### Liebknecht and Luxemburg Brutally Beaten to Death by Guards

Story About Attempted Escape Branded As Lie By London Correspondent

The story sent out of Germany and spread broadcast by the press of this country in regard to the death of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg said that the former had been shot while trying to escape from his guards and that Rosa Luxemburg had been beaten to death by an angry mob of people. This story is branded as a lie by the correspondent of the London Daily News, who says that both these champions of the workers were beaten to death by the military officers and guards who arrested them.

The story as printed in the London paper follows:

"When in my last message describing the scene at Liebknecht's grave I tried to give you a hint of some deeper horror which was accountable for the extreme nervous tension among the mourners, and which had a close connection with the death of Liebknecht and Rosa Luvemburg. I divisions to leave the hall of the hotel

among the mourners, and which had a close connection with the death of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, I had only the thinnest thread on which these two deaths there was being deliberately hidden a terrible truth which must ultimately come out.

"An hour ago I chanced on some one who has given me what in all solemnity he assures me is the story of what actually took place. Apart from the fate of the two victims, it has a very grave bearing on the wider condition of Germany and the relative power of the old military regime and the present government

"In the immediate neighborhood of the hotel nobody was to be seen. Thus the story circulated in the official report about the 'infuriated crowd' was false, and the crowds existed only in the imagination of the military authorities who spread the report.
"When he entered the hotel he found

"When he entered the hotel he found a group of eight military officers and half a dozen civilions. There was an air of expectancy about them, and in about 15 minutes Rosa Luxemburg appeared, accompanied by the 'Kriminal Wachmeiston'. A few minutes were fired toward the car, in order to give some sort of reality to the story of Liebknecht's flight.

"The struggle of the old military officers for the maintenance of their more de-

sprang toward him, shouting, 'Is that fellow still alive?'
"The officer then joined the military escort, which left the hotel with both

prisoners. In about 15 minutes he returned and said Liebknecht had been beaten to death with the butt ends of the revival of militarism means the behind, and at the second blow Lieb-knecht collapsed.

the Russian revolution, in other coun-

Williams' Testimony.
"How many people were killed in
Russia up to the time you left?" Sca-

would say between 40,000 and 50,000."

many of them in the streets; of hun-

dreds being led to prisons to be killed, and of great numbers who were

killed in other ways. These state-

ments do not harmonize with what

you say." Senator Wolcott said.
"I am sure that you can call many

reliable witnesses to verify all I have

Cross, Mr. Humphreys of the Y. M. C.

A., Miss Beatty, and many others I can name if you wish to call them."

the Bolsheviki people should remember what the Russian masses had suf-

fered under the czar, how there was

hardly a family whose men had not

said. Major Wardwell of the Red

"According to my own careful esti-

"Other witnesses have testified of great numbers dying of starvation,

ator Wolcott asked.

Williams Denies Charge of

Wholesale Killing in Russia

Washington.—Albert Rhys Wil-| been among those killed at the front liams, who testified before the Over-| of the graft under the old regime, and

man committee which is investigating of the failure of the czar's government

the Soviet government of Russia, pre- to give the soldiers under the grand

sented quite a different picture of con- duke and under Brusiloff the muniditions in that country from that tiens they had to have in order to which the committee received from various agents of capitalism who had trains under the old regime were sent

testified before the committee. He to Archangel to get guns and ammu-

told the committee that the men at head of the Russian government abhored murder and blood shed and were sincere idealists who were striving leaving the soldiers at the front to

with all their strength to erect a new fight it out with sticks and clubs

the capitalist press. He pointed out their one-time opressors. that there were one hundred and "The first decree issued

sort of social organization in that With such conditions as that to re-

eighty million people in Russia and sheviki after they gained control,

has a very grave bearing on the wider condition of Germany and the relative power of the old military regime and the present government "My informant claims to have been an eye-witness to the incident which he describes. He was staying, he says, at the Eden hotel, where the horrible affair took place, and he returned there on the night of the tragedy at 10:30, to find an armed guard at the door. The sentry told him that Liebknecht had been arrested and that it was intended to beat him to death.

Schutzen division was one complete untruth from beginning to end. A major who was present at the hotel could have easily investigated the affair, but caused a false statement to be issued, instead of the truth. Later on, the manager of the hotel was or dered to assemble all the employes and to read the false report aloud to train this way, the employes were intimidated by the militarism which is by some supposed to have been thus to read the false report aloud to train the door. The sentry told him that the door the false report aloud to the false report aloud to the manager of the hotel was or dered to assemble all the employes and to read the false report aloud to the manager of the hotel was or dered to assemble all the employes and to read the false report aloud to the manager of the hotel was or dered to assemble all the employes and to read the false report aloud to the manager of the hotel was or dered to assemble all the employes and to read the false sta

"The soldiers declared that they threw the body of Rosa Luxemburg in the canal. On the day following these terrible events, all the officers who knew about them had disappeared from the hotel. The whole affair has now been placed in the hands of an impartial committee, which is working in conjunction with members of the

stairs, after having been questioned by the military. He was guarded by armed soldiers.

"The struggle of the old military officers for the maintenance of their positions is becoming daily more de-"At the moment Liebknecht was termined and is assuming the shape passing the narrator of this aair, an of a movement for removing the solofficer of the guards cavalry suddenly diers' councils and restoring the old diers' councils and restoring the old

system of subordination. professional soldiers who, since the breakdown of military force, have lacked occupation, and in some cases even the wherewithal to live. To them The blows were struck from possibility of gaining a living again Again, the story circulated about in trade or industry, they are only too Liebknecht's attempt to escape ap-willing to join the army and again pears to have been invented by the become professionals."

member, he said, "It was possible to

"The first decree issued by the Bol



A Sale Mount-

## "BOLSHEVISM IS TREASON"

"Bolshevism is treason." A flaring headline and a full-page anxiet soil the bulk of what they produce through tisement published by the Educational Welfare their mortgages. Association in one of the Cleveland newspapers

conveys this startling information. to make the workers believe that all is well with them while they go wearily from place to place hunting for jobs.

> But this time it is right. Bolshevism IS treason.

It is bold, unashamed, stark, glaring trea-

It is treason against that conception of industry which means that the few amass great fortunes and the many get just enough to live. It is treason against an industrial system

that periodically sends millions out on the streets to starve or get a living as best they may, because the few are unable, momentarily, to make profits for themselves.

It is treason to an industrial organization now that the workers are turning against them. The capitalists are the enemy of the workmeans long hours, low wages and constant The capitalists are the enemy of the workwages are turning against them.

The capitalists are the enemy of the workwages are turning against them. that means long hours, low wages and constant industrial conflict.

ernment of nations exists for the purpose of struggling for economic advantages so that the few who own the industries of the nation may make more profits or secure the opportunity for investment of the profits made at home in for- achieving their freedom. eign countries.

It is treason against the idea that a few and proud of it. great landlords should own millions of acres of land and exploit the workers thereupon, or that ism confesses himself a willing slave.

Wilson "Plot" Story Exploded

It is treason to the industrial order that veys this startling information.

This association is carrying on a campaign carrying on a campaign carrying on a campaign carrying on a campaign carrying the managers that the managers the capitalists and their managers the capitalists are capitalists.

It is treason against an industrial system that produces ten thousand new millionaires in a war in which the workers bear the brunt of sacrifice and suffering.

It is treason against all that the capitalist

class and the capitalist system stands for. In war time we do not call using our weapons against the enemy treason, but the capitalists ally released. have become so accustomed to loyalty to themselves and their system on the party of the workers they exploit and rob that naturally they mittee organized as the result of a has taken action as follows: look upon an attack upon them by these workers as treason. They consider it their God-given The committee endorsed the suggesright to grind down and oppress the workers. and hence their hysterical cries of "treason," on May 1, in Chicago.

We cannot commit treason against the York Bureau of Legal Advice, Na-It is treason against the idea that the gov- enemy. Treason for workers is disloyalty to the working class. It is the worker who supports the capitalist class and the capitalist system that is the traitor, for he is supporting the masters erties Union; 27 state organizations and file of all these organizations, and in the struggle to prevent the workers from

The Bolshevists are traitors to capitalism—

The worker who is not a traitor to capital-

# John Reed

Philadelphia.-John Reed and William Kogirman, who were indicted for "inciting to riot" in connection with

The case grew out of a meeting arranged by Philadelphia Socialists, at were released after a few days, and with the men to Ellis Island, so that which Reed was to speak. The meetthe remaining seven were released last he might counsel them during their ing was to be held in Moose hall. Some people Thursday.

Some people was to be held in Moose hall. Some people was mination by the Department of When the crowd arrived they found constitution. They were immediately rearrested Immigration officials, but that privi- the building locked and a cordon of on a warrant issued by the Depart-ment if Immigration. This warrent questioned whether these officials, the hall the Socialists tried to hold the alleges that the seven men are "un-desirable aliens," their undesirability to obtain information under such cir-t was while speaking on the corner that Reed was arrested.

#### "Not Guilty" New York.—The widely heralded A hearing on that point will be story that an organization of Spanish held this morning before Judge Knox anarchists had planned to kill Presi- in the Federal Court building.

Taking up the question of bloodshed and wholesale killing during the progress of the revolution, Williams flatly denied the statements circulated by having been among the supporters of dent Wilson when he landed in Bosthe working class movement.

that in proportion to the population said Mr. Williams, "was one abolish-few people were killed in comparison to the number who have died in civil "Did they later restore that form of wars, which did not go as deep as punishment?" asked Major Humes. rested, and held illegally without a of their rights.
warrant or charges of any character, He asked to be permitted to go "Yes, after a long time they re warrant or charges of any character, stored capital punishment." "And speaking of atrocities," said Mr. Williams, "have you read that Thursday.

Carl Ackerman capled to the New York Times from Siberia? In one of his stories he told of a trainload of mate, and the estimate is generous, I 2,100 Bolshevik prisoners, 800 of whom were missing when the train reached its destination, and these 800 consisting, it is believed, in that they cumstances. had died of starvation, been killed, or in other ways disposed of." The witbelieve in sabotage. Following a heated parley between ness told of a Cossack advance ahead Harry Weinberger, the attorney for of the allied forces, and how those the men, and Judge Knox, on the con-Cossacks murdered the people and left stitutionality of the further detention their bodies in the streets. of the men and on their being examined without the privilege of at-

"Now when the Bolsheviki came into power they gained control of Petrograd with a loss of life that totaled only twenty people. In Kiev some 2,000 were killed. In Moscow, 1,000; in Rostoff, 2,000, and in Irkutsk, not Mr. Williams added that in judging

Island. The men were examined during the received from Moscow.

Weinberger protested a second time ton has been proven to be the product against what he termed the illegality of the imagination of officials who are of the Spaniards. He declared the a meeting held here last summer, were trying to stir up sentiment against men were being forced to give evi- declared "not guilty" after dence against themselves, without hours' deliberation on the part of the Seven of the fourteen Spaniards ar- having the opportunity to be informed jury.

