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A Calamity!

Socialists and organized workers of the country are urged by the Socialist Party national executive committee to give expression to their support of Congressman Meyer London's food bill, thru public demonstrations and appropriate resolu-

In a manifesto calling for this support the executive committee also calls upon the workers to force a steady raise of their Hague, and issued the manifesto apwages so as to at least keep pace pearing on this page to the Socialists with the increasing cost of liv-jof America and the world. ing, and to rally to the support of the Socialist Party in its struggles against the barbarous system of wages and profits.

The manifesto adopted on this important question now agitating the minds of the workers is as follows:

■HE growing cost of living, which for years has been a grave problem for the people of this country, is now fast assuming the dimensions of a national calamity.

Within recent times particularly all the sordid powers of campaign in New York state this fa our vicious economic system and seem to have conspired to put of the Socialist propaganda among the most essential necessaries of life beyond the reach of the

The unprecedented increase of the world's supply of gold has naturally resulted in a steady depreciation of money values and a corresponding increase in

prices of commodities. for the means of sustaining life secretary, and Morris Hillquit, inter and inflicting death has opened the way for the profit-crazed that was sent to Camille Huysmans American capitalists to drain secretary of the International So ers and to sell it abroad for ex- tal to the German occupation of Bel orbitant prices.

The artificial scarcity thus created is furnishing our industrial and commercal autocrats a plausible pretext for extracting usurious prices for the remaining supplies, while the horde of parasitic middle-men add an additional heavy tax on the helpless consumer. The cap- Sainte Croix-de-la-Bretonnerie, Paris italist classes find easy compensation for the rising cost of liv- Boulevard Raspail, Paris, France. ing in the enormous increase of their revenues and profits. The Romersgade 22, Copenhagen. burdens and miseries of the high cost of living fall almost wholly on the working classes.

For them, in the last analysis, the "high cost of living" is but another name for low wages. The fact that the Dollar purchases much less now than it did one year ago, means that the (?) worker's wage, even where it has nominally been increased, has actually been reduced. The higher cost of living means a lower standard of life to the de la Fuentes 4, Madrid. worker: less food, scantier clothes, a poorer home, a drear- ets Hus, Christiana. ier life. The Socialist Party calls upon the workers of the United States and upon all progressive elements of the counmenace of popular degeneration an international socialist period immediately following the opening of by radical, energetic and imme- the war. This attempt proved futile diate action in the political and It is felt that the time is now opby radical, energetic and immeeconomic fields.

It demands that the government assume direct supervision response from both neutral and beland control of the production ligerent countries. and supply of necessaries in order to put an end to the

that direction, which was intro- the falling off in the vote. They are duced in the House of Repre- as follows: sentatives by the Socialist Representative, Meyer London, and organized workers of the covered. country to give expression to their support of the measure over the question of militarism and thru public demonstrations and war which grew out of the European appropriate resolutions. But disaster. Under the slogan adopted by the democratic party, "He kept above all the Socialist Party us out of war!" many, who in 1912 calls upon the workers to force voted the Socialist ticket, as well as a steady raise of their wages so some who in the past have called themselves the "real Marxian revoluas to at least keep pace with the tionary Socialists', went over to the increasing cost of living, and to Wilson camp, while in some instances rally to the support of the Socialist Party in its struggles pro-ally, voted for Hughes. against the barbarous system of wages and profits, of traffick-law and a few other so-called labor ing in human needs and human laws were instrumental in befuddling lives, and in its efforts to re- the workers. build the industrial system of

Big Problems Taken Up By The Party N. E. G.

Big problems before the American Socialist Party were considered and acted upon by the National Executive Committee at its meeting just held

in Chicago.

It stepped forward as the spokesman for the Socialist Party in the world and offered its services in rethe International Socialist movement.

