

SUPERIOR NEWS

JOTTED DOWN DURING THE WEEK IN SUPERIOR.

By JOSEPH E. BOOTH.

Sorry to report that two members have resigned from the Party, and that the attendance at the last two meetings of the English Branch after the campaign was very small in comparison with the big meetings during the campaign. It is time to make the slackers understand that the Socialist Party is not only a mere ballot-box to elect a few intellectuals to represent us in the government, but that the Party is for the purpose of educating the workers the whole year 'round, and to fight for labor in all its struggles against capital. A bitter class struggle is going on in the industrial field and plenty of energy is required, so let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and not leave it to a few, who can accomplish nothing worth while. We call on all members of the organization, and the non-organized to join us now in the most critical time of history to move forward with the big task on our hands.

But there is a little bit of good in Superior. I can most emphatically state that the barbers' union is very patriotic. At one of the big meetings they all but voted yes on the referendum that the barbers' unions of America shall purchase \$50,000 worth of liberty bonds. Some of the tonsorialists went so far as to dropping their profession to go down to do common labor in the shipyards. It is very lively down there because they organized a musical band among the shipyard boys. Some of the foremen wanted them, instead of joining a union, to join a "good time club." And mind you, they had the honor of listening to a couple of lectures given by Rabbi Dr. Lefkowitz of Duluth which made a hit with the boys. He told them, "You know that I protested against our country entering the war, but God knows we were forced into it." The Rabbi is great when you have heard him lecture on Judaism, Christianity, Zionism, Socialism, Nationalism and Internationalism. And he further the progress of the Duluth Workmen's Circle.

We had one almost as good and that was Reverend Knowles. But he had a bad habit of fighting the Socialists. Some one told him that under Socialism all ministers, priests and rabbis will lose their jobs. Com. Carney is that really the truth? If so, some of us might quit the

Party. (We should worry.—Ed.) Some Superior people are jealous of Duluth, hearing Duluth will be honored in the near future by a few lectures by Billy Sunday. We in Superior will have to get along with Reverend Aldrich, although he couldn't save half as many souls as Billy Sunday.

In conclusion I have a treat for you, a matinee performance. It was given in my barbershop on Thursday, April 18th. After sending eight men to sell me a Liberty Bond, two big, strong, husky gentlemen came down to my place. When I explained that I had to decline to buy one, they commenced by giving me a "third degree." Even the Russian cosacks in old Russia could not have made a better job. Although I proved to them that I was not pro-German, still the language they used to me, if it had been published in the Truth, the editor would go to jail. I will pass it over and merely state that a customer of mine was taken out of the barber shop half shaved and the others were insulted, warning being given them not to come to my place again; that is, to have me blacklisted because, in their opinion, I was a traitor to the country. They went still further with their lesson in Americanism and Democracy, in threatening to take away my barber license, to take away my A. F. of L. union card and to "do me up in good shape." Then I was told that I would be taken to the police station or the camp, to go to "Milwaukee or Russia!" When all that was in vain, I was given four hours time to come up to Post Office to purchase the bond. Naturally, I have disobeyed their command.

All I can say to this is that if such outrages will not be stopped by the federal authorities, something of a very serious nature will be the outcome. I was told by the gentlemen to pack up and leave Superior, but I can not do so, because I have to help humanize Superior.

COMRADE LEO KRZYCKI TO SPEAK IN SUPERIOR.

The Superior Socialists have secured Comrade Leo Krzycki of Milwaukee to speak at the May Day celebration and anniversary of Karl Marx that the Central Committee is arranging to be held in Tower Hall on Sunday evening, May 5th. All the labor organizations in the city will be invited to participate.