# Russian Workers Unite

custody by a squad of men from the mer opponents, to oppose allied inter- from Germany was false. The mani-Department of Immigration on Ellis ference in Russian internal affairs, it festo concluded: was reported in a wireless dispatch

or other causes since the overthrow deported or permitted to remain in cow for the purpose of negotiating ants to cease civil war and unite (Continued on Page Four) this country. with Premier Lenine. They issued a against the common enemy."

Social revolutionaries have joined manifesto admitting the charge that torney, the Spaniards were taken in forces with the Bolsheviki, their for- the Bolsheviki had accepted money

"Allied interference in Russia is becoming more definite. Almore than 1,000. Taking all these figures into consideration, I repeat in the minds of the Department of that all casualties due to civil war the event of the original consideration of the properties of the original constant of th

### Italian Workers Prepare For Dictatorship of The Proletariat

Caroti Tells of Preparation of Workers to Take Control of That Country

Arthur Caroti, Socialist member of the Italian parliament, who some years ago made a tour of this country and made a speech before the Italian workers here, gives the following picture of conditions in Italy in a letter to the New York Call:

Nevertheless, the reception to Wilson Spain. was warm. Many they were who The only wealth of Italy is labor. was warm. Many they were who looked to Wilson as to a savior—a was warm. Many they were who looked to Wilson as to a savior—a working people than we need. But and reaction; many others cheered because they had to. The Socialists—not the Socialists of the tamed or corrupted variety—the Socialists of the rupted variety—the Socialists of the Partito Socialista Italiano, stood apart for many reasons; mainly as an act of solidarity with the persecuted comrades of the United States Social-the The Working class, owing to the high cost of living, was little spared during the war. Workers have a small buying power. The industrial class fears to produce commodities for market which may not have a fair amount. ist Party. Wilson is the symbol of the United States government, the true representative of the United States' capitalist class, the enemy of dustrials to stop working and to close

our comrades.

The Socialist city administration of Milan, the great metropolis of northern Italy, gave a reception to Wilson, receiving him as a guest. But the rank and file of Milan was not partion, and the Milan branch of the So-cialist Party has by no means indorsed Events are moving rapidly in Italy.

Italy Economically Defeated.

Italy has won a military victory.
but it comes out of the war economically defeated. ically defeated. Against a national wealth of about twenty billion dollars, there is a total indebtedness of about eighteen billions; two-thirds of

the creditors are foreigners. Italy has no raw materials to export; the materials for the basic industries of modern civilization—iron

The echo of the applause to President Wilson has already died away. Wilson and the reception accorded him are almost forgotten. Too many agrumarian trade. The big market of events have happened since his com- middle Europe has been closed for ing to Italy; many events and impor- | years on account of the war and will tant ones. It is not a large section be closed for years to come. France of the country that is alive to politics. has shifted her trading with Italy to

the factories.

Overproduced War Material. Sections of our industrial class have overproduced war commodities or commodities of war time. The sud-den end of the war has left them with a superabundance of war materials. They hoped that the government would adopt a policy of free exportation, while the government did its best to sabote it, either because of the pressure of the industrial countries allied to it—which tend to favor their own industries—or because it found to lake the former site in the contribution of the same in the same site in the same in hoped that the government feared a lack of commodities in that domestic market and a consequent skyrocketing of prices. And the in-dustrials react by closing factories or by the reduction of hours all work and

And all this while millions of soldiers are leaving the army and preparing to return home. Gloom hovers over Italy

What should be a sensible policy and coal—have to be imported. So must cotton. Wool is inadequate to the need. Agriculture in so sunny a the bankers should take from the producers of climate as that of Italy does not yield (Continued on Page Four) for a bourgeois government to fol-low? Our bourgeois divide themselves

### Launch League for Release of Political Prisoners

Chicago, Ill.—"National League for the National Nonpartisan League, the Release of Political Prisoners," various organizations affiliated with s the name chosen for the organization launched here to carry on a na-tional campaign until all war prison-of forward thinking citizens who will ers now incarcerated or in danger of take an interest in the great strugincarceration in the nation's bastiles, gle to restore democracy to America. for principles sake, are uncondition-

The name was chosen at the first matters connected with speeding up meeting of the immediate action comthe arrangements for the conferences, call sent out by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party.

Credentials were handed in at the tional Jewish Workmen's Committee, affiliation of sympathetic organiza-Western Districa; Fellowship of Retions; election of delegates to the May conciliation; Workers' Defense Union 1st convention by these organizations and eight foreign language federa- the convention details.

A sub-committee chosen to arrange details of representation and other "That the basis of representation

shall be one delegate for every 300 members, each organization, however, tion of holding a national convention entitled to at least one delegate. on May 1, in Chicago. "That all delegate bodies, such as Central Labor Unions, Trades Coun-

tions of the Socialist Party: the Socialist Labor Party, Poale Zion, and the Industrial Workers of the World. of the league be sent to all the large William Bross Lloyd was chosen chairman and Alfred Wagenknecht, secretary. Invitations will be sent to and to secure affiliations."

#### Lima Socialists Win Memorial Hall Case

meeting.

its use and for a third time its use became visible. was refused on the sole ground that it was to be used for a Socialist meet- Commerce, that body that during the

Our State Constitution says, "All political power is inherent in the peo-Government is instituted for Some people forget that we have a which was intended to say to the were

Mandamus proceedings had been turned down and Judge Klinger of the Common Pleas Court decided in favor of the applicants but of the money. We do not want So-declined to issue a peremptory writ cialist speeches. The workers might owing to the "flu" ban being on at become enlightened. If they do, then

After the third refusal the county commissioners were again mandamused. This time the alternative writ 18th day of February they handed was made peremptory by Judge down the following opinion affirming Klinger and the county commissioners were ordered to grant the use of the county commissioners to permit the Memorial hall to the relator for the Socialists to use Memorial hall:

a Socialist meeting. The county commissioners filed a petition in error in the Court of Appeals of Allen county, Ohio, and the case was argued in that court, Jan. 17, 1919.

The scene in the court room was one never to be forgotten. The county

On the 13th day of January, 1919, commissioners, one of whom was a application was made to the county for Chamber of Commerce, known as the he use of Memorial hall for a Social- American Protective League, called upon their masters for support. The That was the third application for invisible government of Lima at last The hidden power, the Chamber of

war organized white collared thugs into vigilance corps to intimidate and terrorize the workers, came in full force to the hearing, looking sleek and their EQUAL protection and benefit." well fed, and with that important air court, look at us. We are the "best people." We are the sinew and backbrought after the second application bone of the government. We are of better clay than the workers. We have a monopoly of brains as well as of the money. We do not want Sowe will be compelled to become useful. The court evidently ignored their self-assumed importance for on the the order of Judge Klinger, requiring Decision of the Court of Appeals for

Allen County, Ohio.
Before Judges Kinder, Crow and

By the court: The board of county commissioners refused to permit the relator the use (Continued on Page Three)

# The Capitalist System is Easier Ended Than Mended

### BABSON WARNS WALL STREET

This composit plot shows clear-

parts of the world are at the point es in their endeavors will at once get of revolution. Insiders well know that busy to devise means whereby they the uprising of the masses in Germany can reach their goal without bloodare likely to become worse when peace about the bad industrial conditions in with the textile industry, the copper industry or possibly the steel industries will also be affected. America may see the darkest period of its history in the coming days.

What does this mean to cliente? It to push public works with all possible speed. Clients also have an opportunity to perform personal patrotic service by building at this time. Prices will be lower later but it is a good deal better to build now and head off anarchy than to wait until the late for the cake of seving 20 per

ening of hours and general effici-

been mostly on the side of conservaagain freely opened, American farmers are going to get a decided shock. Wheat will drop to a dollar a bushel, while corn and other cereals will fall correspondingly. The prices of farm products will drop much more rapidly than the farmer's expenses.

action and prevent it from becoming dustry as well as to politics. Far-dustry as well as to politics. The industrial classes in many stead of attempting to block the mass-

was a vital factor in ending the war, shed and the destruction of property, and the disturbances in that country A Word on the Building Situation. As above suggested, the coming interms are imposed. We know some- dustrial unrest must be prepared and thing of the terrible conditions in made less harmful. We indorse the Russia, but little is being told us government's campaign for the stimulation of public works, the building Italy, France, Spain, Japan, Holland of homes and construction of all and Great Britain. In all these coun-kinds. Reaction must come, and the tries strikes are numerous, as out-lined more in detail on a later page. On account of the law of equal and op-so that the reaction will not be so posite reaction, things are not as bad severe. The building industry may in America as in Europe. There has become such a buffer. Construction been less suppression in America. The work, both public and private, should idea however that the task of the contraction will be a severe. been less suppression in America. The idea, however, that these convulsions can take place in Europe without some reaction in America is absolutely foolish. The United States is destined to have great labor troubles unless employers immediately adopt different ployers immediately adopt different tives to the state legislature and content to t These troubles will start gress to push public works with all

what does this mean to clients? It too late for the sake of saving 20 per means that business will be jolted, cent. Spend the money now and then the earnings of the masses will be cut charge 20 per cent for insurance, good down and their purchasing power will will or something else. Clients who be greatly curtailed. As people cease already have plans for building and to buy, manufacturers will cease to who have suspended the same on activations and the same of the produce, and many workers who have not quit voluntarily will be laid off for bids. Clients who in any way contend to reach the vicious circle template building should at least have will again be in evidence. The prices plans drawn. Mind you, we are not

The war of nations in Europe is prices of manufactured goods over, but the great class war appar-for a while continue relatively ently has just begun. Because of the strict censorship of news the real so-During the past years the influence of the farmers in this country has where are not generally known.

Strict censorship of news the real so-factories and workshops from which they were conscripted during the been mostly on the side of appears.

Welling along the past years the influence of the sound that they were conscripted during the been mostly on the side of appears. know it he really is a capitalist and his interests should be allied with the men at the peace conference in Paris

working class unlest has expressed ment.

Ment ment.

On the other hand to keep millions of soldiers resting on their arms with conservative group. When, however, are really more deeply concerned over the trade routes of the world are the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and Socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and socialist tends to disrupt army discipline and the outcome of the labor and the outco conferences at Berne, Switzerland, precipitate mutiny. than they are in their own activities in Paris. While the peace conference is discussing formulas for a League of Nations, the labor conference at Berne, is discussing the possibility of Berne, is discussing the possibility of way guarantified then there is go. than the farmer's expenses. This is laving their working class constitu-going to make him ugly, and socialism ents at home take over the ownership ing to be trouble on a scale such as going to make him ugry, and socialism will appear mild compared with some of the propositions which farmers will be making a year or two from now. The farmers of the western states will unite with the industrial workers of the eastern cities in attempting most dangerous logislation.