Rally In H. C. of L. Campaign. It called upon the Socialists and organized workers of the United States to rally behind Congressman Meyer London in his campaign to nationalize the supply and distribution of food as the only real remedy for

1920. This call is also published in an other column.

It also took up and considered the strengthening of every other phase of party activity. Provisions were made for aiding the woman's suffrage in increasing the effectiveness women generally. It voted to issu a monthly publication, to be called "The Socialist Party Bulletin," in place of the twice-a-month-supple ment now appearing as a part of The American Socialist. This month ly will be twice as large as the pre sent supplement.

Get In Touch With Europe.

Greatest interest of all was The insatiable demand of the war-crazed countries of Europe nationale". Adolph Germer, national national secretary, of the American Socialist Party, signed the cablegram this country of its life resources; to take the very bread from the mouths of the American work-was formerly located at Brussels but was formerly located at Brussels but was removed to The Hague incident gium.

> National Secretary Germer and International Secretary Hillquit also signed the cablegrams that were sen to the International Bureau delegate or National Secretaries of the various national parties. These were as fol

> GERMANY.-Wilhelm Pfannkuch Berlin, S.W. 68, Lindenstrasse 3, FRANCE.—Louis Dubreuihl, 37 rue RUSSIA .-- E. Roubanoitch, 238

AUSTRIA. - Ferdinand Skaret

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ITALY .-- C. Lazzari, via del Sem inario, 87, Rome.

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SPAIN .- Daniel Anguiano, Calle NORWAY .-- Magnus Nilssen, Folk

SWEDEN.—Fredrik Strom, Folk etshus, Banhusgaten 17, Stockholm

Made First Peace Effort.

It was the American Socialist Par try to combat this terrible ty that made the first attempt to call an international Socialist gathering portune for the holding of an International Socialist Congress and that

Total 1916 Vote Is 597,864.

In his report to the executive com shameful speculation and profit- mittee, Secretary Germer stated that mongering in the means of the the 1916 national Socialist vote had people's life at home or abroad. finally been secured for all of the It calls attention to the Bill states and that it totalled embodying concrete measures in signs several reasons to account for

First-The general apathy that has prevailed in the party for the and appeals to the Socialists which we have only in a measure re-

Second-The conflicting elements

Third—In addition to the war pro

Interesting reports were submitted the world on the basis of collective ownership, co-operative to the executive committee by all of the foreign federations, most of these reports showing these organizations labor and common enjoyment. to be stronger than ever.

Revive The Internationale!

Call Issued For World Congress, June 3, At The Hague

OPE OF reviving the Socialist International has been given a new birth by the action of the American Socialist Party national executive committee, in session that the common people the nations are demanding it most prominent neutral nation in the in Chicago, in calling upon the International Socialist Bureau to provide for an interviving the strength and influence of national congress to be held June 3, 1917, at The Hague.

It is urged that the Bureau take steps to call such a congress by March 1. If England, since the outbreak of hosthis is not done the American Socialist Party will take the initiative. The cablegram sent to Camille Huysmans, secretary of the International Social- organization of radicals seeking

ist Bureau, at The Hague, was as follows: "Convinced that the time is ripe for a revival of the Socialist International on the basis of a concerted working class movement for an immediate, just and lasting peace, the Socialist Party of the United States requests that an International Congress be

called June 3, 1917, at The Hague. Unless by March 1, the Bureau takes steps to call such a congress, our party will consider itself justified in taking direct initiative.' It called upon the party membership in joining in raising an organization fund of \$50,000 to build up a party that will be able to press forward to new conquests in 1918 and which realized parties be given to this measure. It is urged that any action to the most enormous that there is a popular movement in both Germany and England which realizes that the interests of the working people everywhere are essentially the same. taken be immediately cabled to the American Socialist Party headquarters in Chi-

> In this way it is hoped to gather up the loose threads now binding the Socialist Parties of the various countries and revive the International Socialist movement to greater effort. The members of the American Socialist Party national executive committee are confident that their appeal will meet with an immediate and favorable response by the Socialists of the belligerent and neutral countries.

