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First News of Debs at Atlanta Is Shorn of Many Privileges

Veteran at Work in Atlanta Prison Divested of Many Accustomed Privileges Granted at Moundsville. Iron Rules Prescribe His Liberties.

Debs has been assigned to do clerical work at Atlanta Federal prison.

The secrecy that has enshrouded Comrade Eugene V. Debs since his removal from Moundsville penitentiary to Atlanta Federal prison is at last broken through. The Ohio Socialist is privileged to publish the first information that has been available concerning Debs since his removal to the latter institution June 13th, just exactly two months after his term of imprisonment began.

Why Debs was removed suddenly and in such great secrecy from the comparatively comfortable quarters at Moundsville to the more stringent conditions of the Atlanta prison have been a subject of much speculation among Socialists and the million admirers of Comrade Debs. Nor is any enlightenment thrown upon the matter by any one in authority, nor is Debs himself aware of the reason for his transference. Other than a statement by an official of the federal prisons at Washington, that Debs had been removed at the request of authorities at Moundsville, nothing is known concerning the reason for his removal.

AT WORK IN CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Comrade Debs has now been assigned to clerical work in the clothing department of the Atlanta prison. The clothing department is one of the big departments of the prison, where nearly three thousand prisoners are confined. The clothing of all prisoners is cared for inside the prison. Not only are the thousands of grey suits worn by the prisoners made in the prison, but the repairing and laundering is also done inside the walls. This work requires the labor of many prisoners. Keeping accounts of suits made, repaired, discarded, etc., are demands made upon those prisoners capable, through their educational advantages of doing such work. This work of this nature that Eugene V. Debs, four times the candidate of the Socialist party for president of the United States, is doing at this moment.

That Debs will fare as well as can be expected is believed by those somewhat conversant with conditions in the prison. Debs' immediate superior is a Mr. Boyle, who is credited with being a "fairly good fellow," by inmates of the prison. Associated with Debs in this department are former bank clerks who have erred and other accountants and clerical workers.

IRON RULES NOT MODIFIED.

The cell which Debs occupies is about 10 by 5 by 10 feet high. Two prisoners occupy each cell. At Moundsville, Debs was given a generous sized room instead of a cell. This room was carried by other prisoners. At Atlanta Debs is placed in a cell without the considerations shown him at Moundsville. The iron rules of the prison will not be modified in Debs' case, is the statement of

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LIES, LIES, LIES

When it comes to downright lying the capitalist press has it over anything Annanias ever dreamed of. He was a mere piker compared to it.

After all, one must have some respect for old Annanias. He only lied for himself. True he lied to his God outright and with premeditation, but even so he was an angel with wings full fledged compared to the mental prostitutes who write up the news and editorial columns of the average capitalist daily.

The monumental capacity of these kept ladies of the kept press for outright and persistent lying is being taxed to the limit in these days of capitalist desperation. When the capitalist wielded whip it was held to sing over the heads of his hirelings of the press, one can expect that it will bring results in prevarications, but lately the lash has been applied with extra vigor and unusual persistence. The master class has seen a vision of labor rearing itself upon its hind feet and DEMANDING a word to say in the running of its own affairs. Needless to say, this vision has driven it to frenzy. To drive labor to cover and to squelch in the beginning every desire for justice, capital has entered upon a policy, intended to "form public opinion," in its own favor and to create an artificial bulwark against labor's natural aspirations for a human life.

Take for instance the capitalist daily press of Cleveland, O. Since the May Day riots, when organized mobs of boys and a few soldiers, aided by the police and instigated by higher-ups in the local capitalist ring of destructionists, carried out their murderous program against peaceful workers it has, not only in its news columns, but in editorials advocated the annulment of the operation of the civil law in so far as "radicals" are concerned.

It has printed columns of the grossest misrepresentations and falsehoods concerning the activities of Socialists, I. W. W.'s and in fact handed the lie to everything saving of radicalism that has dared to manifest an existence. Plots have been discovered, but they originated in the fevered imaginations of the prostitutes whose bread and butter is furnished by the master class. The capitalist press, the police department and the city government has openly dedicated itself to the work of destroying every sign of revolt of the workers against the vest-

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Socialist in Prison Chosen As Candidate

Amos L. Hitchcock, now serving a term in the Atlanta, Ga., Federal prison, has been nominated by Cleveland Socialists as their candidate for the school board in this year's elections.

Hitchcock was the lone Socialist member of the Cleveland school board when he was indicted under the espionage act, because he carried on an aggressive fight in the interest of working class measures, and thus made himself obnoxious to the ruling class of Cleveland.

SENTENCE OUTRAGEOUS.
Some time before he was arrested on account of remarks made in personal conversation with an old friend in Sandusky, Assistant Attorney Breitenstein said about him: "Means can be found to remove him from

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PROF. HARRY F. WARD'S TRIBUTE TO DEBS

Prof. Harry F. Ward is one of the most noted church workers in the Methodist church. His recent writings have caused considerable comment among church people on account of their radicalism. The following tribute to Debs was paid at a recent conference of church officials:

Dr. Ward commented on the case of Eugene Debs, Mooney, and the trial in Chicago of the I. W. W. "Debs is one of the big spirits of the country. In Russia a person convicted of a more serious offense against the government was sentenced four years and in Prussia for three years, and yet Debs at a time we are not at war is sentenced for 10 years."

"All the friends of labor demand concerning Mooney is a fair trial. It is not a question as to whether he is guilty or innocent."

"The leaders of the labor forces are most concerned in keeping down violence. They will not call for the machine guns unless they are forced to by such action as Mayor Hanson employed in Seattle."

"Any cause which is afraid to trust to reason or the sense of justice of the people cannot possibly maintain itself by force of arms."

MOSCOW SAFER THAN NEW YORK

While the prostituted editorial writers of the capitalist press continue to fulminate against Soviet Russia and to spew out such venom against the workers as they are capable, the following extract from a dispatch to the New York Globe and the Chicago Daily News by their correspondent, Isaac Don Levine, in Moscow, may serve to make some of them realize the depths of lying to which they have allowed themselves to be lowered by the interests they serve:

Moscow, Russia, May 19.—There is no anarchy either in Petrograd or Moscow, and there is no chaos in Soviet Russia. Never since its inauguration has the Soviet government been more powerful than it is today. Never in the history of modern Russia has any government had more real authority than the present Soviet system. When one penetrates Soviet Russia one is struck by the fact that whatever Bolshevism may be it is not anarchy. After having passed sometime within the frontiers of the communist republic one is surprised at the situation here, for it is absolutely the opposite of what the American people imagine it to be. There is no disorder; there is even too much order. One is safer in the streets of Petrograd and Moscow than in New York or Chicago. Imagine what would happen in Chicago at night if the streets were unlighted, and imagine, further, what would happen if the police disappeared from the city. There are no policemen in Moscow, and because of the coal crisis the streets are unlighted; yet one can traverse the streets after midnight in perfect safety.

Before coming to Russia I was informed that the Soviet government was tottering and would soon fall. The newspapers here publish the wireless dispatches sent from Paris to America. These are absolutely contrary to the facts, and even people most violently opposed to Bolshevism cannot find anything here to support such assertions. On the contrary, numerous signs show that the Soviet government has grown considerably in the last few months.

The Republicans and Democrats ask you to vote—not to think; Socialism asks you to think—if you think right you will vote right.

VOTE FOR SOCIALISM.

An Inquiry About Debs

Dayton, Ohio, June 18, 1919.

Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Sir: As one of the counsel for Eugene V. Debs in his trial at Cleveland, Ohio, which resulted in his conviction of violating the Espionage Act and his sentence to a term of imprisonment at the Moundsville penitentiary, West Virginia, I write to you concerning recent news items in the daily press that Mr. Debs has been transferred from Moundsville to Atlanta.

The law, I take it, governing this transfer is found in U. S. R. S. Sec. 5546, as amended by act of July 12, 1876, 19 Stat. at L. 88. It reads as follows:

"And the place of imprisonment may be changed in any case, when, in the opinion of the attorney general, it is necessary for the preservation of the health of the prisoner or when in his opinion the place of confinement is not sufficient to secure the custody of the prisoner, or because of cruel or improper treatment; provided, however, that no change shall be made in the case of any prisoner on the ground of unhealthiness of the prisoner, or because of his treatment, after his conviction and during his term of imprisonment, unless such change shall be applied for by such prisoner, or some one in his behalf."

Will you kindly inform me upon which of the above grounds the transfer to the Atlanta penitentiary has been made? Respectfully,
JOSEPH W. SHARTS.

Trench Testimony

Fellow-worker Bruce has just been freed of the charge of "criminal syndicalism" at Seattle. Following is part of the testimony submitted in his case by a returned soldier.

"Why did you join the I. W. W.?"

"To try to get better living conditions for men and women and children," came the answer. "Few young fellows these days can afford to get married."

"Was it your intention to overthrow the political government of the United States?"

"No, I fought for the United States in France." Then Williams gave a brief picture of his experiences for sixteen months in the trenches.

"I was sent into the line before I had been taught how to load my rifle," he said. "I was ordered over

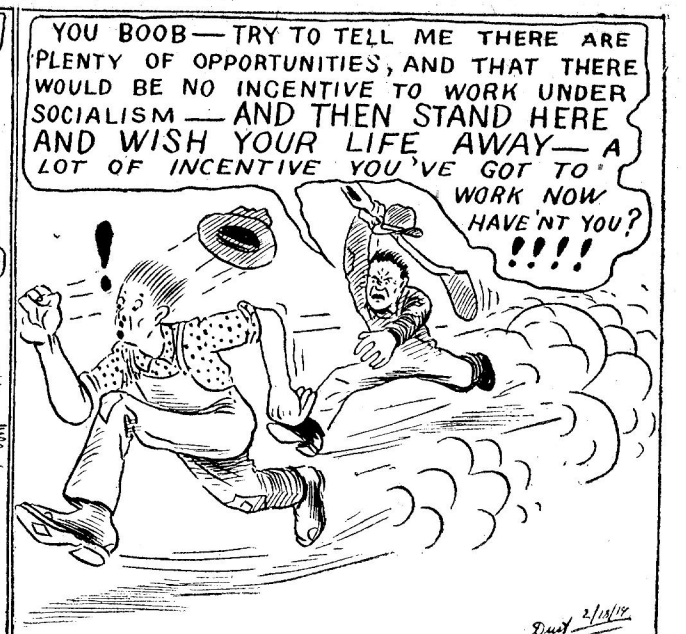
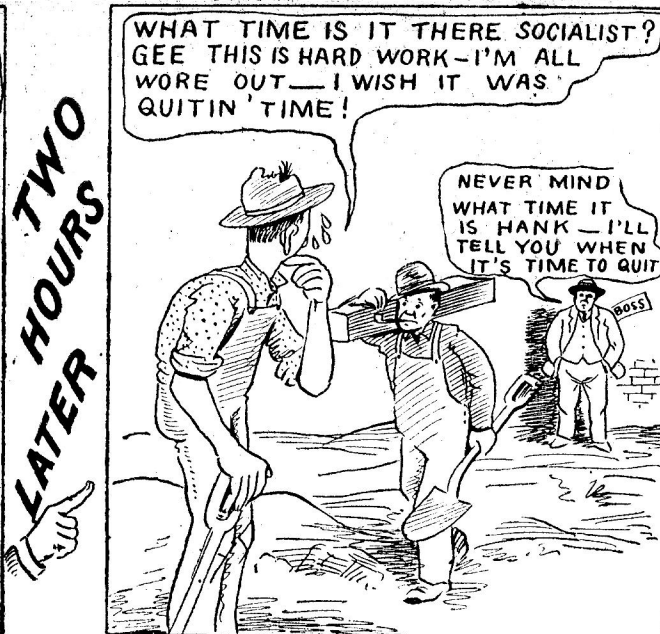
MILLIONS WILL RETURN TO EUROPE

(By Scott Nearing.)
May first the international labor holiday so generally observed by the workers of Europe saw fresh indignities heaped upon the foreign born men and women in the United States. The police, representing "law and order" vie with mobs of uniformed soldiers and sailors in their efforts to make this country an impossible living place for any self-respecting foreigner. A concert given by a Hungarian singing society was raided by 400 soldiers, who insisted upon "The Star Spangled Banner," and forbade the playing of all Hungarian or German music. Meeting places of foreign-born workers were attacked;

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Frank Discovers An Opportunity He Overlooked—It Belonged To the Boss.



