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# REDFIELD, FRIEND OF BIG BIZ IN WILSON'S CABINET, TRIES TO WHITEWASH ROTTEN INSPECTION SERVICE ON GREAT LAKES

One of President's Highest Officials Treats Probe of Eastland Disaster As Huge Joke-Shows True Spirit of Capitalist Officialdom-No Wonder, He's "Business" Man, Too!

### By IRWIN TUCKER

Hardly had the twelve hundred victims of the Eastland catastrophe ceased their convulsive struggles in the foul black waters of the Chicago River, when Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield, one of President Wilson's highest officials, came tripping merrily into town to "investigate.

He regarded the horror which has roused the whole nation's amazed wrath as a joke. The death agonies of twelve hundred women, girls, children, babies, and men, plunged to a horrible destruction by the shameless corruption and incompetency of his Inspection Service. SEEMED FUNNY TO HIM. He laughed and chuckled at the reporters about it; he told Chicagoans they ought to read the Bible and Shakespeare more, and they would not rought up so about this "incident.'

Before the investigation even began, he announced that his Inspectors were innocent; that they had his full approval for everything they had done; and that if the Eastland were to be inspected again tomorrow it would be O. K'd. again as seaworthy.

Chicago was stunned. For a few days it could not believe that any human being ---let alone a high government official, supposed to be gifted at least with some degree of dignity-could giggle like a harlequin in the presence of a whole city's sorrow. But as the days went on and Redfield's alleged "inquiry" developed, this incredulity was driven away by more and worse antics on the part of the Honorable Secretary.

Cheap sarcasm, attempted witticisms, brawling bravado, outrageous buffoonery, succeeded one another as the Secretary conducted his "in-

It seemed impossible that the spectators at the farce could be hearing aright. More than once the reporters covering the proceedings asked one another if it were possible that these things were really happening.

### ANGER BEGINS TO FLAME.

CHICAGO'S ANGER began to flame. Every fresh installment of buffoonery on the part of this clown in office caused it to burn more fiercely.

AND AT LAST PRESIDENT WILSON WAS TOLD THAT IF SECRETARY REDFIELD DID NOT LEAVE TOWN HE WOULD BE DRIVEN OUT.

This came from Harry Moir, owner of the Hotel Morrison, and a member of the coroner's which sat on the case. Mayor Thompson and the city at large stood solidly back of the

Here are some of Secretary Redfield's witticisms. One of the darkest bits of evidence disclosed was that the Inspector, Reid, who had allowed the Eastland's carrying capacity to be increased to 2,500 persons shortly before the disaster, WITHOUT INSPECTION AND ON A TELEPHONE REQUEST FROM WILLIAM H. HULL, THE OWNER, was the father-in-law of the chief enginer of the boat. Direct charges of undue family influence were levelled at Beld of undue family influence were levelled at Reid. He asked, "Inspector, I understand from the vigilant watchdogs of the press that you are guilty of having a son-in-law. Is that so?"

And he asked Captain Nelson, "Now, I wish you would tell the gentlemen present what you mean when you say you inspected her. What did you do? Did you go on boa d in a cress suit and look about?"

When other investigators were asking questions, Secretary Redfield instructed the witness what to answer, with a nod, or a shake of the head, or a gesture. He kept this up for two days.

Once he said, "Some genius has discovered that the Eastland had no keel. Do : u agree "None of the lake boats has any keel." "Astonishing, astonishing—though I knew it

all the time," said Redfield.

### ATTACK IS UNGENTLEMANLY.

WHEN REPRESENTATIVES of The Tribune intimated to him that the city expected a real investigation and was in no mood to be joked with, Redfield retorted that their intimation was

"disgraceful and ungentlemanly!" Redfield's whole attitude was that THE LOSS
OF TWELVE HUNDRED LIVES WAS A TRIV-IAL AFFAIR. — The main thing was that his department must not be criticised. THE MAIN POINT WAS THAT THE OWNERS OF LAKE SHIPS SHOULD NOT BE INTERFERED WITH IN THEIR MAKING MONEY, and Business must

The whole American nation shares in the indignation against Redfield. But there is danger lest this performance of a witless clown may obscure the real situation.

Greed for profits lay behind the Eastland disaster. The treasurer of the Company which ewned it swore that he had bought the boat for half-price, without investigating anything about

it except its cheapness. It had been known on the Great Lakes for a decade as a cranky craft. Half a dozen times its unseaworthiness had been evident. IT HAD BEEN BARRED FROM TRAFFIC AT CLEVE-LAND, OHIO, because of this unsafeness. But the new purchasers cared nothing for that. All they wanted was a cheap boat.

### MAKE ROOM FOR MORE.

THEN THEY proceeded to cut away every portion of the superstructure that could possibly be cut, to make room for more and more passengers. And every time fresh standing room was cleared, THE UNITED STATES INSPECT-ORS RAISED THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ALLOWED.

No tests were made at any time for stability. The rules do not provide for such a test. And with the hulk of the Eastland lying not more than three blocks away, with two hundred dead bodies still lying imprisoned inside it, Secretary Redfield argued with the Coroner's jury that the rules were sufficient, the inspection force admirable and adequate, and that no blame was justly attributable to them.

"I cannot understand," said Cong. Sabath. to one inspector who had been testifying that the Eastland was seaworthy," why, if the boat was all you say it was, how is it that it lies there

in the river?"
WHEREUPON REDFIELD REFUSED TO AL-LOW SABATH, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE INQUIRY BOARD, TO ASK ANY FUR-THER QUESTIONS.

Never has the country seen so appalling an exhibition of official insolence as that furnished by Secretary Redfield. And the question arises once, How did this creature get into this high post? The answer goes back to pre-elec-

William C. Redfield is the head of a Brooklyn factory, which was among the first in the country to install the new scientific efficiency system. Redfield studied exports. He is an authority on exports. He has the high capitalist

view-point on the subject of exports. Recently he issued a joyful bulletin showing that the excess of exports over imports for the past year exceeded one billion dollars, and therefore prosperity shone in our land. HE FORGOT TO SPECIFY WHO GOT THE BILLION.

But this is ahead of the story. Redfield made

the acquaintance of Norman Hapgood, at that time editor of Collier's Weekly. Hapgood be-came much impressed with Redfield, and began to boom him systematically through his editorial columns. Redfield was elected Congressman, largely through Hapgood's political influence, which at that time was considerable.

### HURRAHED FOR WILSON.

NOW HAPGOOD was one of the first men to hurrah for Wilson. He started hurrahing before Wilson left Princeton University, and when the 1912 nominations drew near, Hapgood boomed Wilson for the nomination. Most of the Cabinet positions were handed out by Wilson to political upholders, especially to editors; for example, Daniels and Bryan, Editor Hap good secured the Commerce portfolio for Red-

But Eastern manufacturers also boomed Redfield. And he is a good representative of man-ufacturers. He really does know Exports, and the one thing he was expected to do was to help work up American business abroad.

For Labor he has nothing but abhorrence. He regards workingmen as machines, to be speeded to their maximum limit that Exports might increase.

THE VICTIMS OF THE EASTLAND WERE NEARLY ALL WORKINGMEN. Most of them were known by number, out at the Western Electric Company shops—not by name. They had been ordered by the company to purchase tickets for the picnic or lose two weeks' pay The money for the costumes worn by the paraders at the picnic was TAKEN FROM THEIR ENVELOPES. And last year, although the workers were ordered to go on the picnic, THEY WERE DOCKED FOR THE TIME SPENT THERE.

Redfield expresses the true spirit of capitalistic officialdom. So long as Business rules, so long will we have in office such hyenas as this laughing over the bodies of the dead. Chicago had sand enough to order Redfield

out of town - for the demand to President Wilson amounts to that. When will Chicago have sand enough to order all that Redfield stands

The Eastland case attracts attention because of its spectacular accompaniments. Workers are killed every day in ways just as atrocious: and Business and Officialdom are just as callous about it. It takes some startling disaster

like that of the Eastland to wake us up.

### LABOR PROTESTS FOR YEARS.

ORGANIZED LABOR, through Victor Olander of the Seamen's Union, and Edward N. Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor, has been protesting for years against the rotten conditions prevailing in the Steamship Inspection service. Seamen are drowned in every gale like rats, because government inspectors, in the pay of the companies they are supposed to check, certify waterlogged hulks as being seaworthy. But organized labor has no political power. Nockels and Olander spoke for nobody able to

command votes. So officialdom flouted their accusations. The most unbelievable exhibition of insolence occurred when Nockels made public letters written by him years ago to the Department of Commerce, exposing conditions in Chicago and asking for an investigation. The department replied, characterizing these charges as "hot air." Nockels warned them that some day an excursion steamship would capsize, "even though tied to the dock."

"Hot air," was still the reply.
And when these letters were made public,
THE DEPARTMENT STILL INSISTED THAT
THE CHARGES WERE "HOT AIR."

With twelve hundred corpses lying there in silent proof of the absolute correctness of Nockels' charges, THE DEPARTMENT JEERED AT THEM.

But if Nockels had spoken for an organization able to command a solid block of votes, HIS COMPLAINT WOULD HAVE MET WITE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE.

There is no way to cure the rottenness of political vampire dens except through political cleansings. Socialism is the only possible solution. And until organized labor sees its folly and casts its strength solidly at the ballot istrations, such horrors as these will continue.

### Even University of Wisconsin Surrenders Before Attacks of **Big Interests Now In Control**

This School, Once Refuge of Free Thought, Free Inquiry and Free Expression, Now Gagged by Reactionists Elected to Run State Government -Socialist Barred from Class Rooms.

