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## Ohio State Executive Committee Meets in Quarterly Session

### MANDS REPEAL OF ESPIONAGE LAW, AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS, WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS FROM RUSSIA AND PARDON FOR MOONEY IN STRONG RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions, which are to be placed before the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party and the National Defense Conference at Chicago for adoption, and which will be sent to the administration at Washington, were passed by the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Ohio at its quarterly meeting, held December 28 and 29 at the headquarters of Local Cuyahoga County.

The four resolutions passed placed the Socialist Party of Ohio as officially opposed to further intervention in Russia and demand the immediate withdrawal of U. S. troops from Siberia. Demand amnesty for all political prisoners. Demand freedom for Mooney and demand the restoration of the rights of free speech, free press and free assemblage. The resolutions follow:

#### RESOLUTIONS.

**RESOLVED**—By the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Ohio, in session, Dec. 29, 1918:

**FIRST:** That the foundation of all liberty is in the freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of assemblage; that to safeguard the liberty of the people, so hardly won against a king and a privileged class, our fathers placed the first amendment in the constitution of the United States so that the people of this government would not be afraid to fear their honest convictions freely; that the first open encroachment by tyranny and autocracy, ruling without the people's consent and by force and fear, is denoted by the effort to shackle the tongue of criticism; that we view the espionage act and all governmental activities thereunder as an annulment of the constitution, and an intolerable insult and injury to the people by their public servants. Our fathers rose in arms when the king touched their pockets. What shall we do when our public servants place their rag upon our lips? We demand the immediate repeal of this infamous statute.

**SECOND:** That the filling of the jails and prisons of the land with thousands of political prisoners, for the crime of expressing their thoughts upon public affairs which concern all the people—because their thoughts have been expressed at the political majorities at Washington—is a betrayal of the inmost spirit of American institutions, a reverting to the dark ages, a renewal of the Spanish inquisition, a renunciation of democracy; that we demand the immediate release of all such prisoners and the quashing of all further criminal process.

**THIRD:** That armed intervention was begun in Russia upon the excuse that it was necessary to establish an eastern front in the war against the German Imperial Government; that it was begun with the express promise there would be no interference with internal affairs of the Russian people or their right of self-determination; that despite the fact that the German Imperial government has vanished and that war has been ended for many weeks, the armed intervention of the allies and the United States continues in Russia, and active aid and encouragement is being given to the disgruntled aristocracy and bourgeoisie who have fled from Russia rather than obey the Socialist Soviet government's order to go to work and who are constantly organizing filibustering expeditions and trying to endle counter-revolution; that we recognize in the Bolshevik administration of Russia an expression of the political will of the overwhelming majority of the United States; and we demand its immediate recognition, the withdrawal of armed forces from Russian territory and the stopping of the present lending of aid and encouragement to the Russian traitors and conspirators who plot

murder, assassination and other out-laws on our shores and in the so-called Russian empire.

**FOURTH:** That we express our profound indignation at the spectacle presented by the Mooney case on the Pacific coast, where a political prostitute of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, elected district attorney for the purpose of annulling the indictments against the United Railway officials, which had been procured by such men as Francis J. Heney, has been able by use of perjured testimony to convict labor leaders, such as Mooney and Billings; and even after the perjuries have been exposed, even after the district attorney's own corrupt connections have been exposed by the Denmark report and even after the stink of this corrupt misuse of the machinery of justice has pervaded the whole world and protests and appeals have come from all corners of the earth, the utmost that could be obtained was a commutation of Mooney's sentence from death to life imprisonment; therefore we demand for Tom Mooney either a new trial or his immediate pardon; and for District Attorney Flicker his immediate dismissal from office and his indictment.

**Official Minutes of the Meeting.**  
Morning session, Dec. 28. Present, Lotta Burke, Tom Clifford, Jos. W. Sharts, Wm. Patterson and J. P. Baker.

Wm. Patterson elected chairman. Tom Clifford elected State Chairman of the party.

Reading of the minutes of the meeting dispensed with.

By agreement the report of the State Secretary was laid over for the afternoon meeting.

Charters for a Hungarian local at Rhodesdale and for a South Slavic local at Canton were granted. The following applicants were admitted as members—at-large: J. M. Swinehart, Floyd E. Buck, H. H. Fishbaum, H. H. Blawat, K. Tamkus.

**Communications:** From the director of the Socialist Party Defense Fund requesting further donations and a division of funds more favorable to the National Office.

Motion carried that all locals in the state be requested to take collections at their meetings for the defense fund and that 50 per cent of such collections be sent the National Office, and 40 per cent retained by the State office.

Motion carried that a certificate be issued, same to be sold at \$1 each that these certificates be sold to all party members and the proceeds used to sustain families of imprisoned comrades, provide comforts for prisoners, agitate for amnesty for political prisoners and for the re-establishment of free speech, free press and free assemblage.

From Local Hamilton, communication in form of resolution.

Motion carried that resolution be referred to a sub-committee composed of Jos. W. Sharts and Tom Clifford for revision and that this committee report resolutions covering the stand of the party upon free speech, press and assemblage, amnesty for political prisoners, withdrawal of U. S. troops from Russia and freedom for Mooney.

From Kentucky, requesting the State Office of Ohio to take charge of dues stamp sales and organization work in that state.

Motion carried that definite action be postponed until after the meeting of the National Executive Committee.

From the State Secretary of Virginia, stating his willingness to use bulletin and informing the Ohio State Office that question is now before the Virginia state committee. Filed awaiting action of Virginia state committee.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

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## Attempt Coercion in Socialists' Trial

Chicago.—Coercion and attempted bribery of witnesses by the government in the prosecution of Socialist officials was indicated when Richard O. Handwerk, former organizer for the Twenty-Seventh Ward Branch, Socialist Party, testified Thursday afternoon that Milroy, one of the "investigators" employed by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Joseph B. Fleming, had offered to "fix up" Handwerk's debts if he would swear to whatever Milroy and Fleming told him.

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testimony in regard to the attempt of the government persecutors to chase him out of town because he refused to testify as they wanted him to, in disregard of the facts in the case.

District Attorney Cline seems to have retired from active participation leaving the whole weight of the case on the shoulders of Fleming, who acts like a school girl, blushing to the roots of his hair when a reference is made to him.

Darrow was asked by Steadman if he believed that Socialists should have the right to express their views about the war. Darrow said he certainly was strong for that idea.

His testimony related chiefly to the formation of a committee of prominent liberals who journeyed to Washington in the summer of 1917 to inquire about the rights of the press after many Socialist and radical publications had been barred from the mails by Postmaster General Burleson. This phase of the case was reported in more or less detail a few days ago through the testimony of Frank P. Walsh and Louis Engdahl, defendant in the trial with Victor L. Berger, William P. Kruse, Irwin St. John Tucker and Adolph Germer.

The court room was crowded today. Scores of persons were turned away by deputy marshals. The appearance of Darrow on the witness stand created a mild sensation.

The battle scarred barrister spoke very slowly, and clasped and unclasped his hands as he spoke. Once when handed a copy of the American Socialist by Fleming, he arose to give his chair and stood under Judge Landis' student lamp reading from the paper.

"I disagreed with the opinions of most of those persons who were agitated because their papers had been barred from the mails," said Darrow, "but in spite of my personal disagreement with them I felt that America was big and strong enough to abide by the constitutional guarantee of free speech and free press."

**Lloyd is a Star Witness.**

William Brose Lloyd, son of the late Henry Demarest Lloyd, author of "Wealth and Commonweal," took the stand after Darrow's testimony. Lloyd was Socialist candidate for United States senator at the fall election. He wore a Bolshevik button on the side toward the jury as he took the stand.

His testimony concerned chiefly in rebutting the testimony of Arnold Schiller, former Yipsel, and office boy at the National Office. Lloyd gave his occupation as "lawyer and trustee," and said that he and his three brothers owned 25 per cent of the stock of the Chicago Tribune, a corporation which is said to earn a million and a half dollars a year.

## Press Distorts News of Trial of Five Socialists at Chicago

By DAVID KARSHNER.

There is absolutely no such thing as a free and untrammeled press in America at the present time. Whatever there was of it prior to and during the war has disappeared since the signing of the armistice on November 11 last. American newspapers now are openly and brazenly hostile to the slightest hint and suggestion of any radical tendencies in the United States.

We do not claim to have made any discovery in this connection, except in so far as the attitude of the American press is reflected by the manner and the treatment given the Socialist party officials' trial before Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis.

**Press Prejudiced at Socialists.**

The six daily papers in Chicago are printing long stories daily about this trial, and to say that every line contained in these stories is colored in a manner calculated to prejudice the reader against the five defendants in particular, and Socialism in general, is to make but a mild observation.

The testimony offered by prosecution witnesses is played up and distorted and twisted beyond all proportion to its actual significance to the case itself.

Statements such as those of Arnold Schiller, the young soldier witness and former Yipsel, that the Y. P. S. L. seriously considered building an underground railroad into Mexico for the benefit of draft evaders and conscientious objectors have been set forth by the Chicago papers as gospel truths.

**Alleged "German Code" Played Up.**

The constitution of the prosecution that a so-called "German secret code" was used by William F. Kruse, secretary of the Y. P. S. L. and other Yipsels in connection with the underground railroad to Mexico, is accepted by the press as a solemn fact. The defendants, themselves, are pictured as wild men from Borneo, deep in crime, and guilty of every offense in the criminal calendar.

The old American tradition, that defendants are supposed to be innocent until proven guilty, "beyond all reasonable doubt," has been completely swept off the earth.

A Socialist or any radical going on trial these days is supposed to be guilty by the press and a gullible public until proven innocent. A man accused of murder or burglary has more chance today of a fair and impartial trial as far as the press is concerned than a Socialist, accused of having an idea and conveying it to somebody else. The latter is the great and heinous crime, according to the press.

**Death Tale Invented.**

After exhausting every possible means to prejudice the public against the Socialists on trial here, the malicious manikins who work for a pauper's pay from a prostituted press, deliberately invented the fiction that Judge Landis, District Attorney Cline and his assistant, Attorney Fleming,

had received death threats "from Socialist sympathizers."

This malicious fiction was carried by all the evening newspapers and the morning papers. However, the stuff was too raw for Judge Landis. He called up the local reporters and asked each separately where he got his "information."

They all hang their heads like poodle dogs chastised by their masters. The Judge then proceeded to bawl the reporters out, individually and collectively, but the fiction was not retracted, except in one paper, which merely stated that Judge Landis had said he did not receive a letter threatening him with death.

**Artist Sees "Red."**

Young woman artist employed by Arthur Brisbane's paper, Herald-Examiner, came to draw sketches of Congressman-elect Victor L. Berger. She asked me if I would point out the "celebrities" in the court room. Then she espied a woman wearing red headgear.

"Do you suppose all these red hats and red ties are a deliberate attempt of the Socialists to show their colors?" she asked me.

Of course, I smiled. I looked about the rows of spectators. There was one consecutive red hat worn by a young girl, a garnet cape thrown about the shoulders of another, and a red tie in sight. Yet, the paper played up the "fact" that red was the predominant color in the court room.

There is absolutely no other way by which this manufactured prejudice can be met, except by the workers themselves throwing their full weight behind the few papers that actually print the truth, or that part of the truth that Burleson will allow to be printed, and which truly represents the interests of the workers.

**Press Bitter at Socialists.**

The animus of the press against the Socialists in this trial is even bitterer than it was toward the I. W. W. case here last summer. Their practice and policy in the latter trial was to ignore it. The combined forces of reaction see in the Socialist Party of America, a formidable foe, having a constructive program capable of immediate usage, and they are fearful lest a larger number of people turn to Socialism as a means of escape from the present social, political and industrial quagmires.

The Socialists in this trial contend the issue is over a free press. They say they have a right, written in the constitution, to disagree with actions of the government. The prosecution if it did not entirely set aside that right during its trial.