The farmers of the western states will unite with the industrial workers of the eastern cities in attempting most labor universe have recently accurately a

## The International Delegates

By JAMES ONEAL.

some locals regarding the three dele- not try to send delegates. But send- tion over and above which he regates elected to attend the Berne con-mean that we would permit them to ever smaller due to the nation's which ference, reveal a general misunderstanding of the situation. It is feared that they may commit the party to policies upon which it is not agreed come an important section of the Inthe home markets. This is imposor compromise it in some way.

may be pointed out that this ence in any tendency toward uniting conference has adjourned and the Na- all groups into a new International tional Executive Committee decided with which we would be glad to affithat if the three delegates could not liate. get to the conference in time but one should go abroad. Another conference should go abroad. Another conference go abroad is more informative than economists term "over production." may be held while this representative anything else. We are in need of inis in Europe, but it should be borne in mind that he has neither the power nor the inclination to commit the ance of it on hand. We who live in of the whole structure and fabric of party to any policies in conflict with New York have better sources of inthose declared by the party if he should attend a conference while

His mission is mainly one of establishing contact with the movement arrives from Europe with some first-hand news. Even the actions of the During these periods ropean comrades regarding the So-cialist Party of the United States, to acquire all imformation possible re-have been sent back by correspond-they will occur with ever recurring garding the various divisions in the ents. European movement, and to make a report of his findings upon his re-

delegates to attend the proposed modified. The writer has spent labor abolishing the system of profits. Stockholm conference. Now that the war is over and passports have been in getting them vised by the British, phy which teaches the ultimate colgranted to two delegates, there are French and Swiss consuls. He has lapse of capitalism in favor of the new comrades who protest that passports the first two and has engaged pas-order, socialism, the Maximilists or should not be used. Our first protest was directed against the discrimination of the State Department and now that the government has lifted

the Stockholm conference would probably have not been any more satisfactory to these members than the posed he can be held amenable for socialism. The Maximilists say this "kill us some more." recent Berne conference, yet no one his actions when he returns.

#### A Letter Not Published

Editor Plain Dealer,

Cleveland, Ohio.

appears to you to be "the specter of bearers of the new and inevitable oranarchy and all that is evil in so-ciety," namely Bolshevism, I should been driven to the position of having persecuters, they do not persecute ception of what Bolshevism really is. First, Bolshevism denotes maximum socialism as distinguished from Menshevism or moderate socialism. That

Dear Sir:

Noting that you are devoting considerable editorial comment to what have been the forerunners and torchlave been the forerunners and torchthe Bolshevists.

we are and have been steadily evolving toward that form of society pointed out by Karl Marx's scientific exwhat not, have in their campaigns majority. Those who of the old order,

position knows as socialism cannot be pointed out the inevitableness of the now in a hopeless minority, attempt and formerly-unreasoning peasant is seriously denied by any one. Then downfall of the capitalist system, a to defeat this majority by espionage evinced by their appeal to the capital-Menshevism and Bolshevism are but system based upon profits, a system and disobedience of the laws of the listic government to lend them aid in Menshevism and Bolshevism are but system based upon profits, a system and disobedience of the laws of the istic government to lend them aid in relative periods of social develop- which denies to the workers the right constituted government must suffer forcefully suppressing what is unmis-

We are sitting on a keg of powder. It is well enough for prominent men to give out optimistic interviews, but such talk is largely for effect. The statistics which they give may be true but they don't tell the whole story. Fundamental economic conditions are Fundamental economic conditions are of industry must use different meth-bad and it is useless to deny it. We ods of insurance. Those who recogcould give many reasons for this statement, but shall mention only two basic reasons:

1. This composit plot shows clear.

1. This composit plot shows clear. 1. This composit plot shows clear-ly that a period of trouble and de-pression is a shead. It cannot be side-that the masses are now determined direct repudiation of parliamentary direct repudiation of parliamentary tracked. We can prepare for the re- to have it, and to have it apply to in- action and is quite in sympathy with

> Reports from Italy indicate that an Soviet government. The sudden return of the Italian delegate, Orlando, to Rome, because of the resignation of the Italian cabinet is significant of serious trouble in Italy. When Presi-dent Wilson recently conferred with the Vatican, he was afterward rebuked by the Italian workers for re-fusing to address one of their labor we see the weapon of direct action is being used in Italy.

tunity and attempted the restoration of the Portuguese royalty. In Spain the working class labor riots are frequent. While no recent reports have been received, there is bitter class feeling in that country which may burst into flame at any moment. In Japan trouble is imminent, as is further indicated by the rapid withdrawal of Japanese troops from Russia. The rice riots of a few months ago show the temper of the people, who are beginning to revolt against the imperialistic designs of their leaders. At this moment the allies are con-

fronted with the very serious and of certain basic commodities, such as steel, copper, and other metals, will continue to decline. There may not be such an extended decline in the manufactured goods, which so largely enter into the cost of living. Owing to interference with production through industrial unrest, the shortening of hours and general efficinot because they need any longer fear the German army, but because of the more genuine fear of sending back these millions of soldiers to the homes, Working class unrest has expressed war, to find panics and unemploy-

labor uprisings have recently occurred. fering which they produce. We can-The foregoing illustrates in a Given below are some specific innot hope to have prosperity in America way the reason for our attistances which serve to show the trend tude on securities (we omit this and of the times. archy in Europe. Babson's Report.

about its own downfall, for with the development of capitalism the world market into which the surplus prod-The resolution being adopted by thought at the time that we should ucts, or that part of labor's producternational would have a good influ-sible because the workers receive in wages only an equivalent of part of their production, and in general are able to purchase back only this relative part of their products. The sur-The mission of the one delegate to plus then constitutes what bourgeoisie formation more than anything else, period of economic and social stagna-We certainly do not have an abund-tion which necessitates a readjustment formation than the comrades who live ness of this period, depends the nainland. Yet what we have is of a ture of the readjustment it amount-fragmentary character despite the ing to, at certain periods, complete fact that occasionally some comrade revolution of our economic, and with

During these periods intense and frequency until the system of capi-The main factor to be kept in mind talism has been replaced by Social-lars worth of literature was sold. Collars worth of literature was sold. Col It may be pointed out here that the party frequently protested against embargo against representatives of distribution thereby insuring the the refusal of passports to American the Socialist Party has at least been worker the full social product of his

sage on a steamer for England and Bolshevists have inaugurated the new expects to have the Swiss vise before order of maximum socialism without sailing. The opportunity to re-estab- temporizing with the reforms of the fish relations with European comrades moderates or Menshevists who, in the ban, some of us erect one of our is available and there is no particutheir program, would attempt to own.

Party members will concede that ourselves of it. If the writer should ground upon which the upholders of is impossible and will only drag the conflict with its inherent ills over a period of years while the establishment of maximum socialism now while causing much intensity and bit-· Cleveland, O., Jan. 27, 1919. | process of education that has been terness between the old order and the carried on by different socialistic new, will, as soon as it is realized that groups throughout the world but un- the new order has come to stay, work

The persecuted of the past become

# HELP! HELP! HELP!

SOCIALIST PARTY DECIDES TO PURCHASE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND CALLS UPON ALL MEMBERS TO AID—INITIAL PAYMENT MADE—OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATES TO BE ISSUED—EN-DORSEMENT UNANIMOUS

We say—endorsed unanimously. We mean that every Social- made. It now becomes the duty of every party member to fore-ist to whom we have spoken about the purchase of a headquarters ward his "I'm with you, comrade," in the shape of an order for

rent. Landlord capitalists have fed upon our national party Reports from Italy indicate that an explosion may take place at any time. The labor leaders of Italy are calling for the abolition of monarchy and for International Labor Day, when we expect to move into our new national headquarters where, in security and in a more satisfactory environment, the Socialist work will be carried on with more efficiency than ever before.

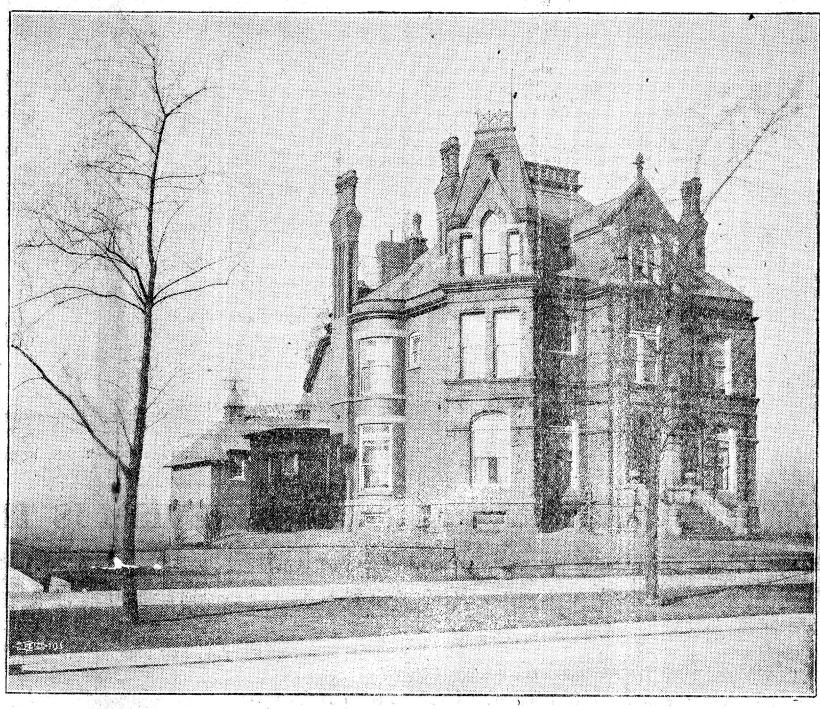
The sum needed to make the purchase, to pay for alterations and for moving is \$40,000. A call is to be issued to the Socialist ship certificates in any amount they can afford. Every party conferences. They retaliated by darkening the city and cutting off transportation for two days. Here as generous as possible in his investment, so that our new national member can afford to invest one dollar. But many can give five as generous as possible in his investment, so that our new national headquarters, the home we'll own, may be paid for in full in the shortest possible time.

for the National Socialist Party has, with extra emphasis, endorsed an ownership certificate in as large an amount as he can afford.

The new national headquarters will house all of the National We must have a home of our own. We must cease paying Office Departments and room to spare. The translator-secretaries of all foreign Socialist federations will occupy nearly the entire second floor of the building. The administration offices of the National Party-will occupy the first floor. The literature shipping rooms will be located in two well-lighted rooms in the basement. Negotiations are now under way to have a printing establishment in the large building in the rear of the main structure.

Comrades who have seen the property agree that it is a splendid investment. The price being paid by the Socialist Party Party membership within a week or ten days, to invest in owner-canstitutes about half its original cost. The loyal co-operation of all party members will "swing the deal" in a hurry, and this former rich man's palace will then be used to enrich workers'

Every party member, every local of the party, a part owner of our national headquarters—this is the call which will go forward from the Department of Organization and Propaganda, An initial payment of one thousand dollars has already been Socialist Party, to all the comrades within a very few days.



### New National Headquarters of the Socialist Party to be Bought for the Party by its Members

This property is in the heart of Chicago and is located at 220 | 200 people and an ante-room on the third floor. Ashland boulevard. It is a typical brown stone mansion, magon the first floor, nine on the second floor, and a hall that will seat for this purpose.