> By HARRY W. LAIDLER Organizing Secretary, Intercollegiate Socialist Society

E HAVE witnessed this year gross interference with free year and to give their entire time speech at the Universities of Pennsylvania, Washington and Utah. There is one university of the great middle west, however, which has been looked upon by many as a model example of what a university should be—an institution in which free who on the board, under those conthought, free inquiry, free ex-4pression on the part of the fac- many years past under the

but graciously encouraged. an unmistakable manner that with the question of conservathe public discussion by profestion in his book of that title. sors of certain questions, frowned upon by the reactionary legfrom the standpoint of the genuine islature, would not be tolerated. radical, but more illuminating to the public than the big interests de-Everywhere could be observed sired. Professor E. A. Ross, one of a distinct damper on sentiments the country's foremost sociologists,

the industries of the state.

IN PRACTICALLY every ilege. Prof. John R. Commons, a college that I visited this former adviser of the Milwaukee Spring an opportunity had been many years, been working unremitgiven me by the economics de-partment to speak before the cracy. Prof. Charles McCartby, a classes in economics and socio- lecturer at the University, and head logy on some phase of Socialism

At the or the labor problem. At the University of Wisconsin at Madison at least two such lectures had practically been ar-Madison at least two such that tures had practically been arranged for me by prominent professors but those higher up fort to the reactionaries. The university had also, through its extensional transfer of the professors but those higher up fort to the reactionaries. The university had also, through its extensional transfer of the professors been instrumental in rangement. For economic hersion lectures been instrumental in on the campus. Some of the getting the common man to think, dents, on my recent visit, made an esies were out of place in class a dangerous undertaking from the rooms while appropriations standpoint of special privilege.
were trembling in the balance! "Conditions have been rotten in were trembling in the balance! So, although the courtesy of a hall was extended to the mem- trol of the legislature, we must bers and friends of the Inter- clean house." collegiate Socialist Society Chapter, the class room lectures were declared out of the ques- cy of the Capitol at Madison,

Yes, the reactionaries had come to their own, and were using their power in manifold using their power in manifold of eight was the one group that, in ways. They had writhed for season and out of season fought for

the appropriation requested. A vigorous fight was undertaken by the legislature against the Extension Department, and another sion Department, and another against the privileges granted to students from outside states, in the alleged interest of economy. The governor was sponsor for a bill which attempted to centralize the control of the institutions of higher learning in the state into the hands of one board appointed by the gov-ernor. The bill furthermore was calculated to give full power over the finances of these schools into the hands of two business men, members of the board. These busito this work. The educators, who were to be appointed, were to obtain no compensation, and their po-sition would be more or less advisditions, would be the virtual controllers of educational policy.

pression on the part of the faculty are not only permitted, but graciously encouraged.

many years past under the Investigations were also started into the efficiency of the workings sors who had investigated the of the university, and the preliminwater power, the land the lum-When I arrived at this great ber, the public utility and other management of the college, were democratic university in March, deals of more or less unsavory gleefully heralded about the state, I also expected to find here a character, and had given warnings to the people of the workings of the inner circle of Wisconsion of the big, the vital ings of the inner circle of Wisconsion of the present day. I compare and industry in order to discredit the progressive elements in the institution. The governor and others attacked the "heresies" and "illusions" of the issues of the present day. I found instead that the authorities were letting it be known in the sum of the consine finance and industry. The sum of the United States are the consine finance and industry. The sum of the consine finance and industry. The sum of the suppressed of the suppressed. The appropriations for the rapidly growing department of the consine finance and industry. The sum of the consine finance are sum of the consine finance and industry. The sum of the consine finance are sum of the consine finance and industry. The sum of the consine finance are sum of the consine finance and industry. The sum of the consine finance are sum of the consine finance are sum of the consideration and the consideration and the consideration are sum of the consideration are sum of the consideration and the consideration are sum of the conside of political science, which had been the target for much of the criticism at the university, remained stationary as they had done for many years. This, by the way, is a method for disciplining recalcitrant professors which has been frequently found effective

tinued his fight against special priv-

As a result of the pressure, one that were not accepted as safe in spite of the investigation of 1910, by the big interests dominating when he had been tried for advisposition which he had spurned the ing his students to attend a meetyear before, and discontent was ing of a social iconoclast, had conprevalent.

> IN 1910, following the trial of Prof. Ross, the students of the se-Socialist administration, had, for nior class presented to the university a tablet containing the famous words of the committee reporting in the heresy trial of Prof. Richard Ely: "Whatever may be the limi-tations which trammel inquiry elsewhere, we believe that the great University of Wisconsin should even encourage that continual and fear-less sifting and winnowing by which alone truth can be found." The regents, presumably thinking that the tablet was a slur upon their curious investigation into the Ross case, refused to permit this tablet a place endeavor to locate this tablet, but their quest was in vain. I after-wards found that this gift was rest-Denmark!" the reactionaries mused, ing in the cellar of one of the uni "and now that we are again in conversity buildings covered with dust. A movement is said to be on foot to bring the tablet to light, in the hope that those who pass may be reminded of the ideals for which the SO WHEN Governor Philipp and the legislators began their occupanuniversity should stand. one ment accorded to the tablet, to mile from the University, things beminds of many bears a close parallel to the treatment recently accorded to free speech at the University group of Wisconsin. The future status of this student's present will be watched with interest.

> > CORRECTION.—In the article by Arthur W. Calhoun in The American Socialist, July 17, it was stated that Maryville College, was at Maryville, Ohio. It should have been Maryville, Tenn.

Hamilton College in New York state; the fact that they did, not wish a an engagement in Rochester as dir-but no one statement ward was an acknowledged social term who held Ward's social set of the recreational and social is completely true.

# WAR AND HELL, OR PEACE AND STARVATION

By EUGENE V. DEBS

B ECAUSE THE workers have everything to lose, including their lives and sheet the lives and sheet the lives and sheet their lives and sheet the lives and sheet their lives and sheet their lives and sheet the lives their lives, and absolutely nothing to gain in war, it does the idealism of the philosopher not follow under the benevolent rule of capitalism that they have everything to gain and nothing to lose in peace. In Europe just world. now the workers have war and hell while in this country they are enjoying peace and starvation. That there may be no mistake about the latter condition I quote from the highest capitalistic rents or "kicks in" with a big inauthority, the associated press, which carries the following dis-

"Columbus, O., July 26th, 1915 — Reports received here today from militia officers who have charge of the distribution of food supplies among destitute families in the Southern Ohio coal mining districts, prompted state officials to send out additional appeals for contributions to aid in the relief work.

"The reports showed that a large number of these 10,000 families in the Hocking and Sunday creek valleys are dependent on outside aid for food. In describing conditions, the word 'pitiable' appeared frequently in the reports. There is no strike in these districts but most of the miners are out of work owing to the shutting down of

There is much more of the dispatch but this is enough. There starvation in Ohio. The soldiers who are asphixiated in the es of the people. trenches have one advantage in war over their fellow-workers who are starving in the mining camps in peace—their agony is cratic party to enact property quali reduced to hours, perhaps minutes, instead of being prolonged to fications to the ballot and to dea life-time. Blessed are they who are specific reduced to women. Socialism a life-time. Blessed are they who are speedily reduced to wormfood, for they shall not see their offspring starve in the midst of stead of fake democracy.

IT IS NOT the misfortune of the miners that condemns them trolling investment in them all. So to see their wives and children starving before their eyes in a clalism will free governments until professor had resigned to accept a state bursting with riches they themselves produced; it is their it will be possible for them to really folly and crime in common with the folly and crime of the people among whom they live.

The men who shut down the mines and locked out the miners and are now starving them and their families are not among those crying for relief. They own the mines and control the jobs classes. and can shut out and starve the miners at will — by grace of the miners themselves, an overwhelming majority of whom bethe miners themselves, an overwhelming majority of whom be-long to the same capitalist party their masters do and cast their lives entirely through robbing the votes with scrupulous fidelity to perpetuate the boss ownership of the mine in which they work and their own exclusion and starvation at their master's will.

Blessed be the private ownership of the mines for without it the miners and their wives would lose their individuality, their homes would be broken up, their morality destroyed, their religion wiped out, and they would be denied forever the comfort and solace of poverty and starvation!

When the miners themselves control the mines, once they have learned how to control themselves, they will not lock themselves out and starve themselves and their loved ones to death. The bosses are very kindly doing this for them but only because tect him in this plute privilege. the miners themselves, by their votes and otherwise, have so

The bosses lose their power and along with it their jobs phrase. when the workers find theirs.

BUT I ONLY meant to show that in peace as in war the workers are the losers; if they are not killed in war they are starved in peace; if they escape the trenches they are reserved for the slave pits.

The bosses are always the beneficiaries; the workers always the victims. The Rockefellers never lose and the Lawsons never win. Such is capitalism and the workers who side with the bosses and support capitalism politically and otherwise, and are therefore responsible for capitalism, are also responsible for the hell made, and let it go at that. they get in war and the starvation they suffer in peace.

party, paid up to May 1, 1907, on which date he was dropped from Ward WARD LOST JOB AT HAMILTON which date he was dropped from the faculty at Hamilton, because as COLLEGE FOR BEING SOCIALIST.

ist, and held his red card in the opinions to instruct the youth of the

Ward was more fortunate than some of his fellow-radicals who President Stryker said, his "views have likewise lost their positions, in the matter of political economy in that the fact that he was more chief of the bureau of Civic and did not conform with those of the social Center Development, of the maintainers of Hamilton." There right than he was in keeping his workers are canned, just as usual. University of Wisconsin, was form— was no attempt on the part of the job, militated in his favor, and was erly a member of the faculty of university authorities to cover up an important factor in his securing

center activities of the city. For one time, at least, the school authorities recognized the fact that the characteristic of loyalty to conviction was an important asset in favor of a city employe, and pro-ceeded to employ Ward with this

Capitalism has the ethics of the

tooth and claw. Socialism possesses

vestment. Socialism will afford all access to the land, without inter-

ference by our ignoble nobility of

Capitalism has placed the markets n control of a transportation trust, till the people are not free to buy or sell. Socialism will remove the toll gates from the road to market, and thus bring free exchange.

landlords.