But Socialists contend that back of this there is deeper inferences to be drawn from it. They say it is the clearest sign of a government

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## Over-Flow Meetings Greet Debs in Three Cities

### SPEAKER SCORES INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA & CALLS UPON WORKERS TO SHOW SOLID FRONT IN DEMANDING WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

Eugene V. Debs said at Cleveland last Sunday that the time used to be when the smallest halls were too large for Socialist meetings but that now the largest halls were too small, and 4 and 5 bear out this fact.

Wm. H. Fox, secretary of the Socialist Party of Ashtabula reports that the Debs' meeting held in that city on Jan. 4, was the largest meeting of its kind ever held in Ashtabula. Every piece of literature on hand was sold, the demand far exceeding the supply.

At Youngstown the Socialists of the 8th ward for the largest hall in town. They met with refusal. The largest hall that could be secured was obtained and hundreds of people had to be turned away. Frank R. Field, Youngstown Socialist, says of this meeting:

"Diamond hall was crowded to its capacity. The people, instead of taking their seats, stood up, tossing the chairs to one side so that more people could get into the hall to hear the speaker of the revolution, Eugene V. Debs. A hall that normally holds 400 seats packed, was in this way crowded with an enthusiastic throng of 1,000—and all this in a city that has prohibited the display of the red flag!"

Debs was at his best, virile and tense. With thunderbolts of condemnation he lashed the capitalist class. No velvet incensed hands were his as he "skated on the edge" of his parole, as he termed it, tearing the cloak of hypocrisy from the profiteers. Not his recent in the face of a prison sentence.

"Methods, comrades, more of us should be threatened with prison sentences if that is what it takes to make us as fearless as Debs."

"At the conclusion of the speech Debs was presented with a large bouquet of red roses, to which he responded as only Debs can, and then Debs as usual, almost ours, to reach out and grasp."

**Cleveland Holds Two Meetings.**

People streamed into Moose hall last Sunday until the police had to interfere in behalf of safety in case of fire. Every available seat was occupied and several hundred stood at the rear of the hall, long before the meeting was opened. And then fully 500 tardy but hopeful men and women crowded the sidewalk at the hall door, begging for admission, but the police were obdurate. Eventually Walter Bronstrup, who had charge of the meeting for the Cleveland Socialists, ordered the headquarters of the Socialists, at 1222 Prospect Ave., thrown open and announced that an overflow meeting would be held there, addressed by both Charles Baker and Debs as soon as they finished speaking in Moose hall.

Charles Baker, who spoke first, was given an ovation by both audiences. This was his first appearance before Cleveland Socialists since his release from the Canton workhouse. He said in part that if any one thought that jail sentences for Socialists made them cowards, subdued and devoid of enthusiasm, then they were wrong. The exact opposite was the case. Debs bore out this statement by Baker later when he said that the jails and prisons are the Socialists' college, that he went to jail blind

and came forth with his eyes wide open. Baker made a plea for constant activity on the part of all workers to secure amnesty for all political prisoners, whether they be Socialists, Christian pacifists, anarchists or Industrial Workers. "The sun will not shine for me, flowers will not bloom nor birds sing until every prison door opens to freedom for every man and woman incarcerated because of his or her conscientious beliefs," he said.

Debs As Young As Ever.

It was not a Debs of 83 that walked upon the stage amid shouts and cheers. His light spry step and his every gesture and attitude as well as his forcefulness in speech, made him, last Sunday appear the youngest of all. He secured the sympathy of the audience from the very beginning. It was not four or five minutes before he could utter a word, so prolonged was the enthusiasm of those gathered to hear him.

Mention of the Russian Socialist Soviet republic elicited the most applause on the part of his hearers. The building shook with the stamping of feet, hand claps and cheers when he said, "Some people are against the Bolsheviks. They don't know what it is. That is the reason they are against it. Every worker who is against the Bolsheviks, stands in his own light, spite in his own face. There are other people against the Bolsheviks. And if they were for the Bolsheviks I would be against them. It is because they are against them that I am for them. Every drop of blood in my veins is Bolshevik."

"There is not a plutocrat in America who is not for democracy, the kind that keeps him a plute and you a slave. There is not a plutocrat in America who is not against the kind of democracy which abolishes slavery and makes all men free. That's the Russian kind."

He referred to his boyhood days, saying that "at 14 I had to go to work. I had no chance for an education. That is the reason I am later years the capitalist class took pity on me. It sent me to jail. There I received my education. The jail is the Socialist's college. I went in blind and came out with my eyes open."

Debs told his audience that he had received a letter from one of the stenographers, employed by the government to take his speeches. In this letter the writer stated that although he took the speaker's speech, he had now "taken" him. "And so even those who are employed to help jail us are converted by our message," Debs said.

"I feel very sorry for Rockefeller. We Socialists hate no one, not even those who persecute and prosecute us. But I do feel sorry for Rockefeller. He lives in a poor house. He has a life sentence. And there are no pardoning powers either. He is all alone, a lost soul. A billion dollars and not a comrade!"

Literature and subscription cards were sold at the meeting, nearly a thousand ten-cent pamphlets being disposed of. A large collection was taken to defray the expenses of making public the details of the conviction and unjust imprisonment of A. L. Hitchcock, former Socialist member of the Cleveland school board. Resolutions were adopted by the audience demanding amnesty for all political prisoners with special reference to the Hitchcock case.

**DEBS AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS.**

Owing to the postponement of the hearing of his case by the U. S. Supreme Court until January 27th, Debs will be available for a few more speaking engagements between now and that date. Debs is allowed to speak only within jurisdiction of the Cleveland Federal Court. Locals in Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Holmes, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Summit, Stark, Tuscarawas, Trumbull, Wayne, Allen, Auglaize, Deane, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot counties are asked to wire the state office of the Socialist Party AT ONCE if they desire to secure Eugene V. Debs for a meeting.

**DEMAND WITHDRAWAL FROM RUSSIA.**

Local Bay City, Michigan, has passed the following resolutions demanding the withdrawal of troops from Russia. The resolutions have been circulated by that local for signatures and the signed petitions will be presented to the Mooney Defense conference, which is to meet in Chicago, Jan. 15.

Resolved: That we, the undersigned workers of America, demand that the Mooney Defense conference go on record as demanding the withdrawal of American and allied troops from Russia, and make it clear that the work class of America will use every means in its power to enforce such withdrawal.

**INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES ELECTED.**

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, by preferential voting, has elected Algernon Lee, John Work and James Oneal as delegates to the International Socialist Conference to be held at Luzerne, Switzerland. The vote stood as follows:

J. Mahlon Barnes ..... 57  
Bernard Berlyn ..... 55  
Algernon Lee ..... 36  
James H. Maurer ..... 31  
Scott Nearing ..... 42  
James Oneal ..... 45  
C. E. Ruthenberg ..... 60  
Seymour Steadman ..... 43  
John M. Work ..... 42

The three receiving the lowest vote were elected. James Maurer telegraphed the National Office that he would be unable to serve. This settled the tie vote between Work and Oneal and elected both together with Lee.

Those who are expecting the stand-pat congressmen to help the soldiers and common people in the coming reconstruction, might also watch the scrub oaks for apples and the morning glory vine for cucumbers.

**CANTON SOCIALIST PARTY STIRS UP PROFITS.**

First page, first column space was accorded the Socialist Party of Canton in the Canton capitalist dailies last week. Screaming headlines that "Socialists Demand U. S. Prisoners be Freed" and "Espionage Act Denounced," decorated the front page of the Canton Daily News and through its columns we are informed that "the United States Department of Justice will give consideration to the manifesto made public Saturday night by Canton Socialists."

If the Department of Justice were to stand attention every time a daily paper screamed, it would have been worked to death long ago. As matters stand, the Canton Socialists feel that they still have the right, under that kind of democracy for which we are making the world safe, to pass resolutions demanding freedom for political prisoners and to ask that the espionage law be rescinded, now that the war is over.

**Britain to Inform Wilson.**

London.—The British government will lay before President Wilson all information it has gathered respecting the Russian situation, which is the cause of considerable anxiety in some circles here.

Dispatches from Archangel point out that the Bolshevik forces there are well supplied and that they include good fighting material.

Any serious reverse to the allies in northern Russia, who have an enormous front to guard, would result, it is said, in the territory being overrun by the Bolsheviks and probably the massacre of those Russians, who have been friendly to the allies.

It has been suggested that more seasoned troops should be sent to Russia. Sections of public opinion here in France, however, are opposed to such a move. It is also suggested that Russia be left to its own devices.

## Russia and the American Press

Russia has always been a land of mystery, a terra incognita, to us. During the reign of the czars our knowledge of that country was limited to stories of bureaucratic corruption, brutal oppression and Jewish massacres. Occasionally Stephen Graham of British fame (greater in mythology of the autocratic regime which he maintained, was best calculated to keep in proper place the many millions of ignorant and vodka-drinking peasants who worshipped their "Little Father," the God-appointed head of state and church.

When the Russian Revolution broke out, and the selfsame peasants, garbed in soldiers' and sailors' uniforms, raised a heavy hand against their "beloved" czar and with one mighty stroke swept out all vestiges of his malevolent rule, we were told tales of anarchy and chaos, of the mistreatment of "innocent" army officers in the prisons of Kronstadt, of the burning of manor houses by infuriated peasants, and were constantly impressed with the belief that the Russian people were not ripe for self-government. The Bolshevik propaganda among the army, which met with great success because of the blunders of allied diplomacy, the weakness of the provisional government, the general disorganization in the country, and the war-weariness of the masses (who are not interested in the acquisition of the Dardanelles or the freedom of the seas), was conveniently and thoughtlessly branded as German; and this prevented any true understanding of the whole matter. The very word "Bolshevik" sounded mysterious and threatening, but no one saw fit to explain its meaning. And when these same Bolsheviks came into power, and in spite of the frequent prophecies about their imminent downfall continued in power—much to the disappointment and chagrin of the false prophets—our newspapers became a clearing-house for abuse, calumny, falsehood and the attributes of impotent rage, lavishly heaped upon them by their conscious and unconscious enemies.

For, really, what do we know about present-day Russia, her form of government, and the purposes of her rulers? Barring advance information about massacres of the bourgeoisie, which somehow do not come off, and repeated predictions that millions are going to die for lack of food and fuel, which predictions are met by stubbornly refusing to hear out what news do we get from that country? Practically none. Our correspondents in Russia, with one or two exceptions, do not speak the language of the people, either in the literal or in the figurative sense, do not understand their history and their heroic struggle for freedom. They come there with a mental equipment sufficient perhaps for a breezy account of a divorce trial or an enthusiastic innkeeper who is running a home-run, but utterly and sadly inadequate for the comprehension of so tremendous an upheaval. Unable to grasp the significance of the great social phenomenon, they dwell of necessity upon the minor details, the discordant and petty elements, which they pick up on the fringes of the revolution. This it happens that a murder or a plain hold-up is magnified to the proportions of anarchy and terror, and the fearful recital of a dispossessed aristocrat is taken as a proof of the country's lawless state. To the total lack of intelligent understanding on the part of some is added the prejudice and bigotry of others who strenuously oppose any and all radical innovations, and who endeavor to determine the attitude of conservatism. These are constitutionally unable to see any good in the Russian Revolution which does not work out in accord with the editorial views of their respective papers. Some of them have spent years in Russia, hobnobbing with the czar's officials and receiving their Russian news while sipping champagne in the cozy atmosphere of a well-appointed room, and they were shocked beyond the hope of recovery when the unshaven and noisy Petrograd Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies demanded a public statement of peace without annexations or indemnities, and self-definition of peoples. The advent of the Bolsheviks completed their mental derangement, so that since November, 1917, they have been able to see nothing but red. Their optic sense has been so perverted that a political amnesty they view as a general massacre; and their loss of reasoning capacity is evidenced by their readiness to confirm any rumor, no matter how wild and improbable, if only it is in line with their sad delusion.