LIBERTY

"For the first time in the records of all ages, the inalienable rights of man, 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,' were proclaimed July 4, 1776. It was then that crowns, sceptres, thrones and the divine rights of kings to rule sunk together and men expanded to glorious liberty and sovereignty. It was then the genius of Liberty, speaking to all men in the commanding voice of Eternal Truth, bade them assert their Heaven-decreed prerogatives and emancipate themselves from bondage. It was a proclamation countersigned by the Infinite—and man stood forth the coronated sovereign of the world, free as the tides that flow, free as the winds that blow and on that primal morning when creation was complete, the morning stars and the sons of God, in anthem chorus, sang the song of Liberty. It may be a fancy, but within limitless boundaries of the imagination I can conceive of no other theme more appropriate to weave into the harmonies of Freedom. The Creator had surveyed his work and pronounced it good, but nothing can be called good in human affairs with liberty eliminated. As well talk of air without nitrogen, or water without oxygen, as of goodness without liberty. It does not matter that the Creator has sown with stars the fields of ether and decked the earth with countless beauties for man's enjoyment. It does not matter that air and ocean team with the wonders of innumerable forms of life to challenge man's admiration and investigation. It does not matter that nature spreads forth all her scenes of beauty and gladness and pours forth the melodies of her myriad-tongued voices for man's delectation. If liberty is ostracised and exiled, man is a slave, and the world rolls in space and whirls around the sun a gilded prison, a doomed dungeon, and though painted in all the enchanting hues that infinite art could command, it must still stand forth a blotch amidst the shining spheres of the sidereal heavens, and those who call from the vocabularies of nations, living or dead, their flashing phrases with which to apostrophize Liberty are engaged in perpetuating the most stupendous delusion the ages have known. Strike down Liberty, no matter by what subtle and infernal art the deed is done, the spinal cord of humanity is sundered and the world is paralyzed by the indescribable crime."

—EUGENE V. DEBS.

MEMBERSHIP IN— CREASES IN LOCAL.

The Scandinavian Branch reported eleven new members at the Central Committee meeting on April 17th when the applications were approved and recorded.

COMMITTEE HAS NEW TREASURER.

Comrade Eskel Ronn has resigned as treasurer of the Central Committee. Comrade Matt Peterson, another delegate from the Finnish Branch, has been appointed treasurer in Ronn's place.

"SOCIALISTS GET LONG TERMS IN LEAVENWORTH."

That is the heading that the Superior Telegram used last week in announcing that James A. Peterson, candidate for the republican nomination for United States Senator, and J. O. Bentall, socialist candidate for Governor of Minnesota, had been sentenced to the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth after being convicted of violating the espionage act.

Peterson is a well known republican politician of the Twin Cities, so the Telegram, which is a rank Republican organ, might as well own him.

MAYOR KONKEL'S FAREWELL.

Just before relinquishing the mayor's office to his successor, Joe Konkell issued the following "proclamation":

"Whereas, Superior's prosperity is greater today than it ever has been before, the city's industries flourish, our ships will soon be sailing the seven seas, business of all kinds prospers, it behooves us to look the bustling metropolis in the face.

"Now, therefore, I, J. S. Konkell, mayor of Superior, set aside the week beginning Monday, April 15, as a 'clean-up and paint-up' week. This week is but to be the beginning of a continuing effort to improve the outward appearance of our city, that it may reflect in some degree the business and industrial activity that is transpiring within the walls and gates of its commercial establishments, factories and shipyards. J. S. Konkell, Mayor."

I. W. W. TRIAL AT CHICAGO.

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themselves and have a voice in this government?" "Do you believe this applies to industry as well as politics?" "Would it prejudice you if it should appear that these defendants believe all industries should be owned by all the people and operated for the benefit of all the people?"

District Attorney Clyne objected, claiming that this ownership is now established by law and that all opposition to it is opposition to law and government.

Judge Landis will decide whether or not Mr. Clyne's objection will be sustained or not.

WHITE SLAVERY

By G. BERNARD SHAW.

The fundamental condition of the existence of white slavery is that society must be organized, that a large class of women are more highly paid as prostitutes than they would be as respectable women, and the people who organize the labor of respectable women. In other words, society must be like English society at present, where the heroine of Tom Hood's Bridge of Sighs is much better off than the heroine of his "Song of the Shirt" and, as a matter of fact, neither jumps over Waterloo Bridge nor has to work two hours to make seven cents. And until we change this condition, and secure to every respectable woman a sufficient wage for a decent life with reasonable hours of labor you will never get rid of the white slave traffic.

You may be refused to be convinced of this, and say we shall soon see whether we cannot get rid of the rascals who live on the profits of prostitution by flogging them soundly under the new act.

Do not deceive yourself. Most of those who are living on the profits of prostitution will not be flogged; on the contrary, they are already among the most indignant

advocates of flogging. They are ladies and gentlemen, clergymen, bishops, lawyers, judges, members of parliament, highly connected ladies leading society in cathedral towns, peers and pecesses, and pillars of solid middleclass Puritanism. These peoples have shares in industrial enterprises which employ women and girls. Thousands of these women and girls get wages insufficient to live upon.