> In announcing its action to the Socialists of the United States the national excutive committee issued a stirring manifesto as follows:

To the Comrades of the Socialist Party. | ments of murder and rapine, a re-united

has so much carnage, devastation and of life-giving industry. frightfulness been encompassed within many of the greatest modern nations, in about. neutral as well as in belligerent countries

The Socialist movement ought to be and can be the greatest force for peace in the world. The Socialists of the world The much talked of "War-Socialism" is the world. The Socialists of the world can do more to bring about a just, conclusive and enduring peace than all the world's diplomats and statesmen combined. Even amid the hellish hate and brute passions of the war, often at great peril to themselves, loyal comrades in all the belligerent countries, true to the principles of internationalism, have consistently opposed the resort to barbarous methods of warfare, and bravely urged the cause of international solidarity and

peace. It would be a calamity only comparable to the war itself if the organized Socialist movement of the world should fail to exert its great influence and power to bring about a speedy termination to the war madness. Further, International Socialism would lose its great opportunity and betray its trust if it should fail to make all possible efforts to safeguard the interests of the working class of the world in the adjustments that are to

Far more important than any or all of the questions of indemnification and territorial re-arrangements, is the assurance which must be obtained by the proletariat that the settlement of the war shall be just and lasting; that it shall not contain the germs of future wars. Every capitalist device or measure which may contain the potential provocative of future wars must be stoutly resisted by a reunited international social democracy.

It is in a special sense the task of the Socialist parties, to create the necessary working class sentiment and rally the forces to insure the adoption of means to prevent future wars. All that imperils the fraternity of peoples must be swept into oblivion. Disarmament, both military and naval, is essential to an assured and permanent peace. To the rulers and war lords who have caused the implements of industry to be transformed into imple-

Comrades: Thirty terrible months have working class must manifest its deterelapsed since the outbreak of the world mination to beat all the deadly armaments war. Never in the history of the world of the air, the land, and the sea into tools

It is our task to see that the reactionsuch a space of time. As the twentieth ary bureaucratic rules which war has of century with its science and invention, its necessity brought to the most democratic economic organization and achievements of the belligerent nations, and enormousdwarfs all the previous history of man- ly strengthened in the others, are not kind, so the war excels all previous wars permitted to continue. A wide extension of human history in magnitude, horror, of democracy in all the lands must be our destruction and deadliness. All the in- aim in the readjustments which the close ventive genius and creative power of of the great world tragedy must bring

On the other hand, those measures of have been prostituted to the lust of war collectivism which have been established Now that millions of lives have been sa- in the different nations during the war, crificed, and millions of other lives broken must be maintained. As Socialists we had and ruined, while all civilization has been always known and declared that capitalimperilled, the war-weary world cries ism was inefficient and incapable of afwith agonizing voice for peace. Even the fording the largest utilization of our ruling classes are at last realizing its un- natural resources and our productive speakable horror and futility and are be-powers. In the perils and stress of war ginning to speak openly of their desire the ruling classes and war-makers have discovered this, and as a result have been forced to replace capitalist industrial not Socialism at all. There can be no Socialism apart from democracy. But the collectivism which has been linked to militarism in the war is the wrong application of a great and beneficient principle of social action which must be redeemed from misuse and maintained to bless mankind. The collectivism of war must be made into the Socialism of Humanity. Above all other needs is the need of a world organization based upon the solidarity of all nations. All barriers which stand in the way—tariffs, armaments, alliances, commercial treaties and fortifications at strategic channels of world intercourse,—must be broken down. Upon the blackened ruins of this greatest of human tragedies must be laid the foundations of the greatest of human ideals, the federation of the world.

Recognizing the solemn obligation resting upon the Socialists of the United States, as the representative section of the Socialist International in the greatest of the neutral nations, the Socialist Party has taken the initiative in calling a special International Congress to be held at an early date, to face the grave problems herein briefly indicated. By means of such a congress we believe that the sundered strands of our international solidarity can be re-united, and that we can enlist the workers of all lands to fight side by side once more in the great struggle to overthrow the system of economic exploitation and servitude whose natural fruitage is murder, rapine, destruction and war. To our comrades in all the stricken lands we send greetings and fellowship, and hope that before long we shall be able to unite with them in a common struggle for Social Democracy and

National Executive Committee Socialist Party Victor L. Berger Morris Hillquit John Spargo Anna Agnes Maley John M. Work Executive Secretary, Adolph Germer.