Capitalism has caused the Demo-

Capitalism has made the Republi-

will establish actual democracy in-Capitalism has bonded nations

states and counties until it has conserve the people. Capitalism has created million-

aires and paupers, a master and a slave class. Socialism will abolish privilege and thus put an end to

Capitalism is a blatent hypocrite workers. Socialism will make it possible for real religion to exist, and for spirituality to blossom on plant deep rooted in good material

Jesus probably never was a Socialist, yet capitalism could not exist a week if genuine Christian-

Mr. Morgan must be protected in ers, even though 100,000 American

Stocks and bonds are only "scraps of paper." Thank Shylock for the

They who want all should be reduced to want to work.

For the platforms of 1916 let Republicans and Democrats put plain toilers. They are the planks they

The politicians are hunting issues for 1916. Suppose they make an exhibit of tramps, paupers, prostitutes, plutocrats and cripples they have

Someone suggests that it is the workers and not the capitalists who overeat. However, not many workers have hog bellies or suffer from gout.

The thrifty masters are preparing for winter. The sissies are stewed,

Almost everything is true in part, but no one statement, standing alone,

THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST has another great financial record to its credit, this time for the six months' period closing June 30, 1915. The report of the auditors has just been completed and shows the small deficit of \$252.06 checked up against our paper.

This amount, however, is more than offset by the expense of the advance work that has been done for the great lecture course this winter. All of the 6,000 locals of the Socialist Party were circularized twice in an attempt to get them to join in this great effort. Much literature had to be gotten out and other necessary work done and this cost money that will not come back until this fall and winter.

BUT IN spite of this preliminary expense for the lecture course T American Socialist would have shown a profit for the six months' period if the comrades had not slowed up in May and June in their work to keep the circulation continually rising. The slack summer period hit the paper when all that was needed was another little spurt to keep the paper's finances in the most encouraging shape. But that will be forth-coming now that the summer months are passing and the active work of

the fall will soon be upon us. It was with the hope that the sub hustlers of The American Socialist would keep right on working, in season and out, that several efforts were

made to improve the paper.

The great "CARRY YOUR CITY FOR SOCIALISM" issue that appeared in March, during the spring municipal campaigns, contained six pages, so that the insert two pages with all the official business and routcan "representative government" a sham, without a wage earner or paper for the bundle order edition. This six-page issue cost about \$150 There is much more of the dispatch but this is enough. There is no war in this country and there is no strike in Ohio. Instead of war and hell such as they have in Europe they have peace and starvation in Ohio. The soldiers who are asphixiated in the have the previous six months. So the paper is moving forward just as

fast as the finances will allow-and no faster. The paper must be a big asset, financially and in every other way during these trying times. One year ago the financial report showed a deficit of \$2,301.97 for the old Party Builder, for a similar six months period. Had the old Bulletin, which preceded The Party Builder, been issued during the past six months, it would have entailed an expense of probably \$2,000, appearing once a month instead of each week, and would have been read by only 5,000 instead of more than 50,000, as The American Socialist goes directly into that number of homes, while The Bulletin was sent in bundles to the secretaries of the locals, and thus many members did not get to see them.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of The American Socialist therefore saved enough money for the party to more than pay the entire expense of the Young People's and the Woman's Departments during the past year. But it must do even greater work during the coming year. And it cannot press on to new achievements without the enthusiastic support of every member of the Socialist Party. Every party member and every party sympathizer should not only be a subscriber to The American Socialist but also an energetic sub hustler. Get on the job. We are moving on to

ALL STATE SECRETABLES TO JOIN BIG 1916 CAMPAIGN.

With the "ORGANIZE FOR 1916" fund now having almost reached the first \$1,000 mark, Nation... Executive Secretary Walter Lanfersiek is sending out a letter to all of the Socialist Party state secretaries urging them to join in the growing 1916 campaign. The letter in full is as follows:

"The dull summer months are now rapidly passing. Labor Day, the fall months and the big work of 'ORGANIZE FOR 1916!' are right ahead of us. What are you doing to reawaken activity in your state.

"There is a big note of in-spiration coming out of the West. Great organizing cam-paigns are under way in the states of Montana, Washington and Oregon. There is great activity in the East. The Socialists in the four states of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are doing big work in the suffrage campaigns in those states.

'The national organization is hard at work. The June meeting of the National Executive Committee prepared the plans and issued the call to finance the campaign to "ORGANIZE FOR 1916!" The first \$1,000 to push this campaign has almost been raised. The real work of this great organizing effort is now under way.

"Every State Secretary should line up in a solid phalanx behind this big undertaking. Upon its success depends our success in the 1916 presidercial

campaign, which will mark an epoch in the long struggle which must finally, and no one knows how soon, result in the complete overthrow of the profit system and the emancipation of labor from wage slavery.

"Send out a stirring letter to the locals in your state urging them to send in the \$2 asked by the national executive committee. In every letter you send out mention the "ORGANIZE FOR 1916!" campaign. Send stories and articles to the Socialist and labor papers in your state. And be sure to keep this office in close touch with your every activity. We need your help and you need ours. Send in your suggestions. Suggestions will be sent to you from time to time."

Don't you see that campaign to "ORGANIZE FOR 1916!" gradually growing in power. It is spreading ver the land. Turn to Page 2 for another great article on organization. There you will also find the latest contributors to the "ORGAN-IZE FOR 1916 FUND!"

Capitalism lies when it claims to employ labor. It merely keeps labor from employing itself except as it will submit to exploitation. Socialism will remove the barriers capitalism has set up, and then it will be found that every man owns his own job.

The workers on the firing line in Europe supposed they were fighting. It is all a mistake. They were merely making bonds, and riveting them on the limbs of their children

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Our Slogan ORGANIZE FOR 1916!

NEWS OF THE WEEK Here is all the week's news worth while boiled down for workers so busy fighting for Socialism they do not have time to read the daily capitalist press.

MONDAY, JULY 26. MUNIAI, JULY 20.

Six inquiries seek to fix blame for Easttiand disaster at Chicago, while efforts are
made to find 413 more bodies in river.
Attendance at the Panama-Pacific exposition now totals 40,000,000.
Sinking of American steamship Leelanaw by German submarine in North Sea
epens new U. S. controversy.

TUESDAY, JULY 27. Bussians stop Teuton drives near War-aw. Germans sink 12 boats. Eight miners killed in gas explosion at On the control of the control of the control of the control of the capital as government is executing 160 in prison.

Unsim Italy is forcing Austria into giant retreat.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28. WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.

United States marines rule at Pert Au
Frince, the capital of Haiti, after assassinsteen by president.
Cotoner's jury on Eastland disaster in
Chicago returns verdict holding six men,
company officials and federal inspectors,
to grand jury on manslaughter charges.

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THURSDAY, JULY 29.

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Charles Becker, former New York police lieutenant, put to death in electric enainest fing Sing, for murder of Herman Rosenthal, gambler, three years ago.

Speady evacuation of Warsaw and all of Poland indicated in dispatches received in London from Petrograd.

President Wilson's secretary of commerce, Redfield, in Chicago, is trying to hise-wash government officials of blame of Eastland disaster. PRIDAY, JULY 30. President Wilson plans to make member Madero's cabinet chief of Mexico with-

at armed intervention.

Mob burns negro at the stake at Tem-te. Tex., for part in murder of three Idren. Negro parolled from Pontiac Reformatory Illinois slays woman who had ben :Hinors bear reended him.
Two U. S. Marines killed at Haiti and settleship is ordered sent to Port Au

SATURDAY, JULY 31. SATURDAY, JULY 31.

Eussia strives to save army in retreat
from Warsaw. Germans press on and
Pointh capital may fall at any hour.
Labor's National Peace Council meets
at Washngton, D. C. Favors embargo on
tens and government ownership of war
inition factories.
Jarranza army taking food to Mexico
Mty.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1. 1,700 passengers in panic on excursion boat at New York City as they fear another Eastland disaster.

Col. Roosevelt passes through Chicago still claiming to be progressive.

Militia ordered out to war on strikers at plant of Aluminum Co., at Massena,

### BLOOD AND WHITEWASH.

men, women and children in the tatives of the master class. Steamship Eastland disaster at Chicago, Saturday, July 24, is another of the workers because the Socialbloody crime added to the already ist Party is an organization

thicker than whitewash.

in the Wilson cabinet—not the work- pushed off. ing class families that went down with the Eastland to their watery graves. Wilson appointed Redfield as a son to the big business interests that helped elect him. At that time and when the national administration failed to pass and enforce the sea safety laws urged by the Seamen's union, the death warrant was written for more than a thous-

and human beings. True to the trust placed in him, which is the protection of the interts of big business, Redfield is in money-owned department of commerce, attempting to cleanse the blood of the dead from the hands place the blame on anyone and anywhere except where it rightfully be-

After following the Redfield investigation for a week, even The Chicago Tribune, bulwark of priviclusion that, "The disaster of Saturday was a grotesque dream. The Eastland did not sink. It is not now in the lake, perfectly sea worthy, loaded to its capacity with passengers, protected by the best of all laws and the most scrupulous of all

inspectors." Of course that is what Redfield wants Chicago to think. He wants to renew the faith of its people in the rotten hulks that ply the lakes, he wants to see these "Deathlands" piled high with human freight so that the profits of the ship magnates will increase, and more firmly chain helpless humanity to another East-

land disaster What Redfield plans right now for Chicago, Wilson has all the time been planning for the nation. He says that the present industrial depression is merely "psychological" but as poverty and unemployment increase, the dawn of his "psychoprosperity never comes to

It is because blood is thicker than whitewash that Redfield will not be able to make Chicago forget its 1,000 dead and Wilson will not succood in blinding the masses to the ing.