Many are quite respectable. They are living with their families, and are saved from the streets by their husband's or their father's wages. But there are always orphans and widows and the girls from the country and abroad who have no families and no husbands; and these must submit to the blackest misery that a slum garret and shilling (25 cents) per day can bring to a lonely, despised, shabby, dirty, underfed woman, or else add to their wages by prostitution. Thus the woman's strength and energy are maintained by what she earns in the streets and used in making dividends for rich shareholders.

The wages of prostitution are stitched into your buttonholes and

into your shirtwaist, pasted into your match boxes and your boxes of pins, stuffed in the mattresses, mixed in the paint on your walls, and stuck between the joints of your water pipes. The very glaze on your tea cups has in it the lead poison that you offer to the decent woman as the reward for honest labor, while the procuress is offering chicken and champagne. Flog other people until you are black in the face and they red on the back; you will not cheat the recording angel into putting your debts down to the wrong account.

EARTH NOT CREATED FOR WAR PURPOSES.

(By United Press.)

THE DALLES, ORE.—One thing certain this Indian didn't want to fight. Just look at his unique exemption plea. It was written by Jake Culps of the Warren Springs reservation.

His letter reads:

"I am an Indian, and I am Indian who they make a reservation for, and for what kind of Indians. And I am just the same (same) as long ago. I cannot become a citizen. I see myself yet as long ago."

I am speaking my own language yet. "I see myself not fit to become a citizen. There for I should be exempted. I am sure I have no law of any kind, just you white people have law. I am in the reservation. And I am an Indian who have not yet join in anything of citizenship. We may or we may not."

"You are getting the young men of our race. And you are getting the young men who are full blooded Indians, who are not citizens. The father, mother or grandfather or grandmother are unable to work. And now these young men are taking care of their people because they got the strength to work. There for the law of the house of Washington, D. C., is finding us non citizens are not to go to war. That for I know myself. Therefor I am telling you. The race of my tribe is valuable. There for I think I should not taken in to war."

"My old people never joined with any kind of a thing with your white or they never had white people way. You know our tribe has no flag which they carried in war. There for I say I am entirely exempted from war."

"I never asked no time for citizenship. There for I do not know myself as a citizen. I am in a reservation of Warm Springs reservation in Oregon. I do not know of

my chiefs ask for citizenship. Now as the law says all Indians that are full blooded are not citizens. These are the kind of citizens we are, full blooded, not citizens."

"There for we say us Indians keep still for a while, let us explain to you our thoughts."

"From where did a wonderful light from here over to you. The light of this earth any my humanity. Therefor your brother sent some person to come and gave our people some good speech and ask us people for land. There they completed their speech. They completed it with peace. There for Indians do not want to step on the bloody ground of war."

"The creation of this earth was not created to go and have war on, or war purposes."

"We are say this so as to hold our boys and work on their farms and take care of their old parents. "I am hoping to hear from you. We sent this to the house where they are examining men. You all must look at this letter."

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Right here, Balkis is going to say "Thank you" for that big bunch of letters the Duluth Socialist Sunday School children sent to her. FORTY of them—all in one big envelope. Maybe you think she didn't have a splendid time reading those little messages of love. Bless your hearts, Best Beloveds, and may you always be as loving and as brave as now!

And right here, Balkis is going to say that if you do not attend the Duluth Socialist Sunday School, you are missing something good. Singing and speaking and interesting lessons, and no doubt this summer there will be picnics and parties, and nice times together. The more, the merrier. Let's all get up early Sunday morning and not be late to class. Balkis is too far away to be with you, but she will think of you, just the same, and send you each a kiss.

The children who do not like to be vaccinated will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Laura C. Little has been arrested for being unpatriotic because she distributed papers stating that vaccination is dangerous and does not prevent disease. She even thinks, as many doctors do, that small pox and other infectious diseases would have been a thing of the past if they had not been kept alive by vaccination. It is something to think about, but it is almost the limit when people have to be vaccinated whether they want or not, and when we can't even talk against it.