Peace Is Coming Because People Are Demanding It

By LUCIEN SAINT. (Special Correspondence.) ASHINGTON. D. C .- Peace is in the air and peace is com-It is coming for the low to reach the newspapers. Take one rather important example: there has been formed a 'Union for Democratic Control", ar cut under the old-fashioned sort diplomacy which helped to make the war possible. This union has a branch in Germany, and the two branches are at this moment discussing common problems almost as if the war did not exist!

This fact is not in the papers, but it is a fact of the most enormous im-

Peace is coming at that time when membership. public opinion shall force govern-ments to call off the fighting. The list of those in the United

States who want the war to continue is long and appalling. It includes the majority of the big men in the bank-ing world, for international loans are highly profitable undertakings. It inmaintenance of the belligerent nacourse, stock brokers and gamblers or accelerators of public opinion who are employed in this stimulate enthusiasm for one belli-gerent as against another, or as against all the rest. It includes almost automatically all Republicans and Republican papers, because for the most part they can not admit, for obvious political reasons, that Wilson can do anything right. It includes th unthinking and prejudiced public which is ever led astray from the truth by the advertisements and press agents. It is a large and immensely powerful body of corruptionists. These hidden influences howled as

hit in the belt when the peace pro posals were first mentioned. The paid heavy tolls so that the American public might read whatever any Br isher or Frenchman said against the proposals. They failed to relate, as I have hinted above, who were really working for peace on a common basis in both camps. Two days after the peace story first came out, it was declared to be already dead and gone It is not dead and gone yet. It will not be dead and gone till peace shall have arrived.

Fight For Peace. Now is the time for all socialists, all labor forces, all forward looking folk to throw their weight into the balance. Talk peace. Urge peace. De clare peace. Write peace to your local newspapers. Realize that way down at the bottom, underneath all the scum of diplomacy and militarism, the peoples want peace—as the people nere want peace. And realize that the people can only get what they want

by demanding it.
Wilson had his politician's ear close to the ground before he got out his peace note. He knew what the people wanted. But if the people remain silent while the enemies of civiliza tion howl on for more blood and mur der-why, there'll be more blood and

UNCLE SAM CUTS PRICES AND MAKES MONEY IN CANAL ZONE Washington.-Government sale of is a success—in the Panama

Canal Zone. Last year the commercial price for coal in and around the Canal was \$24 a ton. But Uncle Sam sold it at \$6.50 a ton and made a profit of over \$360,000 on the number of tons thus disposed of.

Government sale of oil is also a success-in the same place. So is the government commissariat, which provides supplies of all kinds for a vorking force at times as large as

is also profitable—in a period of a year, revenues exceed operating expenses by \$350,000.

The Government, when it wants to be and when private capital leaves it is a very efficient business man. It does not go out after profit—it goes out after results: the greatest good to the greatest number at the least possible expense.

If anybody criticizes ownership, refer him to the last re-port of the Isthmian Canal Commis-sion, obtainable at Washington, D. C. and there he will learn some truths the current year a fund of at not published in the daily newspapers.

Notice!

After Feb. 1, the twice-a-month supplement will be converted into a regular monthly publication to be called "The Socialist Party Bulletin." This action was taken by the recent meeting of the national executive meeting. price will be 25 cents a year. All those now subscribing to the supplement will receive "The supplement will receive "The Bulletin" instead. New subscribers should sent their subs immediately to the National Office, Socialist Party, 863 W. Madison St., Chicago.

Organization! Fifty thousand dollars for an

"Organization Fund" that will build up an invincible partythat is the call issued by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party as a result of its meeting in Chicago, when the situation confronting the Socialist movement at the present time was thoroly canvassed.

This call will be sent broadcast to every Socialist local in to the nation and it will appear in every Socialist publication in the land.

The call issued by the National Executive Committee is as follows:

OUR GREATEST NEED!