The American Socialist livered more blows at prostrate labor than any preceding it.

Blood is thicker than white wash and the Eastland disaster will go "Death Special" on the striking miners' tented city of Holly Grove, West Virginia.
From an authentic source, The

American Socialist has learned that the legal satellites of the Wilson administration purposedly prepared a case against the government taking over the Colorado coal mines, because this would be too big an

State labor federations are organized parallel to one of the nation's these federations, therefore, become largely political instead of industrial. Funds are raised to elect men to the state lawmaking bodies and then later lobbies are chosen to watch the legislators at work. During the past winter labor lobbies were in evidence at all of the state legislatures.

In Wisconsin labor has already learned many lessons that are still unlearned in other states. It has learned that it has no friends among the old party politicians and as a result eight Socialists have been sent to the state legislature to legislate for labor. The Wisconsin labor federation, after the experiences of the past winter, voted again that it can expect nothing from republicans, democrats or progressives. And it must be remembered that Wisconsin is the state that gave Robert M. LaFollette to the socalled progressive movement in pol-

itics.
The state federation especially commended the Socialist legislators for urging laws to promote the advancement of education, free text books, shorter workday, public ownership, minimum wage, protection against injunctions and improved compensation laws. Similar measwere championed by Socialists in a dozen other legislatures last winter in states where the workers had awakened sufficiently to elect The murder of more than 1,000 Socialists instead of the represen-

long list to which the national de- workingmen who realize that labor ratic administration must plead must emancipate itself from wage slavery through its own efforts. All the whitewash in the world Which is identical with saying that will not enable Secretary Redfield awakened labor is the only friend of the department of commerce, that labor has. It would have more Wilson's man on the scene of death, friends if more workers would open to wipe out the blood guiltiness of their eyes and see that Rockefeller. the national government. Blood is Carnegie, and all the other tyrants thicker than whitewash. Redfield represents the profiteers getting off their backs until they are

### HALT REAL INVESTIGATION. There might have been a real in-

vestigation of the Eastland disaster in Chicago. But the republicans and democrats elected to office with the economic co-operation and to educacampaign funds provided by the plutes saw to it that there wasn't. When the Chicago City council met in special session to discuss the it is intended that the Socialist par-Eastland disaster, William E. Rod-riguez, Socialist alderman from the chicago, trying to whitewash the cept express their sympathy to the of steamship magnates, trying to tion had passed, and if the city

ims. So the adroit political tools of on its side in the river. It is out the shipping interests immediately amended the proposition so that the investigation would be made by the subservient wharves and bridges committee of the council. Where the investigation will slumber and die of old age with all other measures aiming to safeguard human life.

> If an agitator should denounce privilege today as the old Hebrew prophets did, he would be thrust of and the organization should into prison immediately - just as Jeremiah was of old and as Pat instead of its master. Quinlan was day before yesterday.

The American workers would be imprisoned if they were to furnish selves. Yet the government protects Morgan in arming the workers of Europe to kill each other.

To ask a fellow man for a job is prosperity never comes to drive to ask him for the right to live on the earth. Why should one man the earth. Why should one man have such power over another?

Capitalism compels enlistment for

### ORGANIZATION---THE CRYING NEED

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The slogan of the Socialist Party, "ORGANIZE FOR 1916" is being heard in the land. The forces of progress are rallying everywhere in the campaign to prepare for the 1916 presidential struggle. The Appeal to Reason, the great Socialist weekly, at the request of the National Office of the Socialist Party, is publishing a series of articles on organization. The second of these is by Arthur LeSueur, member of the National Executive Committee, which The Appeal states "will convince any Socialist sympathizer that his place is in the Socialist Party againstation. The American Socialist provide reproduces this article. After reading it, and if you are not now a member of the Socialist Party, drop a postal card to the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill., and you will receive immediately the necessary information to get you in touch with the nearest local secretary.

### By ARTHUR Le SUEUR

As HUMAN life has increased in density on the earth so have

the the itical victories, if the organization

murder. Socialism will stop kill- into the log and it must part because

ized and united with a definite aim in view and they cannot fail to serve

their purpose. And so we must, if we would suc-

instead of as a means to the accomplishment of the ideal that gave press to get the facts before the

a realization of the necessity for economic co-operation and to education as the fundamental purpose of the organization before it will ever succeed in doing the things which it is intended that the Socialist party organization should do.

For instance, by devoting all of our time and our energies in the or-

For instance, by devoting all of fifteenth ward, seeing that the other aldermen intended doing nothing except express their sympathy to the survivors of the 1,000 dead, offered a resolution providing for a real investigation. If Rodriguez' resolution had passed, and if the city council had followed its usual custom, the Socialist alderman would have been made chairman of the special investigating committee.

To permit such an investigation, however, would have been a greater catastrophe, in the minds of the Chicago anti-Socialist aldermen, than the sacrifice of the 1,000 victims. So the adroit political tools of

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE.

Chicago, Ill., July 26, 1915.

Chicago, Ill., July 26, 1915.

To the Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades:—I submit to you herewith the following motion:

National Executive Committee Motion (F).

By Goebel.

"That the request of Upton Sinclair that the publishers of his new book be allowed to send circulars concerning same to our local secretaries, the party to be at no expense, and the list not given outside the office.

"I know something of the new book, and believe it is worth giving a boost. In fact, because of the peculiar character of it, I feel it would be well if each Local had among its membership at least one copy."

Kindly use the enclosed ballot. Vote

copy."
Kindly use the enclosed ballot. Vote closes August 7th.
Fraternally submitted,
Walter Lanfersiek, Executive Secretary.

because this would be too big and of invested interests. The government could have taken over the Colorado coal mines and by so doing it could have prevented the Ludlow massacre. But what do the lives of a few working men, their wives and their children, amount to when compared to the sacred right of private property, which must be maintained at all costs.

New Jersey produced Wilson. It also produced Paterson, Roseweit and Bayonne, scenes of strikes that all demanded their toil of lives if the manual convenience of the manual and manual and manual and manual and manual and tragellar and the string put forth to prevent the simpliar shedding of human blood in a days to come. Let the class that labors remember this when the year literature of the mass. Everywhere this ing forces and sgainst the efforts being put forth to prevent the simpliar shedding of human blood in a days to come. Let the class that labors remember this when the year literature of the mass. Everywhere this ling forces and sgainst the efforts being put forth to prevent the simpliar shedding of human blood in the straight of the mass. Everywhere this ling forces and sgainst the efforts being put forth to prevent the simpliar shedding of human blood in the straight of the mass. Everywhere this ling forces and sgainst the efforts being put forth to prevent the simpliar shedding of human blood in the straight of the mass. Everywhere this ling forces and sgainst the efforts being put forth to prevent the simpliar shedding of human blood in the straight of the servence of the mass and a growing Socialist sentiment at the force and spatial the efforts of the servence that the class that labors remember this when the year literature of the servence that the formal properties and the servence the servence that the properties and the servence that the servence the servence that the servence that the servence that the servence the servence that the servence that the servence the servence that the servence the servence that the servence that the servence t

THE AMERICAN SOURCE AND CONTROL OF THE AMERICAN PROPERTY.

STATES AN

Fraternally submitted,
Walter Lanfersiek, Executive Secretary.

ses during the dull months, and has arranged reductions more drastic than any other department. Comrade Lanfersiek submits a proposition that may completely disorganize Thompson's department without even consulting Thompson, nor advising him of his proposed action. Is this comradely or fair?

What the National Executive Committee should have wisdom and bravery enough to tell the membership is that the trouble in the National Office is not altogether, nor mainly one of finances, but to a large extent of temperamental limitations of Comrade Lanfersiek, which prevents him from having the large vision and ability to himself handled certain lines of action desperately needed, and the same time prevents him from being willing to give others the opportunity to make good, lest in some way his dignity or authority be trespassed upon.

REPLY BY THE EXECUTIVE

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REPLY BY THE EXECUTIVE

SECRETARY.

There is no discourtesy, actual, intended or implied, in my published statement, unless Comrade Goebel takes the position that the Secretary should communicate only with the Executive Committee. The Secretary is responsible to the National Committee and the membership. There were some things I considered all should know. I do not desire to be held responsible in any way for financial conditions that may arise next year.

The simple and complete answer to much of Comrade Goebel's comment, is that conditions may well be critical at the end of July, although such conditions were not foreseen in May or June. I am no prophet, nor the son of one.

I have never opposed retrenchment. I have opposed increases in wages, but have been overruled.

If the heads of departments ever signed a statement taking issue with any report of mine, I have never seen it, nor have I heard of it until now. Many things are done that I do not know. Only recently two documents were issued from the National Office, both without my knowledge, and only one of which I have seen.

I have never opposed frankness. It was on my initiative that the auditors during the last two years furnished figures to the exact cost of the various departments. On many occasions I have published statements of our financial condition, all of which were true to the best of my knowledge. Since May the National Office has suffered as all other business has suffered? I have never been pessimistic. But if a reasonable hopefulness is a crime, I am guilty.