There are also those of the yellow kind, who in order to please the editor or to satisfy their own craving for the sensational send grossly exaggerated or deliberately lying stories. As an illustration the following may serve some time ago a New York daily published about a certain Peters, the president of the Moscow Commission for the Suppression of Counter-Revolution, who, as the story ran, "signed death warrants day and night until he dropped from sheer physical exhaustion. The story was embellished with a few personal characteristics which portrayed the unfortunate victim of the correspondent as a most blood-thirsty monster in human form. Diligent inquiry has disclosed that the Bolsheviks have a grim habit of publishing the lists of people executed for state and other offenses, and that at the time the correspondent above referred to was in Russia the greatest number of persons executed in a single day in Moscow was twenty-three. While this number may be large enough to impress anyone with the seriousness of the anti-Bolshevik movement in Russia (which movement, it must be added, appears to us confined to the former), it is far from being monstrous.

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tract a so-called German secret code was used by William F. Kruse, secretary of the Y. P. S. I. and other Yipsels in connection with the underground railroad to Mexico, is accepted by the press as a solemn fact. The defendants, themselves, are pictured as wild men from Borneo, deep in crime, and guilty of every offense in the criminal calendar.

The old American tradition, that defendants are supposed to be innocent until proven guilty "beyond all reasonable doubt," has been completely swept off the boards.

A Socialist or any radical going on trial these days is supposed to be guilty by the press and a gullible public until proven innocent. A man accused of murder or burglary has more chance today of "a fair and impartial trial," as far as the press is concerned than a Socialist, accused of having an idea and conveying it to somebody else. The latter is the great and heinous crime, according to the press.

Death Tale Invented.  
After exhausting every possible means to prejudice the public against the Socialists on trial here, the malicious manikins who work for a pauper's pay from a prostituted press, deliberately invented the fiction that Judge Landis, District Attorney Clyne and his assistant, John P. Fleming,

themselves throwing their full weight behind the few papers that actually print the truth, or that part of the truth that Burleson will allow to be printed, and which truly represents the interests of the workers.

Press Bitter at Socialists.

The animus of the press against the Socialists in this trial is even bitterer than it was toward the I. W. W. case here last summer. Their practice and policy in the latter trial was to ignore it. The combined forces of reaction see in the Socialist Party of America, a formidable foe, having a constructive program capable of immediate usage, and they are fearful lest a larger number of people turn to Socialism as a means of escape from the present social, political and industrial quagmires.

The Socialists in this trial contend the issue is over a free press. They say they have a right, written in the constitution, to disagree with actions of the government. The prosecution contends the Espionage law modified, if it did not entirely set aside, that right during war time.

But Socialists contend that back of this there are deeper inferences to be drawn from this trial. They say it is the clash of two separate and distinct theories of government.

## INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES ELECTED

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, by preferential voting, has elected Algernon Lee, John Work and James Oneal as delegates to the International Socialist Conference to be held at Luzerne, Switzerland. The vote stood as follows:

J. Mahlon Barnes	55
Beinard Berlyn	77
Algernon Lee	36
James H. Maurer	41
Scott Nearing	54
James Oneal	42
C. E. Ruthenberg	60
Seymour Stedman	43
John M. Work	42

The three receiving the lowest vote were elected. James Maurer telegraphed the National Office that he would be unable to serve. This settled the tie vote between Work and Oneal and elected both together with Lee.

Those who are expecting the stand-pat congressmen to help the soldiers and common people in the coming reconstruction, might also watch the scrub oaks for apples and the morning glory vine for cucumbers.

stand, the Canton Socialists feel that they still have the right, under that kind of democracy for which we are making the world safe, to pass resolutions demanding freedom for political prisoners and to ask that the espionage law be rescinded, now that the war is over.

## Britain to Inform Wilson.

London.—The British government will lay before President Wilson all information it has gathered respecting the Russian situation, which is the cause of considerable anxiety in some circles here.

Dispatches from Archangel point out that the Bolshevik forces there are well supplied and that they include good fighting material.

Any serious reverse to the allies in northern Russia, who have an enormous front to guard, would result, it is said, in the territory being overrun by the Bolsheviki and probably the massacre of those Russians, who have been friendly to the allies.

It has been suggested that more seasoned troops should be sent to Russia. Sections of public opinion here and in France, however, are opposed to entering into a further large venture into Russia, which might mean the ending of the war.

There are also those, of the yellow kind, who in order to please the editor or to satisfy their own craving for the sensational send grossly exaggerated or deliberately lying stories. As an illustration the following may serve. Some time ago a New York daily published a story by its Russian correspondent about a certain Peters, the president of the Moscow Commission for the Suppression of Counter-Revolution, who, as the story ran, "signed death warrants day and night until he dropped from sheer physical exhaustion." The story was embellished with a few personal characteristics which portrayed the unfortunate victim of the correspondent as a most blood-thirsty monster in human form. Diligent inquiry has disclosed that the Bolsheviki have a grim habit of publishing the lists of people executed for state and other offenses, and that at the time the correspondent above referred to was in Russia the greatest number of persons executed in a single day in Moscow was twenty-three. While this number may be large enough to impress anyone with the seriousness of the anti-Bolshevik movement in Russia (which movement, it must be noted, appears to be confined to the former nobility and property-owners), it is far from the kind of thing that would lead to their sad delusion.



# LETTERS

## From the Land of Devil-May-Care

Written for the Ohio Socialist by W. E. Reynolds.

### DELAYED IN TRANSIT—Mammenville, Arwgan, Devil-May-Care-Land, Dec. 22, 1918.

Dear Sir: Mammenville is the capital city of Devil-May-Care-Land. It is one huge mass of cliffs and canyons. The buildings scrape the sky and the place where the people walk between them is just like a canyon in a mountain country.

The cliffs are buildings used for purposes of trade and barter and chicanery and fraud. Great man-made caves 40 and 50 stories high and five to 15 stories deep. The people who dwell therein are modern cliff dwellers.

Runners between these cliffs in the canyons are two parallel lines of tracks with cars upon them for the conveyance of those who wish to ride. A fee is charged for each ride and the guard who goes with each car to see that the driver brings it back has a little box where the passenger deposits his fare or string and another little box sings out, "See, the guard is honest and your rattlemonies shall go to the Ketchum, Holdum, Packum and Skinen Transportation Company and not be kept by the common Gog in uniform." The guards do not have any names but like all the rest of the tribe of Gog simply has a number like a criminal. This number is worn in plain sight so that you may see he is just a common working Gog and not a Magog on dress parade.

There are parallel tracks running up inside the great cliffs and these too have a cage to carry passengers up and down, but here no fee of rattlemony is charged. It must be harder to pull a cage up and down than it would be to run it on the level but these clumsy Allfoos charge for a level ride and give you a free ride up and down.

If you should visit this burg you would think land was very scarce or they wouldn't build their buildings so high—but you would be mistaken—there is plenty of land but it is mostly in the hands of Devilment Sharks who keep it away from the people. There is plenty of land but most of it grows nothing but a crop of a-shes, tin cans, billboards and keep off the grass signs.

These Mammontines in Mammenville claim to be Christians—in fact all the Land-of-Devil-May-Care is said to be a Christian nation. They even cut each other's throats in the name of their Christ, who according to the legends firmly believed by most Allfoos, was of doubtful parentage. His father was reported to be a wandering ghost and his mother a virgin and very beautiful.

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# The Situation in Ohio

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

To be under the parole of a Federal Court and to be enjoined from speaking outside of its jurisdiction and inside of it only on condition of saying nothing "unlawful" i. e., nothing that grates on the ears of the ruling class, is no more a privilege than the right to have found guilty my activities as an agitator have been confined to Judge Westenhaver's district. The order of the court has certainly had a great advertising effect for the meetings in northeastern Ohio have been largely attended by sympathetic and enthusiastic audiences, notwithstanding all the cheap political trickery resorted to by the minions of capitalism to render futile the results of these meetings.

It is quite evident that the industrial captains of capitalism, blind and stupid as they are to all things other than chicanery, fraud and exploitation, gauge accurately the temper of the thousands who attend these meetings and fear the effect thereof on the working class and the general public. They have attempted in every way they could conceive to thwart the purpose of great meetings. The petty court officials have been especially active along this line, aided or abetted by the newspapers in hinting at possible trouble and spreading false and malicious reports. At each point the speech has been "taken down" for the local court or to be forwarded to Washington, as if the court could deter by such a cowardly and flimsy expedient.

At Cleveland for the second time the house was packed to overflowing, the same was true at Toledo, where the whole police force surrounded the building and every entrance and exit was guarded to prevent the possible catastrophe the evil conscience of the craven bourgeois bosses had conjured up. It must have been great surprise to them that Comrade Prevey and myself appeared upon the stage unarmed and that no attempt was made to blow up the city.

Oh, what cowards and poltroons the capitalist exploiters are; the faintest whisper of revolt upon the part of their slaves falls like a roar of doom upon their startled ears, and strikes terror to their cowardly hearts. It is not only the head that wears the crown that lies uneasy in the still watches of the night but the head of every robber of honest toil and every drinker of the Blood of innocent children.

cerning the "Red Terror" and well may they sit on their haunches and howl, for the "Red Terror" is the real enemy that ever fought the Kaiser to spirit the bitter end. The only thing on earth that can't be bought off, for it is the spirit incarnate of outraged humanity; the spirit of ages of human oppression; an awful spirit born of exile, dungeons and tears. A spirit of sorrow as profound as life. A spirit of travail of the birth of a new order. The spirit of the dumb victims of imperialism and capitalism; the united spirits of the oppressed of every age and country. That spirit unborn and uncreated, powerful. The Liebknechts are coming into their own and the people's day is at hand.

The revolution is on. When it strikes America as it inevitably will, it will come in Socialist order, with the proper respect for life and property, or will it come with the mad riot of mobs and wholesale destruction of the remaining resources which rightfully belong to the whole people? Will the people be producers, and what is rightfully theirs, quiet and peacefully, or will capitalism take its short-sightedness until we have the Armageddon foretold by the ancient prophets? Looking through the Bible I run on to these passages, which after all, are singularly appropriate:

"Voe unto ye Pharisees, hypocrites, full of extortion and of excess, ye devour widow's houses, make a prey of the fatherless, crush my people, grind the faces of the poor; ye have eaten up their vineyards, filled your own houses with the spoil of the poor by fraudulently keeping back their wages, joining house unto house, laying field unto field, binding on men's shoulders, burdens heavy and grievous to be borne, therefore ye have become a viper and a scorpion, ye generation of serpents, ye that call evil, good and good, evil; ye makers of unrighteous decrees, ye writers of perverseness, ye takers of bribes, ye forgetters of the hungry, the thirsty, the strangers, naked, sick and in prison; ye makers of long prayers for a pretence, strain out gnats and swallowing camels, how shall ye escape the damnation of hell?"

I indeed it would not take such a wide stretch of the imagination for a Christian to believe that the capitalists and profiteers were about to get their hell right here on earth and at the hands of the "Red Terror" who might be God's own avenging angels. As for the Socialists we know that the ruling classes have produced the causes and must abide by the effect.

The Brotherhood of Man is marching on with the red flag of brotherhood at the fore and the "Red Terror" which has pledged itself to give back the earth to the race, flanking him on all sides. Verily, after all the years of misery, crime and oppression, evolution is marching on, willingly or no, the reaper born of ages of human misery and oppression.

Socialists must point the way and be ready to step in at the proper time and restore order out of chaos; bind together the cords of existence and peacefully steer the world out of the terrible hell the capitalists and imperialists have wrought.

The true Socialist who suffers and patient, he who has also firmly believed what he knows is right, through all this terrible nightmare shall step like Liebknecht into a greater freedom than he had ever dreamed.