AROUSE, YE WORKERS: TO THE LABOR BEFORE US; BUILD UP THE WORKERS' PRESS

The greatest bulwark that capitalism can muster against the workers is its kept press. Its principal business is to lie about the cause of the workers and to form public opinion in its own interests and against the working-class. That it intends to make it pay dividends while doing so is a side issue. While pretending to give the news of the world to the public, this is mere camouflage, for all news is colored to suit the capitalist class. Its perverted writers, both editorial and news, are hired for their ability to distort the truth and to purposely misconstrue the motives and purposes of the organized workers.

Months of unparalleled journalistic perversion of facts and motives of the Socialist Soviet government of Russia serves as an illuminating ex-

ample. Realizing the danger to the entire capitalist system, should this highest workers' government stand, it has left no falsehood untold that could discredit it in the eyes of the workers and the general public of this country.

Not content with viciously and shamelessly lying about the workers of Russia they have also turned their broadsides of slander against the workers of America who have voiced the least sympathy with or shown an inclination to seek an understanding of the Russian workers' government. Socialists, I. W. W.'s, Bolsheviks, in fact, all men and women of radical thought have been branded as outlaws by these kept ladies of a morally corrupt press. From end to end of the country they have brazenly incited to riot and murder against the workers.

Against the outrageous system of hypocrisy the workers have but one weapon. Publicity, the power of print, is the weapon and the only one that can turn the pints of their lies. The power of the press to form public opinion is greater than any other in all the world. Armies are overpowered by it, navies are helpless before it. It is the real ruler of the world.

The power of the press for promulgating a lie is great but its power for spreading truth is a thousand times greater. Truth in itself is a power. It is invincible in the end. No lie can stand against it for long. The truth given even an unequal chance will win the race.

The business of every Socialist is to spread the truth about the motives and the purposes of the organized workers. To do it as effectively as pos-

sible should be a chief consideration. For the more effectively it is done, the quicker will we increase the power of the workers for a workers' democracy.

The most effective manner in which this can be done is to place the workers in control of the means of publicity. With this added power, the power of the workers to carry the truth to their fellows is doubled, trebled, yes, increased an hundred fold. The time has come for the workers to strike back at the lies of capitalist hirelings. And the way to strike back is to tell the truth and to make possible the telling of it to greater and greater numbers.

The Ohio Socialist is making a call to its readers and to the members of the Socialist party for \$10,000 with which to buy a printing press and

a plant of its own. We are trying to tell the truth to the workers and we want your help in doing it.

If you want to strike back at capitalism that is striking you and your class down, help us raise this fund with as much as you can possibly spare for it. If you will stop a moment to think of the great necessity of the workers controlling this great means of publicity you will give generously and free-heartedly for this great cause. Send your donation, help build the workers' press.

Owing to the fact that copy for this week's issue must be made up earlier than usual on account of the Ohio State convention all of this week's receipts are not included below. The comrades whose names appear below have contributed the sum at the head of the column in which their name appears.

- ### \$1.00 Column
- J. B. Estsminger, Clifton Forge, Va.
 - L. H. Deaton, Clifton Forge, Va.
 - J. Y. Hartbarger, Clifton Forge, Va. (50c)
 - J. E. Vest, Clifton Forge, Va., (25c)
 - Joe Richstone, Youngstown, FO.
 - Andrew Gonte, Youngstown, O.
 - Nina Budyk, Youngstown, O.
 - Henry Blanz, Norwood, O.
 - Matthew Schaeffer, Norwood, O.
 - Theo. C. Pitzer, Cincinnati, O.
 - August Bindauer, 25c, Sidney, O.
 - Howard Bates, 25c, Sidney, O.
 - Tom Flannery, 25c, Sidney, O.
 - Meral Henson, 25c, Sidney, O.
 - Homer Henson, 25c, Sidney, O.
 - John Schlagetter, Sidney, O.
 - John Clackner, Sidney, O., 25c.
 - Fritz Miller, Sidney, O., 25c.
 - Chester Carr, Sidney, O., 25c.
 - John Tinka, Akron, O.
 - Wm. Dickson, Canton, O.
 - John Glovin, Lorain, O.
 - C. R. Hartlieb, Barnerton, O.
 - Emma Gundlach, Washingtonville, Ohio.

- E. Zentraf, Silverton, O.
- Shields, Silverton, O.
- A. Tredtke, Cincinnati, O.
- George Pickal, E. Liverpool, O.
- Ed W. Drewes, Cincinnati, O.
- Chester Pickal, E. Liverpool, O.
- G. F. Runnels, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Robert E. Blackstone, Youngstown, O.
- Mrs. R. Blackstone, Youngstown, Ohio.
- E. Kuhn, Cincinnati, O.
- W. H. Tilly, Ransom, Kan.
- Joseph Slutsky, Cincinnati, O.
- D. Yerlick, Youngstown, O.
- A. W. Harvitt, Toledo, O.
- W. P. McDonald, Germantown, O.
- John Garrett, Hamilton, O.
- Lee Louis, Hamilton, O.
- E. J. Nutley, Woodlawn, O.
- George Farmer, Hamilton, O.
- J. R. Hill, Hamilton, O.
- J. B. Hill, Hamilton, O.
- Aldo Ford, Niles, O.
- A. Storm, Niles, O.
- Burt Johnson, Niles, O.
- Herman Case, Warren, O.
- A. D. Moore, Warren, O.
- Gus Kehm, Warren, O.
- Sarah A. Rohrer, Canton, O.

- Lewis Enzenauer, Pomeroy, O.
- Carrie Enzenauer, Pomeroy, O.
- Wendell Enzenauer, Pomeroy, O.
- Ada Dacey, Cincinnati, O.
- Julius Beigang, Cincinnati, O.
- J. Grundfest, Lorain, O.
- J. Neuspickle, Newport, Ky.
- John Gelner, Gary, Ind.
- Leon Skovich, Goyanda, N. Y.
- O. T. Kronval, Winona, Kan.
- Unknown comrade, W. Va.
- J. C. Senn, Akron, O.
- J. C. Commons, Corona, N. M.
- Chas. Mefford, Middletown, O.
- Alvin Weigle, Salineville, O.
- So. Slavic Br. No. 6, St. Louis, Mo.
- M. Vojnovich, St. Louis, Mo.
- L. Katsich, St. Louis, Mo.
- B. Musl, St. Louis, Mo., 50c.
- T. Boranich, St. Louis, Mo., 50c.
- G. Zorko, St. Louis, Mo., 50c.
- F. Perencevic, St. Louis, Mo., 50c.
- J. Blazich, St. Louis, Mo., 50c.
- L. Medich, St. Louis, Mo., 50c.
- V. Klehovich, St. Louis, Mo., 50c.
- V. Ferdinand, Barberton, O.
- John Plachtinsky, Barberton, O.
- J. B. Sowers, Clifton Forge, Va.
- W. H. Burgandine, Clifton Forge, Va.

- ### \$2.00 Column
- A. T. Strapp, Grover Hill, O.
 - Wm. Solsg, Mineral City, O.
 - Nicholas Iuch, Youngstown, O., \$3.00.
 - L. S. Troie, Fostoria, O.
 - John Vire, Lorain, O.
 - A. Schrelhan, Cincinnati, O.
 - H. J. Brkr, Mansfield, O.
 - C. H. Steay, Wise, Va.
 - D. B. Dal'Wise, Va.
 - Geo. Werf, Barberton, O.
 - Wm. Gret, Crestline, O.
 - Wm. Gret, Crestline, O.
 - Arthur Gullach, Washingtonville, O.
 - Loudivg. bl. Newell, W. Va.
 - L. Lerner, Newell, W. Va.
 - John Filzger, Bellaire, O.
 - E. E. Swanson, Rochester, Pa., \$2.70.
 - Bernard Ihu, Niles, O.
 - Evlvyn Keel, Niles, O.
 - A. B. Ferguson, New Lexington, O.
 - J. B. Vann, Girard, O.

- S. L. Brunner, Alliance, O.
 - Martha Four, Hamilton, O.
 - Frank Cergl, Farrell, Pa.
 - John Evsheck, Struthers, O.
 - Wm. Catton, Covington, Ky., \$3.
 - A. B. Ferguson, New Lexington, O., \$2 monthly.
- ### \$5.00 Column
- E. L. Tribbey, Cincinnati, O.
 - Louis B. Kallusch, Ulrichsville, O.
 - Jack Malkin, Youngstown, O.
 - E. Hager, Dayton, O.
 - M. H. Ebersbach, Pomeroy, O.
- ### \$10.00 Column
- Ralph Howell, Springfield, O.
 - German Branch, Hamilton, O.
 - Local Clark County, O. (\$12.67).
 - J. M. Swinehart, Lake, O. (\$8.34).
 - Local Niles, O.
- ### \$25.00 Column
- So. Slavic Br. No. 17, Detroit, Mich., \$31.00.

- ### \$50.00 Column
- Not this week, comrades. But we never did die of despair.
- ### \$100.00 Column
- And again, we say not this week. But while we are here, let us tell you that very soon we shall have some news that will make every Socialist in Ohio and every reader sit up and take notice. That's a promise I promise that we will make good on. In the meantime keep busy, adding daily to the fund. Don't place yourself in a position to be ashamed when we tell you the good news. DO YOUR PART NOW!
- ### Kiddies' Korner
- Arthur Gundlach, age 6, Washingtonville, O., 50c.

- ### Pledge Column
- W. J. Gilmore, Dola, O., \$1 a month for five months.
 - Local Clark Co., O., \$25.
 - John Tinka, \$1 a month for five months.
 - Ed W. Dewes, \$1 monthly until we get press.
 - John B. Vauhn, Girard, O., \$2 monthly.
 - Frank Cergl, Farrell, Pa., \$2 monthly for four months.
 - Sarah A. Rohrer, Canton, O., \$1 monthly for five months.
- ### How We Grow
- Contributed to Just 1.....\$129.00
 - Contributed week of June 8. 171.00
 - Contributed week of June 14 222.72
 - Contributed week of June 21 240.39
 - Contributed week of June 26 234.46
 - Total to June 26.....\$997.57

Report of the State Secretary, 1919 Convention, Socialist Party of Ohio

While the following State Secretary's report is being set up at the printers for this issue of the O. S. the state convention of the Socialist Party is in session at Cincinnati. Full report of the convention proceedings will appear in next week's issue.

