guard our city's gate:
Lead us through a crimnson flood
Red with running human blood,
Thou, oh, Lucifes we pray,
Help us draw some blood today.

Help us pillage, help us burn;
We have evil yet to learn;
Help us steal the widow's son,
Teach him how to use a gun.
Thou, oh, Lucifes we pray,
Help us doaw some blood today.

Let the holy pray for rest,
We love war and carnage best.
Help us cripple, help us maim,
Help us glorify thy name,
Bless thy work, oh, Satan, pray.
Help us draw some blood today.

—Oliver Allstorm.

A good many soft-brained people look with extreme reverence to the Donk primaries that was pulled off to the shame and disgust and disgrace of the State of Texas on the 25th of last July. They think they are bound by their pledge in spite of the fact that they have been buncoed, double-crossed, deceived and lied to by the collection of political thimble riggers that ran the primaries in the interest of the crooks on top. Because of that fact the Donks at the special session of the legislature are romping around in their old time idiotic way. Tell them that you are not going to regard that primary pledge and that you will send everyone of them to poltical limbo and then you will find that they will switch so quick towards the people's interest that they will have their clothes on wrong side out as they walk down Congress Avenue.

The moment you abate anything from the full rights of men, each to govern himself, and suffer any artificial limitation upon those right, from that moment the wohle organization of government becomes a consideration of conveniences. This it is that makes the constitution of a state and the due distribtuoin of its powers a matter of the most delicate and complicated skill.

Correspondence

A Preacher Convert.

Dear Comrade:—

After the encampment near McKinney, a Christian preacher names Ingram declared himself a Socialist. He is an old man, about 65 years, a good speaker and is well informed and capable of doing good work. I had held four debates with him on Socialism. Comrades should employ him and give him a chance. He can make good, send for him and put him to work and support him.

To many he is known as "Buckhorn Bill Ingram." He was once a great hunter and possesses a state famed pair of antlers taken from a deer he killed.

Comrade Ingram resides in McKinney, Texas. Get up a list of dates and put him to work. Address Buckhorn Bill Ingram, McKinney Texas.

Yours in the fight,
Dr. W. F. Thurman.

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Wants the Picture.

San Angelo,, Tex., Aug. 29, 1914.
Mr. T. A. Hickey,
State Secretary,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Received The Rebel and read the correspondence from St. Louis. Oh, but that is great. Now I want that picture, I never wanted anythign so bad as I wanted that. I woud make a motion that you have some pictures taken from that and sell them, the profit to go to that train crew. How about it?

Your comrade,
Hilda Schlinke,
302 Pulliam st.

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Donk Preacher Skinned.

Tow, Texas, August 22, 1914.
To The Rebel:—

The debate at Tow between W. L. Thurman and W. G. Wilkerson, on the 12th and 13th of August is of the past and resulted in the Rev. Wilkerson getting the worst skinning that I have ever witnessed. Even the people of his church here acknowledge his defeat and are talking of advertising him in the F. F. as not being competent to represent the church but I don't think his defeat was due so much to his weakness as it was to the absurdity of his position especially in trying to defend the Lemons book. Comrades needing the services of an able speaker either for debate of for lecture will make no mistake in securing the services of Comrade Thurman as we have heard him and consider him one of the best men in the south especially for a debate.

Yours for justice to all,
F. M. Clendem,

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A Big Debate.

After dodging for four months J. W. Chum has at last agreed to debate a fair proposition. Debate will take place in Randolf, La., if the Socialists there can manage to pay the expenses. W. G. Wilkerson and I have held eight debates and three more are being arranged. Mr. Wilkerson is the only one I have met who will at once agree to an honest proposition. The others all get cold feet when asked to defend their capitalist religion. They are willing to attack the Socialist party by slinging mud, but they do not want to defend what they call religion.

.. *Donk Debater Whipped.* ....

In the debate at Tow, Texas, Mr. Wilkerson, denied that the capitalist free love gang in control of Oklahoma has pulled off a naked dance i nOklahoma City during the cattlemen's convention, "Queenie," a Chicago woman danced before 4,000 people and she was absolutely naked. Four thousand drunken howling Wilosn reform Democrats witnessed the performance. Wilkerson denied it when I handed him "Queenie" in answer to his free love charge. On returning home I wrote to Governor Cruce and D. K. Pope, the county attorney of Oklahoma county and letters from both Cruce and Pope admit that the naked performance occurred. Governor Cruce's letter I sent to F. W. Clandenan, Tow, Texas, and I am keeping Pope's letter to ram down the throat of the next preacher who denies it.

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He Sees the Light.

Augsut 28, 1914.
Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

You will find enclosed 20 cents which pays for one platform and ten books so send them at once.

Well Mr. Hickey I have voted against myself and my children the last time I voted for the Donks last July, but if God will forgive me of that time my vote will be the red ticket in November and I will vote it straight. I have often heard preachers preach about the second blessing and I want to say that I sure got the second work of grace the very first time I read The Rebel, which leads me to believe that there is a second blessing which is just ahead of us all will begin to receive this great blessing which God intends for us to have when E. R. Meitzen and W. S. Noble takes the seat as governor and lieuteant governor. I want to say that the Lord taught His disciples how to pray when He said, "When ye pray saying, 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be thy name, thy kingdom, there will be done on earth as it is heaven.'" I want to say further that there is no man that votes the Donk ticket and then can get down on his kness and pray the Lord's prayer, forget the heaven and the earth and then he made man to till the soil and I want to say that when we were all born into this earth that we were born to the land and now we have got to run after the capitalist and beg them for a home so I want to say that I stand for God and the right on every hand.