Comrades: Now that the results of the late national campaign are before us, it is more than ever evident that our greatest need is intensive organization and education of our

The National Executive Committee has decided to make special efforts to stimulate organization work in all parts of the country. We have called into service practically all our excludes the producers of munitions and of hundreds of commodities which go either into munitions or else into the will be placed in the field to do will be placed in the field to do tions—steel, copper, flour, leather, animals, canned goods, all kinds of clothing, and so on. It includes, of long enough to place the orlong enough to place the orthe markets. It includes the well-paid ganization on a sound basis. All the experience and organizing country to ability at our command are thus to be placed at the disposal of the locals which most need the assistance

Among those who will carry on this work are the following:

> George H. Goebel, Lewis J. Duncan, Maynard Shipley, Anna A. Maley, Paul Michaelson, George Ross, Thos. L. Buie, Walter Cook. Theresa S. Malkiel, Mary L. Geffs, S. E. Beardsley, O. C. Wilson, Florence Wattles, Wm. L. Garver, W. A. Jacobs.

In addition it is proposed to route the following lecturers to stimulate the party propaganda:

Eugene V. Debs, Patrick Quinlan, Meyer London, Stephen Mahoney, John Spargo, Walter Thomas Mills, Walter Millard, Duncan McDonald, Ben Wilson. James H. Maurer, Oscar Ameringer, Algernon Lee, Emil Seidel, Morris Hillquit, Dan. W. Hoan, Ralph Korngold, Jeanette Korngold. Thomas Van Lear, Joe Cannon. John C. Kennedy, Gustaf Strebel, Carl D. Thompson, Wm. E. Rodriguez.

To meet the expenditure which this work necessarily involves, a special effort must be made. The campaign just closed left us with a deficit of between four and five thousand dollars. To cancel this deficit is an im-Government ownership of the Canal mediate obligation. With our present membership this will not be a difficult matter. Ten cents per member would not only cancel the debt, it would, in addition, provide us with over three thousand dollars toward the cost of the new organization work already described. To meet the cost of this or-

ganization work and the other heavy_expenditures to be met in least fifty thousand dollars is necessary. It is impossible to carry on the work outlined without the funds to pay for it. We have no doubt that the comrades will gladly make any necessary sacrifices to insure the earnest and energetic prosecution of this great work.

We appeal to every member of the party, and every sympathizer, to contribute as liberally as possible. Send in your dollars and your dimes, comrades, so that we may be able to make effective use of the opportunities which lie open before us.

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An Appeal From Ireland!

James Larkin, representing the Socialist and Labor forces of Ireland, appeared before the recent meeting of the party national executive committee and secured the hearty endorsement of the committee for an appeal in behalf of the victims of the April, 1916, Rebellion In Ireland. The appeal issued to the party membership and press is as follows:

Comrades:-Thanks to the goodwill and fellowship of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, who at a special meeting held previous to the election, endorsed after hearing from a deputation as to the real purpose of the revolutionary movement in Ireland, and the outbreak in Dublin, April 24th, 1916, as to the need for an appeal for funds for the widows and dependents of the Socialist and Labor movement, who were killed or injured in that heroic protest against the brutal militarist domination, and murder lust that has overtaken Europe, which murder lust and militarist despotism is being forced upon the citizens of this so-called free Republic. It is essential for the success of such an appeal, that every Socialist in America, should know the truth, as to the causes for the Rebellion of April 1916, the personalities engaged therein and beyond all else, the purpose of the insurrection.

The Irish rebellion was brought to birth by men and women who had given service to the workingclass in all parts of the globe. It was not Anti-British or Pro-German, is was pro-human, and above and beyond all else the real organizers, the men and women who understood the

realities behind the struggle, were convinced Socialists.