Comrade Delegates:
The state secretary, together with State Organizer Chas. Baker and C. E. Ruthenberg, were released from the Stark county workhouse on December 2, 1918. The entire work of the state office for the ten months previous had devolved upon the temporary state secretary, Horace Wagenknecht. The state executive committee granted the state secretary a three months' leave of absence beginning about the first of February, for the purpose of taking charge of the department of organization and propaganda at the national office of our party. During these three months Mrs. Wagenknecht also functioned as temporary state secretary. This report, therefore, is in most part her report.

So far as agitation and propaganda are concerned, this state has seen unusual activity in the past year. The literature purchases and sales by the state office have been very large. Locals have made it a point to patronize the state office for literature and although the literature department has not been conducted at a profit, we have been instrumental in the circulation of thousands of pamphlets and this, after all, rather than profits, is the aim of our organization.

Many speakers have been toured by the state since the last convention of the party. Scott Nearing, Ross D. Brown, Kate Richards O'Hare, Tom Lewis, Geo. R. Kirkpatrick, Thurber Lewis, L. E. Katterfeld, Lilith Martin, H. L. A. Holman and Eugene V. Debs have all made more or less extended tours of the state. Speakers residing in the state who gave much of their time to the state work are Lotta Burkhardt, J. Beery, Jos. W. Sharts, C. E. Ruthenberg and State Organizer Baker. Other state speakers filled occasional dates. We want to call special attention to the several northern Ohio tours made by Eugene V. Debs with the assistance of Marguerite Prevey and the late Chas. Baker. These tours were the largest ever held at the points touched, the crowds coming to hear Debs consisted of such numbers that halls were far too small to hold them. These meetings put new life into the organization in Ohio at a time when war and all that followed in its wake was discouraging Socialist activity.

The one disappointment of the year was our failure to place a state ticket in the field last fall. We failed by only several thousand of securing sufficient signatures. This, however, would be the best time to call the attention of the delegates to the coming municipal elections. Every delegate in attendance should make it his and her duty to induce the local to nominate candidates for municipal offices at once. Many locals have already nominated candidates and begun campaigns. The example of these live locals should be followed by all other locals in the state being toured.

The only speaker to be present being toured is State Organizer Chas. Baker. He is visiting locals in behalf of the party-owned printing plant fund. This tour has just begun and we hope that it will turn out very successful for numerous locals and members seem exceedingly interested and have volunteered their loyal support in behalf of this fund and its purpose.

Due to the riots instigated by the tools of capitalism, both hall and street meetings are, for the time being, impossible in many cities. In a number of cities anti-street speaking ordinances have been passed. In Bellaire and Tiffin the comrades are fighting such ordinances through the initiative and referendum in accordance with a plan proposed by Jos. W. Sharts. We have therefore discontinued the routing of speakers for the present, but only until the locals begin their municipal campaigns, when we shall again give our best assistance in this form of propaganda.

While this lull in lecture propaganda is on we suggest that all locals and branches turn their attention toward strengthening their organization. There are two suggestions to follow toward this end. First, through study classes, we must increase the intellectual quality of the membership. Second, through dues collection, we must seek to keep our membership in constant good standing. Every local should organize a study class. Every local should elect dues collectors. Between the two every local can maintain its membership and make it more efficient in propagating Socialism. Also, every local member, under the direction of the literature agent, should constitute himself a literature agent, selling as many pamphlets as he can every week, as well as Ohio Socialist subscription cards. These are methods of activity which can be easily prosecuted despite the denial of halls or street corners.

The Ohio Socialist is now the largest weekly party-owned Socialist paper in the United States. With a circulation of 20,000 in round numbers, we over-top the next largest paper by 5,000. Credit for this big circulation is due Elmer T. Allison, who as editor and manager has labored painstakingly to make our paper a success. In fact, the Ohio Socialist is more than a state paper now. It is a national paper, for it enjoys a nation-wide circulation, having subscribers not only in neighboring states, but in remote states as well. The growth in circulation has been steady since the state executive committee, a year ago, decided to issue it weekly. The financial report shows that the paper has contributed a surplus into the treasury during the year.

The general condition of the party in the state is very gratifying. We have lost some of the smaller locals in the rural districts, but the locals in the larger cities, the industrial

locals, have grown and prospered. The convention must now earnestly deliberate the reasons for this very condition. This brings us to the party controversy and the formation of the Left Wing section of the Socialist Party.

By vote of the state executive committee the state secretary and Scott Wilkins of the committee were delegated to attend the Left Wing National conference in New York. This conference drafted a Left Wing program and manifesto, declared its relations with economic organizations and decided to organize a new party, to be known as the Communist Party, should the national emergency convention of the Socialist Party refuse to seat delegates from Left Wing states and other party divisions, expelled or suspended for proclaiming themselves Left Wing Socialists, or should the national executive committee again postpone the emergency convention.

The Socialist Party of Michigan intends calling a national convention to organize a new Socialist Party, this convention to meet in Chicago, September 1, 1919. Several of the suspended federations are supporting this call.

You will see by this that the situation in the Socialist Party is critical. Fully half of the party membership is suspended or expelled. Massachusetts is now being expelled. The state executive committee and the city executive committee of New York has expelled half of the New York membership for being Left Wing Socialists. The Pennsylvania state executive committee has refused to abide by the decision of the national executive committee not to sell dues stamps to the suspended language federations and may be suspended as a result. The Socialist Party of Washington, the Socialist Party of New Jersey and the German Socialist Federation have all adopted the Left Wing program and may also be suspended for so doing. The Jewish Socialist Federation is split in half, one-half having organized its own federation for Left Wing Socialists.

Eventually, most of the Socialists will be outside the official party. In order to function state and nationally they will have to form some kind of an organization. The question now arises—in this event, what stand shall the Socialist Party of Ohio take? We can safely say that a vast majority of the membership in this state are Left Wing Socialists. Most of the larger locals have endorsed the Left Wing program and manifesto. As this question will undoubtedly come before the convention in concrete form we hope that the discussion will be deliberate and convincing, so that this state may be a unit in whatever action is taken.

The emergency convention of the Socialist Party will meet in Chicago on August 30, 1919. Ohio is to elect 16 delegates. If these delegates are to accurately represent this state, the convention ought to take under advisement the instructing of delegates as to possible contingencies.

We sincerely hope that the delegates will not permit the party controversy to discourage them in the performance of their duties or to cause them to become inactive. The reshaping of methods and principles in alignment with experiences taught by the war and the Social Revolution is a very great need. The controversy caused by this attempt to reshape our tactics is a sign of party growth, a growth which may result in a temporary decrease in numbers but which will eventually result in an increase in both intellectual and numerical strength.

The financial condition of the party is something to be really elated over. The balance on hand, June 1, 1919, was \$3,366.31. Together with this we have property assets as follows: One automobile, \$400; two typewriters, \$60; one multigraph, \$250; office furniture, \$50; literature in stock, \$400; printed matter and supplies, \$200. This means that the total assets of the party are more than they have been before, namely \$5,000. Add to this the conservative estimate of the value of the Ohio Socialist and its subscription list, namely, \$10,000, and we have a financial condition which we can well feel proud of. Here follows the financial report in totals and a comparison with receipts and expenses for the year previous.

FINANCIAL REPORT.		
Total Receipts May 31, 1918, to May 31, 1919.		
O. S. Subs.	\$8,224.18	
Dues Reg.	3,699.20	
Initiations	1,286.90	
M. A. L.	157.75	
Organization fund	1,123.75	
For Br. Dues	1,802.51	
Literature	882.70	
Supplies	248.21	
Receipts from Same Sources for Year Previous.		
O. S. Subs.	\$ 704.00	
Dues Reg.	3,381.10	
Initiations	1,637.50	
M. A. L.	225.50	
Organization Fund	1,275.75	
For Br. Dues	1,759.83	
Literature	1,064.78	
Supplies	560.17	
Total Receipts May 31, 1918, to May 31, 1919.		
Industrial Freedom Certificates	\$ 595.50	
Sustaining Fund Stamp	560.53	
Miscellaneous	1,691.41	
Debs' Defense	3,558.49	
Press fund	146.00	
Total receipts		\$24,093.51
Receipts from Same Source for Year Previous.		
Sustaining Fund Stamp	\$ 657.00	
Miscellaneous	1,559.33	
Total receipts		\$13,950.42
Total Expenditures May 31, 1918, to May 31, 1919.		
Dues stamps	\$2,445.00	
Supplies	55.75	
Literature	563.54	
Dues Pr. Br.	797.60	
Organization Expenses	1,256.59	
Debs' Defense	1,699.29	
Miscellaneous	3,642.06	
Salaries	82.00	
Telegrams		

Expenses for Same Sources for Year Previous.		
Dues Stamps	\$2,445.00	
Supplies	55.75	
Literature	563.54	
Dues Pr. Br.	797.60	
Organization expenses	1,256.59	
Miscellaneous	1,936.31	
Salaries	2,252.00	
Telegrams	133.11	
Total Expenditures May 31, 1918, to May 31, 1919.		
Office Supplies	\$ 685.77	
Postage	505.98	
Printing	341.00	
Auto expenses	210.55	
Sustaining fund	904.77	
Ohio Socialist publishing	7,562.60	
Total expenses		\$22,012.08
Expenses for Same Sources for Year Previous.		
Office supplies	\$ 240.70	
postage	541.28	
Printing	545.25	
Sustaining fund	138.20	
Ohio Socialist publishing	1,304.43	
Total expenses		\$13,457.31

Receipts over expenses per month for the year May 31, 1917, to May 31, 1918, were \$43.59. Receipts over expenses for the year May 31, 1918, to May 31, 1919, were \$173.14 per month. Fraternally submitted,
A. WAGENKNECHT,
State Secretary.

LIES, LIES, LIES

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ed rights of capital to exploit them. Day in and day out front pages reek with the most stupendous fakes of alleged police reports. The "BDS" riot at some future date, July 4th is generally the date set for an outbreak of "Bolshevism" that is to outclass anything heretofore pulled off.

An article in the News of recent date, headed "Police to shoot in quelling red riots on July 4th, is illuminating as to the depths to which the writer has sunk. The article reads in a manner calculated to picture in the reader's mind scenes of lawlessness unparalleled, at which time police clubs are thrown away to be supplanted by guns. Special deputies are being sworn in (at very good pay, no doubt). Auto loads of police will scour outlying districts prepared to put down any uprising. All police of the city will be on duty. The idea of the article is to carry the impression that the Socialists are secretly organizing outbreaks of some kind or another. Whether there is any truth in it or not does not matter. So long as the public can be induced to believe that Socialists are against the lie is justified. Cleveland Socialists have never at any time even considered having a parade on July 4th. Yet the lie has appeared many times in the local sheets.

BISBEE DEPORTEES TO GET DAMAGES

Copper Barons Who Kidnaped and Left Twelve Hundred Workers on Arizona Desert to Starve Aim to Settle Suits for Six Millions Out of Court.

Bisbee, Ariz.—Quietly and in a manner calculated to attract the least attention the Bisbee deportees are preparing to pay the deportees a large portion of the \$6,000,000 asked for in the deportation damage suits.