Let us by all means circulate our literature, get subscriptions to our papers and get into the fight in earnest, the light of intellect versus greed which is convulsing the world. Oh, my comrades, for to you will be delegated the task of leading labor's hosts to the land of promise. For verily you are a collective Moses. The War God has parted the waters of the modern Red Sea of private monopoly and you shall march unhindered from the promised land forever free from the modern Pharaoh's capitalist bondage. Every man shall stand on his own feet and no man shall be true and none shall make them afraid.

But whatever the pirates of capitalism may do and whatever their menaces and hangers on may threaten, we shall hold our colors defiantly aloft and go forward with our work without apology and without fear, knowing as we do that capitalism is criminal, corrupt and festering with every evil, and that Socialism and Socialism alone can avert the upheaval which threatens, and restore peace and sanity to the world.

The situation in Ohio as I view it and as intimate contact and personal observation confirms it, is extremely favorable at the close of the old and the beginning of the new year. The comrades at the various points I have visited are uniformly enthusiastic about the outlook for 1919. They sense the possibilities within the grasp of the workers and have the grasp of the possibilities of organized action throughout the state, and this is as it should be. The Buckeye State has a central and commanding position in the class struggle in America. It is highly industrialized and ought to be a very stronghold of the forces of industrial liberation.

The call goes out to every local in the state to get into action, thousands are now ready to join the party and each local should strive to secure its full share of the fresh enrollment.

There was never a time when the state was so ripe for Socialist agitation and organization. Let me be a temporary sojourner among you Ohio comrades, bid you take advantage of the present favorable situation and combine all your energies to organize thoroughly the class-conscious forces of labor for the mighty task which now confronts it.

With all my heart I rejoice at seeing the prison doors swing open and Comrades Rutenfranz, Wagenknecht and Baker walk forth into the sunlight. These comrades have been consecrated behind prison bars and will now rise to their full stature in the service of the revolutionary movement.

The comrades of Ohio are entitled to my lasting gratitude for their fidelity and devotion during the past few months and I shall gladly avail myself of every opportunity to work hand in hand with them to build up the party, to organize the workers with the revolutionary efficiency, first and foremost, and speed the glorious day of their industrial emancipation.

We have noticed in several of our Socialist papers, our state paper not excepted, somewhat of a tendency to "dilute" the Bible and everything pertaining to the Bible and churches. Now our own church affiliation will clear us of any charge of being anything but very liberal. However, we believe we should remember that, though the Bible does contain some things we can't quite swallow, it also contains the story of the life, teachings, and persecution to death of a master radical—the Christ. And though the churches about invariably have been the most conservative of organizations, still it must be said to their credit that recent developments are hopeful. Though the "powers that be" in the various churches for the most part still stick to the old order of things, many members and some few leaders are beginning to see conditions as they actually exist. Harry F. Ward, for instance, whom we have met personally, is a big man in his church, and in inter-church affairs. At the same time he is widely known and supported by the laboring classes. To be sure, we are prone to divide people into two classes: Those that are for us and those that are against us. But, really, attitudes and ideals are not always changed suddenly; many of us were not always Socialists, and it is no doubt true that the most of us did not become Socialists until after the war was read.

It requested that the state make use of such literature as is being issued by the National Office for additional defense fund collections.

Motion carried that a new call for defense funds be issued, that National Office literature and letters be used for this purpose, but that all literature and letters bear the address of the State Office and that all money collected in this state be remitted to the State Office to be divided upon the basis of 60 per cent to the National Office and 40 per cent to the State Office.

Motion carried that previous motion requesting locals to take up collections at their meetings for the defense fund be rescinded.

Motion carried that a letter be addressed to Local Warren informing that local that Edward Smith had appeared before members of the State Executive Committee, had admitted that he was in error in joining the Social Democratic League and in supporting the national administration, that he desired to again become a member of the Socialist Party and not knowing how to approach the local in the matter had asked the State Executive Committee to write Local Warren informing it of his desire; that the State Executive Committee hopes the local will give due and earnest consideration of his application to rejoin the party.

Motion carried that the wages of E. J. Allison, editor of Ohio Socialist be raised to \$30 per week.

After a lengthy discussion upon methods of organization for the state a motion was passed that the State Secretary get in touch with an organizer whose duty shall be to inspect books and activity of locals, assist locals in getting new members and in collecting dues from those in arrears, assist officers of the locals in their duties and in other ways help in the organization work, and that as soon as such an organizer is located the State Secretary propose his employment to the State Executive Committee.

Motion carried to adjourn.

A. WAGENKNECHT, State Secretary.

The following report was made by the State Secretary, Report of the State Secretary, To the State Executive Committee and Members, Socialist Party of Ohio:

# STATE EXECUTIVE REPORT

Continued From Page One.

Afternoon session of Dec. 28.

Scott Wilkins arrived for the meeting.

Reading of communications continued.

From Wm. M. Brown, requesting designations of various units of the Socialist Party. Report by the State Secretary upon visit to home of Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Galion together with Debs.

Motion carried that Joseph W. Sharts and the State Secretary comply with the request of Wm. M. Brown to visit his home.

New Business.

Motion carried that as an election for an additional member of the State Executive Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Geo. Bundy, could not be held much before the issuance of the call for the election of an entirely new committee and as it is desirable to save the expense of such a referendum meeting that therefore we ask all locals making nominations for an additional member of the State Executive Committee to withdraw their nominations and that M. J. Beery, the next highest upon the last ballot, act as additional committeeman until the next election.

Motion carried that State Secretary be instructed to work out arrangements with locals in regard to time stamps as best he can until such time as a revision of the constitutional amendment concerning press stamps can be made.

Motion carried that the State Office, for the time being, be granted the use of the automobile owned by the party.

Motion carried that beginning next month the State Office pay a total of \$20 per month for rent, heat and light.

Motion carried that the State Secretary be reimbursed in the sum of \$200 for extra labor incidental to conducting the State Office while he was imprisoned.

Motion carried that the report be considered seriatim.

Motion carried that we do not tour W. E. Reynolds at this time.

Motion carried that the State Executive Committee ratify action taken by the State Office in assisting state organizer Chas. Baker and that such disbursement as may be necessary preparatory to his being necessary made in return for employment as assistant in the State Office.

Motion carried that the routing of W. R. Snow and Tom Lewis be left to the discretion of the State Office.

Motion carried that all locals be notified that when speakers are engaged through the State Office that all financial obligations must be met.

Motion carried that State Secretary write inactive locals requesting that they hold a meeting by engaging their nearest district organizer and that in event the local does not reply that the State Secretary request the district organizer to visit the local upon the State Office initiative and report back to the State Office.

Motion carried that all funds excepting the organization and mileage funds be merged into the general fund beginning with the first of the year.

Motion carried that J. P. Baker, Leita Burke and Scott Wilkins be elected to audit the books of the State Office for the last quarter.

Motion that adjournment be had until 9 p. m.

Sunday, Dec. 29, morning session.

Motion carried that Tom Clifford act as chairman.

Auditing committee's report heard, received and filed.

Motion carried that a professional audit of the State Office books be made for 1918 and that Fred Neubauer take charge of same.

Resolution committee reported received and letters be read.

Motion carried that the four resolutions be adopted and that copies be sent to the Mooney Defense Conference at Chicago, to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, to congress and to the national administration heads.

Communication which arrived in last mail from the director of the Socialist Party Defense Fund was read. It requested that the state make use of such literature as is being issued by the National Office for additional defense fund collections.

Motion carried that a new call for defense funds be issued, that National Office literature and letters be used for this purpose, but that all literature and letters bear the address of the State Office and that all money collected in this state be remitted to the State Office to be divided upon the basis of 60 per cent to the National Office and 40 per cent to the State Office.

ended. The daily mail of the office is exceedingly heavy and requires the greater part of the day in answering. The time is at hand when an office clerk or two could be of immense service, but the office income does not permit the employment of additional help, and the membership are as long as dues to the membership are as low as at present. A membership of 6,000, half of which are foreign speaking members, gives us a dues stamp profit of \$240 a month. This just about pays the wages bill and leaves nothing for the many other incidental expenses. My first recommendation would, therefore, be that the dues as well as the initiation fee be increased at the first opportunity so that the time may come when new work may be undertaken for the party without first requesting contributions for such work from the members.

Membership for 1918 Shows Increase. It may surprise you as it did the office force to learn that the state membership for 1918 shows an increase of 81 over that of 1917. Dues stamp sales for 1918 for the first eleven months of 1918 are as follows:

January	1917	1918
February	4428	7341
March	3974	7281
April	4731	7219
May	4441	6971
June	4698	5197
July	6227	5095
August	6273	4403
September	6414	6206
October	6614	6206
November	7661	5928
December	5688	4720

The total dues stamp sales for 1917 was 68,267 and for the first eleven months of 1918, 63,451. The average dues stamp sales per month, which also denotes the average monthly membership, was 5,689 for 1917 and 5,770 for 1918. The Socialist Party of this state has thus weathered the war with colors flying. We feel safe in saying that had the epidemic of influenza not closed local meetings all over the state, our increase for 1918 over that of 1917 would have been far greater. However, every party member will, we are sure, feel gratified to learn that an increase in membership has taken place despite the intense opposition the organization has had to suffer.

Interesting to the member who makes a study of organization work will be the figures which tell of the number of new members admitted for the two years past. It seems unbelievable, but the State Office sold 6,134 initiation stamps in 1917. And only 2,900 stamps were sold in 1918. The number of new members admitted during that year. The party during that year. The party during that year.

Since we began publishing weekly on Dec. 1, the total receipts for the Ohio Socialist have been \$1,362.94. This shows a deficit of about \$400 for the six months. This deficit accrued mainly during the first three months of publication. The receipts for the last three months have equalled and exceeded the expenses. If the paper is as liberally supported from now on as it has been this last month, their deficits will be no more and we may soon begin to earnestly agitate for a bi-weekly paper.

The last meeting of your committee agreed to give space to the weaker neighboring states for state Socialist Party news. Since then both Kentucky, West Virginia and New Mexico have taken space in the paper, and although West Virginia is not a neighboring state, Comrade Dillon, the State Secretary, insists that ours is the paper through which his official bulletin should reach the New Mexico membership. Besides the three states named, Virginia is also contemplating using the columns of our paper for its official party news.

The weekly contents of our paper has met with general favor. Letters of praise are very numerous and although we admit that there is much room for improvement, we at the same time believe that the paper is doing a very good work. Comrade E. T. Allison, who is in general charge of both the editorial and circulation departments, has been urging in his efforts for the success of the Ohio Socialist, and the press, starting as well as the co-operation we are getting from other states are due in the main to his good work.

Organization and Propaganda. The State Office intended to tour Comrade Tom Lewis steadily for the entire winter season, but the influenza epidemic interfered. The epidemic is still prevalent in many of the smaller towns and against meeting. It is still on. The entire tour for Comrade L. V. Debs and which was to take place the month before election, had to be abandoned on account of the epidemic and a whole week's dates secured for the same speaker this month had to be cancelled. For the same cause together with the loss of halls to Socialist locals for speakers, just when consecutive routing of speakers can be undertaken we can not tell. Many locals, some of the most active, have written us that all halls have been denied them and that no speakers can be engaged because of this. And yet, the calls for speakers are as numerous as before the war. The dates are busy Sunday days, however, many and more meetings, having seen the advisability of establishing regular Sunday forum meetings.

Comrade Tom Lewis is at present engaged by Local Cuyahoga County is address his branches. Besides this Comrade there are three others who have been engaged for the Ohio Socialist. Charles Baker, your state organizer, is also engaged for the Ohio Socialist complete report for the year now

by this state before and you all recognize his efficiency. Comrade Lewis has been employed for many months in Illinois and has established a record for real organization work, securing of new members and the lecturing of dues from those in standing. He is besides a good propagandist. It would be well for a committee to canvass the situation at the state at this meeting so that we may arrive at some conclusion as to the field work. Comrade Baker has reported himself ready for work and it is his application and the possibility of employing him which receive your first consideration.