I supported the pending call for two dollars per Local for organization. This call is for a special purpose. But it ought not be necessary to call for money te do the ordinary work of the party. Continual asking for money will harm the party. Not more than ten percent responded to the call of the Executive Committee this year. With the prestige of t

Woman's National Committee. Comrades:—I am submitting to e following comments upon ques-

successful in Joins of the Souther Whether, Whether, Water, Total 2, and yor againstain should do.

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# TWO VALUABLE PREMIUMS

OOK at the picture of the knife. It's a "NOVELTY KNIFE." Its handle is made of material which is almost indestructible. It cannot break. Yet it is as transparent as glass and as clear as crystal. The knife has two blades made of the finest tempered razor steel. The mounting and wiring is of German silver and cannot rust.

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Neither the knife nor the pennant are

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THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST 803 W. MADISON ST. :: CHICAGO, ILL.

RE HAYES' LEAFLET.

HOGAN: I vote NO on the endorsement of Comrade Hayes' leaflet for use in the eastern suffrage campaign; not because I do not appreciate its value; but because I do not appreciate its value; but because I am sure there has been a misunderstanding as to the leaflet wanted. Comrade Hayes' copy is a splendid appeal to working women for suffrage and socialism, while I understoo, and believe, that the leaflet desired was one addressed to trades union men, urging their support of the suffrage amendments. And Comrade Hayes has generously agreed, if this is the wish of our committee, to reconstruct his copy along this line. So I make this motion:

WOMAN'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION (3).

By Hogan.

"That we ask Comrade Hayes to change his copy so as to appeal to working men."

MARY RAOUL, WILLIS, State Secretary as list of 40 locals, and out of this forty, only eight are called "live." We believe that 't is possible, not only to resuscitate the other 32, but to form many more, as deorgia is full of men who read our literature, believe in our principles, and are disgusted with the old political game. We wish, through our Party Press, to call upon all sympathizers, in every part of the state, to send their names and addresses to the office of the State Secretary, 299 restricted the convertion of new locals, and the upbuilding of a strong state organization.

AL. SCHWARTZ, MAURICE SEGAD-MARY WHARANIS, State Executive Committee.

MARY RAOUL WILLIS State Secretary have not only to resuscitate the cother 32, but to form many more, as list of 40 locals, and out of this forty only eight are called "live." We believe in the cother 32, but to form many more, as disgusted with the old political game. We wish, through our Party Press, to call upon all sympathizers, in every part of the correct of the State Secretary. 299 results of the state, to send their names and addresses to the other of the State Secretary. 299 results of the state of the correct of the State Secretary and secretary and secretary and secreta

Committee.
MARY RAOUL MILLIS, State Secre

ELECTION OF PARTY OFFICIALS. UTAH: National Committeeman, S. Ambler, 10th and Washington Ave., Ogden; State Secretary, C. A. Bushnell, Gen. Del.,

The following notice has been received from Mary Raoul Millis, State Secretary of Georgia: "This is to notify you that Abraham Chess, member of the Atlanta Local, has been suspended from participating in the Local's matters in any way, shape or form for one year, beginning July 18th, 1915, for misconduct, and publicly slandering and denouncing members of the organization."

If wages were raised to the limit under capitalism, still it could not possibly be that you would get all your produce. Only Socialism can this guarantee you that.

Capitalism is a cannibal that devours women and children. Socialism is a slayer of dragons and devils, before which all the fabled knights of old pale into insignificance.

Maria Carlos Sanas \_\_\_\_\_\_

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# **AUDITOR'S REPORT SHOWS FINANCIAL** RECORD NOT GOOD AS IT OUGHT TO BE

THE FINANCIAL record as shown by the Auditor's statement herewith, is not as good as it ought to be. It is true that the debts of the party have been reduced \$1,040.17 in spite of the heavy cost of the National Committee meeting, but our net condition, considering assets and liabilities, shows that we have gone backward \$1,857.03. In other words, our expenses have been that much greater than our net income. The dues were \$21,623.80 against \$23,018.75 for the six months ending Jan. 1. Thus if the dues had kept up, we would have just come out about

We must go back to the year 1910 to find as poor a record of dues payments as we have had during the past six months. But at that time it could not be considered poor, because the trend was upward, whereas now it is the othe direction.

The American Socialist is the one encouraging feature of the whole report. It shows a loss only of \$252.06 for the six months. This is nonly nominal, and is as good as can be expected. In fact, it is altogether satisfactory, considering the general conditions. After the influence of the Lecture course has shown itself this fall, the indications are that the paper NET EXPENSE (transferred to Exhibit 2), \$2,548.52 \$ 252.06 \$4,287.04 \$2,599.96 \$1,065.59 \$708.00 \$5,754.03 \$17,160.60

will show a surplus for the next six months.

The Literature Department has not done as well as during the p ceding six months. There has been a net loss of \$2,548.52 for the period. During the last six months of last year the Literatur edepartment lost only \$461.51.

The cost of the other departments is shown in Exhibit 3, which will repay reading. It is simple and gives a comprehensive view of how the money is spent, and where.

In Exhibits 9, and 10, comparative records are shown for The American Socialist and the Literature department. These also show how much

ican Socialist and the Literature department. These also show how much was spent for the various items for the period.

Exhibit 11 shows the cost of the Executive Committee, and the general cost of the office, up to July first. This includes the cost of the old committee up to June first, and of the New committee to July first, that date being the beginning of the fiscal year.

Members will do well to examine this report. It shows how your money is spent. At first sight it may seem complicated but it is comparatively simple. No other organization that I know of publishes such a report twice a year. But it is a safe-guard, and there can be no false belief in the financial condition, either favorable or unfavorable, when the Jas. H. Mau Le E. Katteri. auditors have gone through the books and have checked every item.

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	Chie	ago,	July	17th,	1915.	
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auditors have gone through the books and have checked every item.

FIREMED ROCKITY & CO., CERTIFIEDFUELIO ACCOUNTAINS, MARQUETTS
BULLDING, CHICAGO, ILL.

Chicago, July 17th, 1915.

National Executive Committee,
The Socialist Party,
Chicago, Blinois.

Gentiement: We have made at examination of the season and the state of the content half-year any of these accounts would ordinarily the realized for the care the larger proportion of the same in all flow with a six months ended June 30th, 1915, and increase and the state of the care that it is a state of the care that it is a state of the care that is a state of

### Exhibit No. 1. THE SOCIALIST PARTY, NATIONAL OFFICE. Balance Sheet as on June 30th, 1915. (Subject to Report Herewith.) ASSETS. ..\$ 2.680.88 14,308.49

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: Locals, States, Etc., \$ Sundry, \$			2,544.24
DEFERRED CHARGES: Insurance Unexpired, Mail Order Department—Advertising Prepaid, Expenses of American Socialist, Lecture Course, Prepaid,	83.30 88.20 199.79	_	871.29
CASH: In Bank, On Hand,	689.34 50.00		739.34
		\$ :	25,133.43
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:			
Organizers, National Committeemen, Party Workers, Etc. (Details given in Exhibit No. 4)	822.78		
(Details given in Exhibit No. 5)	8,985.40		
(Details given in Exhibit No. 6)	500.02		
Funds Unexpended, (Details given in Exhibit No. 7)	905.58	\$	6,213.68
NOTES PAYABLE, Bankers NATIONAL OFFICE, SURPLUS, January 1st, 1915, DEDICT Excess of Expenses over Income six months	18,276.78	-	2,500.00

Appropriations Unexpended,		beer ctarres was secured, and speak-	i i
(Details given in Exhibit No. 6)		ers booked to go out on the road.	
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(Details given in Exhibit No. 7) 905.58	\$ 6,213.68	touring New York State since July	
NAMES DATE DE L		10. On the 26th her work began in	1
NOTES PAYABLE, Bankers	2,500.00	Pennsylvania. On the same date	
NATIONAL OFFICE, SURPLUS, January 1st, 1915, \$ 18,276.78			
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ended June 30th, 1915, as per Exhibit No. 2 1,857.03	16,419.75	tour of New Jersey, to be followed	1
	\$ 25,188,43	by Tracy Mygatt. Anna Maley is	I
	<b>\$ 30,100.40</b>	expected to cover Massachusetts. A	
Exhibit No. 2.	•	circular letter was sent from the	
THE SOCIALIST PARTY, NATIONAL OFFICE.		National office to all active women	(
General Income and Expense Account for the six months ended June	30, 1915,	comrades residing in the campaign	t
(Subject to Report Herewith.)		States. The response to that letter	
CREDITS.	•		
National Dues,\$ 21,623.80		was very good. Comrades from all	
Special Voluntary Assessment,		parts of the four Eastern States are	1
Donations and Collections, 102.61		writing to Comrade Malkiel asking	8
Discount, 7.75	<b>\$ 21,780.66</b>	for further information, offering sug-	
CHARGES.		gestions and volunteering their	١,
Departmental Expenses (Net):			
(Details given in Exhibit No. 8).		service. Socialist Suffrage brigades	1
Literature and Supplies,\$ 2,548.52		have sprung up here and there and	ı
American Socialist,		everywhere.	l
Executive, 4,327.04		Out of the sum of money granted	۱,
Information, 2,599,96		but of the sum of money granted	١.