This action will be taken in order to avoid going to trial with the suits against the big copper companies, their agents and the wealthy men who were charged with deporting striking miners and their sympathizers July 12, 1917.

All that stands in the way of prompt settlement is the acquiescence of some of the plaintiffs to the terms of settlement offered by the defendants.

According to the terms of settlement offered by the defendants in the suits married men with children will receive \$1,250, married men \$1,000 and single men \$500.

The names of the defendants included the Phelps Dodge Mercantile Company, the Calumet & Arizona Mining Company, the El Paso Southwestern Railway and a number of other corporations, officials and individuals.

In the suit a number of the 1,186 deported men charged that their rights as citizens were violated when they were forcibly taken from their homes. Great interest has been aroused in the action of the attorneys for the defendants in consenting to settle the case out of court. The revival of the case in its settlement has brought out a lot of talk about the quashing of the indictments against the 25 men who were charged with the responsibility for the deportations.

There was little concealment of the names of the men who had conducted the deportations, and no denial of the action was made until after the indictments were returned by a federal grand jury. In November, 1918, Federal Judge William W. Furness of San Francisco filed a decision quashing the indictments against the 25 men, most of whom were agents of the various big interests of the Warren copper mining district which centers at this place.

Among the men deported was W. B. Cleary, a Los Angeles attorney, who up to that time knew little about the labor troubles of the district and was said to have little sympathy with the strikers. He was caught in the net as were many who were in no wise involved in the strike and who were not in sympathy with it. Since that time Cleary has been deported in his assistance to the workers and he has taken a prominent part in the civil cases and in the suits thus being settled out of court by mutual agreement.

The suits were brought for \$6,150,000 and were filed in the state civil court at Tombstone in behalf of 286 of the deported men.

A strict censorship was held on the press at the time of the deportations and stories of an inflammatory character were sent out from the district.

The United States government took a hand in the affair and rescued the deported men who had been left in the desert in desperate straits for food and water. United States army detachments were sent to the relief of the suffering men who were taken to Columbus, where they were cared for at a military camp for several weeks.

Some of the men who were deported are among those sentenced to long terms in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth on charges of being implicated in I. W. W. activities.

They (the representatives of the Associated Powder) recognize the absolute right of the Russian people to deal their own affairs without dictation or direction of any kind from outside. They do not wish to exploit or make use of Russia in any way.

"They recognize a revolution without reservation and will in no way and in no circumstances aid or give countenance to any attempt at counter-revolution."

These are the official declarations of the allied power toward a sister nation, which for four years was engaged with them a common war!

But there are humane reasons for this meeting—human reasons that need no official sanction. For four years I have faced meek women

INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM, LET'S STUDY IT

Being a member of the Socialist Party and a reader of your publication, I would ask kindly, for a few inches of space, to express my thoughts to the wage workers. Comrades since the Socialist Party has seen the need of the Left Wing department. Let me first say that Socialism was and is to be brought about through the machinery of production and distribution on the industrial field. As we know we are robbed at the source of production and not from politics. Even if the Socialists would control the political end from the president down to a dog catcher, where and what use is it if we have not the economic end at our backing? The masters would simply ignore our laws and run the industries in the old way.

What has he done? Make yourself a committee of one to read up and study industrial unionism. Why?

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MILLIONS WILL RETURN

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meetings were broken up, and men and women were insulted and assaulted.

The soldier-mob raids were carefully planned and executed; the police were directed from headquarters. The masters of America have evidently desired this. If they did not, they would easily stop it.

Be satisfied, masters; these "foreigners" will go. Already they are leaving by the hundreds of thousands, and recent investigations show that, as soon as passports can be secured, they will go back to Europe. The last census reported 13,345,545 foreign-born individuals in the United States. This body of working people, who have been doing the hard work of the United States for decades, will go back to Europe.

What then?

Then the workers who remain will be able temporarily to demand and secure labor-famine wages. Then the masters will have their excuse for bringing black labor from the south to the north (as they did during the war) and for bringing yellow collier labor from China to the United States, to do the generation ago.

The driving out of millions of foreigners means ultimately the imposition of more acute forms of slavery upon the American working people. Thus tyranny will grow; and capitalism will enthrone itself, and capitalism will die by its own hands.

TRENCH TESTIMONY

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the top. One of the fellows asked me if I didn't know how to put my ammunition in. "No," I said. "I'm sorry for you," he said. But I noticed he came back all right.

Three times wounded, twice gassed Bayoneted while trying to take a prisoner who "could speak American" and whom he didn't want to kill if he could capture him.

"Do you believe in war?" he was asked.

"I do not," came in clear tones from the soldier who had killed his man.

"Do you believe in it, isn't that more than what you would want?"

"Much less," he said.

"Do you consider yourself loyal to this country?"

"I do. It's one of the grandest countries in the world. I want to see the principles of the declaration of independence put into industry, not just into politics."

THE FRENCH AND RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONS PARALLELED

Address of Frederic C. Howe at mass meeting, Madison Square Garden, May 25, 1919.

There are many reasons for this meeting for justice to Russia. Some of them are official, others human. There are two reasons that are official that seem to me to voice the spirit of this call. On January 8, 1918, three months after the establishment of the new government, President Wilson outlined the policy of the United States to Russia as follows:

"The evacuation of all Russian territory, and such a settlement of all questions affecting Russia as will secure the best and freest co-operation of the other nations of the world in obtaining for her an unhampered and unobstructed opportunity for the independent determination of her own political development and national policy, and assure her a sincere welcome into the society of free nations under institutions of her own choosing, and more than a welcome, assistance also of every kind that she may herself require. The treatment accorded Russia by her sister nations in the months to come will be the acid test of their good will, of their comprehension of her needs as distinguished from their own interests, and of their intelligent and unselfish sympathy."

This is the only official pronouncement of America's attitude toward Russia.

There is a later one, enunciated by all of the allied powers. Scarcely four months ago at Pés, January 22, 1919, in inviting the Soviet government to participate in the Principo conference, President Wilson, with the approval of allies, said:

"They (the representatives of the Associated Power) recognize the absolute right of the Russian people to deal their own affairs without dictation or direction of any kind from outside. They do not wish to exploit or make use of Russia in any way.

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Because we see our masters thoroughly organized on the lines of Merchants and Manufacturers' Industrial Associations. No more small shops, factories or mills or mines competing with each other. They are organized in shops of that industry and departments of that industry of which they are a part. We see the M. and M. organized in the transportation industry, mining industry, agricultural industry, public services industry. These are the four arteries upon which rests the capitalist system. They have this four all over the globe wherever they have grabbed control. But the wage workers are organized on a trade union basis, and that form of union ceased to function.

READ THESE POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Here are pithy, pointed paragraphs gleaned from letters received from boosters for the press fund. Read them. And after you have done so, send us a remittance for the press fund and write us a letter telling your views of a party controlled press. Be among the boosters.

BEST MOVE EVER MADE.

"Best move the party ever made," is the way Comrade Wm. L. Maunel characterizes the \$10,000 press fund. And we are sure that he voiced the approval of the membership of Local Portsmouth when he said that, for he remits for the local a check for twenty dollars. "You can count on local Portsmouth for from \$100 to \$200," he adds. Local Portsmouth surely has the right spirit when it comes to getting together for progressive party work.

SHOULD HAVE DONE IT BEFORE

"Enclosed find check for ten dollars donated by Local Girard, (Ohio) for a party-owned press. It's the very thing the party should have done long ago. I am confident the comrades of Ohio would have backed it up with their dollars and their work. That's what Local Girard's Fred Wilson writes. And he says he is going to raise more funds by individual subscriptions. More of the same kind of co-operative spirit that keeps the party on the road to success, say we. It surely is no time for comrades to lay down on the job, now that we have decided to move ahead that way. Let's follow the lead of these comrades and help get the press.

ONE RESULT OF PERSECUTION.

The story of the widow's mite was recalled to us this week when we received such a comradely letter from Comrade Anna Jackson of Battle Creek, Mich. Comrade Jackson writes that she did not until lately have any use for Socialism, but that the persecution of Debs and Kate O'Hare has turned her towards us. Their unjust imprisonment has made a Socialist of her and now she wants to do all she can for Socialism.

Although Comrade Jackson is a working woman dependent upon her own labor she donates five dollars for the press fund and does so gladly. It is letters like these that comrades write us that makes us believe that we are on the right road when we attempt to put into the hands of the workers more and better tools with which to build a better world.

ANXIOUS TO DO HIS BIT.

Comrade W. A. Jenkins of Salem, O., is another enthusiast for the press fund. He has pledged a dollar a month until the press is paid for and promises to solicit funds also. He states that he will do all he can for the fund and to advance the movement. May his tribe increase.

"FOR AN UNTRAMPLED PRESS."

That's the way Comrade Fred E. Stevens puts it in his letter to us, containing a press fund donation of five dollars and a pledge of an additional one dollar each month for 12 months. He says that he would soon have it if all comrades looked at the question in the same clear light as Comrade Stevens.

ORDERS LIKE THESE PLEASE US

Comrade Louis Habonicht of Barton, O., sent a pleasing letter last week. It ought to please all Socialists to read it. It was all business.

It said: here's ten dollars for the press fund, three dollars for books and one dollar for a subscription. That was the main part of his letter. It all proves that he's one of those working-at-it Socialists.

AN OLD IDEA PUT TO A NEW USE.

That is what Local Zanesville has done—put an old idea to a new use. Secretary Peterson's letter explains. "I enclose \$8.70 for the press fund. There will be no individual donations with us. It is like this: we have a voluntary contribution box on a table at every meeting. At the last meeting we decided to send out further action, all donations to the press fund. We shall try at every meeting to stimulate giving by making an announcement, and I am in hopes that in the end it will result in quite a tidy little sum." Not so bad a plan. Is it?

THE VERY BEST REASON OF ALL

With a remittance of eleven dollars for the press fund from various comrades, Comrade G. Vuclchik of Bellaire strikes the keynote of militant socialism when he says of the comrades making the contributions: "We are all doing our little bit for our party." Seeing is believing, even should we have doubted it before. The foreign-born comrades need no brick house to fall on them before they know what is good for future progress.

HE HOPES WE BECOME A DAILY

Comrade D. Weinstein writes, "Here is two dollars which will help to keep the Ohio Socialist a worker for the workers. Hope to see it a daily." And so do these lines why we are laying the foundation.

SURE WE WILL GET IT.

After all, the best way to make sure you get a thing is to help a bit to get it. That's what Comrade P. H. Davis of Chesapeake, O., seems to imply in his letter. He sends two dollars. He states that he is sure we will get the necessary amount. To be sure we will. Just think of the thousands of comrades who are reading these lines right now who haven't contributed yet. Of course we are going to get it—just as soon as they send in their bit.

HERE'S GOOD SOUND HORSE SENSE.

For downright horse sense, no one has anything on Comrade John Reichle of Madison Heights, Va. He writes: "Enclosed please find a dollar for the printing plant for the Ohio Socialist, to be party owned, not privately owned. We should not have any privately owned Socialist papers, but only large party-owned ones. Not so many little duplicating ones, but few and strong controlled papers. More and more Socialists are coming to his point of view, we observe.

LEAST ANY SOCIALIST SHOULD DO.

"Please find enclosed one dollar," writes Comrade Robert Kerr, of Co-

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PEACE TIME SEDITION LAWS.