So on with the fight for Socialism.

Your Comrade,
C. Buchanan.

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Comrade T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

For the past two weeks we have had an evangelist at Buffalo, but with all the fine sermons, prayers and music not a single accession to the church outside of a few backsliders and little girls. Some of the good people lay the falling of the church to the agitation of Socialism. In this I think they are mistaken. Socialism is opposed to hypocracy, graft and capitalism.

If the church is any of these things, why, then they may have some grounds for their complaints. All the Socialists that I have ever met up with are willing to do honor to Jesus Christ.

There may be two causes assigned to the crumbling to pieces of the church, prohibition and Ingersolism. When the preacher began to preach prohibition from his pulpit he destroyed the confidence that the audience had in his integrity. To return now and reclaim that confidence is an impossibility. He however could only have prolonged the life of the church a few years by his old time doctrine of eternal hell.

I cannot say it is best for it to be thus, but what can we do with the cold facts when they are thrust in our faces?

Yours truly,
C. B. Bankston.

STOP THE WAR.

Eden, Texas, September 5, 1914.
Socialist Hall, Eden Local, No. 2153.

Whereas, We as Socialists, believe the present war in Europe as uncalled for and an everlasting detriment to the world and hereby offer our protest to its continuance, and to that end we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved; That we are opposed to wars and wlil ever use our influence to prevent them if possible.

Resolevd; That this war is depopulating the countries in which the strife is held of the bone and sinew of the races connected therewith, many of whim are of our order, but are forced to participate through the prevailing powers.

Resolved, That we urge all Socialists in this country to petition those in authority to bring the war to a close and that without unnecessary delay.

Resolved; That copies of these resolutions be sent to The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas, The Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas, and the International Review, Chicago.

Resolved; That we send a request to President Wilson, asking him to place an embargo on all food products for European countries with a view of ending the war by depriving the combatants of sustenance so far as the United States are concerned.

A. E. Blackwell's Dates.

Bomarton, Sept. 16, 8 p. m.; Weinert, Sept. 17 and 18 at 8 p. m.; Haskell, Sept. 19, 8 p. m.; Center Point, Sept. 20 8 p. m.; m.; Rule, Sept. 21 and 22 8 p. m.; Foster Schoolhouse, Sept. 23, 8 p. m.; Rochester, Sept. 24 and 25, 8 p. m.; O' Brien, Sept. 26, 8 p. m.

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GETTING WHAT THEY VOTED FOR.

Smiley, Tex., Sept. 2nd, 1914.
To The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

I am writing to congratulate the poor working men that voted for Woodrow Wilson. They came nearer getting what they voted for than anything I ever saw. Now Comrade I want to show you how thehy put it on me. I vote for Debs and lost out. I voted for lower goods for the people and lost out. No. 3. I voted for a peaceful revolution to be settled by education and the ballot and lost out on point No. 4. Now let's take the other side. The Wilson men voted for Wilson and got him. They voted for goods to go higher and gained . They voted for the farmers' cotton and grain to go away down and gained it. And last but not least by a blamed sight they voted for a bloody revolution to be settled with bullets and machine guns and they have got that. And they are as sure to gain point No. 4, in a few shortmonths as they havealready gained the other things they voted for. I hope that the comrade that reads this article will not take it that I am advocating war. I stand for a world of peace and universal brotherhood as every other Socialist does. But Socialism is a growth, capitalism i anither growth and here comes the capitalist who will out grow the Socialist through the love of profit and the money gods will rob the workers with high prices on what they have to have and rob them with low prices on what they have to sell until forebearance is no logner a virtue. Don't you believe my working friends that they will do this and that they are already at the game right now with all the feet of a spider. Many of these saintly robbers are very pious like our noble friend, John D. Jr. ,that sent armed thugs and gunmen to the Ludlow tent colony in Colorado on the 20th day of April, 1914, where they shot down working men and helpless women and innocent children,but look out friends, oil may go up for after these thugs had killed these people they piled their bodies up and poured coal oil on them and burned them up and of course John D., cannot afford to lose that oil on them and burned them up too. It must be paid for by the same class of people that produce it. John D. is not worse than J. P. Morgan, or any other man that loves the rule of gold more than they do the golden rule. There is many a high collared preacher going around over thiscountry that is fighting the co-operative system and taking a huge stand for our present system of graft. I don't blame these men. They are only following their adapted instincts of loving the rule of gold. Some of them will tell you working people that has not got anything and can't get anything. "I know your burden is heavy, boys, but carry it Bear your cross well my brother, and you will be rewarded in the sweet bye and bye, where you can stand in the presence of the father seated on the throne with his son at his right hand, both wearing crowns playing harps, etc. (And I would suppose that the Holy Ghost would be tooting a horn in harmonious accents to the harps.) But here is the query, who will answer it? "Why will 99 1-2 per cent of these great leadesr like Billy Sunday and others prefer to stay in a sinful world rather than to go to the home they line out for others. And any of them will give their earthly possessions to stay a while longer. In conclusion let me say that what the next few months will develop will be a plenty. Hurrah for The Rebel, Meitzen and Nobel.

Yours for victory,
S. D. Lee.

If you want to see a Donk look down his snoot like a hog, just say, "Wilson and Prosperity."

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