The Sustaining Fund. We are still paying out of treasury five dollars per month for the support of several families imprisoned Socialists. By our permitting means for a week for comforts for the Party members still in prison sentences. These payments quite a drain on party funds. We would like to have you decide whether it would be to again purchase sustaining fund stamps by a thousand dollars was received from the first sustaining fund stamp sale. There is still in the sustaining fund a total of \$28.23. More than this will be needed if we are to meet our obligations to the families of our imprisoned comrades.

Financials. As will be seen by the November financial report, the general and deficit within the year amount to \$2,971.54. This amount, however, is to be supplied from other funds to meet the general running expenses of the State Office in the amount named. Were it not for the liberal donations made by members and sympathizers to other party funds, we would have been faced with financial embarrassment many times during the year. In fact, the general fund deficit must be eliminated and we would suggest that all other funds except the mileage fund be merged into the general fund beginning with the first of the year.

We also desire to direct attention to the fact that our balance appears larger than it is, due to the fact that we owe the national office several dollars. The Ohio Socialist Defense Fund, December will show a gain of \$100.00 over November and we are assured that now that the war is over the financial condition of the party will better itself from month to month.

The Outlook. The outlook for 1919 is exceedingly bright. If the mail which we receive from the local in the state will be better equipped in entering the municipal elections, this coming fall than ever in their history. War time has seasoned the membership, has tempered it and from this day on it will cut into capitalism like a keen-edged tool. Many letters are being received which tell of the renewed activity and increased enthusiasm of the members. Many have instituted a membership campaign and others have organized their good standing members into detachments whose duty it is to collect dues from members in bad standing. Comrades have learned to brave the constant opposition of those who assumed authority in matters that had to do with the activities of our party and the new has been that we now have a membership paper developed to undertake the mission to organize workers, a membership made of finest steel and more capable to perform the work that lies before us.

With the inspiration gained from the successes of our European comrades, we shall march forward again as never before to win this state and the nation for industrial democracy.

Fraternally, A. WAGENKNECHT, State Secretary.

Thomas Erskine—The press must be free. If government finds itself annoyed by it, let it examine its own conduct and it will find the cause.

In choosing the flag for their new countries, the people across the sea seem to act on the old principle, "An color, so it's red."

NEVER DO THIS

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FIELD

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condition. They lie about each other and to each other. They lie about the state and the state in turn lies to them. In short the lives of the dwellers of Devil-May-Care-Land may be summed up in the words, lies, deceit and hypocrisy.

All the Gogs are pauperized. They have to be because their wages only cover the cost of their living, yet the news suppressors lie to them and try to make them believe they are the most prosperous of nations. It is a prosperous nation because the nation belongs to the Magogs who are prosperous out of the values created by the Gogs and seized by the Magogs, but the majority of people in the nation are Gogs and they couldn't live till the new year without a job serving the Magogs.

The bogus Saint Nick's on the canyon corners are there begging dinero from the passersby to feed the hungry Gog children so when they grow up they will not be discontented agitators but contented wage slaves to the Magogs.

The Alfools do not allow beggars to beg openly on the streets unless they do it in the name of God. There is an organization here by the name of Starvation Army and as they beg in the name of God they are not molested, but place their begging outfits on the streets, obstructing the free passage thereof without molestation. This week they have kettles out, guarded by these bogus Nicks and signs telling the populace to give to the Starvation Army because it gives a part of it back to hungry Gog kids. They also claim to help fallen women.

I nearly got in trouble here because I wanted to put up a sign telling these Alfools not to support the Starvation Army because it supports the lie which makes fallen women and hungry children. These Alfools never look for causes, but waste all their lives chasing effects.

The streets at night are row upon row of bright lights and the show windows of the market places are full of cheap toys such as wooden cannon, tin swords and revolvers, tin soldiers and like truck, which the parents are supposed to get in exchange for their hand-earned dinero and give to the

characters were given power, and when we destroyed the kaiser in effigy we did not destroy or pretend to destroy those factors which made him.

Yea, we have the fair beginnings of several kaisers right here in America. In fact we are slaves held in a more ignoble bondage than were the black men of the south, for their slavery was of the body alone and was compulsory, while ours is a slavery of intellect bound by chains which are forged in Wall Street and are sent out in installments in the interest-controlled press, and we ourselves wrap those chains around our better judgment and bind down our inalienable right to think for ourselves.

We, the working class, what there is left of us, will again settle down to factory routine or endless job hunting. Once more, as always will we cringe before the masters and kiss the hand that smites us. Men will again line up at the factory doors elbowing, pushing and fighting for jobs. Of course not so many, for the war relieved us of a few million who were not needed in modern production, and still we will go on endeavoring to buy back with our one-fifth the five-fifths that must be disposed of before we can hope to keep to work. Making things as cheaply and fraudulently as possible so they will sooner need to be replaced, thus giving us work and the profit to the capitalists, and in spite of all, filling storehouses to overflowing and forcing our country to vie with other nations for markets, and ports and rights. Oh, yes, we will all get in on the game and produce, produce, produce until we are ready for the next world clash which will be inevitable, for there will be wars until we get collective ownership of the means of production and distribution, and the cause of war is forever removed.

Over in Europe, the real people, the working people, are counting the cost of this terrible capitalist system. They are tearing down the bulwarks of capitalism and greed and re-organizing under the red flag of human brotherhood.

The interest controlled press is howling like wolves all over this country. We have great head lines con-

naked, sick and in prison; ye makers of long prayers for a pretence, straining out gnats and swallowing camels, how shall ye escape the damnation of hell?"

Indeed it would not take such a wide stretch of the imagination for a Christian to believe that the capitalists and profiteers were about to get their hell right here on earth and at the hands of the "Red Terror" who might be God's own avenging angels. As for the Socialists we know that the ruling classes have produced the causes and must abide by the effect.

The Brotherhood of Man is marching on with the red flag of brotherhood at the fore and the "Red Terror" which has pledged itself to give back the earth to the race, flanking him on all sides. Verily, after all the years of misery, crime and oppression, evolution is marching on, and we shall be obliged to follow, willingly or no, the red specter born of ages of human misery and oppression.

Socialists must point the way and be ready to step in at the proper time and restore order out of chaos; bind together the cords of existence and peacefully steer the world out of the terrible hell the capitalists and imperialists have wrought.

The true Socialist, long suffering and patient, he who has stood firmly by what he knows is right, through all this terrible nightmare shall step like Liebknecht into a greater freedom than he had ever dreamed.

Let us by all means circulate our literature, get subscriptions to our papers and get into the fight in earnest, the fight of intellect versus greed which is convulsing the world.

Be proud that you are Socialists, Oh, my comrades, for to you will be delegated the task of leading labor's hosts to the land of promise. For verily you are a collective Moses. The War God has parted the waters of the modern Red Sea of private monopoly and you shall march unhindered into the promised land forever free from the modern Pharaoh's capitalistic hordes. There "every man shall sit under his own vine and his own fig tree and none shall make them afraid."

we are demanding for ourselves. B. S. B.

## Very Important Announcement

Beginning with next issue of the Ohio Socialist we will publish weekly the foreign and domestic labor and Socialist news as compiled by the able staff of the International Labor News Service. This news service will be edited by Louis P. Lochner, Scott Nearing, Santeri Nuorteva and Alexander Trachtenberg. The editorial committee consists of Crystal Eastman, Ludwig Lore, Judah L. Magnes, James Oneal, Joseph Schlossberg, Norman Thomas, B. Charney Wlodke and the service will have correspondents at The Hague, Holland; London, England; Montreal, Canada; Paris, France; Sydney, Australia, and Toronto, Canada.

The International News Service will provide each week a concise summary of the most important labor and Socialist news of the world. Besides items sent the service direct by correspondents the editors will cover metropolitan daily papers, the Christian Science Monitor, which paper is said to have the best foreign service in America, and such papers as can be secured from Mexico; South America, Japan, China, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, England, Russia, Holland, Spain and the Scandinavian countries. Special state and government reports will also be covered.

This will give readers of the Ohio Socialist world-wide news of the labor movement. It will give Socialist Party members an opportunity to become more thorough internationalists. It is not sufficient that Socialists merely pay attention to local affairs. What happens any place on earth to the working class happens to us no matter what we live in. We, therefore, need a persistent news notes weekly reading provided by the International Labor News Service.

national Office and 40 per cent to the State Office.

Motion carried that previous motion requesting locals to take up collections at their meetings for the defense fund be rescinded.

Motion carried that a letter be addressed to Local Warren informing that local that Edward Smith had appeared before members of the State Executive Committee, had admitted that he was in error in joining the Social Democratic League and in supporting the national administration, that he desired to again become a member of the Socialist Party and not knowing how to approach the local in the matter had asked the State Executive Committee to write Local Warren informing it of his desire; that the State Executive Committee hopes the local will give due and earnest consideration of his application to rejoin the party.

Motion carried that the wages of E. T. Allison, editor of Ohio Socialist be increased to \$30 per week.

After a lengthy discussion upon methods of organization for the state a motion was passed that the State Secretary get in touch with an organizer whose duty shall be to inspect books and activity of locals, assist locals in getting new members and in collecting dues from those in arrears, assist officers of the locals in their duties and in other ways help in the organization work, and that as soon as such an organizer is located the State Secretary propose his employment to the State Executive Committee.

Motion carried to adjourn.  
A. WAGENKNECHT,  
State Secretary.

The following report was made by the State Secretary:  
Report of the State Secretary.  
To the State Executive Committee and Members, Socialist Party of Ohio:  
Comrades:

The general routine duties of the State Office have kept me so constantly employed since my return from prison that it has not been possible for me to investigate the records for the purpose of making a complete report for the year now

that ours is the paper through which his official bulletin should reach the New Mexico membership. Besides the three states named, Virginia is also contemplating using the columns of our paper for its official party news.

The weekly contents of our paper has met with general favor. Letters of praise are very numerous and although we admit that there is much room for improvement, we at the same time believe that the paper is doing a very good work. Comrade E. T. Allison, who is in general charge of both the editorial and circulation departments, has been untiring in his efforts for the success of the Ohio Socialist, and the press stamp sales as well as the co-operation we are getting from other states are due in the main to his good work.

Organization and Propaganda.

The State Office intended to tour Comrade Tom Lewis steadily for the entire winter season, but the influenza epidemic interfered. The epidemic is still prevalent in many of the smaller towns and the ban against meetings is still on. The entire tour, which the State Office had mapped out for Comrade E. V. Debs and which was to take place the month before election, had to be abandoned on account of the epidemic, and a whole week's dates secured for the same speaker this month had to be cancelled for the same cause, together with the denial of halls to Socialist locals for speakers. Just when consecutive routing of speakers can be undertaken we can not tell. Many locals, some of the most active, have written us that all halls have been denied them and that no speakers can be engaged because of this. And yet, the calls for speakers are as numerous as before the war. The dates are mostly Sunday dates, however, more and more locals having seen the advisability of establishing regular Sunday forum meetings.

Comrade Tom Lewis is at present engaged by Local Cuyahoga County to address its branches. Besides this comrade there are three others who are ready for routings in Ohio. They are Charles Baker, our state organizer, W. E. Reynolds and W. R. Snow. Comrade Reynolds has been employed

upon our subscription blanks, any number of which will be mailed you upon request. We will thank you for complying with this request. You will give us much work if you will always do as we here ask you to do.

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## FIELD ATTENTION!

In a ring in \$6.50 for nine new subs, John Rehm says: "It's something to start the new year with a good push. Let's kee right on pushing for 52 weeks in 1919 and then see what results will show."