So, it seems congress, having imposed upon the people of the United States an unconstitutional espionage law in time of war, is now to seek further honors in the fertile field of repression of our once boasted rights by enacting a new sedition law adapted to peace times. The espionage law, commonly referred to as the "spinach act," proved such a winner for reactionism, though its sole purpose at the time of enactment was said to be the curtailing of the activities of pro-German spies, that something permanent along the same line would be just the thing to keep the robber powers in the saddle for decades at least. The war time agitation concerning freedom, liberty, etc., having burned itself into the minds of the people as a real entity, possible of accomplishment, of being grasped and as worthy of such, it is now feared by our capitalistically inspired solons, as a dangerous thing for an enlightened people to become enamoured of. A law of repression is necessary.

Senator King is ready with his "anti-Red" bill. Commenting upon it under the heading of "Why Crazy Laws for Crazy Men," the New York World speaks as follows: "In the severity of its provisions, it goes far beyond anything ever before thought necessary for the protection of the government. It appears to be based not merely upon facts that may have been discovered but on fears that may have been excited in the minds of the senators in the course of their rambling investigation. For national safety it is not necessary to magnify into crimes all the reckless words, spoken and written, of irresponsible agitators. It groups persons who use scurrilous or abusive language about the form of government with those who advocate assassination of public officials and destruction of public property, and prescribes the same penalties. Even if such laws were to be enacted, they could not be enforced in the courts where reason and justice still prevail."

This is the kind of laws which "our" representatives will seek to hedge about the people as they manifest a desire to attain some measure of the liberties for which the nation spent billions and gave thousands of lives.

ONE RAY OF HOPE.

The convention of the American Federation of Labor, boasting an organization of 4,000,000 members, has passed into history. The proceedings of the convention were marked but by two outstanding features of special import. Much of the same old game of conservatism marked every phase of its various activities. The same old policy of keeping the "ins" in and the "outs" out was apparent. The steam roller of the Gompers' machine performed in the usual and time honored manner against even the least significant display of unaccustomed policy. The convention proceeded along the conventional and usual route toward securing a "fair" deal for labor. What this fair deal consists of was not made apparent. Gompers voiced his usual thresome and conservative opinions and "belied" that capital would see the fairness of labor's demands and out of its good heart would render justice to the toilers. The accomplishments of the convention were toward conservatism and a policy of "let well enough alone."

The one ray of hope, and the only one, emanated from the western delegations. They composed the radical group of the convention and in them rested the spirit of the newer ideals of labor. They were not sufficiently numerous, however, to bind the convention to any of the forward looking movements of labor. The decisions of the convention bear out the statement that the American Federation of Labor is far, far behind the spirit of progress and desire of the labor world. The radicalism in the ranks of American labor exists in that vast majority which is outside the Federation. The Federation is lacking in a sympathetic touch with the recent developments in the labor world. The only ray of hope that it may at some time get in touch is furnished by the Western delegations and their scattered supporters.

The Bolshevik and the profiteer are opposite extremes, and there is small choice between them—so reads a short one in one of the dailies. Admitting they are opposite extremes indications are that the world, having had enough and to spare of the latter will now try the former for a change.

President Wilson, we are told, will stomp the country to convince the American people that white is black and that black is white in so far as the league of capitalist nations is concerned.

We trust that the capitalist press has sufficiently gloated over the imperialistic peace imposed upon a starving people at bayonet points to convince the average man and woman that our sole object in entering the war was the attainment of right and justice!

Speaking of Red, it was the Red Sea that engulfed the tyrant Pharaoh and his hosts. Other tyrants, other seas.

The opportunity for enlightenment as to what the Allies were fighting for is now available. Just read the peace treaty.

A plan of Germany to export potash is referred to in a capitalist paper as a Hun plot. That's because it would interfere with the profits of the potash trade that is developing in this country.

Who can say that Sammy Gompers has not a sense of the fitness of things—didn't he refuse an increase in pay?

Some near truths are being told these days. A preacher gives it as his opinion that "hogism" is responsible for Bolshevism.

The horse meat industry is flourishing in the U. S. "Well," says our stenographer, "if people have to eat horse meat, perhaps they will get some horse sense."

LET PARTY MEMBERSHIP FUNCTION NOW.

(By L. E. Katterfeld)

In a statement to the locals the members of the old National Executive committee, who are holding up the membership referendum in which they know themselves to be defeated for re-election, make a tearful plea to the outraged membership to "wait until the convention." They ask locals not to make or second motions to reverse the N. E. C. but leave it all to the convention.

In the meantime this same N. E. C. hands even the mails too slow for its party wrecking activities, and is voting right now BY TELEGRAPH, to expel the Socialist Party of Massachusetts. Why not wait till the convention?

The New York state committee is throwing out of the party its revolutionary membership by the thousands. Why not wait till the convention?

The Connecticut State Executive

committee has voted to expel every local and member that endorses the Left Wing program. Why not wait till the convention?

We can expect every little committee that is still controlled by the reactionary officialdom to follow suit. The convention is called primarily for the specific purpose of affording the party membership the opportunity to pass judgment upon the Left Wing program, to determine the party's position on the question of affiliating with the Third International, organized by the Bolsheviks at Moscow, which today is the ONLY International of Revolutionary Socialism. But these little committees of petty officials that want our party to straddle and compromise are not willing to await the action of the convention. They are now trying to forestall the convention and to expel from the party all those elements that come out

The Communist Program—The Manifesto of the Left Wing

Nearly one hundred delegates met in New York on June 21, 22, 23 and 24 to discuss the Socialist Party crisis. Nine Socialist language federations were represented. Ohio was represented by 9 delegates, Pennsylvania 8, Massachusetts 8, New York 16, Illinois 8, Colorado 1, California 2, New Jersey 3, Connecticut 2, Wisconsin 2, Rhode Island 1, Michigan 5, Kentucky, 1, Minnesota 3, New Mexico 1. These were reported by the credentials committee at the first session. More than a dozen additional delegates were admitted at subsequent sessions.

The discussions were earnest and deliberate. Heated debate marked several sessions, which is, of course, entirely natural at a Socialist conference. A telegram was received at the first day's session, signed by fifteen prisoners incarcerated at Leavenworth, sending greetings to the conference and wishing it success. In view of this it does not seem as if those behind prison bars felt as if the Left Wing Socialists were disrupting the party. Telegrams and letters of greeting were received from all parts of the United States. We print this week the Communist program as adopted by this Left Wing national conference, which is hoped will form the basis of a program to be adopted by the national emergency convention of the Socialist Party, to be held in Chicago August 30th. Next week we will publish further actions of this conference.

THE COMMUNIST PROGRAM.
The Left Wing program is implied within the terms of the program of the Communist International. We therefore outline, as the controlling propositions of our own program, the main principles of Communism as follows:
1—The present is the period of dissolution and collapse of the whole capitalist world system, which will mean the complete collapse of world order and the establishment of a new order. The contradictions are not replaced by Communism.

2—The problem of the proletariat consists in organizing and training itself for the power of the state. This conquest of power means the replacement of the state machinery of the bourgeoisie with a new proletarian machinery of government.

3—This new proletarian state must embody the dictatorship constituting the instrument for the taking over of property used for exploiting the workers and for the re-organization of society on a communist basis.

Not the fraudulent bourgeois democracy, the hypocritical form of the rule of the finance oligarchy, with its purely formal equality, but proletarian democracy based on the possibility of actual realization of freedom for the working masses; not capitalist bureaucracy, but organs of administration which have been created by the masses themselves.

4—The real participation of these masses in the government of the country and in the activity of the communist structure—this should be the type of the proletarian state. The Workers' Councils and similar organizations represent its concrete form.

5—The dictatorship of the proletariat shall carry out the expropriation of private property, the means of production and distribution, by transfer to the proletarian state under Socialist administration of the working class; the abolition of capitalist agricultural production; nationalization of the great business enterprises and financial trusts.

6—The present world situation demands the closest relation between the revolutionary proletariat of all countries.

7—The fundamental means of the struggle for power is the mass action of the proletariat, a gathering together and concentration of all its energies, whereas methods such as the revolutionary work of bourgeois parliamentarism are of only subsidiary significance.

8—In those countries in which the historical development has furnished the opportunity, the working class has utilized the regime of political democracy for its organization against capitalism.

9—The conditions for a world revolution are not yet ripe, the same process will go on.

10—But within this process the workers must never lose sight of the true character of bourgeois democracy. If the finance oligarchy considers it advantageous to veil its deeds of violence behind the mask of law, then the capitalist power has at its command in order to gain its ends, all the traditions and attainments of former centuries of upper-class rule, multiplied by the wonders of capitalist technique: lies, demagogism, persecution, slander, bribery, calumny and terror.

11—We demand of the proletariat that it shall content to yield itself to the artificial rules devised by its mortal enemy, but not observed by the enemy, is to make a mockery of the proletarian struggle for power—a struggle which depends primarily on the development of separate organs of working-class power.

12—The old Socialist International has broken into three main groups: (a) Those frankly social patriots who since 1914 have supported their bourgeoisie and transformed those elements of the working class which they control into hangmen of the international revolution.

(b) The "Center" at present theorized and led by Kautsky (by Hilquit in the United States) representing elements which are constantly wavering and incapable of following a definite plan of action, and which are at times positively traitorous; and

(c) The revolutionary Left Wing, who are the social patriots, who oppose the proletarian revolution with force of arms, a merciless fight is absolutely necessary. As regard the "Center" our tactics must be to separate the revolutionary elements by pitilessly criticizing the leaders.

13—It is necessary to rally the groups and proletarian organizations who, though not as yet in the wake of the revolutionary trend of the Left Wing, nevertheless have manifested and developed a tendency toward that direction.

14—Socialist criticism has sufficiently stigmatized the bourgeois world order. The task of the International Communist Party is now to overthrow this order and to erect in its place the structure of the Socialist banner, the emblem under which the world order. Under the Communist first great victories have already been won; in the war against imperialistic barbarity, against the privileged classes, against the bourgeoisie state and the property against all forms of social and national oppression—we call upon the proletarians of all lands to unite!

PROGRAM OF THE LEFT WING.
1—We favor international alliance of the Socialist movement of the United States only with the Communist groups of other countries, such as the Bolsheviks of Russia, Spartacists of Germany etc. according to the program of Communism as above outlined.

2—We are opposed to association with other groups not committed to the revolutionary class struggle, such as labor parties, non-partisan leagues,

People's council, municipal ownership leagues and the like.

3—We maintain that the class struggle is essentially a political struggle, that is, a struggle by the proletariat to overthrow the capitalist state, whether its form be monarchic or democratic, republican, and to replace it by a governmental structure adapted to the socialist transformation.

4—We favor organized party activity in co-operation with class-conscious industrial unionism, in order to unify industrial and political class-conscious propaganda and action.

(a) The party shall propagandize industrial unionism and industrial union organization, emphasizing their revolutionary implications.

(b) The party shall make the great industrial battles its major campaign, to develop the understanding of the strike in relation to the general proletarian emancipation.

5—We do not disparage voting nor the value of success in electing our candidates to public office—not if these are in direct line with the class struggle. The trouble comes with the illusion that political or industrial immediate achievements are of themselves steps in the revolution, the progressive merging of capitalism into the co-operative commonwealth.