Departmental Expenses (Net):		
(Details given in Exhibit No. 8).		
Literature and Supplies,	2,548.52	
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American Socialist,	252.06	
Executive,	4,327.04	
Information,	2,599.96	
Women's,	1.065.99	
Young People's,	703.00	
Translators,	5.754.03	
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	17,160.60	
National Committee Meeting,	4.410.63	
Executive Committee Meeting,	855.16	
Women's National Committee Meeting,	437.40	
International Congress,	864.35	
Co-Operative Committee,		
Amendative Committee,,	23.50	
Appropriations:		
Illinois 7th Congressional District,\$50.00		
State of Vermont, 12.50	,	
State of Louisians, 2.50		
State of Maine,		
State of Mississippi, 10.00		
Title of Mississippi, 10.00	100.00	
Free Literature,	81.61	
Accounts written off,	204.44	23,687
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NET LOSS Six Months ended June 80th, 1915.		
transferred to Exhibit No. 1,		. 105
***************************************		\$ 1,857

BIG FIGHT FOR SUFFRAGE IN
FOUR EASTERN STATES.
Upon the decision of the National Committee, to donate \$500 the Socialist Suffrage Cambroward t

Exhibit No. 3.
THE SOCIALIST PARTY, NATIONAL OFFICE.

Account for the six months ended June 30th, 1915. Expense Account for the six mon (Subject to Report Herewith.)

	Literature and Supplies	American Socialist	Executive Department	Information Department	Women's Department	Young People's Department	Translators Department	Total all Danarimenta
EXPENSES.								
Cost of Goods Sold,			\$	\$	\$	*	\$	\$ 8,989.75
Wages,	1,695.75	2,039.66	2,554.54	1,935.00	773.15	472.50	5,044.00	14,514.60
Freight and Express,	429.35							429,35
Printing, Postage, Etc.,	778.87	7,721.86	688.08	88.63	64.53	164.27		9,456.20
Stationery and Supplies,	141.77	227.48	267.72	71.90	57.69	58.81	50.58	875.95
Furniture and Fixture Depr'n,	82.18	82.18	82.18	82.18				328.72
Telephone,	25.00	15.00	30.07	25.00	25.00	10.00	75.00	205.07
General Expense	266.18	117.02	859.24	<b>248.45</b>	87.95	85.87	859.93	1,519.59
Rent,	384.51	153.81	170.71	153.80	57.67	19.23	224.52	1,164.25
Telegrams and Cablegrams,			134,54					184.54
Royalties,								84.79
Premiums,		187.75	,					178.75
Advertising in American Socialist,	660.75							660.75
Speakers Expenses,								
(American Socialist Lecture Bureau),		918.37						918.37
INCOME	\$8,538.85	\$11,454.13	\$4,237.04	\$2,599.96	\$1,065.99	\$810.68	\$5,754.03	\$84,460.68
Sales, Subscription and Advertising,	5,990.33	11,202.07				107.68		17,300.08

Exhibit No. 4. Exhibit No. 8 THE SOCIALIST PARTY, NATIONAL OFFICE THE SOCIALIST PARTY, NATIONAL OFFICE. List of Delinquent Accounts of Locals and Party Members at June 30th, 1915 for Charges prior to June 30th, 1914. List of Accounts due to Organizers. Na-Etc., a

country and to olfanizers, wa-				
mmitteemen, Party Workers,	Florence Wattles,	Kokomo, Ind	Prior to Mar. 1914, .	.\$40.
as on June 30th, 1915.	Emma Williams,	Globe, Ariz.	Prior to Feb. 1914,	
as on sune som, 1910.	Ida Callery, State Sec	Ft. Smith, Ark	Prior to Mar. 1914,	. 9.
re, 20.00	Ben F. Wilson,	Glen Ellen, Calif.,	Prior to Jan. 1914, .	. 8.
obs 10.00	The Eye Opener,	Chicago,	Prior to June, 1914, .	. 6.
tt 5.00	E. M. Parker.	Valparaiso, Ind.,	Apr. 1914	. 2.
46.50	Samuel Ball,			
ebel 69.40	Ira C. Tilton,	Valparaiso, Ind.,	Prior to Apr. 1914, .	. 2.
rds O'Hare 54.10	Frank E. Wolfe	Chicago,	Mar. 1914	. 6.
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Exhibit No. 10. Comparative Profit and Loss Account (American Socialist) for the six months ended June 30th, 1915 and December 31st, 1914.

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Exhibit No. 11. THE SOCIALIST PARTY, NATIONAL OFFICE.

Details of Expenses of Executive Department for the six months ended June 30, 1915. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TWO MEETINGS: Adolph Germer, .....\$
James Maurer, ....

Cames made,	200.00	
J. Stitt Wilson,	205.50	
Lewis J. Duncan,	144.10	
Geo. H. Goebel,	94.40	
Emil Seidel,	21.40	
Arthur LeSueur,	87.50	
	15.00	
Reporting Meetings,		
Telegrams,	3.78	855,16
WAGES:		
Executive Secretary,\$	750.16	
Office Help. Executive Committee Meetings	90.00	
Executive Committee Correspondence,	100.00	
National Committee Correspondence,	45.00	
Bookkeeper (entire office)	525.00	
	150.00	
Filing Clerk,		
Press Service,	125.00	
Official Column, American Socialist,	75.00	
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Manuscript and Editing Committee,	<b>25.00</b>	
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penses and furnishing its own by Tracy Mygatt. Anna Maley is expected to cover Massachusetts. A circular letter was sent from the National office to all active women comrades residing in the campaign the locals \$3.50 per day and enter-

THE SOCIALIST PARTY, NATIONAL OFFICE. List of Appropriations Unexpended as on June 30th, 1915.

Exhibit No. 7.

47 23 \$905.53

List of Funds Unexpended as June 30, 1915. West Virginia Free Speech .... \$ 96.90 Russian Political Prisoners .... 20.00 Russian Political Friedmann Drganization
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kiel — now residing in the campaign States to manage the campaign. Theresa S. Malkiel was placed in charge of the work.

The subcommittee got to work at

once. The co-operation of the state

secretaries was secured, and speak-

their discretion.
This was followed by an order of

simply an increased stimulus.

The Woman's Committee will soon

comrades residing in the campaign States. The response to that letter tainment. Of this sum \$3 goes to was very good. Comrades from all the speaker and 50 cents towards FUND" that appeared in The Amerparts of the four Eastern States are railroad fare, the Woman's Nationwriting to Comrade Malkiel asking al Committee paying the deficit.

At this rate of expense the comfor further information, offering sug-gestions and volunteering their mittee can produce a maximum regestions and volunteering their service. Socialist Suffrage brigades have sprung up here and there and everywhere.

tional Committee purchased 5,000 battle in victory the committee calls copies of the special Suffrage Edition of The New York Call and distributed same among the four round the Socialist suffrage work." by the N. E. C. the Woman's National Committee purchased 5,000 tributed same among the four state ers and thus multiply the strength secretaries to be used according to of the agitation.

20,000 of Meta L. Stern's leaflet, claims to own all the property of wrongs shoulders behind the wheel be sent to the State Secretaries. The dividends on the same property on of progress and pushing for Sociallatter are very pleased with the work of the committee and extend to it their hearty co-operation. There is no sign of conflict of activity, simply an increased with the world go free.

# ORGANIZE FOR 1916 FUND

1,682.50

\$ 5,092.20

ors to the "ORGANIZE FOR 1916 ican Socialist last week. We like to publish long lists because that means that the fight to "ORGANIZE FOR 1916!" is really on in dead earnest.

"We are sorry our local is not big enough, or prosperous enough, to go a little bit stronger. We hope,

Winnemucca, Nev., write in sending their contribution of \$2. The object Capitalism through watered stocks

> hard up but we consider the pur-pose of the call to be a very import-ant one," writes Frank W. Cotton, in sending \$2 for the comrades at

age as follows: "Never in the history of the struggle of the working class, for their freedom from wage slavery, was organization work so nuch needed as now. We see the kingdoms of the old world tottering and rent asunder; still fighting to regain control of the masses. We find capitalism in a desperate struggle to crush the laboring class of America. The opportunity is ripe for the working class to take control. Are they organized to do so It is the duty of the Socialists of every nation to see that they are." A. F. Schreiber, financial secretary of the Anacortes, Wash., Local No. 1, refers to the \$2 contribution of the Anacortes comrades as "Our little mite to help organize the fight for 1916." It is going to be some

lively fight, comrades.
"Our local gladly sends the amount you ask," writes Corresponding Secretary Sophia C. Gerrard in sending in \$2 for the comrades at Local Three Forks, Mont.

Have Finest Theater.

The Finnish Socialist Club of Astoria, Oregon, sends in its \$2.00 and a message in Finnish that we can't read. We'll take it up with the Finnish translator-secretary. But the letter head of this Finnish club has 2.40 a picture of the "Finest Theater -Largest Dancing Hall in the city. We would like to show this picture to every party member in America. J. N. Bennett, secretary of the Napa, Cal., comrades, writes: "I am sorry to say that we could not see our way clear to contribute \$2 4.65 but we voted \$1.50 and may later 6.15 on duplicate the amount. Our membership is less than 15 at present At one time we had 60. The situation is the same all over the state.' Here is a picture of conditions that Socialists want to change right 2.00 away and we are starting in by organizing for 1916.