The lot has a frontage of 112 feet and is 200 feet deep. This nificent in architecture and substantial in construction. It is well gives plenty of room for expansion. The grounds not now occuadapted for an administration building for the National Office, Socialist Party. The main building contains 17 large rooms; six on the first floor winter the green floor winter the green floor winter the green floor and the first floor winter the green floor winter the

### News From State Locals

### LEWIS MEETING

Word received from Comrade Seibert reports a good Thurber Lewis meeting in spite of the fact that it coming affected by the activities in received little advertising. Six dollars worth of literature was sold. Collars worth of literature was sold. good meeting.

few weeks of persecution by the county commissioners, the Socialists of Lima have grown to such numbers that larger quarters are necessary. This is the word received from Local Lima this week. So, again we say,

#### LEWIS WAKES UP DOVER

Local Dover is wide awake thanks to truly is.

That the upholders of the old order realize the hopelessness of again saddling their bondage on to the patient

## KENMORE HOLDS GOOD GREEN COUNTY GOING

coming affected by the activities in well pleased. And, comrades are go- workers. The matter of forming a ing right ahead working up another county organization is under way, being pushed by several wheel horses of the movement there. One part of the new activities is to have each MORE ROOM FOR LIMA applicant for membership pay three SOCIALISTS

Just as Judge Klinger said in his months' dues or a dollar, which also gives them three months' subscription to the Ohio Socialist. This meth-

#### RUTHENBERG AT COLUMBUS

The sentiment in favor of Socialism is fast growing in and about Columbus. We had Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg with us Feb. 23 with the largest crowd we have had for several years, and as he spoke and made the used hot water to wake the comrades. spoke on amnesty for the political that they may call it treason, how a government by and for the workers much better off is he in DEMOCRA- a real industrial democracy. The TIC America han in autocratic Germany?

> The speaker stated that if the working class of this country expect to free their political prisoners they must organize on the industrial field.

#### Resolution of Soldiers, Sailors, and Workmen's Council of Dayton Chio, Feb. 24, 1919

Whereas, the problem of the unemployed Soldiers, Sailors and Workmen has become of such vital importance, and has reached a stage where concerted action by the people of the State Comrades of Green County are beof Ohio is necessary, it is resolved by the members of the above named council:

> That a conference for the purpose of considering the means to be adopted for the relief of the unemployed Soldiers, Sailors and Workers now in idleness, and to obtain such legislation from the law making bodies of the state and nation as will regulate the hours of labor, so as to divide equitably among all, the work now being done by a few, in both private and public works; shall be held in Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday, March 9, at 10 a.m., at such hall as may be secured.

All labor, organized and unorganized, all working class movements, whether political or industrial, and every association of the verdict in favor of the Socialist using od, it is thought, will supply needed memorial hall, persecution makes a funds to push the work. All power cause grow. So we find that after a to them.

The definition of the socialist using od, it is thought, will supply needed memts, whether political or industrial, and every association of the unemployed are invited and urged to send their delegates, to the end that a general effort be made to bring before the public the end that a general effort be made to bring before the public the truth concerning the unfortunate state of hundreds of thousands of the real American people.

We ask the aid of the press in spreading before the people of Ohio, the place, date and purpose of this conference. JAMES J. BUTLER, President.

#### of lives lost was not so great. Com-GERMAN BRANCH rade Ruthenberg stated it appeared Courade Thurber Lewis' visit there. following points he was applauded by lied troops are not withdrawn from Julius Zorn states that the LaSalle We should judge that Comrade Lewis almost everyone in the house. He first Russia is because the capitalists of Club of Cincinnative growing in numerical control of the control o Russia is because the capitalists of Club of Cincinnati is growing in num-France, loaned the czar of Russia a bers and making progress in many

to be evident that the reason the al-Comrade Secretary H. L. Ricker sends an application for a charter containing other things, said that "Liebknecht in large sum of money and now the large sum of money and now the large sum of money and now the large sum of larg eight names, an order for dues and autocratic Germany got four years workers in the Soviet government are initiation stamps and says that an for treason, but Debs in democratic inclined to think they should not pay other speaker will be desirable in a America, charged with the same of that back, as it was used to pay Costhat back, as it was used to pay Cosshort time. He refers to Comrade fense, got ten years," then he asked if sacks to murder the workers on Lewis as "the boy wonder," which he a member of the working class differs bloody Sunday in 1905, and now they with the capitalist class to the extent need that money to help to establish workers of this country should ganize both politically and industrial ly and get the industrial kaisers of their backs so as to be able to hel; the German comrades if they called on them as the Russian comrades die

country, only he said the percentage terest in the cause, E. B. Eubanks. Italism.

GROWS A communication from Comrade ings are held regularly.

E. R. ESLER, Secretary.

#### GIRARD REORGANIZES Another local that has been rejuve-

nated through the efforts of Comrade Thurber Lewis is Local Girard. After many moons of silence the comrades are making their voices heard in the growing chorus of live and happy Socialists. Comrade Secretary Fred Wilson remits \$18 for charter dues and supplies including \$10 worth of Ohio Socialist sub cards. Fifty subscribers is the goal Comrade Wilson sets for himself. Not that he intends ment.

The intellectuals, so-called, have always been in favor of an orderly evolution from capitalism into socialism and it has been this aim that has been the constantly striven for by the orderly suppressing what is unitate government must suffer the discipline of a most length to work—regardless of the need for the discipline of a most length to work—regardless of the need for the discipline of a most length to work which raw material exists—but on the discipline of a most length to work which raw material exists—but on the discipline of a most length to work which raw material exists—but on the discipline of a most length to work which raw material exists.

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#### CAPITALISM ON THE DEFENSIVE

The Socialist Party of the United States is no longer on the defensive. The attitude of defending Socialism against the attacks of the cohorts of capitalism is no longer ours. Rather is capitalism put to it to defend itself against Socialism. A hundred instances might be cited to prove this. The vain shoutings of the capitalist sentiment in your city.

Local Ashtabula has applied for a Dobe date some time between the 11th pulpiteers and politicians; the savage attacks of the capitalist press, the caution advised by the more far-seeing among the upholders of capitalism all show plainly that fear and panic are in land March 12. 3919 Lorain Ave., the camp of the enemy.

But first among the multitude of indications that capitalism is on the defensive is that of the terrific sentences imposed upon the officials of the party in the recent trials. No better proof is needed to show that it is capitalism that is on the defensive and GEORGE KIRKPATRICK not Socialism. A system sure of its justness can afford to be lenient to an opposing one.

American capitalism is but repeating the history of ruling classes of the past in the hour of their death struggle. Panic, savagery born of fear, a reliance upon force, and an absolute lack of vision, grip capitalism today as it has gripped ruling systems the most effective propaganda meet-of the past in the hour of their swift decay, when they sought to ings ever held in this state. Comretain in their palsied hands the scepter of power.

The Russian revolution sounded to ears that can hear, the swift passing of the capitalist system of production. Today, the skies of Europe are aflame with the holy fires of revolution. Continents have passed from darkness of capitalist exploitation into the light of Industrial Democracy.

"The hour of the people has come." It is coming in America and the savage attacks of American capitalism upon the Socialist Party but hasten its appearance. Fill the jails with Socialists and protestants against a decaying industrial system—what will it profit you, masters? A thousand will rise where but one stood clalist taket and served as secretary before. For every year of sentence imposed upon us a thousand shall rise because of it.

American capitalism is fighting with its back to—oblivion!

#### LET'S OWN IT

The day the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party paid the first thousand dollars on the purchase of a National Headquarters marked the birth of a new era in American Socialism. It marked the hour of the fruition of an idea that has been extends sympathy to the bereaved. growing these last few months and years in the minds of the rank and file as well as in the minds of party officials—the idea of party ownership and control of all our means of organization and propaganda. The purchase of a National Headquarters pressages the ganda. The purchase of a National Headquarters pressages the acquirement of better facilities and equipment for carrying on the work we must do. It is the beginning of a more systematic order near future. We say this because of and economical means of carrying on the fast increasing work of

By purchasing these headquarters the Socialist Party flings in the face of the capitalist press the lies it has been so freely printing of our demise and burial. Let every comrade prove by were going after them, doesn't it? adding his bit to the purchase price that the Socialist Party of the United States is the liveliest corpse the lick spittles of capitalism ever attempted to put under ground.

Fred S. Wertz, government attorney for the northern district of Ohio, has just been named for another term by President Wilscription blank and a book of dues son. Here is what Wertz said of Socialist School Board Member stamps ready to convert a new com-A. L. Hitchcock, before any charges were placed against him: rade or to keep the old ones on the "Means can be found to remove him from the board. This is no sustaining stamps." He remits \$3.75 for time to dilly dally over the niceties of legal technicalities," Cleve-Plain Dealer, April 11, 1918. Means were found. Hitchcock is WHAT HAPPENED AT now serving ten years in prison. No comment is necessary.

ism, or a League of Nations of the World's Workers for the purand 25th of February. Local Findlay pose of advancing the interests of Labor—which will you have,

"It was new, strange, irresistibly becoming and stirred the hearts of onlookers with a desire to have one exactly like it." Mrs. Wilson's new Paris hat. Some lid! Aside from that, it is just so much as a hair's breadth in opinion the old story of pomp and show of differentiation that parades in with the gang was promptly threatthese times of misery, pestilence and world suffering.

"If we have any large amount of unemployment, we will have hit town. Finding no preparations a period of industrial unrest and there is no one who can tell where for a meeting he at once started the the social uppheaval would land us, whether we would have a ordering hand bills printed which he repetition of the French revolution or of the Russian Bolsheviki or as promptly distributed. And they are some hand bills too, believe us! whether good or evil will come out of the struggle.'

#### BUNDLE BRIGADE GROWING

Among the group of "Jimmie Hig-ginses" in the Socialist movement there are none more deserving of praise and credit for the great work they do than the comrades who make up the bundle brigade. These inconspicuous workers who give of their Sundays and evenings to the distribution of papers and leaflets are doing a work that is absolutely necessary to licity is the great need of the hour. application.—J. H. Rodgers, Carthage, The minds of the workers are ready now for the seed to fall. Comrades

is evidenced in the increasing number the international affiliations of

taken 200 copies weekly. Comrade Fred Huckery is waking up the work- unanimously. ers in Richmand, Ind., with a hundred a week. Comrade Dr. M. S. Holt of Weston, W. Va., orders 300 copies of the last edition and he hits the nail on the head when he writes, "The only way to combat the damnable lies of

tribute Socialist papers."
Local Battle Creek, Mich., takes a bundle of 100 weekly. Comrade Wm. ting in every mail. A number from Catton of Covington, Ky., orders a out of state are among the first. weekly bundle of 15 and so does Comrade Geo. M. Crocker of Sheridan, Ind. So, comrades, again we say organize a distribution squad in your local and order a bundle for weekly the letter entitled, "A Call for Ten distribution. Results in Socialist sen- Thousand More." the word bi-weekly

SECRETARY OF LABOR WILSON. send me a bundle to hand out. I find it easy work taking subs after a fel-

Combs, Ark. Please find inclosed a list of nine names and addresses for which send in the upbuilding of the international the Ohio Socialist. Please send me a solidarity of the workers. few extra and sub blanks. I may be able to send more names by and by. All like the paper very much. Old line rot is stale. It won't stay on the Socialist's stomaches. There are numthe further spread of Socialism. Pub- bers of cold feet here that need a hot

low has read a copy.-J. S. Faubus,

the good that flows from a house to 3 by the County Central Committee house distribution of Ohio Socialists of Local Cuyahoga County, relating to of orders for bundles. Here are a few Socialist Party of the United States of the latest. Local Columbus is taking 50 or 100 of Local Warren be instructed to nohad a good meeting, however, and passed resolutions denouncing his says that another meeting will start tactics.