The basis of our political campaigns should be:
(a) To propagandize the overthrow of capitalism by proletarian conquest of the political state and the establishment of a dictatorship of the proletariat.

(b) To maintain a political organization as a clearing house for proletarian thought, a center of political education for the development of revolutionary working-class action.

(c) To make, by votes, a show of strength, indicating the measure of our reserve forces, providing, always, that these votes are not bid for by reform programs, but are votes for the social revolution.

(d) To win representatives in public offices on the same basis as we use lawyers in the capitalist courts, i.e., to assist our technical safeguards, no matter how meager, and to serve as interpreters and publicity agents equipped with special knowledge.

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A Rebuke From Prison

June 14, 1919.
U. S. Federal Penitentiary, McNeil's Island, U. S. A.

Comrades: Whereas it has come to my knowledge that the National Executive Committee, at their meeting held on May 24th to 25th, inclusive, 1919, did take certain arbitrary and unconstitutional action regarding certain foreign language federations of the Socialist Party, and did, moreover, exceed the authority of their office in "expelling" the state organization of Michigan, contrary to the constitutional requirements provided for suspensions and expulsions; and, further, that the N. E. C. has ordered that National Executive "B" and "C" be NOT TABULATED, but have selected an "investigating committee" to examine the individual ballots which are to be called in from all over the country—this despite the fact that the vote has NOT been challenged—and intend to exclude the votes of Michigan state organization and the "suspended" language federations in making final count;

I hereby wish to express my PROTEST as a Socialist and a member of the National Executive Committee, against each and all of the actions mentioned above. And I wish to be recorded as voting "NO" upon each of the foregoing propositions.

The N. E. C. have, at all their meetings, seen fit to consider as "present" all its members who are, by action of the government, prevented from personally attending. As an expression of sentiment and comradeship I, as one so detained, appreciate this graceful tribute very sincerely.

But when, as appears from the minutes of the recent N. E. C. meeting, this imaginary "presence" is made use of in an attempt to constitute a quorum when no quorum exists in order to make wholesale expulsions from the party and to deprive the membership of expression through the referendum, I am constrained to PROTEST, and this most vigorously, such an undemocratic, unparliamentary and un-Socialistic procedure.

Surely, as Socialists, we cannot afford to stoop to the use of such petty, political trickery, nor should we wish to do so.

(Signed) EMIL HERMAN, Member National Executive Committee, Socialist Party of America.

TO PREVENT THE DISRUPTION OF THE PARTY

The following motions to prevent the disruption of the party by an executive committee which is bound to rule or ruin, have been initiated by the joint membership meeting of Local Cuyahoga county.

The arbitrary usurpation of power by the Executive Committee to expel or suspend sections of the party which have adopted the Left Wing position should be promptly rebuked. Every local which desires to preserve the party against the efforts of the Executive Committee to disrupt it, should send their seconds to these motions to the National Office. In sending your endorsement to the National Office, 220 South Ashland Blvd., Chicago, be sure to state how many members in good standing you have in your local or branch.

RESOLUTION.
Resolved, by the Joint meeting of the Members of the Branches of Local Cuyahoga County, representing an average of 1,821 members in good standing for the year 1918, that we initiate the following motions, to be submitted to the party membership of the United States:

Resolved, that the act of the National Executive Committee in expelling the Socialist Party of Michigan from the Socialist Party of the United States, a state with 6,000 members, without either a state trial or even a hearing in its own defense, is hereby rescinded and annulled and the Socialist Party of Michigan restored to all the rights and privileges of membership in the Socialist Party of the United States.

Resolved, that the action of the National Executive Committee of the party in arbitrarily suspending the Russian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Lettish, Polish, South Slavic and Hungarian Federations from the party is hereby rescinded and annulled.

Resolved, that the action of the majority of the National Executive Committee, which is largely composed of candidates for reelection in the recent referendum, in holding up and refusing to tabulate the vote on Referendum B and C for the election of the National Executive Committee, International Delegates and International Secretary, and calling a National convention, is hereby rescinded and the national secretary instructed to immediately tabulate the vote and to declare the candidates receiving the highest number of votes elected, in accordance with the National Party Constitution.

Resolved, that the action of the National Executive Committee in preparing to place the property of the Socialist Party in the hands of a board of directors, three to be elected for three years, three for six years and three for nine years, these directors not being subject to recall either by the National Executive Committee or the membership of the party, be reversed and rescinded.

Signed, C. E. Ruthenberg, chairman of meeting.
Sec'y Local Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, June 1, 1919.

Stinging Resolutions Passed By Local Beebe, Arkansas

Calls For Seconds For National Membership Referendum

The following resolutions were passed by Local Beebe, Arkansas, on June 8th, 1919. Local Beebe calls upon all locals and branches of the Socialist Party to second these resolutions so that they may be sent to the National Executive Committee. Send all seconds to the national office, Socialist Party, 220 South Ashland boulevard, Chicago, Ill., and state in communication how many members there are in good standing in your local or branch.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the Socialist party of American has repeatedly declared itself a revolutionary movement, aiming at the abolishment of the bourgeois system and the establishment of a working-class government; and

Whereas, recognizing the impossibility of establishing a co-operative commonwealth, as long as any part of an individualistic system is permitted to endure; and

Whereas, legislative reforms of the present system is nothing more than bolstering up capitalism and the retarding and obstructing of the growth of co-operation, thereby continuing in slavery the toiling masses whose freedom is espoused by the principles of socialism; and

Whereas, the party constitutions, platforms, conventions and referendums, in no place advocate legislative reforms as a remedy for present existing industrial and political evils; but to the contrary do openly declare for the utter destruction of the old order and the institution of a working-class government; and

Whereas, the National Executive Committee has automatically, and without a semblance of authority, saw fit to revoke the charter of the state organization of the Socialist Party of Michigan, assigning as a reason therefor that the "state convention of Michigan has adopted and sent to referendum, a resolution denying any local or member of a local the right to advocate legislative reforms; and

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Resolved, that said charter of the State organization of the State of Michigan be restored and the suspension of said Federations be revoked, and a special convention be called at the earliest possible date the remaining members of the N. E. C. for the purpose of hearing the case of the above named organizations, and such other business as may come before said convention, and be it further

Resolved, that before any of accused organizations be expelled from membership in the Socialist party, that the evidence be published and furnished to the entire membership of the party through the columns of the National Bulletin, and then a referendum vote be taken, the results of which shall stand as a verdict, and be it further

Resolved, that a referendum be called for the election of members of the National Executive Committee to fill the vacancies created by the recall of above designated members, and that none of those who have been recalled as a result of above charges shall be eligible to membership of the National Executive Committee for a period of two years.

Adopted by Local Beebe, White County, Arkansas, at a regular meeting on the 8th day of June, 1919.
W. G. HOPKINS, Chairman.
W. B. SAYE, Secretary.
Committee on resolutions,
H. M. WREN
H. J. GRAM
W. G. HOPKINS.

Committee, takes the liberty to suspend several foreign language Federations, alleging the expenditure of time and funds in an endeavor to capture the national organization, as a reason therefore; and

Whereas, the evidence furnished in the signed statement of the National Executive Committee, is inadequate to base such drastic actions upon, and bears the opinion out that they (the N. E. C.) only feared that their positions were in jeopardy; and

Whereas, the duties of passing upon such grave and important questions as the revocation of state charters and the wholesale suspension of federations should, and belong solely to the entire membership of the Socialist Party, whose wise discretion have always been, and can always be relied upon to be in behalf of the best interests of the party as a whole; and

Whereas, the National Executive Committee, by its acts have exceeded its authority, criminally neglected its duties, and showed a marked indifference for the interests of the party, by its wholesale slaughter of the party membership, the failing and refusing to call a convention at the time of or at any time after the signing of the armistice, and the postponing of motions to indefinitely postpone meetings of the N. E. C., at a time when the world was witnessing the greatest struggle for supremacy by the powers of autocracy in its history; and

Whereas, by these and various other acts of indifference towards party affairs, the N. E. C. has made it plain to the party membership that if the Socialist Party is to be kept abreast of the times, and maintain its equilibrium it will be necessary for the party to take the control of affairs into its own hands, therefore, be it,

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YOUR LOCAL—WHERE AND WHEN IT MEETS

Your Local's Advertisement Will be Inserted Under This Heading at the Rate of \$2.50 for One Year.

LOCAL AKRON Socialist Party of Ohio Meets First Sunday of Each Month at 2 P. M.	LOCAL COLUMBUS Socialist Party of Ohio Meets Every Thursday, 8 P. M. Hall 50 1/2 W. Gay Street
LOCAL CINCINNATI Meets Every Thursday, 8 P. M. Lectures Every Sunday, 8 P. M. SOCIALIST HALL 1314 Vine St.	SOCIALIST PARTY OF AMERICA, YOUNGSTOWN, O. Meets every Friday, 8:00 P. M., at Bushnell Hall, 127 West Federal St., Third floor.
LOCAL WARREN Meets Every Thursday at 7:30 P. M., Labor Organization Hall, E. Market St., Near Second Nat'l Bank, Warren, Ohio.	LOCAL HAMILTON Meets Every Friday Evening 8 P. M. SOCIALIST HALL 38 High St., Third Floor.
Local Kenmore SOCIALIST PARTY OF OHIO Meets Every Friday, 7:30 P. M. BITTIKOFFERS HALL Cor. 15th St. and Boulevard Kenmore, Ohio.	Local Canton of the SOCIALIST PARTY Meets Every Thursday at 7:30 P. M., at Socialist Headquarters, 828 Tuscarawas St., E.
LOCAL SANDUSKY Socialist Party of Ohio Meets First and Third Wednesday, Each Month, 7:30 P. M.	LOCAL NILES Socialist Party of Ohio Meets every 2d and 4th Sunday of the month, 2:30 p. m. Study Class every Sunday, 10 a. m. Debate and social every Sunday, 7:30 p. m.
FUCHS HALL Cor. Monroe and Fulton Sts.	MASONIC HALL 164 N. Chestnut St.
LOCAL TOLEDO Meets every Tuesday evening, except the first Tuesday after the first Sunday. General party meeting first Sunday of each month, 8 p. m., 215 Michigan St.	Branch Meets THURSDAY Every Wednesday, 8 P. M. No. 92 1/2 Washington St.

Virginia Bulletin for May, 1919

State Secretary E. M. Dutton, R. F. D. No. 1, Abingdon, Va.
Chairman State Executive Committee, J. W. Cassell, 522 14th
Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Va.

Virginia Comrades:

Scientists tell us that our solar system speeds through immense space upon an orbit incalculably great, and that in process of time will complete a cycle and return to the point occupied at present. Certain mystics tell us that at certain points or fields along this mighty orbit there are distinct etherial forces that play subtly upon the minds of men and induce certain abnormal psychological states that react tremendously upon the destiny of the human race.

If this theory be true, we must now be passing through one of these fields of brain-storms. Certain it is that the human animal is "acting queer" the world over. Just now our beloved American Socialist party is in the throes of a virulent brain-storm. Up Soco—SEVEN

until recently we have remained quite sane and kept the keel lying level. But now, alas, we have "got it," too. "Well, if the thing is 'in the air,' I guess we cannot help acting like we had the jim-jams. There is one consolation, namely that most of us are somewhat thing we call "the people" will get a dose and sit up and take notice. If this occurs we can well afford to have a fit or so ourselves.