"With best wishes for a great cam-paign," Eva N. Johnson, secretary-treasurer of Local Washington County, Pa., sent in a check for \$5, while right along behind it came \$10 from Branch No. 88, Utica, N. Y., of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund of the United States of America, with 50 cents from Branch No. 252, of the same organization at Clinton, Mass. This .80 is a German sick and death benefit society. The Socialist appeal for finacial aid to start the 1916 campaign is also being sent to the Arbeiter-Ring, the Jewish sick and death benefit society. Other contributions without comment were received as follows:

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CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$5: German Br., Lincoln, Ill.; Local Washington Co., Pa.; Br. Ridgewood No. 2, Local Queens, N. Y. CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$100: Finnish

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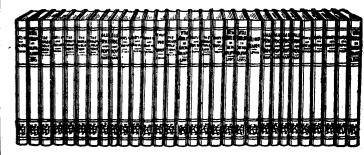
the May issue of the Brass Workers' the union organization in that coun-Journal, Samuel Gompers has an try, and the Gompers' type are fight article headed "And Yet They Would ing the Socialists with very much 'Wish' It On Us." In this article the same phrases as those emanating Gompers quotes from Brand Whit-lock, who is represented to have The question that confronts us said: "Socialism makes provision for everything except liberty;" and Gompers refers to New South Wales as the best verification of Whitlock's does he want to take? If he DIDN'T assertion. This all refers to state know, then he is ignorant. What regulation of all industrial relations then, if he DID know? Gompers is

Wales is known as a labor-governed be in close touch with the world state, and the workers expected to gain great benefits from state re-gulation. The labor government regulates the hours and the wages. This is all very true; but where Gompers makes his great mistake, if mistake it can be called, is in referring to this government as a government of Socialism. This is a labor government; the

party in control is the Labor Party. The Labor Party is composed of the various labor unions through-out that country. It is the same kind of a party that was urged at the last American Federation of Labor convention, and against which Gompers worked so hard. (I wonder if Mr. Gompers observed any so-cialists working FOR this would-be The Woman's Committee will soon print two short leaflets on suffrage for free distribution in the campaign da. Get ready now for the great hound to increase in the near failure. Socialists affiliated with the labor bound to increase in the near future. Socialists annuated with party in New South Wales, just as there are many Socialists affiliated

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NEWS FROM THE FRONT. From Our Special Correspondent. Just as Napoleon waited for his dilatory Marshal who was to bring

up re-inforcements at Waterloo, so General James Higgins, who is leading the forces of the "Ons" is waiting for re-enforcements to arrive. Week after week they have waited, but thus far none have come, so nothing remained but to retreat. Re-

inforcements are expected to arrive soon, however. Generals Seidel. walker and Kirkpatrick are bound to arrive soon with the Lecture Course Hustler Brigade, and when that brigade gets into the fray the forces of the "Offs' will surely be put to rout.

No doubt, General Plute of the "Offs" knows this and that is why he is exerting such strenous efforts to win a decisive victory before the Lecture Course Brigade arrives.
Will the hustlers let him?
THEY: WILL NOT!

HERE'S DUES PAYING MEMBER ROR EIGHT YEARS.

"Have been a dues paying member for 8\years and think every Socialist should belong to the party and help to forward the movement. For the remaining \$1.50 send me six cards. I secured the subscriptions of all the Red Card Socialists at our local yesterday and am sure I can easily sell the other six cards and probably more." W. H. BUSH, Ark-

GET OUR NEW KNIFE PREMIUM. One comrade writes after receiv

ing his premium as follows: "The thought when you take the knife in hand that you have got this doing something for the cause encourages one to do more work, although, this has never entered my mind before this, for I never expected to receive anything working for the movement, I love so well." I. KERBER, Pennsylvania.

### ROLL OF HONOR

E. D. MITCHELL sends in \$1 to buy mmunition for the Washington comrades. M. E. MANEY, New Mexico: "I am mad to think I did not lend my aid to The American Socialist forces before. From now on, I will be in the fray." J J MONTAGUE, Colorado: beguiles 4 comrades to fall in line.

Four husky Texans hail from the Lone Star state with I. D. MANN in command. FANNIE PEYSON, New York City, or-ganizes a little army of her own. She sends them onward to The American So-cialist ranks to add to the Hustler Brig-

"I am a volunteer. I wish the cause and want to do everything possible to help in the Fight."—JOHN STEWART, Penn-

"Here I come with eight good soldiers.
I'll keep this up as long as I can." —
ALEX WITTENBERG, New York City. Forty volunteers come in together from Minnesota with Captain G. L. GAU as their worthy leader.

enemy,
J. O. ANDERSON, Kansas: "You are
making headway. Keep it up."
I. CARMEN captures 8 Henry Dubbs
and lures them in to taking their place
among the re-enforcements.

Bix earnest fighters from Minnesota bent u victory for The American Socialist take set places on the firing line.

Six New Yorkers follow HARRY D.
FELTON, and find their way to the righting grounds of The American Socialist.

WM. H. McNULTY, Maine, says:
'Down with the Offs.' See what my
ittle army of 12 will do.''

Eight good comrades line up from Little ck, Ark. lonnecticut is represented by four trades who come from New Haven.

"I will help you all I can in your cam-ign. Here's good luck to you." R. HINGLEY, Texas. JOHN C. SHEEDY, Pennsylvania, orres 10 cards on which he will report good n that are willing to join The America Socialist.

WILLIAM H. SINGER, deserves praise week. His band of 16 from Wis-u will help put the "Offs" to rout.

will try to help the party all I says P. A. TATOM, Missouri. italism bases its money on

and bonds, the property of · performed, and make bank des available for public service cialists is gradually increasing. The put the people having to bor- "antis" fear the Socialists will elect from the plutes.

### Are Preparations Being Made To Involve America In War?

Are the American Workers to be Sacrificed to the War God in Schemes of World Conquest, for the Benefit of the Large Capitalists?

### By HOWARD H. CALDWELL

TS AMERICA about to engage in war? If Mexico is to be invaded, in whose interest will the invasion be made? These are the questions that millions of people are asking of those who PHILADELPHIA YIPSELS PLAN are supposed to know something about the matter.

When we speculate on the cause of war, and on America's interest in the terrible conflict raging in Europe, we arrive at the they always set it high enough to conclusion that there is great danger of our country being con-stretch for. That is what a special hangs on to the old like grim death and wards off the new. verted into a militaristic, imperialistic, battering ram, to promote effort of any kind is for,-to awakthe financial interest of some of our richest men, whose hopes of world conquest commercially are threatened by either of the European groups of capitalists, with their great military establishments.

It was the rivalry of the financial and commercial interests of Germany against those of England that brought about the present conflict ough and far-reaching of any yet in Europe.

The struggle is now for world supremacy and the American forces will soon be called upon the stage. The prize is the exploitation of the ent indications, extremely well or-undeveloped countries of the world. When the war in Europe is ended, one of those groups will have been

extinction of the military power of the defeated side.

Then there will be two great rivals left to be conquered; The first ed free throughout the city, — 5,000 is America with its great manufacturing system and the enormous sur- leaflets are now in the course of diplus of both goods and money that its capitalists must find investment for in new countries, and the second is the Yellow Peril of the Orient.

JAPAN MAY be found in alliance with China for protection against city, and no charge will be made the either of the great European groups when it comes to defense against

of the Japanese encroachments in that country, but when the time comes that Europe is ready to reach for China and Japan, we will find those nations forced into an alliance by material interest nations forced into an alliance by material interest.

During the war in Europe, the American factories have developed

great efficiency in the manufacture of war munitions.

Now the great capitalists, who want to use the American people to pull their chestnuts out of the fire, are preparing the public mind for a clocks and thermometers will be put great increase of the Navy as well as the Army.

The total number of trained and equipped soldiers in the United States, ready for immediate service, is not over 250,000. An army of that size could not last long against the force that either of the European groups could bring to bear on this country, in case that war was declared to-

The American capitalist is not noted for being foolish. He knows that either war, or surrender by him of hope of world conquest, is inevit-

THE LARGE financial interests are very generous as to the amount they donate to the campaign funds of the politicians, and consequently have great influence with the elected officials. Today it is a matter of Only Means to the common knowledged that a rich man can have almost any law passed that he may desire, always providing that it does not interfere with the graft of some other influential man.

The interests of the richest men in America require the establishment of a great army, and the invasion of Mexico, for the reason that it will be a preparation for the great war that is coming against the dominant power in Europe. An American army of five million men will be required for that ultimate struggle for world supremacy, sometime during

the next five years.

The "interests" know that the American people can see no need at present for such an army, to darry out any plans that the people may have for their own benefit. It will take at least two years to arm and drill such an army, consequently the propaganda for a larger army is being conducted by Wall Street, through the public press and other agencies. The invasion of Mexico by American soldiers seems certain for the

following reasons:

(1) The large capitalists of America own mineral and oil producing land in Mexico, that at present is bringing no profit to them on account of the war, so the capitalists' hopes for future profits are based on the intervention of the American Government. (2) In Mexico, under the American flag, there is the certainty of

great natural wealth passing into the hands of the dominant group of American financiers. (3) The Panama canal is the key to the commercial, as well as military domination of the Western Hemisphere, and it can only be captured

by the European military force by landing the soldiers some distance away from the canal and attacking the forts from the land side. The victors in the European conflict will have a navy large enough to overcome any navy that America could build between now and the time when we should expect such an attempt.

THE ONLY way that the canal could be defended successfully, would be to have a way to transport troops to reenforce the army there in such numbers that a foreign force could not be landed. The only way to actheir worthy leader.

H. A. IVERSON, a Southern worker in Florida adds a force of 7 and asks for a America, so we can expect to see the invasion and capture of those countries soon at the request of our dear American money lords.

(4) The war with Mexico would both give the excuse for a large army and navy needed to fight a European power, and give the nucleus of that army some practical experience in warfare. This little war would develop the war making machinery of America so that our capitalists could use it to become the masters of the world.