And did you read about the young man from Harvard University who was drafted and when he objected to going to war to kill other young men who had never done him any harm, he was taken to Camp Grant under arrest. Before he went, he made this statement, which was printed in the big capitalist dailies, so I guess we can print it in ours, without getting arrested. He said:

"One word more before I go. My services have been and are still at my government's command so long as it will permit me to labor in a constructive way for any worthy end. There is, however, a limit to what it may justly demand and in laying the obligation to participate in human slaughter upon me I conceive that it has passed that limit. It has refused to allow me to go abroad in the service of those who minister to the stricken and desolate victims of war and it has thwarted all of my efforts to serve it in a civil capacity at home.

"Now, because I am in the twenties and physically sound and fit, it asks me to surrender my reasoned judgment and self-determination and offers me the single and impossible alternative of violating all that I hold inviolable. It seeks to compel me to participate in the indiscriminate slaughter of youths of my own age with whom I have no quarrel, in an undertaking which I regard as a vast and shameful civil war.

"I am going under compulsion into the camp of an army to protest against the curse and infamy of international war. Peace, just peace, peace which is the condition of tolerable existence, can never come by the sword. The noble eloquence of the president is poisoned by the disingenuousness of the allies and the winged arrows of his words are blunted and turned to naught by the very fact and anarchy of war. That America should have been beguiled into this catastrophe, that she should have left her niche in history to 'cheat and scramble in the market place of war,' thinking thus to destroy war, is the irony of ironies.

"I am more and more convinced that only a deep moral revolt against the scourge and crime of war can end this universal misery.

I think I hear the great tides of that revolt already thundering at the bar; and I am content to be an early wave that breaks and vanishes with a prophetic sound upon the shore.

"As I am master of myself and slave of no man nor creed, I shall not compromise with war nor violate in my own person the dignity of humanity. When the world is turning to spring and to the birth of a new era, I shall not take arms against the youth of Germany—many of whom feel as I feel and see what I see; nor shall I contribute by any action which I can avoid to the perpetuation of old tyrannies and outworn creeds. A nobler civilization is dawning. Youth, will you not trumpet it?"

And do you know that May 5, 1918, is the 100th birthday of Karl Marx? And are you going to help celebrate that day?

Karl Marx was a great lover of children. He used to carry them on his back and they called him 'Uncle Nick.' He would tell them stories by the hour, and loved to watch them at play.

He spent his life trying to make this a better world for children to be born into, and I know you will all want to celebrate his 100th birthday.

Now, please send a bright thought to the Round Table for next week. A news item that you think interesting or important, or perhaps a story of about 200 words about something or somebody interesting—or perhaps a joke or a nice verse. Let us hear from YOU.

And now I am going to ask you a question. You have heard of the Seven Wonders of the World in ancient times. They were the Great Pyramids, Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Colossus of Rhodes, and four others—can you remember them all? They were all great architectural wonders, great achievements of the builders. What would you consider the greatest Seven Wonders of this age? What are the most wonderful inventions, discoveries or achievements of the last 100 years?

Come on, boys and girls,—what do you guess?

Balkis.

I wish to thank my comrades in the Sunday School for coming to my sister Esther's funeral.

Yours, Fraternally,
William Wickstrom.

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THE PRODUCT OF EVOLUTION

(Enrico Ferri, in "Socialism and Modern Science.")

Some think that Socialism ought, at the present time, to set forth, in all its details, the precise and symmetrical form of the future social organization. "Show me a practical description of the new society, and I will then decide whether I ought to prefer it to the present society."

Others—and this is a consequence of the first false conception—imagine that Socialism wishes in a single day to change the face of the world, and that we will be able to go to sleep in a world completely bourgeois and to wake up next morning in a world completely Socialist.

As to the petty details of the new social edifice, we are unable to foresee them, precisely because the new social edifice will be, and is, a natural and spontaneous pro-

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duct of human evolution, a product which is already in process of formation, and the general outlines of which are already visible, and not an artificial construction of the imagination of some utopian or idealist.

The situation is the same in the social sciences and the natural sciences. In embryology the celebrated law of Haeckel tells us that the development of the individual embryo reproduces in miniature the various forms of development of the animal species which have preceded it in the zoological series. But the biologist, by studying a human embryo of a few days or a few weeks growth, cannot tell whether it will be male or female, and still less whether it will be a strong or weak individual, phlegmatic or nervous, intelligent or not.