But as we who have the light are charged with the responsibility of showing the awakening masses the way out, it behooves us to keep cool. Excited folks lose their heads and do fool things. So just keep your shirt on and remember that when a man joins an organization he tacitly agrees to abide the majority will of that organization. The Socialist party has the referendum vote as the means of determining the majority will upon all vital questions relating to the internal economy of the party. So just keep cool and wait until the matter is upon internal shenanigans and factional strife.

And do not think because you have a wing that you are an angel. All the angels I ever met had two wings and could fly. And again, remember that all the energy you consume flapping your pen-feathers out on the Comrades who have developed a wing on the opposite shoulder, is LOST to the external work that is to be done educating the heathen outside our fold. And, OH, LORD! just think how enormously great is the external task awaiting us. Why, Comrades, we have not an ounce of strength to waste in scrapping with each other. Let us quickly agree on some working program, or if we cannot agree, then agree to disagree, and then get busy WITH THE EXTERNAL TASK.

I would rather see half a dozen separate Socialist parties, each united and harmonious within and zealously pursuing its chosen course, than see one big party rent with internal dissensions and wasting all its energy upon internal shenanigans and factional strife.

There, now, just look how much perfectly good ink I have wasted in this little sermon, and just consider that when done it is not worth one quaver, agonized tinker's damn as propaganda. Some Comrade sent me a copy of a new paper calling itself The Socialist. I read it through and not a

line in it but what was devoted to the partisan squabble just now on within the party. In the hands of the heathen, this paper would be absolutely meaningless—mere drivel, that he would cast aside with disgust. And remember, it is labelled "The Socialist," and the heathen would naturally look to find something of Socialism in it. Say, when we play damphool like this, how can we expect the heathen to look to us for leadership?

The Ohio Socialist has remained singularly fair and free from factional matter. Get behind the Ohio Socialist. It stands for fair play within the party and abides the majority will as opposed to official autocracy.

May has been a quiet month in party circles in Virginia. Some of our Comrades are developing wings, but they solemnly assure me they have no intention of flying the coop—we are harmonious in Virginia.

"The harmony of death?"—not on your life, bo! We are not dead by a damsite. Just watch us. We are on the verge of eruption. Even now the rumblings of the coming quake may be heard.

Norfolk is already in active eruption. Lava streams fill the streets and the air is full of volcanic ashes—and the eruption has just begun.

There is a reporter on a Plute paper in Norfolk who gave us a nice decent write-up in his paper recently. This is so unusual these days as to demand especial comment and our profuse thanks.

Richmond, after a period of quiescence, is now rumbling for a coming spell of activity. Pretty soon she will be spouting Socialist lava to beat Vesuvius.

Say, if you want to prove your capitalist editor an unmitigated liar and a journalistic gutter-wench by evidence he cannot gainsay, just send \$1.00 to Miss Grace Scribner, 150 Fifth Ave., New York city, for a bunch of bulletins treating upon the Russian question. Do it now.

Reform is the lightning rod that neutralizes the charge in the thundercloud of revolution. If the capitalists will not put them up, why should we worry?

Financial Statement for May, 1919

Income:	
May 12—John Reichle	\$ 1.00
May 13—Local Norfolk	10.00
May 14—Local Richmond	5.00
Total	\$16.00
Expenses:	
May 24—Dues stamps	\$10.00
May 29—Literature	1.00
May 31—Postage	2.00
Total	\$13.00
Gain for the month	\$ 3.00

B. M. DUTTON,
State Sec'y.

ANOTHER METHOD THAT HELPS TO WIN.

There are as many ways to secure funds for printing press as there are methods by which the proverbial cat may be divested of its outer covering. Comrade Lindauer of Sidney has hit upon a scheme that is certain to prove a big help in boosting the receipts higher and higher. He has formed a club of ten comrades who pledge themselves to give 25c each per month for a period of six months. Nothing wrong with this plan. One of the best things about it is that it will work in any community where there are Socialists or even sympathizers. Try it comrades. For a result getter we recommend it. Thanks Comrade Lindauer for the funds and the idea, too.

FAITH AND WORKS.

At Sunday school we learned that faith without works was useless camouflage when it came to bringing home the bacon. It's as true today as when it was spoken long ago. Comrade Theo. G. Pfitzer believes it too as his letter proves. "I enclose a dollar," he writes, "for the press fund. Will give what my limited means afford doing what is possible each month. Trusting the fund will reach or exceed the goal." When every comrade feels the urge of the spirit of the revolution as does Comrade Pfitzer, we will get that press in short order.

READ THIS, DAYTON COMRADES.

"As I have not seen any Dayton names among the contributors so far, I wish to start the ball a-rolling with this small donation toward the press fund. Am only sorry I cannot do more. Yours for the Left Wing.

—E. Hager.

Now, Dayton comrades, here is an example worthy of your following: Are you ready?

FORWARD WITH THE GOOD WORK.

Two dollars for self and two for a friend reaches us from Comrade L. Lerner of Newell, W. Va. Comrade Lerner writes, "Forward, comrades, with your good work in propaganda. It will bring the best results." And that makes us feel good.

SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE.

That we are doing the right thing in establishing a party-owned printing plant is the sentiment expressed in a letter from Comrade C. R. Hartlieb of Barborton, O. He says both the state and national organizations should have done this before. And he sure is right. And then he says the Ohio Socialist is worth its weight in gold and we hope he is right again.

WORTH WHILE WORK.

Another list returned today. And with twenty dollars on it, too. Comrade Bernard Kehn of Niles did some good work there. We are sure that many comrades can also do as well with their lists in getting subscriptions for the press fund. Don't forget to ask your fellow worker for a lift for the press fund.

WANTS A BUILDING, TOO.

"I don't see why we cannot have a building as well," writes Comrade John B. Vaughn of Girard, O. Well, we don't either, and we are certain we would have in short order if all comrades followed your example, Comrade Vaughn. A two dollar bill and a monthly pledge of the same is a lift that helps.

READ THESE POINTED PARAGRAPHS

(Continued from second page.)

lumbiana, O., "The least any Socialist should do if he wants to get educated in true style. We must have a plant of our own." And again we say, that's sense.

A COFFIN FOR CAPITALISM.

From out in Colorado comes a letter full of pep as well as a boost for the press fund. The writer is Comrade E. N. Deibler of Englewood. He sends a dollar "as a contribution toward a coffin for capitalism, in the form of a printing press. I would not call myself a Socialist if I did not do my bit toward getting that printing plant." And he has made a notation in the corner of his letter that is full of promise. It reads—first installment.

HE FORGOT.

Comrade Edwin Blank writes in that in sending in eleven dollars for the first part of June for the press fund he forgot to state that five dollars was his own personal donation. Just like one of these hard working comrades, isn't it?

Local Akron sends in 38 names.

This list is to apply in the \$25 sent in some time since by Comrade F. N. Prevy as a protest against the riots instigated in Cleveland on May day. We hope and believe that this investment of twenty-five dollars will bear good fruit.

Single subscriptions have been received from the following comrades:

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Vincennes, Ind., June 16, 1919

National Office Socialist Party, Chicago Ill.

Notice of National Referendum To Executive Secretary:

We, Local Vincennes, Socialist Party of Indiana, forty-five members in regular meeting assembled, initiate a motion to recall of office and expel from membership in the Socialist Party, the following National Executive Committee: James O'Neal, George H. Goebel, Fred Holt, A. I. Shipplack, Dan Hogan, Seymour Stedman, Fred Kraft and John M. Work.

We deem said members of National Executive Committee to be reactionary and dangerous enemies of militant proletariat in the struggle for economic emancipation.

As said National Executive Committee has proven beyond doubt, their reactionary attitude in their arbitrary action in expelling forty thousand dues-paying members and assuming an attitude of dictatorship over the rank and file of the Socialist Party.

F. K. TRIMEN, Chairman,
John Truckey, Rec. Sec.

AMONG THE SUB BOOSTERS

Three yearlies is what Comrade Carl F. Queenston of Silvis, Ill., sends us. He promises more in the near future.

And then comes Comrade Louis Habenecht of Barton, O., with a list of the same size. These comrades seem to have no trouble in securing yearly subs.

Another yearly comes from Comrade C. Wasloff of Akron.

From way down in Mississippi a subscription reaches us from Comrade W. A. Mauldin. Yes, there are Socialists down there and more in the making.

County Secretary Comrade Fred Watchli of Belmont Co., sends in a fine list of 24 subs for comrades in Bridgeport and Dilles Bottom. Belmont Co. Socialists are active as ever as this list proves.

The May day cards are still coming in. Comrades who have sent in subscriptions on these cards this week are: Rachel Thompson, Guy N. Mex.; John Brandstetter, Cincinnati, O.; W. D. Conklin, Bergsholt, O.; Markovich, Youngstown, O.; D. M. Greathouse, Kenmore, O.; E. Blaker, Cincinnati, O.; W. L. Garver, Springfield, Mo.; John Webber, Sharinville, O.

Our Painesville list is growing steadily. Comrade Henry R. Miller keeps the old subscribers on the list and gets new ones right along.

Because he was lonesome without the O. S. Comrade Richard Haase of Akron renews his sub. Comrade Haase is a worker in the propaganda field of Socialism.

Comrade A. Labash of Kansas City removes to Wichita where we hope, we will continue to solicit subscriptions for the O. S. His last remittance was for a yearly.

More coming every week, writes Comrade F. J. Catlin of Youngstown. He sends in one subscription.

A growing list of readers at Dayton, O., proves the activity of our sub hustlers there. A list of four were received from Comrade Walker Jones acting local secretary.

Comrade A. McIntyre of Roll, Okla., gets subs and lands three subs for us.

Comrade J. C. Kimmons of Corona, N. Mex., says in his letter that he is not able to do a great deal for socialism on account of ill health, but he feels it his duty to do all possible. So he sends a dollar for four subscriptions. Some of the most loyal and hard working comrades in the Socialist movement are those who are incapacitated in one way or another. If some comrades who have every advantage would do as much as these comrades—as a movement we would have!

Another growing town on our list is Rayland, O. Comrade F. A. Bucey is our booster there. Two yearlies is his contribution today.

As a result of Comrade T. J. Eiler's efforts we have a new local at Defiance with seven members on the charter. These seven comrades subscribe for a half year each. Local officers will be elected at the next regular meeting. Comrade Eiler is highly commended for his good work in organizing the comrades into a local, as this method is the one which gets results. Organization is the keystone of success. Doubtless there are other localities in the state where five or more comrades can organize a local and do more for Socialism than by fighting singly.

Two three months subs are received from Comrade F. D. Lowe of Riverside, Va. Comrade Lowe is a constant booster.

And from Nebraska too, Comrade P. Mortenson is our sub getter there. Two half yearlies he sends in.

Comrade Chas. Litz of Sandusky sends in two renewals and a new one this week.

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Party News and Views

AKRON ACTIVITIES.

At a general party membership meeting held last Friday night, the delegates of Local Akron to the state convention were instructed to work for the endorsement of the Left Wing of the Socialist Party.

Comrades Marguerite Prevey and John C. Chase were nominated as candidates for delegates from this district to the national emergency convention.

The local also endorsed the motion of Local Cuyahoga for a national referendum.