Motion duly seconded and carried the ball rolling in great shape.

The members of this patriotic someonic particular contracts and passed resolutions denouncing his partiotic someonic particular contracts. a week. Local Toledo increases its tify the State Secretary with regard order to 200 copies. Local Warren to this action. Fifteen members pres-J. F. DENISON, Sec.

SEVEN CERTIFICATES FOR LEETONIA

Local Leetonia is the first local to remit for Industrial Freedom Certifithe capitalist owned papers is to dis- cates. A remittance of seven dollars shows that this local is among the live ones. Other comrades are remit-

> A CORRECTION. On the subscription lists sent out to readers of the Ohio Socialist with Wolfe, Midvale, O.

#### ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

State Organizer Baker's Meetings. Comrade Baker will make the following routing: March 6, Barberton; 7, Cuyahoga Falls; 8, Massillon, meeting to be held at 20 W. Main St.; 9, Canton; 10, Salem; 11, Leetonia; 12, East Liverpool; 13, Hubbard; 14, War-

ren; 15, Girard. Organizer Lewis' Meetings. State Organizer Thurber Lewis' tour will include the following points: March 5, Loveland: 6, 7 and 8, Hamilton; 9, open; 10, Miamisburg; 11, Benerton; 12, Carmonti; 12, Belmont; 14, Mad River; 15-16, Xenia.

#### Debs Will Speak For You

Comrade Debs will fill dates in the northern judicial district of Ohio. notify the State Office at once. Several locals that have not been able to

Debs date some time between the 11th Evening.

Please note: Comrade Debs will not be able to speak at overflow meet-

SPEAKS George R. Kirkpatrick will fill these dates in Ohio in March: Dayton, March 24: Columbus, 25; Bellaire, 26; Toledo, 27. Comrade Kirkpatrick's recent meetings in Ohio were among rades are urged to make it, a special order of business to attend these

#### OBITUARY

Local Hamilton mourns the death of Comrade Carl F. Wentz, who died Feb. 22. Besides many friends and loving comrades the deceased leaves a father, two brothers and a sister. Comrade Wentz was several times a candidate for public office on the Soto the Civil Service Commission during 1914-15 when Socialists controlled

Hamilton City affairs.
The funeral was held at Socialist Party headquarters and an address was delivered by Comrade Henry Henry Hinkel. The hall and casket were trimmed in the international col- read and accepted. Comrade Wentz' active service to the party in Hamilton have been much appreciated and great regret is felt at his early death, he being but 28 years of age. The Ohio Socialist

#### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The month of January was the big-pest month for dues stamp sales in the large orders of supplies the locals are sending in. Martins Ferry, for instance, orders five hundred application cards and an equal number of membership books. Looks like they

firing line also, Comrade Baker's The meeting then adjourned. meeting there was fruitful in effected reorganization work. Secretary Lar sustaining stamps.

FINDALY! State Organizer Chas. Baker's routlaw superceded civil rights during the late war. Advocates of law and order paraded the streets under the leadership of the sheriff with ropes in their endeavor to make the world safe for democracy. Anyone differing ened and intimidated. Result-democracy died a sudden death, or what looked like death, until Charley Baker ball rolling by engaging the city hall, If any one had doubts as to what Charley came for they received a quick disillusionment by reading the display type.

Results were great. A local of eleven members was organized and nine more applications were received. Local Findlay is again on the Socialist map and ready to do its full share solidarity of the workers.

### HOLMAN AT

YOUNGSOWN Comrade H. L. A. Holman held a most successful meeting at Youngstown on Feb. 23. The Youngstown comrades were very much pleased with the manner in which Comrade

#### JENERA SOCIALISTS READY FOR WORK

Comrade Baker found the comrades Mr. Richey had given out. at Jenera ready to take up the fight. Jenera is another place where mob

in lining up the comrades for good.

HE'LL HELP GET THE 20,000.

A BOOST FROM KENTUCKY. I think the Ohio Socialist is the best Socialist paper published since the days of the American Socialist, Please of the Ohio Socialist, and will do Mr. Thomas Mugavin, who represents 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the relator should not be granted the deavoring to make the Ohio Socialist, and will do Mr. Thomas Mugavin, who represents 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the relator should not be granted the deavoring to make the Ohio Socialist, and will do Mr. Thomas Mugavin, who represents 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the relator should not be granted the deavoring to make the Ohio Socialist, and will do Mr. Thomas Mugavin, who represents 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the relator should not be granted the deavoring to make the Ohio Socialist, and will do Mr. Thomas Mugavin, who represents 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the relator should not be granted the deavoring to make the Ohio Socialist, and will do Mr. Thomas Mugavin, who represents 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the relator should not be granted the days of the American Socialist, and will do Mr. Thomas Mugavin, who represents 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the relator should not be granted the days of the Supplies and the relator should not be granted the days of the Supplies 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the relator should not be granted the days of the Supplies 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the supplies 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the relator should not be granted the days of the Supplies 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the supplies 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the supplies 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the supplies 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books, the supplies 25c; 4-71-2, one pocket for dues books.

### Let Every Worker's Voice be Heard in Nation Wide Demand for Free Speech, Free Press, Freedom for Mooney and Political Prisoners

The Socialist Party is waging a war for the restoration of our

The world war is over. Those who are imprisoned for princonstitutional rights of free speech, free press, free assemblage, ciple's sake should be free. To longer confine them is to commit a the release of our unjustly convicted fellow worker, Tom Mooney, travesty upon our boasted democracy that was to make the world safe for democracy.

#### Let "free them" be the demand of every lover of freedom and democracy.

To carry on the fight for the return of these rights, the Son cate. When the battle is won you'll be mighty proud of that cercialist Party of Ohio has issued "Industrial Freedom Certificates." tificate, memorable of the greatest year in history—1919. If you They sell for one dollar each. The funds thus raised will be used are not a party member, you may get a certificate by addressing to carry on meetings, print literature and agitate for these until the Socialist Party of Ohio, R. D. 2, Brecksville, Ohio. they are granted. All local secretaries have received a number of they are granted. All local secretaries have received a number of Germany freed her political prisoners months ago. Italy, these certificates. If you are a member of the Socialist Party go France, England have released thousands—shall America be the to your local scretary and hand him a dollar and get your certificates to grant amnesty to political offenders?

Germany freed her political prisoners months ago. Italy,

Protest Against Their Longer Confinement. Buy an Industrial Freedom Certificate

### KENTUCKY

Official Organization News

FRED E. STEVENS, State Sec. 434 W. Market St., Louisville, Ky. E. B. AUSTIN, Asst. State Sec. 231 Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

## Louisville, Ky., Feb. 14, 1919. State Executive Committee Meeting.

State Executive Committee met on Feb. 13, 1919. Members present, Bosmer, Stevens, Goodman, Rasmussen and Stark. Absent, none. Minutes of last meeting approved. The Acting State Secretary reported

hat no ballots were cast on Committee Referendum No. 1, and that therefore the dues remained unchanged. R. M. Rasmussen was elected state chairman. E. B. Austin, jr., was elected assist-

ant state secretary.
On the counting of the state ballots the following were found elected:
Fred E. Stevens, State SecretaryTreasurer; A. H. Lee, S. C.; M. L.
Ament, S. C.; R. M. Rasmussen, S.
C.; H. Plaggerburg, S. C.
Comrade J. L. Stark was authorized

to sell a desk, belonging to the State Office, to the Consolidated Organization of Expressmen for \$18. The applications for membership-at-large of Arthur W. Calhoun, Lexing-ton, Ky.; G. V. Meek, Henrietta, Ky., and Mary Miller, Henrietta, Ky., were

A resolution was adopted offering support and encouragement to the Louisville American of the Union Press Association. This paper is owned and controlled by organized labor and only representatives of a labor union can become a member of the board of directors. This paper will eventually become a daily and is an excellent opportunity for the working class to express itself.
The resolution adopted by the City
Central Committee of Local Boston,
Socialist Party of Massachusetts, Jan.
14, 1919, was indorsed and the assistant state secretary was instructed to

 The meeting men adjourned.
RECEIPTS.
A. M. Calhoun M. A. dues \$1.00
A. M. Calhoun sub. to O. S., 3 m25
A. Tepper, M. A. L. dues
Louisville dues
Louisville, 1,000 applications. 2.00
One gold party button
J. A. Blasutch, M. A. L. dues. 1.00
J. A. Blasutch, O. S. 1 year 1.00
Subs to O. S 2.50
Subs to O. S. 2.50 Bradford dues 3.00
G. V. MCEKS, M. A. L. dues 1.00
Mary Miller, M. A. L. dues 1.00
Frank Lavanier donation 10.00
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Total\$38.50 EXPENDITURES.
Postage \$1.00
Postage \$1.00 National dues
Referendum hallots 2.50
Referendum ballots 3.50 October Bulletin 3.10
Ohio Socialist Subs 3.50
Total\$23.10
January receipts\$38.50
December balance
Total
Tonnous disharasments\$49.88
January dispursements 23.10
Total\$26,78
Stamps on hand Fob 1

Stamps on hand, Feb. 1....... 126 FRED S. STEVENS, R. M. RASMUSSEN. Auditing Committee.

### Persecution Follows Resurection of A.P.L. at Cincinnati

ing the Ku Klux gang, otherwise known as the Credit Men's Associa- the fight the night before in Central tion show their hands. Their tool Labor Council and immediately Mr. Richey has made himself so ridi- walked out. Just as he closed the culous by accusing school girls of Bolshevist activity dragging them before now for the seed to fall. Comrades everywhere should at once take up the problems of distribution of leaflets and papers.

That more comrades are realizing

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With the manner in which comrade subject "Organic the school board, and then backing down on his proof of their guilt, that the members of the organization had endorses the resolution adopted Feb.