He can only tell the general lines of the future, and must leave it to time to show the exact character of all the particular details of its personality, which will be developed naturally and spontaneously in conformity with the hereditary organic conditions and the conditions of the environment in which it will live.

This is what can and what must be the reply of every Socialist.

It would have been just the same thing if, before the French Revolution—which, as it were, hatched out the bourgeois world, prepared and matured during the previous evolution—the nobility and the clergy, the classes then in power, had asked the representative of the Third Estate: "But what sort of a world will this new world of yours be? Show us first its exact plan, and after that we will decide."

The Third Estate, the bourgeoisie, would not have been able to answer this question, because it was impossible for them to foresee what the human society of the nineteenth century was to be. But this did not prevent the bourgeoisie revolution from taking place because it represented the next natural and inevitable phase of an eternal evolution.

This is now the position of Socialism with relation to the bourgeois world. And if this bourgeois world, born only about a century ago, is destined to have a much shorter historical cycle than the feudal world, this is simply because the marvellous scientific progress of the nineteenth century has increased a hundredfold the rapidity of life in time and has nearly annihilated space, and, therefore, civilization advances now in ten years the same road that it took in the Middle Ages a century or two to travel.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF GAGS

(Reprinted from Industrial Worker.)

Gags are gags. And all capitalistic sophists to the contrary, they are unwise, useless, injurious, hideous and unjust. Not a single good thing may be said for them. Yet we have them, and we continue to have them, basing their continuance upon the lamest reason ever advanced by crippled brains. When robbers break in at night, bind and gag their victim, the gag serves the very evident purpose of preventing the alarm going forth of "Robbers! Thieves!" And if such thieves should advance the argument that the gag was necessary to decent society, necessary to law and order, necessary to patriotism and loyalty, we would scorn them not only as thieves and robbers but as liars and hypocrites as well. But when the organized process of robbing the workers goes on, and those who are robbed attempt to cry out a warning to their fellow victims, then do the organized robbers apply the gag and get away with the explanation that gags are a necessary adjunct to good society, decent morals and safe government! And ludicrous as the thing may be, the fact remains that they get away with it. Only last week, Yale University refused to debate the question of free speech for the reason that those upholding freedom of speech would have no grounds on which to base their arguments! Hardly a week but some radical paper receives its "summons." Hardly a day but free born American citizens are denied freedom of assemblage. Get away with it! They are getting fat on it!

Rapidly, however, the working class is awaking to the fact that no fair and honest purpose can ever be harmed by free speech, and that the suppressors of free speech have very material profits to protect by keeping the workers gagged. Every paper that is suppressed, and every meeting that is broken up, serves to strengthen the conviction of the workers that there is only one reason in the world for the denial of free speech, and that reason is the well founded fear of the employing class that an enlightened and educated body of workers will most decidedly not submit to exploitation.

The fundamental thing, then, about gags, is that they are essential to the maintenance of economic privilege. In view of this fact it becomes evident that

the free speech fight, taken by and large, can never be won upon its own merits. Could it be so won, free speech would have been established long ago. As a matter of historical fact, probably no people ever enjoyed so large a measure of free utterance as the Greeks. During six hundred years of rapidly growing and expanding knowledge and public discussion, only one man was killed and two were exiled for an expression of ideas which the authorities held "too free." Nowadays some worker is tarred, or jailed, or whipped, or deported, or interned every day or so for presuming to act and speak as if the United States constitution meant what it says. In the matter of free speech history has been retrogressive. Only in the matter of gags has there been progress. For two thousand years have the gaggers and stranglers of men denied free speech because one class of men have been the slaves of another class of men. To guarantee free speech there is but one possible line of action, that of securing to each man in society an economic footing equal with every other man.

Forward, then, with the organization! If we can not establish free speech by showing the justice of it, we can win it by the strength of economic organization. With industry in the hands of the workers, owned by the workers and controlled by the workers, free speech will come of itself; and under an industrial democracy, men will exhibit the gags of capitalist masters in museums for antiques, as the queerest and stupidest piece of folly and devilry that history reveals.

—Mark Stone.