It was also voted to issue a call for a party convention for the 6th of July for the purpose of nominating a city ticket for the coming municipal election.

JOHN C. CHASE,
Local Correspondent.

TACOMA LABOR COUNCIL ENDORSES SOCIALIST PARTY

Tacoma, May 29.—The Central Labor Council has endorsed the resolution of its political committee for organized labor of Tacoma to join forces with the Socialist party on the political field, instead of forming a local Labor party, and the referring of the resolution to the rank and file of the membership for a referendum vote for final endorsement. Delegates from two unions, engineers, and auto mechanics, had gone on record as unanimously favoring the committee's recommendation.

"Labor Must Get into Politics" "The labor movement must get into politics," said Sam Sadler. "I have been a member of organized labor 24 years and of the Socialist party 18 years. I never have and never will ask you to join the Socialist party. You must understand its principles before I would ask you to join. If your idea of going into politics is to get a few political jobs, stay out of the Socialist party. If, however, you are for the working class getting control of the powers of government for the benefit of the emancipation of the working class from the wage system, your interests are with the Socialist party. But don't endorse it unless you understand it."

The resolution was indorsed by practically unanimous vote and referred to the membership.

OWNERSHIP OF TOOLS

By Eugene V. Debs

You have made all the marvelous machines, and now your employment, your very lives, depend upon your having access to them. But these used by labor, are not owned by large-growth tools, made by labor and for the capitalist system, but belong to a capitalist, or group of capitalists, who live in New York or some other remote point, and when it suits their pleasure they can order their factories closed and you workmen locked out, without consulting you and without a moment's warning. You have not a word to say.

At such a time it is useless for you to leave here and look for work elsewhere, for when this will close down, so do others. You are out of employment, and you begin to suffer, and most of you don't know what the trouble is. You only know that you are no longer wanted at the mill; that workers are a drug on the market. With these wonderful tools with which you now work, every few years you have produced so much that all the markets are home and abroad are glutted, and the capitalists cannot sell what you have produced in such abundance, and FOUR—Soco

so they stop their machinery, shut up their mills, lock out their "hands" and paralyze industry, and there you are, idle, helpless, hungry, hopeless, desperate.

And these conditions will come upon you and become worse, no matter how well you are organized in your several trade unions; and this will continue as long as you workmen allow the idle capitalists to own and control the tools of industry.

Has it ever occurred to you workmen that, if you could make these tools and use them, you also can own them and produce wealth in plenty for yourselves?

INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM, LET'S STUDY IT

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tion as a useful body when the machine age arose.

Skilled mechanics are only hands now, in the ranks of the unskilled workers or in the unemployed army. We see wage scales and contracts expire at different dates, causing one group of workers to be on strike and others working in the same shop of the industry. How can we win or emancipate ourselves that way? Instead of that form of unionism we must organize along the lines of industrial unionism. Let the trades unions organize in the industry in a branch to the central body of industry. Let each trade branch elect a delegate to the central body of the industry they are employed in and present the demands of their branch to the central body of delegates by their delegates. That is everyone is organized and no wage scales or contracts expire at different dates. Instead of one branch quitting and others working, it will be that if one has a grievance all have, and then a complete tie-up.

Then, comrades, organize the other industries, namely, mining, transportation, agriculture and public service industries, then the system of capitalism will be helpless, as we can tie up the entire industrial field by job control. Their first abolish international unions and high salaried labor fakers. Put in as delegates men or women who work. Not sit in easy chairs and dine and wine with Wall street sharks. You can see the results. When you see the controllers of your jobs, then the society of capitalism will not have even an apex to rest on. Get together on the same lines. Read up. Think it over. Make yourself a committee to advocate it in your trade union halls, also talk it over with your sisters and brothers on the job. Get literature. Give it out. Let's try our hand to swing it.

We spend the three hours a year to vote and the rest of the hours we slave in hell holes. What account are the laws for the workers today? Make your laws in union industrial halls. Stand and stick for it. Make dues and initiations so low any slave can get in, as we are not capitalists. Line up in the Socialist Party also, and go after the system and use the same tactics our masters use to regulate the political and industrial end of their so-called divine rights, and just control the whole system and institute a world safe for all. Yours for industrial freedom.

KARAEKAS RED WOOD,
(Cherokee Indian.)

CAPITALISM'S IMPERIALISTIC PEACE

Manifesto Published by the British Labor Party.

The national executive committee of the British Labor party considers that the published summary of the peace treaty in some essential particulars is opposed to the declarations of President Wilson, the inter-Allied conferences and the Berne conference; is very defective from the standpoint of world peace, and bears evidence of compromise influenced by capitalist imperialism which still dominates the European states.

In so far as organized labor was not represented in the peace congress which drafted the treaty, and as its general spirit does not conform to the working-class conception of a peace of justice and right, we can accept no responsibility for the violations of principle involved in the settlement.

Therefore, look to the people and to the forces of organized democracy to safeguard and develop the idea of a peaceable community of all nations.

Only under the influence of the working-class movement, organized in the international, can the imperfections of the present treaty be completely eradicated and its provisions adapted by the League of Nations to the requirements of a changing European order.

As the war was in part the product of frustrated colonial ambitions, and the treaty makes no provision for equality of trade conditions for all the nations consenting to the peace, any permanent denial to Germany of the opportunity to become a member of the League of Nations must be a cause of jealousy and unrest, leading to further international strife, whilst the increase of colonial territories under Allied control will involve a corresponding increase of naval, military, and administrative burdens upon the Allied peoples.

The Germany should make reparation and compensation for damage done to civilian life and property by land, by sea, and from the air, cannot be questioned, but we are of the opinion that she ought to have reparation.

THE COMMUNIST PROGRAM

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edge of technique. In the largest terms, these intermediaries, under their party discipline, serve as special propagandists of the social revolution.

(e) To keep in the foreground our consistent appeal for proletarian revolution; and to analyze the counter-proposals and reformist palliatives in their true light of evasions of the issue and, in their impotence, the provocation to violence, recognizing at all times the character of the developments of the class conflict as applicable to all capitalist nations.

(f) To propagandize the party organization as the organ of contact with the revolutionary proletariat of other lands, the basis for international association being the same political understanding and the common plan of action, tending toward increasing unity in detail as the international crisis develops.

6—Socialist platforms, proceeding on the basis of the class struggle, and recognizing that the socialist movement has come into the historical period of the social revolution, can contain the single demand for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

(a) The basis of this demand should be thoroughly explained in the economic, political and social analysis of the class struggle, as evolving within the system of capitalism.

(b) The implications of this demand should be illustrated by the first steps and general modes of social reconstruction dependent upon and involved within the proletarian domination of the political life of the nation.

(c) A municipal platform of socialism cannot proceed on a separate basis, but must conform to the general platform, simply relating the attainment of local power to the immediate goal of gaining national power. There are no city problems; within the terms of the class struggle, only the one problem of capitalist versus proletarian domination.

7—We realize that the coming of social revolution depends on an overwhelming assertion of mass power by the proletariat, taking on political consciousness and the definite direction of revolutionary socialism. The manifestations of this power and consciousness are not subject to precise pre-calculation. But the history of the movement of the proletariat toward emancipation since 1900 shows the close connection between the revolutionary proletarian assertion and the political mass strike.

The mass action conception looks to the general unity of the proletarian forces under revolutionary provocation and stimulus. In the preliminary stages, which alone come within our pre-determination and party initiative, the tactics of mass action includes all mass demonstrations and mass struggles which sharpen the understanding of the proletariat as to the class conflict and which separate the revolutionary proletariat into a group distinct from all others.

Mass action, in time of revolutionary crisis, or in the analogous case of large-scale industrial conflict, naturally accepts the council form of organization for its expression over a continued period of time.

8—Applying our declarations of party principle to the organization of the party itself; and realizing the high centralized, centralistic power to be combated, of a centralized party organization, we offer the following recommendations:

(a) Delegation by the National Executive committee of a large measure of its administrative power between intervals of meetings to a National Emergency committee, composed of three or more members of the National Executive committee; this emergency committee to maintain the closest possible contact with the work of the national office and to advise with the executive secretary on all matters where consultation is necessary.

(b) Strict control by the party organization over all Socialists elect-

ed to public office; the Emergency committee and the National, State and County committees to co-operate with the public officers within their respective jurisdictions; immediate expulsion of all public officials who refuse to accept the decisions of the party.

(c) Control by the party membership, through the regular party processes, of all party papers and official publications; not by committees or trustees not responsible to the membership.

(d) Like control of all party property, such as offices, halls, etc.

(e) Like control of officially recognized educational institutions.

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FIRST NEWS OF DEBS AT ATLANTA

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officials at the penitentiary. He will be shown the usual prison privileges, no more, no less. This means that he can receive but one visit from a personal friend once in fourteen days. This is the information given Comrade Mary Raoul Mills, State Secretary Socialist Party of Georgia, who attempted to see Debs two days after Debs' arrival at Atlanta. She was refused the privilege of seeing him, being told that one visitor had already visited Comrade Debs.

BERKMAN OUT OF "HOLE." Alexander Berkman, philosophical anarchist, and associate of Emma Goldman in the publication of Mother Earth, one of the largest of the anarchist publications of this country, is confined at Atlanta, serving a two-year sentence for alleged anti-government activities. Berkman has for some time been confined in the "hole," the dark steel cell reserved for disobedient prisoners. Confined with him in the punishment cell were Hirschberg and Randolph, two I. W. W.'s, who are serving long sentences. These prisoners are now released from punishment and placed in "second grade," which means that they are allowed to write letters but every two weeks instead of weekly, and cannot visit the prison movies nor attend "son ball games. Berkman's sentence will expire in about four months. Berkman, Hirschberg and Randolph are associated with Debs in the clothing department. Berkman's former associate, Emma Goldman, is confined at the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo., where Kate Richards O'Hare is serving a five-year sentence.

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FOR A PEACEABLE SOLUTION.

That's why Comrade Ralph Howell of Springfield, O., sends us a ten spot for the Ohio Socialist press fund. He says that the truth will win the world for Socialism and we know its true. Realizing that truth is the only salvation and then providing the means for its telling is what counts.

FIRST OFFICIAL LIST RETURNS.

The first official list issued from the State Office for getting subscriptions for the press fund has just returned. It comes from Barborton and contained four dollars. Comrade George Werner is the circulator. And now that they have begun to come in, we shall expect more and more of them right along. Every local in the state has these lists on hand and any comrade may secure one from his local secretary. Every Socialist sympathizer should be given an opportunity to help in the press fund. The subscription lists are the best method to use in securing their help. Therefore, use them for that purpose. Give every one a chance to help.

IS MORE THAN PLEASED.

"Am more than pleased to see the party take the stand it is. The only way is to own our own printing plant and then we can run our paper on time or over."

That's what Comrade Wm. Greter of Crestline, O., says in his letter. He sends two dollars to prove his belief, too.

A WELCOME VISITOR.

Another five spot for the press fund comes from Comrade Louise H. Kalbfleisch of Uriceville, O. Comrade Kalbfleisch says he looks for the Ohio Socialist every week. He wishes us success in getting the ten thousand for the press and plant.

WILL DO ALL HE CAN.

A content booster for the Ohio Socialist is Comrade D. B. Dale of Wise, Va. Whether it is subscriptions or press fund, Comrade Dale is always on hand with his help, his cheering words of encouragement