TENERA SOCIALISTS

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So great was the indignation against Mr. Richey that even the conlaw was enforced. Comrade Baker servative craft union shoeworkers

ciety now inform us that Mr. Richev At Bluffton a number of subscrip- is just one little atom in the body tions were received and one member and while their purpose is to stamp at large secured. Another speaker routed that way will prove effective are not going to do it in an underhand secret way but really as gentle men like themselves should stamp it out. What their method will be re-You will find enclosed \$5 for the mains to be seen. Last Tuesday in Ohio Socialist subscriptions. Every-the Central Labor Council, a resolubody that takes the paper says it is the right thing. Keep the good work up and you will find no trouble in getting them circulated. Will try to get a few subs with every report.—Rex craft unionists. The resolution was Cards of Fifty to Locals for \$1.00 what our red members would term Also plated lapel buttons—internabourgeoisie, nothing in it but protiment, Socialist votes and working class consciousness will result. Try it.

was used. Semi-weekly should have been the word used as we are endeavoring to make the Ohio Socialist to the Ohio Socialist, and will do Mr. Thomas Mugavin, who represents

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions adopted by the City Central Committee of Local Boston, Socialist Party of Massachusetts, on January 14, 1919:

Whereas the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party has decided to send delegates to represent the party at a gathering of degenerate ex-Socialists, to be held in Lauranne, Switzerland,

Whereas the organizers of said gathering and the delegates invited to it are mostly men well known as traitors to International Socialism, who, having concluded a holy alliance with the capitalist monarchists and reactionaries of their respective countries have sacrificed in the world war millions and millions of proletarian lives on the altars of capitalism, and have helped to jail and execute International Socialists, who remained

true to the principles of socialism. Whereas the purpose of their con vention is to make the world safe for capitalism—by organizing more backward elements of the working class to act as hangmen of the International Proletarian Revolution-as we have seen it already in Russia, and see it

now in Germany; Be it resolved, To demand from the National Executive Committee the immediate recall of delegates appointed to a conference of traitors without the consent of the membership; That a national convention of the Socialist Party should be called without delay, to decide on steps to be

conference of the Third International ant state secretary was instructed to write the above mentioned, C. C. C. and also the National Executive Committee, informing them of said action. The above mentioned resolution was also ordered printed to the Socialist Party to join in our protection. The above mentioned resolution was also ordered printed to the Socialist Party to join in our protection. The above mentioned resolution was also ordered printed to the Socialist Party to join in our protection. The above mentioned resolution was also ordered printed to the Socialist Party to join in our protection. The above mentioned resolution was also ordered printed to the Socialist Party to join in our protection. The above mentioned resolution was also ordered printed to the Working class;

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the working class;
To give this resolution the widest possible publicity in party circles and the Socialist press.

D. S. Bennett, Secretary of Local

and sent in O. S. subs.

at once telling him what you can do.

it was Bolsheviki. Joseph Haering our comrade, who is business agent of the Machinists union, retaliated by showing how very un-Bolshevik it was and incidentally remarked that only paid agitators would make such an assertion. This precipitated a fight which would have ended in a riot only for the calmness of the few. This was preliminary to another incident which I want you to tell our

At last we have succeeded in mak- watching. Haering naturally thought the fight the night before in Central street door to approach them he heard the lieutenant say to the machinists. "What do you meet in there for anyshows how enxious and vicious the Credit Men's Association is. We urrected, is using the lieutenant on made. our beat, instead of the disreputable. The Mr. Richey.

valuable for organization and propa- meeting. ganda to use it for this purpose.

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Here is a revised list of speakers upon whom the locals may call. Terms are five dollars and expenses. Other names of qualified speakers will be added from time to time. Comrades who feel that their services are useful to the party upon the platform are requested to secure the endorsement of their locals before making application to be placed upon the Available Speakers Liet. Leads should make application for the doubles thereof Speakers List. Locals should make application for the speaker nearest

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C. E. Ruthenberg, 1222 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio H.L.A. Holman, State Office Socialist Party, R.D.2 Brecksville, O. Frank B. Hamilton, Mayors Office, Piqua, Ohio

Jno. J. Willert, 3469 W.54th Street, Cleveland, Ohio Hugo Ruemmele, 2754 Norwood Ave., Norwood, Ohio

### The Mother of Humanity

By LAURA JIM REYNOLDS

ers of the aging capitalist regime. of friendly folks. The pitiful efforts of these haughty dispensers of law, tinkering with a progressive amendment to a constitution about the intricate meaning of tall, whom all regarded with loving which they quarreled among them-kindness. She had risen from the

the faces of the progressive daughters of human freedom—old Sojourner of men. Poor bombastic Law Givers!

Local Boyd County has reorganized and sent in O. S. subs.

The State Secretary has no local is selves, prought superclinous smiles on the faces of the progressive daughters of human freedom—old Sojourner of the insignificant puppets of forty years a slave and forty years free."

The State Secretary has no local in the fields of the last on the fields of the last of the last on the fields of the last of the last on the fields of the last of the la

that epoch.' The social urge for freedom, created by the economic conditions, had brought the women to battle for their political freedom, against the fogified dispensers of laws who were ridiculously ignorant what the social forces few devils, replied, "Seven devils ain't are that bring about a demand for no account, a man has a legion in certain legislation.

Wednesday one of the members of felt their co-workers of the past were the union was standing outside when among them bidding today's progres-the lieutenant on our beat, together sive women to continue the work of with two policemen, came along and woman's emancipation. In the growstationed themselves in front of the headquarters. Several more machinists came along and the policemen ings of woman's awakening from an and lieutenant engaged them in con- age long lethargy to the consciousness versation. The members of the union that woman, too, must work for huwho was standing on the outside, then manity's freedom. When school houses came in and told Comrade Haering and churches were shut against the

An atmosphere of conservatism per- oxcarts in the streets or held gather-vaded the very air about the Law Giv- ings of willing listeners in the barns

In the midst of the Unseen Workers Livermore, writes that that local is selves, brought supercilious smiles on economic degradation to be a herald-the faces of the progressive daughters er of human freedom—old Sojourner

The State Secretary has no lengthy speech to make, he merely asks that every local, member-at-large, and past members get busy and help organize the state. Write the State Secretary at once telling him what you can do necessarily following from it, form rible sorrows in a land of the free the basis upon which is built up, and from which alone can be explained, the woman. Before the Civil War she political and intellectual history of agitated for the abolition of chattle slavery and afterward for the fran-

chise for women.

him. She became highly provoked with cident which I want you to tell our certain legislation.

Ohio Socialist readers about.

On Wednesday evenings the machinists meet in our hall, and on last spectators and it seemed that they spectators and it seemed that they felt their converters of the nast were that property qualification!" She became highly provoked with the notion that women with property might be permitted to vote. "There's that property qualification!" She became highly provoked with the notion that women with property might be permitted to vote. "There's that property qualification!" The memory of the pioneer toil of the notion that women with property might be permitted to vote. "There's that property qualification!" The memory of the pioneer toil of the notion that women with property might be permitted to vote. "There's that property qualification!" The memory of the notion that women with property might be permitted to vote. "There's that property qualification!" The memory of the notion that women with property might be permitted to vote. "There's that property qualification!" The memory of the notion that women with property might be permitted to vote. "There's that property qualification!" The memory of the notion that women with property might be permitted to vote. claimed so vigorously that even the kinks in her gray hair straightened in indignation, "as if men and women themselves, who made money, were not of more value than the thing

they made." Though on her way to hold meetings or to attend conventions for human betterment, because she belonged to the economically subjected race (Continued on Supplement)

### LIMA SOCIALISTS WIN

(Continued from Page One) of the Memorial hall for a political stated, meeting. The record discloses that the commissioners had in the past,

There had been rules adopted whereby charges for the hall were 156. thought we paid our lieutenant to made, depending on the nature of the protect us, but we think now the Ku meeting, and to some extent on wheth-Klux gang, which is the A. P. L. res- er or not admission charges were The refusal of the hall to the re-

NO ADVERTISING ACCEPTED

No advertising, other than party matter, will be accepted in future in the Ohio Socialist. We have reached the complysion that a very characteristic property is the relation and in the past conducted disorderly meetings. In fact there was no reason given for the refusal doctrines taught by Socialists, each doctrines taught by Socialists, each the conclusion that our space is too except that it was to be a Socialist one answered that he had not:

is marked by those maxims of con-stitutional law, which stand as mile ism. We will not comment on their

because of the reasons heretofore It is not questioned but that the commissioners have acted in the best

determined upon a policy of renting of faith, but notwithstanding this it the Memorial building for public is a clear discrimination against the meetings. It had been rented for po- relator and those whom he represents litical meetings of various kinds, as and it results in a denial of the equal protection of the laws. See, 58 O. S., 599 at 610. 55 O. S., 232. 81 O. S.,

The judgment must therefore be

An amusing feature of the trial in Common Pleas Court was the ignorance of the County Commissioners lator was based solely upon the fact on the subject of socialism. When that it was to be a Socialist meeting.

Here were three men representing We as a people pride ourselves that the people of Allen county in responsthe blessings of civilization are secured to men under a reign of just at least, of average intelligence, who and equal laws, and within these had not read a Socialist book or newsblessings are those individual possespaper, nor heard a Socialist speaker,
sions; those fundamental rights to
life, liberty and the pursuit of hapmost vital question before the people piness and the progress of our race of the entire world. They are fit per-

ignorance. Our readers may do that. Secretary's Expanding Wallets
9-12 two pockets for letters and bills,
25c; 4-7 1-2, one pocket for dues books, the relator should not be granted the letters and bills.

# NEWS AND VIEWS-A WEEKLY SURVEY

(Edited By C. E. Ruthenberg)

#### The Next Industrial Republic

The Constituent Assembly of Russia, which met after the workers and peasants had seized the reigns of power and established the Soviet government, was allowed to debate until the sleepy guards told the delegates that they were tired and told them to go home. The German Constituent Assembly has had a longer lease of life, but there is every indication that its work will be of no greater importance than that of the assembly of Russia.

While the constituent assembly is still debating the movement of the workers to establish an industrial democracy in Germany is gaining strength and power. Already Bavaria is in control of the workers and soldiers council and the latest dispatches state that Saxony has followed Germany. Most significant of all, President Ebert has announced that he favors creation of a National Workers and Soldiers' Council as the lower house of the German government.

This suggestion is noteworthy, not because there is any likelihood of it being carried out, for there can be no compromise between the political government which the constituent assembly is shaping and the industrial government which is rising out of industry itself, but because it is an admission of the strength of the movement toward the same kind of industrial democracy that Russia has established.

"Germany, the next republic," is being amended to read, Germany, the next industrial republic. \* \* \* \*

#### A Ghastly Joke

The struggle over the League of Nations is under way. The president has thrown down the gauntlet. The opposition in the senate has unlimbered its big guns.

For the next six months or possibly a year we will be favored with the wonderfully polished speeches of President Wilson in support of his League and the thunderous opposition of Senators Lodge, Knox, Borah and others.

The newspapers will devote columns and columns of news and editorial space to the matter and the people of this country will be divided into two camps on the question. The League of Nations or no League of Nations! That will be the cry. All the instruments of publicity on both sides will be brought to bear to arouse the people to decide the issue. All else will be forgotten in the struggle over the question. "A League of Nations" will succeed "Free Silver," "No Imperialism" "A Full Dinner pail." "Down With the Trusts," as the means of hypnotizing the workers.