SOCIALIST SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MEMORIAM ESTHER WICKSTROM Age Nine Years Died April 21st, 1918

Comrade Esther Wickstrom, fare-thee-well. In the Springtime of Life, you have left us. Your loving heart has ceased to beat. Your face has lost its winning smile. But as the Angel of Death entered your home, she did not come alone. Along with her came the daughters of Compassion, and of Hope, and of Love. We all shall miss you at our Sunday School. Last Sunday morning, the class seemed empty without you. Words fail to tell how sorry we are that we shall not hear the sound of your merry laugh. But there is one consolation: DEATH ONLY STRIKES ONCE. Pain can never hurt you again. You will never know no more the horrors of a world torn with grief and anguish. All the horrors of this life, With its poverty, With its child labor, With its consumptive children. These can never be yours. Comrade, we shall miss you, But we shall never forget you. Comrade Wickstrom, fare-thee-well.

Comrades Mr. & Mrs. Wickstrom desire to thank their many comrades and friends, for their personal and floral tributes. Also for the loving sympathy extended them during their recent sad bereavement.

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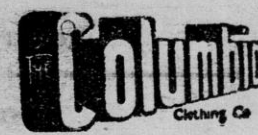
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Editorial



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Many of our comrades are of the opinion that all our programs should be full of reforms, reforms that have been out of date years ago. Comrades who talk of organizing against the masterclass, talk as if a few pious resolutions would do the trick. We have got to learn at least one thing, and that is, that EFFICIENCY counts everywhere, no matter whether it be in the biggest capitalist concern of the Socialist Party Local of fifteen members. You can display all the energy that you are physically capable of, but if that ENERGY is misdirected upon cheap reforms, then your work is of no avail.

Many of our comrades are styling themselves scientific Socialists, they have read the **Communist Manifesto**, and **Socialism, Utopian and Scientific**, and this they think makes them scientific. If those Socialists who called themselves scientific, would study the ways of the scientist, they would not be advocating reforms at this time.

We have got to apply in our propaganda those methods and principles that have proved so productive in the world of science. What does the scientist do? He first studies the subject until he gets an exact knowledge of it. He analyzes it. He takes it to pieces. He makes a careful record of all his observations. Then when he has mastered all his facts, he builds up into a hypothesis. He does not allow this hypothesis to be the finish, he always allows for any new facts that may come before his notice. Certain facts may arise, that will compel him to change his whole position, and so accordingly he allows himself to be governed by these facts. He recognizes all the world is subject to change, and therefore his position is subject to change. He is not concerned with mere fancy, or with what he thinks is the easiest way, what he is most concerned with is the TRUTH.

This method of the scientist has been the secret of all progress. It has created all our new species of civilization. It first revolutionized botany, geology, astronomy, chemistry, physics, etc. Then it was applied to living things and it revolutionized biology, zoology and all our theories regarding human race. It created the laboratory, and the drafting room. Pasteur applied it to the prevention of disease, in his Paris laboratory. Burbank applied it to the soil. Edison applied it to electrical appliances. One by one, almost every activity of man is being analyzed and organized and uplifted into a science.

The doctor who has specialized in the sight of man will tell you that white wallpaper will give you eighty per cent. of efficiency, in the reflection of light from the paper. If we use emerald green, we only get twenty per cent. If we use a dark brown, we only get ten per cent. There is no longer any guess about the foregoing, science has demonstrated the truth of it, and we accordingly accept it as true. The reason we accept it as true, is because we know the facts.

Therefore, what should our attitude be in relation to our propaganda? Should we stand still and refuse to accept the new discoveries that have had such a marked effect upon everyday life? Should we refuse to accept the new ideas that this war has brought about? Or should we accept them and formulate our propaganda in accordance with the new facts and ideas that have arisen? That is what we have got to decide, and we must decide at once, not wait, because things are moving so rapidly, that delay is dangerous.

In the shipbuilding industry, they have commenced to make concrete ships. Now let us analyze this new discovery and try and discover what its effect will be upon the workers, and also what relation does it bear to our propaganda. First the building of concrete ships will throw out of employment a whole host of iron-workers, woodworkers such as shipwrights and carpenters. Now these men have got to live, and to live they must work. Now they have found out that their craft has lost its usefulness, as far as they are concerned. They find that the unskilled man can learn the art of building concrete ships just as quickly as they can. Therefore their interests as workers become the same, the old craft lines have fallen down. Now what do the comrades of the party suggest? Do you suggest that we shall continue to advocate craft unionism, and that means the ideas and theories of the American Federation of Labor on industrial organization? Or shall we go out and tell the workers, that the building of concrete ships and other inventions in the industrial world, is destroying the skill of the craftsmen, and that the sooner they recognize this position, and grasp the fact that their interests are the same identical interests as those of the unskilled workers, they should organize

with the unskilled worker into an INDUSTRIAL UNION, as their CRAFT UNIONS HAVE BEEN RENDERED HELPLESS by these new discoveries? Comrades, we think for the good of our movement, for the sake of placing it on a sound efficient basis, we should.