If we do not allow the scheme that will make America a military

camp to go through, OUR CAPITALISTS WILL BE COMPELLED TO HUNT THEIR PREY UNDER ANOTHER FLAG. "PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR" MEANS THAT WE WILL BE INVOLVED IN WAR! It means the death of more than a million of our young men in the

war of world conquest, who must die for the benefit of a group of capitalists who will abstain from taking part in the battles fought for their exclusive benefit. Every socialist should explain to his shop mates the cause of this

cry for a larger army and navy being raised by the politicians, preachers

and editors from all parts of the country. WE MUST head off this arming for war, if we would avoid war. The American capitalists will not involve us in war if there is danger of their

holdings at home being endangered.

The remedy for all this horror that is ahead of us is the establishment of the COOPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH, and there is no other real cure.

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The Philadelphia Y. P. S. L. has just inaugurated a campaign for membership that is the most thorproposed in our organization. It is well planned, and, according to presganized. Their slogan is "5,000 members by April, 1916."

Ten thousand special buttons bearing this slogan will be distribut-The victor must insist on terms of peace that will mean the stribution and many more are coming. Big entertainments of various kinds will be held in all parts of the prospective members. Socialist party branches, labor unions, education-

> In order to stimulate the members atism in the minds of the people. themselves, valuable prizes will be given to those bringing in the largest number of new members. Big up in various parts of the city, in socialist and radical headquarters and wherever they will stimulate interest. On these will be recorded a the advancing membership list from week to week. Such methods are bound to arouse the widest publicity, and a special committee is taking care of all press work. The caminterest, not only in Philadelphia,

Only Means to the End. But big and important though this work is, - it is only a means to the end. The next question is, "What will they do with this gigantic memit is asked.

The first thing will be a \$5,000 fund for building their own Headamount. Shares will be sold only to members, and on a plan of small payments that will make it possible for the poorest boy or girl to own a part of their meeting place.

The League will also figure as a fighting unit in the 1916 Socialist Campaign as it has never before. More meetings both indoor and outdoor, with many more workers than heretofore, that is the program.

every possible success.

### GENERAL NOTES.

The Leagues are by no means a-mining. About 5,000 men walked evening; 9, Lyons, Nebr.; 10, Tekasleep,—from all parts of the counout and into the "independent" trap, mah, Nebr.; 11, "Probably an open

At the last state commuted meeting of the Y. P. S. L. of New Jersey, extensive plans were laid to bring the circles into closer co-operation with one another. Their new state-organizer, Comrade Newman of Jersentence, has already lain in that sey City, is expected to do good work along this line. As New Jersey is especially favorably situated the State Supreme Court. Through-organizer, Comrade Newman of Jersentence, has already lain in that sey City, is expected to do good the State Supreme Court. Through-organizer, Comrade Newman of Jersentence, has already lain in that sey City, is expected to do good work along this line. As New Jersey is especially favorably situated the State Supreme Court. Through-organizer, Comrade Newman of Jersentence, has already lain in that sey City, is expected to do good the State Supreme Court. Through-organizer, Comrade Newman of Jersentence, has already lain in that sevening.

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# THE LAGGARD INTELLECT

By JOHN M. WORK

A S I pointed out in a previous article, the industries are now dead ripe for Socialism, but the minds of the people are not. The minds of the people have not developed as fast as the industries

have developed. They have come trailing along behind. The minds of a majority of the people are all the way from five to twenty-five years behind the times on economic questions. They lack at least that much of keeping pace with industrial development. It is our province to educate the minds of the people along this par-

ticular line until they get up to the times. I SUPPOSE the reason the minds of the people have not developed as fast as the industries have developed is because of the innate conservatism of the human mind.

It is a feature of the average human being's mental make-up that he

This attitude of mind is called conservatism.

Conservatism is the great enemy of progress. All the progress the human race has ever made has been made by the

radicals. And it has been made in spite of the constant and bitter opposition of the conservatives. The conservatives always pull back. They are always attempting to

revent the human race from making progress.

The radicals always push forward. They are always advancing to new stage of progress.

Old adages are frequently lies. But we radicals accept this one: "Test all things, and hold fast that which is good."

WE DO TEST all things.
And we do hold fast that which is good. But we do not hold fast anything except what is good. The bad and the worn out we throw away.

And we try to replace them with something better. It is true that the conservatives sometimes assist the radicals in preserving the good. The difference between them in this respect is in their motives. The radicals preserve the good BECAUSE it is good. When the conservatives preserve the good, they preserve it because it is old and has passed into habit, or second nature as some people call it. So, when the conservatives preserve the good, they do not deserve any credit, because their motive is a low one, and because the good would be preserved

by the radicals anyhow and with the best of motives.

We Socialists have the task of battering down the economic conserv-

for state work, it is up to the comrades there to take the lead.

ABOUT ADVERTISING. "The only way to get a hearing in America," said a visitor, is to make a noise. The bigger the noise, the large. "The Rockefellers, responsible for the Ludlow massacre, are still at large." This may not large. greater the notice.' be complimentary, but it is certainly true. There is no reason why the hearing everywhere, and we will, upon the 50,000 unorganized anthcare of all press work. The campaign will be watched with great too, if we will only "make a noise." racite miners to join the union interest, not only in Philadelphia. It should be the duty of every which now numbers 100,000 in the Yipsel to show his colors on every three districts, President John P. possible occasion. Wear the em- White, of the United Mine Workers blem of your League on your lapel, and study up a bit so that you can coal corporations. White showed

will they do with this gigantic mem-bership?" That is answered before L. arm-bands whenever you go out a melon of 60 per cent during the them to members for a quarter, consumers as well as the miners

By MÁX S. HAYES

tion of Labor, that the recent zinc terness felt at the hard lot that the The whole affair is a big under- miners' strike at Joplin, Mo., was miners are compelled to undergo taking, but judging from the spirit, deliberately "jobbed" by the Mayor its success seems already more than half assured. It will take a great deal of work, but I am sure, that American Labor Press Association, we all wish the Philadelphia Viscale and organization levels as a constant of the strict of the so-called In declaring off the strict organization levels as organization. we all wish the Philadelphia Yipsels an organization largely on paper. Enormous profits are being accum- the Railway Department A. F. of L EVERYBODY BOOST FOR 1916! ulated by the zinc mine owners because of the high price of zinc system federation plan has been created by the European war. The The hard times now prevailing in this country are also making their effect felt on the Y. P. S. L. organization. From many sources comes tool of the mine owner, and conthe report that the League is doing ceived the idea of permitting the well but that the lack of work among the members has made it necessary which, without backing and funds to contain the members have the containt the members have the contain the members have the containt the members have the contain the members have the containt have the contain the members ha to curtail activities.

During a time of this kind, it is resulting in the miners being driven necessary for every member to back to work defeated, and dis-stand by the ship and to do their couraged. Fear and the Joplin politstand by the ship and to do their very best work in the interests of the organization. And when things look brighter we can go forward with a big boom.

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try come reports of new plans and even greater activities as is shown by the report above.

The plans and fought for a while and then returned date."; 12, Duniap, Iowa; 13, Villisto work when they had been starved into submission. President Wood day, 15, Creston, Iowa, Thompson into submission. y the report above.

Into submission. President Wood day, 15, Creston, Iowa, Thompson went to Joplin and addressed a and Lybarger; 16, Knoxville, Iowa; An agration is being started to form the Indiana Leagues into a State Federation, and it is getting called by the Central Labor Union, which had stood pat for the widespread support. Organization will soon be centered on pendent" fiasco, and challenged the day, 22, Marcellus, Mich., Thompson that state in order to get half a doz-en new leagues organized before the treasonable conduct before the del-mich.; 24, Hillsdale, Mich.; 25, Al-State Convention is called. Morris egates and a large delegation of min-K. Friedman, 615 Division St., South Bend, Ind., has charge of this work. At the last State Committee meeting of the Y. P. S. L. of New Jersey,

out Colorado and other Western States the working people are denouncing the bold victimizing of the miners by the Rockefeller hirelings.

In a powerful address at Scran-P. S. L. should not receive a ton, Pa., last week, where he called explain just exactly what it means. that the Delaware, Lackawanna and Another good means for personal Western Co., which keeps its emin a crowd. Many Leagues buy past year, and that in six years this these for fifteen cents each and sell robber concern that holds up the duarters, one that will be worthy of such an organization. With so large a membership, there will be no difficulty in raising the required and see how you can advertise the looted the workers and the public arount. Shares will be sold only looted the workers and the public to the extent of \$9,266,000 and still THE WORLD OF LABOR owns its original invocation and it is probable that a big strike will be inaugurated when the present Roosevelt open-shop contract, under which the men are virtually tied The charge is made by President down to the operators as slaves. Wood, of the Missouri State Federa- has expired. There is extreme bit-

> In declaring off the strike on the Illinois Central and Harriman lines. by no means acknowledged that the beaten. The move is simply a change of tactics. The men are

The revised list of dates for the given on Sundays. On all other days the debate is scheduled for John Lawson is confined in the Aug. 23, at Three Rivers, Mich., ARIZONA.—Miami, Phoenix, Yuma, Winslow.

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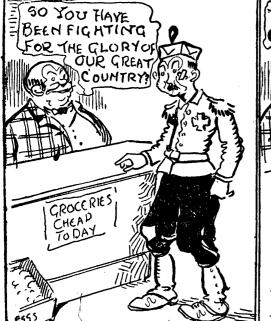
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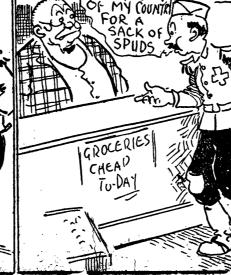
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