What is it all about? The Nation sums up the situation in a recent editorial. Read it and learn what President Wilson's League of Nations really

But the League of Nations, we are told, is a reality—a reality that wins President Wilson handsome praise from the New York Times. The most pestilent and exacting liberal ought perhaps to be satisfied with this sanction. Yet despite the chorus of praise in the press, we venture to assert that what has been planned at Versailles is no League of Nations at all. What we have all along consented to call a League of Nations is in reality, of course, a League of governments, which is a very different thing from a League of Nations or peoples. But, waiving that point, what we have offered us at present as the magnum opus of the peace conference is not even a League of Governments. The document read by President Wilson on Friday last is primarily the draft of a treaty among five gov-ernments, the memorandum of a working

arrangement having in view the organization and apportionment of the material results of victory. There is nothing new in this; it is what was to be expected as the outcome of the war, no matter which side won the military victory. We see nothing, however, that essentially differentiates this particular distribution of the exploitating power from other alliances of the same It may be competent for the Times to say how the course of France in Morocco for instance, or of Austria in Bosnia and the Herzegovina, would have been moralized and improved under a "mandatory" system rather than under a quiet gentleman's agreement, but we frankly decline the at-

In speaking thus plainly of the so-called League, we wish expressly to dissociate ourselves from all criticism based on grounds of narrow and exclusive nationalism. We are aware of the high hopes kindled in many liberal minds by the announcement of the League, and we admit that an overruling Providence may conceivably in course of time transform it into something widely different from what now appears about to be set up. But to admit the possibility of miracles is one thing and to reckon on them is quite another. Scrutiny of the proposed constitution fails to show that as now planned the league will incorporate a single new principle beyond those already tried and found wanting. Five great powers form their alliance, allowing four other un-named states to join them on sufferance. enter into engagements not to make war except on certain specified conditions; and they declare that armaments shall be reduced "to the lowest point consistent with national safety." (What armament ever exceeded this limit?) They undertake to "respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of the states members of the league," and they provide certain machinery for the adjustment of disputes by means short of war. All this has been tried over and over again, and each time it has failed lamentably. Apparently we are simply to create more machinery to keep states in order, making no provision for removal of the political-economic causes of strife. If governments are to remain organs of economic exploitation, then the adding of machinery means little more than the strengthening of their hold over the peoples, and the fears of those who see in the proposed league only a new instrumentality for the maintenance of the economic and political status quo appear well founded.

This is the result of the war "to make the world safe for democracy." "A treaty among five governments, the morandum of a working arrangement having in view the organization and apportionment of the material results of victory," is the constituion of what is called "A League of Nations."

Capitalism is perpetrating another of its ghastly jokes on the workers.

#### For Debs or Mooney

A vivid impression of the new alignment of the forces in the world is given by the dispatch which states that the Soviet government of Russia has offered to exchange an American citizen named Kolomatiana, condemned to death by that government, for either Eugene V. Debs or Thomas J. thing?" Well, start. Y re ready.

The workers of Russia do not consider nationality of any importance. Their enemies are not designated by national names, but are the capitalists of every nation. Their friends are the workers, no matter what their nationality.

it was upheld by German bayonets and England and ther the interests of these capitalists the govern-1 something or somebody, to kill—those seem to be the France were making loans to the Ukraine at a time | ment sets out to wring from the Chinese concessions | desires of the boy of today, whether he is aged five

ers and the capitalists.

the new lines of demarcation. In their offer to interest. rescue either Debs and Mooney from the clutches which is developing among the workers of the world. \* \* \* \*

#### Well, Start!

The capitalists are growing hysterical about the danger of Bolshevism in this country. Thus Charles Piez, director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, delivered himself of the following tirade, taking the Seattle strike for his subject:

That was not a strike in Seattle, that was a revolution. The men who fathered that attempt to set up a soviet republic had only one native born man among them. They meant to seize the government and to take over the industries of the city. They made no pretense of hiding this revolution

Since that time we have had our intelligence department busy. We have received reports from them and we have reports and rumors from other sources that lead me to believe this is the time to start fighting

the radicals. don't know where a Bolshevist begins and an I. W. W. leaves off or vice versa, but I do know we are menaced and that while it is not a serious problem now, this is the time to take matters in hand and stop it

from becoming one.

I shall ask that money be spent to fight this thing all over the country and in every

shipyard. We must scotch the snake now, before it strikes. Action is imperative and we have found that advertising is the one way in which to combat this propaganda. All you need do is to appeal to the reasonable working men.

They are sensible and will heed your reasoning. It is a shame that these sneaks and polecats should be permitted to contaminate the rest of the labor in the yards, for 85 or 90 per cent. of the men are absolutely as square as a brick and as fine as any men

in the country.
"Action is imperative," "we must fight," is the constant cry of the capitalists. But how are they going to fight? The industrial conditions which yield them their profits are breeding the spirit of revolt. They do not propose changing those conditions. To do so would be to commit suicide as an exploiting class. The workers will not be satisfied with less than the abolition of the existing industrial conditions. What are the poor capitalists to do? They may adopt a definite policy of suppression. But that won't help. It will merely mean that when the revolt of the workers bursts, its sweep will be stronger and the capital sts will receive less mercy. What can they do but cry, "we must do some-

#### The Agent of Capitalism

alignment has already been shown. The White lie during the past week. The provisions of this for service. Guard government of Finland received the support treaty reveal the government of Japan as the agent "Every boy, now, it seems, is imbued with the of the capitalists of the allied countries, although of the capitalists of that country. In order to fur- spirit of destruction. To fight, to destroy, to shoot of slaughtering ten million men in the world war.

the working class v ho are forming and developing on which, of course, the latter is bound to pay heavy of those responsible for it,

The government of Japan is not alone in playing of the capitalist class of the United States they have this part. The government of every capitalistically given a pointed example of the new class loyalty developed country acts as the agent of its capitalbeen engaged in the struggle to gain advantage, such as Japan is playing in China.

As the great powers complete their economic development and the problems of markets and foreign investment grow more acute because of the increased productivity of their industrial system and closing up of the possibility of lucrative investment at home, the imperialistic struggle of the governments acting as the agents of capitalism will grow more bitter.

The League of Nations is the attempt of a group of the great powers to control and divide the world between them for just such purposes as that brought times fifty thousand would be equally effective in to light in the Chino-Japanese treaty. Temporarily stopping the sweep of the workers' movement to the league may prove successful in preventing a new war from arising from the conflict of interests be- fortunately for the capitalists, that's the only weacause of the overwhelming power of the five great | pon they have. powers that control it. But new groups will form. New alignments will take place and when such a new group believes itself powerful enough to challenge the control of the Big Five, we will have a repetition of what happened in Europe during the past four years.

That the capitalist class has little respect for the mental development of the workers is indicated in the kind of slush with which it tries to keep them contented industrial slaves. A full-page advertisement in one of the Cleveland newspapers one side, under "Americanism," workingmen lei- will have no where to go. surely watching machines in a factory and under "Bolshevism" a street riot. This, at a time when seventy thousand workers in Cleveland, according to the estimate of the official lackeys of the ruling class itself, are denied the right to enter a factory in the argument with facts and reason it is beaten and cannot stand up before its adversary, the enlightened workers, so it endeavors to dope the masses with pretty pictures on one side, the reality, which never existed, and with vile misrepresentation of the workers of Russia, who have achieved their emancipation, on the other.

Says the bulletin of the National City Bank: Business always hesitates in the face of fundamental change. It came nearly to a dead halt when the war broke out, although all experience had force and managed every detail of the struggle. A shown that war invariable causes great industrial activity and high prices. The transition period from war to peace is inevatibly one of uncertainty." Isn't it about time that we get rid of a system of busi- The capitalists get \$2,700,000 to adjust the war The character of the government of the modern ness that makes the masses dependent upon the contracts by a bill just adopted by congress. The industrial countries has nowhere been so clearly fears of business men looking for profit for the workers get thrown out on the streets while the That the capitalists are conscious of this new revealed as in the Chino-Japanese treaty, made pub- opportunity to gain a livelihood and produce goods

when the Rada was selling cut to German imperial- permitting the investment of Japanese capital in or fifteen," says a local writer in discussing military building certain railroads. While the matter is training in the high schools. She continues to say The future struggle in the world will not be be- phrased in diplomatic language it is plain that the that this is the result of the education we have been tween national governments but between the work- | Japanese government acted as the broker for Japan- | handing out to the children. It is undoubtedly true. ese capitalism and through the threat of the armed And capitalism will yet find that the training it is The Russian workers are the advance section of power it controls, compelled China to accept loans, giving the children will bring about the destruction

> In the testimony of Madam Breshkovskaya before the Committee on Judiciary of the senate, we find ists. For several decades the great powers have these two statements made under cross-examination: "Every day train loads of supplies and valueach for its own capitalist class, through a game just able things leave for Germany and Moscow" and "Transportation is paralyzed." Every day train loads of supplies and valuables are leaving for Germany and Moscow, although transportation is paralyzed. It seems that in trying to make a case against the Bolsheviki it is impossible to make the facts jibe even in discussing the simplest matters.

> > The American Defense Society is out with a hysterical appeal for \$50,000 for the fight against Socialism and Bolshevism. How modest! But fifty wipe out capitalism. Money won't stop, but, un-

> > Speaking about the future in the United States Secretary of Labor Wilson said recently, "If there is any serious unemployment, there will be a period of industrial unrest which may lead us to a repetition of the French or the Russian revolution." And the serious unemployment is here.

According to the latest advices from Bohemia that country, which has furnished the soldiers to do the dirty work of capitalism in Russia, is now on the bring of a Bolshevist revolution. Maybe by headed "Americanism" and "Bolshevism," shows on the time the Czecho-Slovaks get out of Russia they

The house of representatives killed the United States Employment Service when it refused to include an appropriation for that bureau in the sundry civil bill. That shows haw interested the genand earn a living. The capitalist class knows that tlemen in Washington are in the fate of the workers without jobs.

> "Dayton Finances a Serious Jam," says a report from that city. We thought Dayton had a city manager and that consequently all its problems had been solved forever. At least that is what the supporters of that undemocratic arrangement have been telling us. . \* . . . \* . . . \* . . . \*

The strike at Butte, Mont., the strike of the copper miners was conducted by a Soldiers, Sailors and sign of the times, isn't it.

\* \* \* \* same adjustment of war business takes place.

\$179,000,000,000 is the latest estimate of the cost

# A Proletarian Dictatorship Vs Parliamentarism

It is very evident that not only is their side. The bourgeoisic saw to it the capitalist class convinced that that real political power remained in irrespective of what the bosses say that lay like a corpse across the road parliamentarianism is the highest experience of the people about it. ship is the way toward democracy. be a These workers believe that the cap-class. ture of the state power is possible

Let us see whether this can be done. parliamentary form of government a ing not only all legislative power but the right to make final decisions which cannot be revoked—only their execu tion can be delayed.

through parliamentarism.

Parliamentarism can exist as well in a democracy as under a monarchy: in an autocracy as in a plutocracy Parliamentarism is a typical form of class government. As Frederick En-

"The state is the result of the desire to keep down class conflict. But having arisen made these conflicts, it is as a rule the state of the most powerful economic class that by force of its economic supremacy becomes also the ruling political class and thus acquires new means of subduing and exploitating the oppressed classes. The modern representative state is the tool of the capitalist exploiters of wage labor."