The next thing we wish to discuss, is the subject of immediate demands. Shall we advocate these immediate demands that bring us nowhere, but only serve as votecatchers, or shall we advocate only those immediate demands that will assist in abolishing the capitalist system. Public ownership, recall, tax questions are not steps towards Socialism. You still have to wage the class struggle under public ownership. The only difference between public ownership and private ownership is that under the public ownership your masters are more centralized than under private ownership. **The class struggle still remains.** Some of the comrades state that they are in favor of public ownership, also industrial unionism. Any one who styles themselves as a Socialist, and state that they accept both forms of ownership, public and industrial democracy, as industrial unionists know it, are only proving that they do not understand the fundamentals of Socialism. Public ownership is official rule, industrial democracy is the rule of the worker. Under public ownership you delegate your power to officials. Under industrial democracy, your power remains in your own hands. You are on the job deciding your own working conditions. Comrades should thoroughly understand this distinction, before they seek to obtain office.

Too many of our comrades are infatuated with the idea of getting into political office. They do not care how they get into office, so long as they get there. Immediately there is a slight chance of success, all manners of political tricks and subterfuges are adopted, so as to gain the day. The reason of the comrades gives way to their sporting instincts, and then comes the days of sad regrets. Days that have been many, especially here in Duluth. We want more activity in the workshop, and less wasting our time and energy on a man (?) like P. G. Phillips and others.

Another thing that the comrades are confused about, is the tax question. There are some today, who really believe that the worker pays the taxes. They will bring along platforms containing the following: Graduated State income tax and extension of inheritance taxes; abolition of all laws exempting property from taxation except such property as is owned by the state, nation or municipality. And they will go so far as to insinuate all manner of things against you, if you seek to kill such foolish planks in our platform. Fancy any comrade in the year 1918 asking other comrades to lose a night's sleep over such a foolish plank. All Socialists are agreed that we as workers are just as much slaves as the chattel slaves of the pre-Civil War days. No Socialist will deny that. Therefore, if we are slaves, there must be masters. We as slaves produce all wealth. That wealth is taken over by our masters. They give us just enough to live upon. If they gave us any more, why is it that workmen and women do not save their surplus and retire? Comrades know as well as we know, that they do not receive any surplus. Therefore that being so, it follows that if we are taxed, the capitalists has got to furnish the necessary money to pay our taxes. So why should we worry about the tax question.

All the immediate demands, if they were granted, are not worth this crap of paper they are written on, if you have not got a strong economic organization to back them up. All what you ask for in your immediate demands, an industrial organization will get you. Child labor, recall, free press can only come to you, when you have the necessary power to get them. Comrades must learn one thing, that FREEDOM CAN NEVER BE GRANTED, IT MUST BE TAKEN. If they will only learn that lesson, they will save much valuable time and energy. The less the comrades talk about wrongs of the poor and the more they try to understand the causes of these wrongs the better.

The next point we wish to make clear is this, that although we believe the power of the worker lies around the machine, we also believe that POLITICAL ACTION IS ESSENTIAL. So many of our members have gone astray on the question of politics, that we wish to make clear as to what we mean by politics. Many of the comrades think that political action as advocated by the industrial unionist, is the same thing as political trading advocated by so many members of our party, for instance comrade Maley's article in the PUBLIC, a single-tax organ, will illustrate that point of the argument. The industrial unionist believes that all government of the workers should proceed from the shop. That it is in the shop that the workers knows what is best for him. He sees in the State a weapon of oppression that is used against him, when he is out of work or engaged in a strike. Government, as we know it today, has outlived its purpose, it is now only an Executive Committee of the ruling class, and should be abolished. The way to abolish it, is to get control of it, and then scrap it. That is all we hope to gain by politics.

SHURE!!!