"In the comrades of Springfield I want to say that if you know of anyone you want landed as an Ohio Socialist subscriber, and if you cannot do the landing yourself, just phone 25 I. B. Home phone, and I will try my hand at it."

and by the way John Rehm is landing them, trying his hand and does not spell failure.



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WITH OUR EDITORS

PEGGY HULL REPORTS ON THE TERROR

Peggy Hull is the truly, true representative of the Cleveland Press in Russia. Peggy's first report of The Terror is illuminating in its sharply drawn contrasts of real American civilization and the "savagery" of the Russian.

"Madness, Siberia, the gateway to The Terror," are the opening words of this first enlightening report. And then Peggy tells us of the terrors she finds just within the gateway.

A Little Talk on Circulation

"A rolling stone gathers no moss" is an old and well-worn adage containing some truth. But here is a bigger truth, a Socialist paper that stops rolling will gather nothing but moss and moss means death.

Circulation! Circulation is the highroad to success. Without it a Socialist paper is a failure and gets nowhere. To become well known, to be talked about, wherever workmen congregate, to be distributed far and wide, to make new and many acquaintances daily is the coveted goal.

Circulation is what the Ohio Socialist has lacked. Happily, that situation is rapidly passing. We are beginning to spread into many states and that means growth. The wider we are distributed, the bigger we grow for we create new friends at every step.

There are many individual comrades who have accomplished wonders in adding to our circulation. Their untiring efforts have ever been a spur to us and their work and words a constant source of inspiration.

Another Answer to Dr. Clark

By M. B. DUTTON, State Secretary of Virginia.

I have read Dr. Clark's onslaught with a deal of interest and no little amusement. He falls easily into that class of scientists who would dogmatize science and then prostitute it to serve the ends of the master class as is a woman's religion.

In the first place nature never "experiments." Her works are infinite in variety and each follows channels of development immutably conditioned by the laws of its environment.

ADVERTISE YOUR LOCAL MEETINGS

Conduct your local in a business-like manner. First, see to it that every local member is a subscriber to THE OHIO SOCIALIST.

Then advertise the date and place of your local meetings in the OHIO SOCIALIST. We will insert this single column advertisement for \$1.25 a quarter year, \$2.50 for the first half of 1919.

Placing notice of your local meetings in the OHIO SOCIALIST will be a constant reminder to your local membership to attend meetings.

A WEEKS WORK OF THE RED 100 The Red Hundred has grown into a "Red Army," they have become a numerous.

Local Akron is keeping its membership in good standing as three subscriptions from them show. Don't let your members get in arrears. Keep them paid up for both dues and press stamps.

With wishes for a happy New Year, Comrade Max Bohm of Canton sends in three subscriptions. We know Comrade Bohm's wishes are coming when he presses in this way.

Press stamp sales in Dayton are looking up. Eight from Secretary Rogers is an indication of activity.

Two renewals and two new ones from Comrade A. B. Hollenbaugh of Fostoria is a welcome list.

Comrade A. M. Meigs of Conroy makes a real New Year resolution and then goes right out and puts it into execution by gathering in four subscriptions, all yearlies but one.

Comrade H. L. Kiser of Montpelier sends in three new ones.

Local Massillon sends in through Secretary Wietlich four dollars representing press stamp sales and six dollars for subscriptions for non-members.

Four dollars for subscriptions and six dollars for press stamps in an order from Comrade B. T. Smith of Toledo. Orders for sub cards are increasing.

Three renewals from Comrade Rodgers of Lawndale testifies to the popularity of the Ohio Socialist among the comrades there.

Comrade T. H. Davies of Hubbard has become a weekly booster. Five is his contribution this week.

Seventy-one new subscriptions from Local Cuyahoga County proves that local is gaining in membership.

Local Portage County is still gaining in membership too. They have the growing habit and like it. Eight subscribers from Comrade May keeps eight members in good standing.

Comrade Mrs. A. Jones of Youngstown adds two more to her record this week.

Comrade Allen Cook of Canton continues the good work. Two yearlies attest his activity.

The list of Martins Ferry is growing through the efforts of Comrade F. A. Habig. Three yearlies he adds to his record.

Comrade R. Calkins of Lima sends us a letter of good suggestions and two subscriptions. We are very fond of both and use them constantly in our business and are always glad when a comrade takes the time to send them in.

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LOCAL AKRON

Socialist Party of Ohio Meets Every Friday Evening at 50 South Howard St.

Comrade R. A. Hueber of Springfield doesn't like to see the comrades' subscriptions expire. He sends in two renewals this week.

Three more yearlies from Comrade Soukup of Niles shows he is keeping his gait.

Local Marion is keeping its membership in good standing as three subscriptions from them show. Don't let your members get in arrears. Keep them paid up for both dues and press stamps.

Comrade Subank of Columbus sends in eight yearlies.

Local Portsmouth acts an example that is worthy the consideration of every comrade and local in the state. All subscriptions received from them are for one year. Fourteen were sent in this week—all yearlies. We would be more than glad if more comrades and locals would do likewise.

To make 1919 a hummer. We had a VERY GOOD meeting last Friday. Took in two new members and everybody present seemed to have the "let-together" spirit.

HALT THE NEW ERA. We are in need of application cards. Send us 500 at once.

HOLD BIG MEETING. Have just been elected literature agent for Local Hamilton. Want 500 copies of Victory Edition. Also send a list of literature you have on hand.

Comrade Frank Bender of Pleasant City mails in two yearlies.

Two yearlies from Comrade W. Lowery of Canton testifies to the fact that Local Canton is fortunate in having so many live wires among its members.

Comrade Blank of Lima mails us four more. Comrade Blank gets a few every week.

Two each were sent in by Comrades J. H. Sims of Bethel and Comrade A. J. Totter of Alliance.

The following comrades secure one sub each week. W. A. Jenkins, Ernest Gerlach, Geo. Althouser, J. Robinson, Wm. G. Schultz, H. W. Jony, Thos. Zwick, Scott Wilson, G. F. Schumaker, Edwin Peterson, Roy Seagriff, R. J. Dixon, F. C. Piller, E. D. Orr, Frank B. Hamilton, Frank Baker, John E. Steiger, Hattie W. Meyers, Jesse Petrell, J. M. Schwehart, J. J. Anderson, C. H. Werner, E. E. McClain, two.

Our boosters from other states were very active of late. Their activities indicate the growing popularity of the Ohio Socialist among the comrades of other states.

Here's a letter from Comrade G. M. Crocker of Sheridan, Ind. "Last week I visited the Indiana State Office and saw for the first time a copy of your paper, so here's my dollar and for God's sake start the paper quick. I am starving for real news."

Three subscriptions from Louisville, Ky., this week means the Kentucky comrades are with us.

Another letter from Comrade J. D. Reedy of Dickmore, W. Va. "I am enclosing one dollar for subscription, would be glad to help your valuable paper. I was one of the Appeal army until that paper went wrong."

Ben Bloomerburg, State Secretary of Michigan, sends in two yearlies.

Comrade D. H. Bevis of Lutts, Tenn., sends in three yearlies. This is not Comrade Bevis' first boost. We hope to receive more from him.

Dr. E. L. Smith, secretary of Local Mansfield, W. Va., mails us three yearlies and an order for party buttons and also fifty copies of the Ohio Socialist.

The Ohio Socialist is now meeting the workers at the Workers Reading Room, at Sistersville, W. Va. This is through the efforts of Comrade G. W. Kirkendall, who sends in one-fifty for subs.

A big boost came in this week from Comrade L. K. England of Moline, Ill. He sends in eighteen three-month subscriptions. Comrade England says that when the readers once read the paper they will subscribe for a long time.

From Wendell, W. Va., comes four yearlies. Comrade M. Mesich is responsible.

Five dollars for eight, received this week from Comrade Perry Shipman of Rock Island, Ill. He sends us the name of another comrade who will, he says, help put the Ohio Socialist on the map to stay. We are willing.

Three half yearlies are received from Comrade G. F. Willis of Adairsville, Ga.

One subscription each was received by these comrades: W. T. Talley, Bristol, Va.; A. Labash, Kansas City, Kans.; W. G. Dillon, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

BAKER TO SPEAK IN NILES. Chas. Baker, state organizer of the Socialist Party and one of the three state Socialist editors, just released from the Stark County Workhouse, will speak at Masonic hall, 164 Chestnut St., Niles, Ohio, in the evening of Jan. 15. All readers of the Ohio Socialist are invited to attend.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., LEADS THE WAY. Local Battle Creek, Mich., is conducting a course of lectures. It's a "proletarian course and the subjects are: 'Truth About Bolshevism,' 'Autocracy, Democracy, Mob Rule,' 'Shall Brains or Muscle Rule?'

PORTSMOUTH STRIKES HARD. A fifty dollar remittance from Local Portsmouth only proves that we have said of that local before, namely, that it does everything in a BIG way. We

Victory Letters

We publish below a few extracts from the many "victory" letters, which have reached the State Office of the Socialist Party within the last few days. These letters are fairly alive with the spirit of comradeship and the will to proceed immediately with the many tasks at hand to improve our organization and to increase our educational propaganda.

If the stacks of mail which have been received at the State Office lately are any indication, the locals and comrades all over the state, yes, and the nation—are awakening to the immediate need of intensifying Socialist activity. We print these letters in the hope that they will appeal to those locals and comrades who as yet seem to be peacefully slumbering, unaware of what these times portend.

TO MAKE 1919 A HUMMER.

We had a VERY GOOD meeting last Friday. Took in two new members and everybody present seemed to have the "let-together" spirit. All seemed full of pep. The comrades of Belmont are ready to make a harder fight than ever before and you can look for very good returns from now on from here. We are all determined to make 1919 a hummer.

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GOING TO BREAK ALL RECORDS.

We are glad you are back on the job. We here in Mansfield intend getting back on the job, too. Both the party and the Y. P. S. L. We are organizing into a county local to be known as Local Richmond County.

IT'S COMING.

I wish on behalf of Local Hubbard to congratulate you on your being allowed again by the powers that be to assume your duties as State Secretary and I would like to encourage you and all the comrades of Ohio and America with this thought—the world is being made safe for democracy, not by the bourgeois statesmen and politicians, but by the forces of evolution, working through the proletarian masses the world over, and while I am not a prophet, or the sort of a prophet I can see in the near future these forces confounding the efforts, and upsetting the plans of the ruling classes, and ushering in the cooperative commonwealth.

WARREN AWAKENS.

Enclosed find list of new subs and money order for \$9.60 for which to pay for the seven new subs and 60 dues stamps.

NEW PHILADELPHIA IN A "COME BACK."

We have been closed up in this city on account of the flu but the ban is off now and I will try to call a meeting and get the members back into good standing. E. C. Glatfelter.

FROM OUR KNOX COUNTY REPORTER.

P. B. Stroble, our Mt. Vernon and Knox county reporter, sends the State Office the compliments of the season, congratulates the office force upon the great work that has been accomplished in the last year and commends the Ohio Socialist as "the most excellent paper."

MEETINGS IN OHIO.

Locals in Ohio are arranging meetings for the following speakers: CHARLES BAKER, Lorain, Jan. 16, 17, 18; Niles, Jan. 19; Cincinnati, Jan. 25; Akron, Feb. 2.

REGULAR FROM NOW ON.

Local Marion reported, but we hope

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ADD. OHIO.

to send in our report regularly from now on. The time has come for the local and for a few months I almost daily had a check book out of me. But life is suffering and in the almost dead end and from now on we will do things. The Ohio Socialist is getting better every issue.

Local Ashland sends an order for dues stamps. That's enough to tell the story.

RED HUNDRED NOT THROUGH.

Now that the Red Hundred have completed their work according to their plan, let every one of its members step forward, renew his activity and be ready and willing to continue their duties in the new year.

Let the Red Hundred not think their work is done, but rather that the members have just prepared for the great year ahead. Why should we falter when the comrades of Kent, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia and many other states, such as earnestly for the Ohio Socialist?