The parliament in the modern state is not only the highest legislative, but of agitation and propaganda to a also the executive power, as the executive extent, when there are no tive department heads are nothin; else but mere tools of the parliamen tary majority. As soon as the min istry loses the support of the majorit it has to go. This is not true of th United States, in which the manistry (cabinet) is not responsible to con gress, but such is the case in every country of Europe in which parlia mentary government is established.

With the majority rule of parlia ment there is established a dictator ship of its ministry, but this dictator ship ceases with the change of the parliamentary majority. So we see that parliamentarism places all state power—legislative, judicial and executive—in the hands of the majority in parliament. Karl Kautsky says. "Parliamentarism by itself is an empty form whose content is deter mined through the class that fills it.'

Parliamentary government was the result of the struggle between the the bourgeoisic were victorious. The bourgeoisie dictated the terms and time of the formation of the consti- cease to exist as soon as working tutions the weight of power was on class representatives arrive in parlia-

parliamentarianism is the highest expression of democracy, but also a large part of the working class has large part of the working class accepted this view and his great doubts whether a proletarian dictator-ship is the way toward democracy. be a dictatorship of the capitalist nebody is willing to listen unless com-

racy. On the contrary, we find that It is customary to recognize as a where the parliamentary majority out of the parliamentary bodies. arliamentary form of government a rules it is not democratic, and where Things are different when government in which a majority of it is approaching democracy parliathe people's representatives rule, hav- mentary government becomes a weak institution.

Working class victories in parliamentary elections does not place power in the hands of the workers nor do such victories establish democracy. Such victories serve only to bring to a head the clash of class interests, in which the dominant issue is not the number of votes but the real power of each class. The opposing force the workers will have to meet will be militarism, the arch-enemy of democracy. So we that there is no hope of reaching true democracy, through parliamentarism.

The point of view which advocates

the exploitation of parliamentary elections as a method of agitation and propaganda is correct where there is no free speech, free press and free assemblage outside of parliament. It must be admitted that even debates in parliament may serve as a means

ther channels to reach the masses But if we rely upon parliamentary ctivity as the only source of agitaon, it often happens that the agitaion outside of such activity ceases or s hindered. If important topics are liscussed from the proletarian stand point in a parliament such a discus ion has a world importance, but if he same discussion is repeated over und over again outside of parliament t loses its weight from the stand oint of agitation and proves a waste f time and energy. In parliamen' ve have not to deal with common people but with shrewd politicians whose views are determined and who ure representing certain political par ies. No oratory can convince them for the other party. It does not mat ber what is laid down in the program f these different parties, their prin ciples are based on their class inter ests. Even when several parties ex bourgeoisic and feudalism, in which ists, with different programs (if they are in earnest), it is only because they understand their common inter set the limits of the power of the ests in a different way. But these people's representatives, for at the differences cannot last long. They

pelled to. If the bourgeois have It is a mistake to believe that pare enough confidence in their strength liamentarism is a synonyn for democ- and the support of the trouble-makers is weak, they simply throw them

Things are different when the working class representatives appear in legislative bodies in larger numbers. Their votes in such cases are often decisive upon certain legislative measures. This is the stage when the class struggle in parliament begins in real earnest. It is the time when all working class parties recognize point there arises the question as to mocracy.

talist class of the necessity of chang-

They are becoming uninteresting

reedom of assemblage exists parlianentarism has played its part, just the same as has the capitalist sys-

lemocracy the people seek a direct struggle are fought outside of the expression and this opens a broad field for mass agitation. The discuspression of the people's will is made sions are transferred from parlia-through mass action and that the capments to the peoples' forums. These are no longer dry and uninteresting parliamentary discussions, but full of Socialist republic, through the dictalife and the people's will, which make torship of the proletariat,

It is necessary that the rising power, the working class, organize as a class politically, but with the firm conviction that parliaments represent the dictatorship of the capitalist class, which must be replaced by the dictatorship of the working class. This dictatorship of the proletariat arouses the ire of the capitalist class because it abolishes all privileges and puts everybody in one class. But this dictatorship means that the power which up to now was used by one class for the oppression and exploitation of the other now become the means of abolishing socially unnecessary and outlived class distinction, perialistic policy, which would cause were suppressed.

Tadult that 1004 conditions did not improve to any extent under the front and fundamental liberties Bolshevists. It is certain that rations were cut down. They had to participation in parliament to gain and thus transforms the dictatorship some certain reforms, to gain a of the proletariat into the rule of the larger share in state power. At this great majority, which means true de-

the limits of working class participa-have to be exercised as a class distinctions "The proletarian dictatorship will The working class is denied the torship until all class distinctions possibility of gaining a majority of have disappeared and all production the seats in parliament as long as has been concentrated into the hands the constitutions drawn by the ruling of an associations of the whole peoclass exist. Even if in spite of these plc. The state power will lose its poinstruments they should manage to litical character. Political power, capture a majority of the seats, that properly called, is merely the organwould mean that they would be in a position to take over the power of ing another. The proletarian during the state, to which the capitalist class its centest with the bourgeoisic is would never consent. To try to con-vince the representatives of the cap-to organize itself as a class and by means of revolution to make itself ing constitutions, is to try to conthe ruling class and as such, to sweep vince them to turn over the power away by force the old conditions of of government. Therefore, the importance of electing able speakers to seats in parliament loses its signififor existence of class antagonism, and of classes generally, and it will there-

Therefore, in our political struggle "business institutions" and it is not for capture of the state power, the esentatives to make the parliamen- the proletarian minds for the contary "swamps" interesting.

Scious expression of their will, by where free press, free speech and criticising parliamentary actions outside of rarbiamentary wells, preparing the workers for the "tutte finale." the same as has the capitalist system on the economic field. The best ments are "stink'ng wamps" we can agitation and propaganda forces of not cast them aside until we have the working class have to be em- gone through the various stages of ployed outside of parliament in great their development and proved by their mass meetings.

With the further development of most important battles of the political

walls of parliament and that the ex-

of the American idealist, they will be able to catch the sympathy of the promotion of public works, restoring the transportation facilities and for the construction of artificial lakes for electric powers. electric power, in order to free the country from its need for coal. They believe that by employing the workers, unrest would be avoided and a consistent buying power given to the larger part of the population.

Imperialists Want Annexation. The other section thinks that Italy should further the policy of "sacred egoism." They believe that Italy should annex Dalmatia, reconquer the hinterland of Tripoli, hold the Greek strengthen the tie between the party asked. islands of the Dedecanneso and insist and the masses, the ties that were greater expenditures for the army and navy; a new war at this time and new wars to follow at short notice. (In face, war has begun again in Tripo

litania). The government favors the second policy, and this has caused the resignation of two figureheads in the cabinet, bringing on the crisis, one on

the heels of the other. At the time of Wilson's visit, Bissolati, a reformist and an old comrade who was expelled from the party in 1912, when he stood for the conquest of Tripoli (he also stood for Italy's participation in the war) had been selected as a member of the cabinet as a representative of the war-mad radicals, resigned, refusing to indorse the policy of expansion in Dalmatia. Signor Orlando, the premier, patched up affairs when another and more important crisis occurred with the resignation of Signor Nitti, the "Ministro del Tesoro," the strongest Parliaments, day by day, are grow-by abolish its own supremacy as a ng more tedious for the outside mass-class."—Communist Manifesto.

#### that Italy has had since Cavour. Crisis Patched Up.

probably the most astute statesman

This crisis was patched up with unusual speed. However, if it is an easy thing to dress wounds of a petty political nature, it is not so very easy to heal deep gashes through which the very economic blood of a country is flowing away.

Signor Bissolati and the bunch of self-styled Socialists that follow him (you had a sample of them in De mbris and the others who toured the United States only to meet the physical opposition of the Italian Sobid opposition of the imperialist bloc.

Italians Prepare for Dictatorship Some are for a policy of reduction of all expenses unnecessary to civil life, such as military expenses, and for a concentration of effort in the promotion of maker.

by the Socialist Party.

The "Lirezione del Partito Social ista" has resolved to agitate for a complete and quick demobilization, for complete amnesty for political and military prisoners, for the return of the free press (the censorship still muzzles the press), for freedom of speech and of association and against any interference in the internal af-

fairs of Russia. Masses Getting Together.

face, war has begun again in Tripo- created, and feels that a movement of a revolutionary character may arise at any moment. In such an event the party will not be caught

slumbering.
The Direzione has proclaimed that the Italian laboring class shall pre-pare for the "proletarian dictator-

The rank and file is enthusiastically answering; and all branches are hold-ing meetings in halls packed by the people, proclaiming the coming tatorship. Only a few intellectuals under the leadership of Comrade Filippo Turati do not indorse the views of the Direzione. But they asked have no following, and a split is apprehended.

The Catholics are organizing a Popular party. They are merely copying the minimum program of the Socialist party, adding a request for a greater freedom for the church, though the church in Italy is as free as it is in the United States, but is so well entrenched that the parish priests are regularly salaried by the volt." government.

The Catholics have quite a follow-

ng in the rural communities, and it s expected that they will receive a Parties Prepare for Elections.

All parties are prepraing for the elections. When will the balloting be held? The sooner, the better for the government and for the reaction-May not something else happen?

cities are Florence, Turin, Naples and

### Only Milan, Bologna and other cities administered by the Socialists are above criticism. Moreover, only there

have the populations less keenly felt the lack of food and heat. Events follow each other with mag-

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the czar probably won't exceed Blames Allies for Starvation.
"How about the systematic starvation of people?" Senator Wolcott

"I admit that food conditions did ropean Russia the food supply of the great Siberian granaries.'

"What about looting?" "It would be a miracle if in a great

uphcaval like this there had not been looting and a great deal of it."

"Well, was there looting?"

"Yes, most of those who have told these stories of what happened in that way came out of Russia on international sleepers. Why, there are hundreds of thousands of Americans in Russia, and so far as I have heard none of them have been killed.' "Hundreds of thousands still there.

do you mean that?" Senator Wolcott "Hundreds then, perhaps thousands.

"Were some of these Americans thrown into jail?"

"Yes, some were."
"What of anarchy?" "That is due to the plotting of the capitalists of the bourgeoisie. One of

#### Baker Appreciated.

Little late, but I just want to state that if you have any more in Ohio like Baker, better send them out into other states, for there is lots of room for just such live workers. Comrade Baker spoke here in Indianapolis about one week ago, and he faced a aries. The later, the better for the So-cialist party. But will they be held? plain clothes men from the city police department. These same police are cialists of that country) and a few radicals and republicans are indorsing Wilson's policy, arousing the rawhat is called patriotism, many a big our comrades are in love with Baker city is in the grip of scandals brought since his visit and whenever he can Many a lecture has ended in turmoil here.

City is in the grip of scandars brought and whenever ne can about by the discovery of corruption drop in on us again, let him come, in their administration. Among these W. H. Henry, State Sec. Ind.