Look out for the slave who says: "I am with you, but—" He is only joking. He means he'll help you eat the pie after you have won it.—Walter Smith, Cook County Jail.

Wise workers make mistakes, but they don't repeat them.

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ARMSTEAD GETS MIXED UP IN THE WASH.

Last Saturday afternoon, the biggest reactionary that ever stepped into two shoes, along with some more of our LEADING CITIZENS (?), took it upon themselves to visit our advertisers and warn them of the risk they were running in advertising in TRUTH. They lost out.

Armstead is the man who tried to be elected Mayor of the city. He has more gall than the Kaiser. He reminds you of the comedian who cracked stale jokes. He went to see a doctor about his nerves, and the doctor asked him if he was So and So, who was appearing at the Orpheum. The comedian said that he was. "Well, if you can crack those jokes of yours before a Duluth audience, you don't require anything for your nerves," replied the doctor. Armstead is just like the comedian. A few comrades who have to earn their dollars by the sweat of their brows, donate their scanty dollars and bring out a weekly paper. Along comes Armstead with his big business associates and with all their wealth, afraid to fight a clean fight, they resort to the lowest low-down tricks possible, to try and suppress the paper. Armstead, mind you comrades, is the poor imbecile who wanted to take over the control of the city. Armstead has not got enough brains to run a peanut-stand. Will anyone tell us what workingman or woman can that she ever benefited by any action of Armstead's? Can you wonder that they have to bring Billy Sunday to Duluth, when the city is blessed (?) with such men as Armstead and King?

We wish to thank our dear friends Armstead, King and Co. for their action of last Saturday. Our advertising space has been enlarged, and our readers have given us more dollars to carry on the paper. We would like Armstead and his friends to send us a written statement, absolving us of any part in last Saturday's affair. Some of our skeptical minded readers think that it was a clever stunt on our part, to get support for the paper. We wish to deny associating with men like Armstead and King. When we have lost all our friends, we have still the rattlesnake left, then after we have lost him we might try Armstead and King. Commercial Club, please take your kids away, we don't want them.

TRUTH is going to live, and before many more moons, Armstead will bite his lips and regret that he ever tackled us. We have won the first round, and we can assure all concerned, that we shall DELIVER THE KNOCKOUT. Armstead, my boy, you miss fire. Look out for recoil. You cannot expect ignorance and mobism to triumph against the combined forces of idealism and common sense of the Socialist Movement. We are happy. We have aroused the LEADING CITIZENS (?) of the city. The fight is on. If we lose, we shall not run away. We will live to fight another day.

Comrades, the fight from now on will be a hot one. Armstead will stoop to any low-down trick to put us out of business. Who will send us the first dollar to help us in the fight? Every dollar you send will strengthen us in the fight to emancipate the workers. Let your dollars come fast and furious. Let us keep Armstead and Company on the run. Now we have got them going, let us tire them out. Let us show them that we are the real loyalists of Duluth.

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We shall go where wail the children, Where, from your race-killing mills,
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We shall tear them from your drivers, In our shamed and angered pride,
With the fury and the fierceness, Of a fatherhood denied.

We shall set our sisters on you, Those you trap into your hells,
Where the mother instinct is stifled, And no earthly beauty dwells;
We shall call them from their living death, The death in life you gave,
To sing our class to triumph, O'er your cruel system's grave.

We shall strip them of their epaulets, The pandered who fight,
Your wars against the workers, For a bone on which to bite;
We shall batter down your prisons, We shall set your chain-gangs free,
We shall drive you from the mountain-side, The valley, plain and sea.

We shall hunt around the fences, Where your ox-men sweat and gape,
Till they stampede down their stockade, In their panic to escape;
We shall steal up thru the darkness, We shall prowl the wood and town,
Till they wake up to their power, And arise and ride you down.

We shall send the message to them, On a whisper down the night,
We shall make the warrior women, Drive the ox-men to the fight;
We shall use your guile against you, All the cunning that you taught,
All the wisdom of the serpent, To attain the ending sought.

We shall come as comes the cyclone, In the stillness we shall form;
From the calm your terror fashioned, We shall hurl you to the storm;
We shall strike when least expected, When you've deemed toils rout complete;
We shall crush you and your Hessians, 'Neath the brogan-shodded feet.

We shall laugh to scorn your power, That now holds the world in awe;
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