It is inspiring to know that we are at last GETTING TOGETHER. Comrades, one and all—down from the north up from the south, in from the east and west—in one great army—Workers of the World Unite.

GGG, W. MARRERT.

"I am sure Local Massillon will pick up fast now that we had such a successful Debs meeting. We cleared expenses and will have a little left for our treasury. My comrades are showing up at our hall and we expect to get busy getting new members."

NICK WIELTICH.

JUST COMMENTS—BUT

The letter is from J. L. Anderson of Mansfield. He just comments, but his praises are so vociferous that we must pass them on. Says he: "The Ohio Socialist certainly is the best Socialist paper on the market. No other paper has stuck to its principles through the storm as has the 'Gleanings' and 'Workers' from the Land of Devil-May-Care, by Reynolds are GREAT. The rapid growth in circulation and pledged support from other states of the Union show the opinion of all thinking Socialists."

"The O. S. surely deserves the support it is receiving. More comrades should awaken to the opportunity before our state paper and give it all their support."

Stand SOLID. Solidarity counts. Look at Russia, Germany, Austria, Hungary and other countries. How did they win out? Only through organization, education and solidarity!

THE CALL

Fellow Workers, for your gain, Stand united, comrades all. With red banners high-floating Listen to your comrades call.

They are calling you to battle. Come in solid ranks arrayed. And with mighty hosts advancing Drive plutocracy away.

"Each one present agreed to try hard to get another attendant for the next meeting. When we get a little enthusiasm worked up we want Tom Lewis." That's the go, Jerry. We found it in a letter from J. F. Demison of Local Warren.

Perry Crites writes: "Some of the comrades were afraid our Debs meeting might not be a success. To say that its success exceeded the mildest expectations of our most optimistic comrades, is putting it mildly. Music hall, one of the largest in the city, was packed to the doors. All expenses paid and more than \$200 net proceeds." This from Akron.

Just \$33 for dues stamps from Local Belmont County, and that old stand by, Alois Havelka, still on the job as Financial Secretary.

MEETINGS IN OHIO.

Locals in Ohio are arranging meetings for the following speakers: CHARLES BAKER, Lorain, Jan. 16, 17, 18; Niles, Jan. 19; Cincinnati, Jan. 25; Akron, Feb. 2.

TOM LEWIS: Youngstown, Jan. 12. THURBER LEWIS: Akron, Jan. 25.

Locals that desire to have their meetings announced, even to exact time of day and meeting hall, are asked to send notices to the Ohio Socialist. This paper has a large circulation in most cities in the state and many readers of this paper would attend these meetings if they were apprised of them through its columns.

James Russell Lowell—They are slaves who will not choose Hatred, scoffing and abuse. Rather than in silence shrink From the truth they needs must think.



# The Woman's Cause

A DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN WHO THINK

## The Mother of Humanity

By LAURA JIM REYNOLDS  
(Written for The Ohio Socialist)  
PART III.

The spectators, who had marched into the Hall of the Law Givers awaiting the decision of one satisfied sex toward a dissatisfied sex, on the question, "Votes for Women." They were animatedly conversing in low tones, when the strange figure who seemed all in herself, yet a part of each spectator, stirred like one awakening from a dream. There clung to her the air of one with a vague far-off ancestry and of an ever onward flow of life.

As she drew her hands across her oft-faded face and sometimes glad eyes her gaze wandered from the living to the Unseen Ones, resting on a serious face framed in dark curls. Her eyes brightened with fond recollection. It was the firm face of the intrepid Frances Wright, who, when a maid of sixteen, heard in her Scottish home, of a land across the ocean where political justice and equality reigned.

She felt a longing to go to that glorious country. Six years later her longing was gratified, when, in 1820, she set out to see the land of the free. Alas! that distance lends enchantment to the view. She found one race murdered and driven from its native land, another race in chattel slavery, and a third whose men were "people" but whose women were something inferior.

The young visitor was puzzled that "the laws of nature and nature's god did not entitle a decent respect to the opinions" of Eve's daughters, whereas, "nature's god" was on the side of Adam's sons, who held "these truths to be self-evident." Her feminine brain was greatly perplexed that while "all men are created equal," the mothers of men, like Topsy, "just groined."

Of the three races, that Frances Wright found in the land of the free, the men of one race were "endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights," which positively "their creator" did not give to the mothers who gave their vitality to many times their lives than those "endowed by their creator," might be born.

Among these "certain and inalienable rights" were "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," for that race of men "endowed by their creator." The women had the right to a life of weaving, candle making, giving birth to baby people and others, sewing, mending, staying on a pedestal, washing, soapmaking, cooking and similar rounds of gay life.

They also had the liberty of obeying their husbands, "the people."

In pursuit of happiness the progressive women banded together in a "woman's rights" movement.

Not daunted by the disillusioning facts faced on her, Frances Wright bravely remained to help make real the right sounding phrases of equality.

Through a forest of prejudice, she broke the path for the woman lecturer on political questions. Hers was not an easy task. Custom and the church beset her path with many hardships and perils. Though women utterances regarding religious beliefs, she was the first woman to travel from state to state denouncing black slavery and the social status of the white women.

The lack of schooling for girls and the stay-at-home work of the women deprived that part of the race, who were not people, from the opportunity of learning how to think and shut them off from new ideas. This uneducated womanhood, giving the educated clergy unquestioned obedience, was an easy victim to the superstitions and false beliefs exhorting from the pulpits.

Had it not been for the vigilance of free thinkers, like the maid from Scotland, this republic would have paid dearly for not heeding Abigail Adams' cry, "Send the girls to school."

The keenness of Frances Wright's perception was shown in 1828, when the churchmen to make secure the already failing power of the church by uniting it with the state, flouted "The Christian Party in Politics."

Though her life was continually endangered by the church fanatics she resolutely fought this great menace. Never did her voice ring so clear and loud as when traveling through the middle and western states, she pointed out the rock upon which the ship of state might be wrecked. She explained how the church was using the uneducated and therefore pliable woman. The enraged clergy hurled their time-worn invectives of "infidel," "unbeliever," and she, ninety years ago, in words that ring true today, replied:

"The injury and inconvenience of every kind and every hour to which, in these days, a really consistent reformer stands exposed, none can conceive but those who experience them. Such become, as it were, excommunicated after the fashion of the old Catholic Mother Church, removed even from the protection of law, such as it is, and from the sympathy of Society, for whose sake they consent to be defiled."

In the gladness of her heart she beheld the many educated women who were not only lecturers on the public platform but pioneers of the "silent form" from which they held aloft their purple and white banners, inscribed, "Votes for Women."  
(To be Continued)

# LYING ABOUT THE BOLSHEVIKI

The Cleveland Press is smoother and shrewder in its service to the exploiting class than most of the kept newspapers of the country. Such papers as the Plain Dealer, which boldly lie about and denounce working class measures and movements are not a serious danger to the workers' cause. The reason for their spleen is apparent.

The "Press" however, poses as a radical newspaper and at times publishes harmless radical news articles and editorials. It adopts an attitude of seeming fairness toward the working class movement. All this, in order to more efficiently serve the exploiting class, through deluding the workers.

A fine example of these tactics was presented in the "Press" article, published last week, making a survey of the meaning of Bolshevism. While pretending fairness and candor in dealing with the subject, this article subtly injected the poison of misrepresentation in the minds of the readers of the "Press."

The following questions and answers from the article mentioned will serve to illustrate its tactics:

**What is their program (the Bolsheviki)?**  
They propose to abolish private property and private profits. They would not only seize the railroads, telegraph and mines, etc., but also the farms, homes and personal property of all the people—in the name of the state.

The answer contains some truth, and poison, too. In stating that Bolsheviki have seized "the farms, homes and personal property" the "Press" endeavors to arouse the prejudice of the farmer and home owner against the Bolsheviki. It doesn't say that the "farms" that have been seized are the great estates of the land owners and that the purpose of such seizure is to appropriate the land among the peasants of Russia. It doesn't say, that while land cannot be bought, sold or mortgaged in Russia, the Soviet government has guaranteed every person who wishes to till the soil the opportunity to do so, and that each person who produces wealth upon the soil by his own labor is given secure possession of the land which he tills.

**Are the Soviets democratic?**  
In theory, yes; but not in practice. Only those who favor the Soviet form of government can vote. Opponents to the Soviets have no say in the government. The men in control of the Soviets want everything owned by the government. The Soviets have voted to abolish private property. Even a workman who owns his home or small farm can be dispossessed.

"Only those who favor the Soviet form of government can vote," we are told, and this is supposed to be an argument against the Soviet government. That is equivalent to saying about the United States that only those who favor the republican form of government can vote. The republican form of government is established in this country. Those who want to vote must vote in accordance with the rules of the republican government. If a person doesn't like the republican form of government and therefore refuses to conform to the conditions it prescribes and thus secure the right to participate in it, that is his lookout. In Russia the Soviet form of government is established and those who won't conform to its rules because they don't like it, can't vote.

"The Soviets have voted to abolish all private property" is an out and out lie. For instance, the decree of the Soviet government repudiating internal and foreign debts of the old regime particularly specifies that provision shall be made to safeguard against loss those persons who hold 10,000 rubles, (about \$5,000 before the war), or less of the bonds of Russia, provided that the sum invested in these bonds was earned through their own labor, and the decree in regard to the nationalization of banks is emphatic in specifying that saving bank deposits shall remain inviolate.

Are the Bolsheviki in majority?  
No. They are merely a majority faction of one party, and in Russia, there are half a dozen parties. The Social Democrats were not even the largest party; but the extremists in this party and in the Social-Revolutionary party, together swung the votes to overthrow the old style congress and put the Soviets in power.

They are not in the majority but they swung enough votes (which means a majority of the voters) to put themselves in power! What sort of reasoning is that? According to that kind of reasoning the followers of Lloyd George, who swung enough votes to elect a majority of the English parliament are not in a majority in England. And the followers of Harry L. Davis, who secured the support of a majority of the voters of Cleveland, are not in the majority in Cleveland. That is mud, pure and simple.

**What gives the Soviets strength?**  
Terrorism. The Bolsheviki have invoked the "red terror" against those who plot to overthrow the Soviet government. The Bolsheviki machine rules with an iron hand over great masses of unorganized workers and peasants.

A lie, disproven by the "Press's" own acknowledgment that the Bolsheviki swung a majority of the voters. The power of the Soviet government rests upon the support of the great masses of Russian workers and peasants, who see in it the only hope of better things for them. The so-called "red terror" did not begin until the Allies began their invasion of Russia, and is nothing more than the legal execution of plotters against the Soviet government, such as England carried out in Ireland, for instance, after the Easter Rebellion, and such as every government in the world has resorted to under similar circumstances.

**Are the Bolsheviki pro-German?**  
There is no doubt that the Bolsheviki, whether purposely or not, played into the hands of German imperialism when they signed the separate peace of Brest-Litovsk.

The "Press" knows as well as we know that the Soviet government signed the peace of Brest Litovsk only because it had no alternate course. The Russian army had broken down and was in the process of disintegration because of the betrayal of the officials of the czar and the work of the Kerensky government. The Soviet government, according to a responsible authority (the statement has not been denied by the government of the United States, although the State Department has been asked directly whether it was true), offered to continue the war against Germany before signing the Brest Litovsk treaty, if the United States would furnish supplies and technical help. It asked that the transportation system of Russia be taken over by American engineers, so that Russian artillery might be saved from falling in the hands of Germany. But to these offers it did not even receive a reply. It offered to turn the Black Sea fleet over to British officers, because it could not trust the officers of the old regime in command and did not want the fleet to fall in the hands of the Germans, but England took no action in regard to this offer. Lenin and other officials of the Soviet government have consistently denounced the Brest Litovsk treaty as a "robber's peace." The statement that the Bolsheviki were at any time pro-German in their leaning is a bald-faced falsehood circulated by the kept press in order to prejudice the people of this country against them.

Thus does the apparent fairness of the "Press" appear when analyzed.



THE STATISTICIAN.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 23, '18  
To the Local Secretaries and the "class-conscious" members of the Socialist Party of Ohio:

The world awakening of the proletariat is now going on all about us. Let us hope that this awakening will permeate our own locals to an increased activity throughout the next year—1919—the year that will eclipse that of 1918 for "surprises" and "proletarian advances."

Propaganda and a lot of it will increase membership and Socialist education of the working class. Certain locals must again increase their activities to hold an equal share in the class struggle now going on. Locals reveal their class-conscious nature by the amount of propaganda distribution.

The Socialist Party locals are primarily organized for this purpose and those locals that do not distribute literature, hold lecture meetings, etc., have no excuse for existence. A local is judged by the "new spirit," it instills into the workers and the masses. A member of the Socialist Party, that helps finance the movement, takes an active part in each and every question of the day, in his local, is worth five Socialist Party ticket voters, unquestionably.

The Ohio Local Secretaries please call the attention of your various locals to the following figures:

Local New Bremen has one dues-paying member to every 42 inhabitants in its city. WHAT DOES IT MEAN? Other locals line up as follows, and it tells its own story:

Hubbard has one to every 50 population; Niles has one to every 112 population; Continental has one to every 180 population; Hamilton has one to every 120 population; Mt. Healthy has one to every 140 population; Wadsworth has one to every 220 population; Mansfield has one to every 230 population; Conneaut has one to every 260 population; Youngstown has one to every 275 population; Cleveland has one to every 280 population; Akron has one to every 310 population; Toledo has one to every 420 population; Sandusky has one to every 500 population; Mt. Vernon has one to every 505 population; East Liverpool has one to every 670 population; Zanesville has one to every 700 population; Barberton has one to every 940 population; Columbus has one to every 1,210 population.

Those locals at the bottom of this list should take heed and increase their work according to the demands of their vicinity.

Increase number of lecture meetings, distribute your quota of the Ohio Socialist and take your place in the World Revolution.

There is one censor the party should believe in and that is to discourage the "riff-raff" journals that are asking financial aid and distribution throughout our locals. The Literature of the Social Revolution must of necessity measure up to the standard or be disregarded by every Revolutionary Socialist.

Financiers of the Socialist Party. How many has your local? The reports for November gives 1,509 good standing members of a roll of 2,594. Only 27 locals reported.

An efficiency of 582.

Is your local numerated among them? If not, inquire the reason why from your financial secretary at the next meeting!

Good Standing Membership.  
Local Portage County is the month's model local. It has attained a 1,000 in paid-up membership and 333 in increase of membership. The monthly test is only 5 per cent, or one new member to every 20 in good standing. Can your local equal Portage County's record?

Good Pct of Standing Membership.  
Name of Local Standing Roll CLASS AA  
(Locals with 500 or over)  
None.

CLASS A  
(Locals with 400 or over)  
None.

CLASS B  
(Locals with 300 or over)  
Cincinnati ..... 840 .519  
(Local Cincinnati, what you need is a delinquent squad!)

CLASS C  
(Locals with 200 or more)  
None.

CLASS D  
(Locals with 100 or more)  
Akron ..... 172 .782  
(You're doing fine, Local Akron! Keep it up!)  
Hamilton ..... 145 .524  
Toledo ..... 176 .490  
(Locals Toledo and Hamilton! The Dues Collecting Squad must be urged to go to work. Work 'em up!)

CLASS E  
(Locals with 50 or more)  
Portage Co. .... 69 1.000  
Belmont Co. .... 94 .810  
Mansfield ..... 88 .582  
Youngstown ..... 52 .581  
(Secretary of the City Central Committee of Youngstown, please make your monthly reports.)  
Youngstown, English, .. 75 .904  
(Keep it up, That's a boy!)

Youngstown, Scand., .. 13 .765  
(Here's old standby again!)

CLASS F  
(Locals with 25 or more)  
Zanesville ..... 33 .805  
Massillon ..... 46 .622  
Sandusky ..... 25 .595  
Seneca Co. .... 41 .547  
Niles ..... 33 .445  
(Get a doctor, Local Niles! You've got the inactophobia! My! How you've changed.)  
Columbus ..... 42 .280  
(Local Columbus! Election time is here. Renovate your house! Your financial secretary can't do it all. Elect a Delinquent Squad to help him!)

CLASS G  
(Locals with 1 or more)  
Mt. Vernon ..... 18 1.000  
Mt. Healthy ..... 10 1.000  
Grover Hill ..... 10 1.000  
Lorain, German ..... 10 1.000  
(Please report to Local Secretary, also.)  
Continental ..... 6 1.000  
Wadsworth ..... 11 .785  
Hubbard ..... 23 .676  
East Liverpool ..... 16 .533  
Derwent ..... 12 .545  
New Bremen ..... 19 .500  
Barberton ..... 2 .250  
(Get a move on, please.)  
Conneaut ..... 219  
(Local Conneaut! Whattamatter?)

## BRAIN TEASERS

By State Organizer Tom J. Lewis.

Be careful and don't agitate or predict the possibilities of unemployment or hard times, when the soldiers and sailors are demobilized. Because, should it happen that many may suffer hunger and unworked hardships they won't know if it some agitator or busybody doesn't tell them.

"Let well enough alone," is a suggestion oft heard, when a person makes a kick or a complaint, but it is those who are well enough fixed, that generally say it. At times a cheap, ignorant and satisfied slave narrows the saying, little realizing the kick is made because conditions are such for the workers. Well enough is impossible.

It is a common suggestion in daily papers now a days that when the soldiers get back to go back to the land. They must be taken care of, so they can take care of themselves. They fought to save the country, it belongs to them; consequently they should take what they want and not allow politicians, profiteers and business interests to dictate, having neglected to prepare a proper reconstruction while the boys were fighting to make the world safe for democracy.

## A "Thank You" from Hitchcock

A. L. Hitchcock sends a "thank you" to the many comrades who've remembered him on Christmas day. What a joy. L. Stromberg, Linker S. and E., Jensen, C. A. Hooker, Ruthenbergs, J. M. Cahalan of Hamilton, Jessie J. Rufner, John A. Rehm of Springfield, Beatrice Sedgewick of Delaware are all included. He writes that he received three boxes of cigars, and that he only knows the sender of one, and that is Stromberg. We have a suspicion that as soon as Hitchcock learns that John Rehm is a cigar maker he will know who sent another box, and as for the third box—who is guilty?

Hitchcock's letter to his wife reads in part as follows:  
"I will have to send or bring the silk socks home as silk socks are not just the thing to wear in the shoes we get here. These shoes are made to fit anybody's feet, and I am fortunate enough to have feet that fit anybody's shoes, so it is 50-50, but silk socks—they will not fit. Had many beautiful cards from the comrades.  
"We bought extra stuff and my cell mate received a box with oranges, apples and nuts, also a big nut cake and we had a time to dispose of all of it. I stick out so far in front that I cannot close my boots any more. I shall have to get a long rope to reach around me. Sent my Christmas letter to Scott Nearing, so he will hear direct. He has been very faithful in writing. We had a very good dinner Christmas. Since Georgia is a great oyster shipping state we had Chicago turkey. You know the birds that made Chicago famous. But these were very nice farm-raised. We had work sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, apple sauce, banana, apple and six or eight of good bread and butter and a piece of cake with frosting on it. You know when I

## Another Answer to Dr. Clark

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unique position in the animal kingdom. Neither his individualism nor his communism fitted him as a tool manipulating animal. Man erect posture and the mechanical adaptation of his hands fitted him peculiarly as a tool-using animal. How he came by his erect posture, and the perfection of his hands, or rather forefeet, is most likely due to the fortuity of his environment.

Had he not been chased up the trees by his more powerful neighbors, and thus compelled to develop his forelimbs in grasping and had it not been for the fact that his stature among the limbs of the trees peculiarly suited him to assume an erect posture, from which the erect posture in time became a natural one, the race might have yet been in the monkey stage, notwithstanding man, to start with, had within him the peculiar generic possibility of reaching his present plane of development, a potentiality which most probably even his cousin monkeys do not possess.

When man learned, and was by development fitted to wield a club, he came down from the trees and batted the very devil out of his old enemies.  
He now became a cave dweller, but was not yet much of a man. He had the physique, but he lacked brain development. He had the muscle but his mind had been kept starved to attain it. He had conquered his large enemies, but the little enemies who inhabited his hair and the microbes that fed on his vitals he could not get at with his club. It was only after man had discovered the use of fire, which discovery was most probably purely accidental, that man could conserve the necessary energy to devote to mental development. Nature preserves the organism at all cost, and in an environment in which there is a dearth of nutrition to feed all faculties, those faculties are first starved that contribute least to the preservation of life.

Later on, when many of the race had rid themselves of their body parasites (some jailors have not learned this yet), man started on his conquering career in full swing. During savagery his communal instincts were ascendant, and he lived happy. Later on when the cunning and unscrupulous of the race had evolved barbarism and slavery, prostitution and war for spoils were introduced, individualism as we know it had its rise. Its despotism, and its wanton and unfeeling disregard for the subject classes no doubt has driven the race forward along the line of purely material achievement, but it has starved and thwarted man's ethical and moral sensibilities.

And now that the mechanical problems of life have been solved, by what-soever means, a d man, after long ages of despotism and oppression at the hands of the cunning and unscrupulous of his kind is beginning to see the dawn, he is rising in his might

and rending his fetters, which after all were only fetters of the mind, and now he proposes to regain his lost heritage, enriched by the fruits of his age long pain and re-establish the dominion of peace on earth and industrial equity and democracy by a scientific blending of the communal and individual principals, summed up as "Socialism."  
And Dr. Clark and his kind would stop this epochal consummation and turn back the clock of progress with his little moonbeam labeled "science." He had as well try to stop a freight train with a horse-hair!

## Russia and the American Press

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as treason. Hans Vorst, the Moscow correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt, whose description of the activity of the Extraordinary Commission was reprinted in the New York Times of Dec. 1, says:  
"It should be mentioned that the Extraordinary Commissions proceed with the same severity as against the bourgeoisie against the Soviet off- and dishonest among the Soviet off- those shot one occasionally runs across reports like this: 'Commissary X. Y. Z., for drunkenness and misconduct' or 'Y. Z., member of such and such Soviet, for drunkenness and other crimes.' This list is already lengthy of the Soviet officials who have been shot for bribery and extortion."  
Our total ignorance of conditions in Russia and our hunger for news from that country explain the avidity with which we swallow all interviews with former generals, erstwhile princes, and British merchants who "escape" from Petrograd or Moscow in a first-class compartment of the wagons-lits and vie with one another in their recitals of the blood-curdling deeds of these fortunate individuals. One of these fortunate individuals was asked in the midst of his narrative for a definition of Bolshevism, and he replied that the root of the word meant "chaos." The reporter was much satisfied with this learned definition and recorded it for the public's information.

May one suggest that in this era of reconstruction, when various political programs—from the radical program of the British Labor Party to the very conservative proposal of the American Manufacturers' Association to lower wages and extend working hours—the American press would be greatly benefited by the abolition of yellow journalism and a slight change in the personnel of its foreign correspondents? Europe is shaken by a succession of revolutions. Empires and dynasties are crumbling to the dust. In place of autocracy and feudalism democracies are set up. Great mass movements are shaking the very foundations of the modern political and economic order. Intelligent observation and fair discrimination are essential to a proper understanding of the developments in the Old World, so that the New World may not repeat the mistakes of the past.

And the raising of the intellectual level of our correspondents in Europe, and particularly in Russia, would be an important step in the educational reconstruction of this country.  
C. M., The Dial.

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