Admitting that we were identified to some extent with a section of our people, whose protest was more of an emotional, spiritual, and nationalistic character, the basis of the movement was primarily against this despotism of Imperialism and militaristic slavery, the natural outcome of the captalist system. Every member of the Citizen Army had to be a member in good standing of an industrial union (that is of a trade union or general workers union), he had to pledge himself on oath, taken in public before his fellows, never to join or assist in any way in carrying on war, inside or outside Ireland against the peoples of another nation. That the purpose in life should be of the workingclass in Ireland, to usher in the Co-operative Commonwealth, based on an Industrial Democracy. The declaration these men and women signed was drafted by James Connolly, Michael Mallon, other members of the Socialist and Labor movement who are now imprisoned in England and whose names cannot be given, and the writer of this appeal.

The Citizen Army was organized in Cork city in 1908, it never at any time received money or other assistance from any person, group or movement, the whole of the epxenses of the organization was drawn from the organized workingclass, thru their unions and the Independent Labor Party of Ireland, which is the Socialist Party. The headquarters of the movement, Liberty Hall, Dublin, was owned and controlled by the Union movement. I want to repeat again that every member of the Citizen Army before his fellows, in pubic meeting assembled upon joining, took an oath that he would not fight outside the boundaries of his own nation, except to assist the struggling revolutionary workingclass of another country. That they would take no orders from King, Kaiser, or any capitalist Government, but would march and fight only by the instruction of the common people, and to preserve the rights of the common people. Refusing to be conscripted, preferring to die in Ireland. fighting the murderous satraps of the Emvire, and to serve as hired assassins, to kill and maim by shooting members of the workingclass of any other country. This fact has got to be appreciated, that the Irish working class were the only peoples in Europe, of the countries affected by this accursed cataclysm of war, who refused to march at the orders of the capitalist class, and sealed their protest in death, and it is to be further understood two days before war was declared in England, called upon their fellow workers in the countries affected, to join them in refusing to assist in any way either by transporting goods or munitions of war, or taking up the gun. This historical fact seems to be deliberately obscured. Whether you agree with these men and women in their protest, or not, you must admire the self-sacrifice of men and women who are not only prepared to live for the cause, but if needs be die for it. Practically all these men who died, wounded and imprisoned were married men with families depending upon them? Jim Connolly left seven children and a wife, Richard O'Carroll a wife and five children, Michael Mallon, a wife and four children, Billy Partridge, a wife and three children, these men were all active Union leaders as well as active members of the Socialist Party, so you will see the need and responsibility of providing for their families is a heavy one. Surely among the Socialist movement in this country, there are women and men who cherish the ideals these men and women in Ireland lived and died for, and it must be admitted the most glorious thing that happened during this carnival of blood lust in Europe, was the self-sacrificing devotion to the Cause, exemplified by these heroes and heroines. Surely Connolly's old comrades, of the Socialist movement in this country will hearken to the appeal of his wife and bairns. I will take occasion later to explain the activities of the Irish Labor and Socialist movement, in more detail, but to any doubting Thomasses in the movement, I would refer them to the article written by Charles Edward Russell who surely nobody can charge with being Pro-German, but who on the contrary has expressed his sympathy on the side of the Allies, in this war. Writing from Dublin, he gives his conclusions which were transmitted in a syndicated article thru the Newspaper Enterprise Association, which syndicated story was deliberately killed by the newspapers of this country, so the truth may not be made public. The only exception of course some of the Socialist papers carried the story, such as the New York Call and others. He says in one paragraph:-"The fact is, that the revolt was a labor revolt and at bottom of it

was nothing else The cold, blunt fact remains just the same, it was at bottom a

revolt of labor. "Workingmen and their leaders, took up arms to overthrow the existing system of industry and to establish a Labor Republic.

"Heed a word, a word in season, for the day is drawing night When the Cause shall call upon us, some to live and some to die, He that dies shall not die lonely, many a one hath gone before, He that lives shall bear no burden heavier than the one they bore E'en the tidings we are telling, were the same for which they bled, E'en the Cause that our hearts cherish, was the same for which they

James Connolly and his comrades heard the call.

This appeal should have been issued during the election campaign but feeling the Comrades had sufficient responsibility to assume in prosecuting the fight we decided to postpone the appeal till after the battle had been fought to a decision. This we feel the Comrades will

Send all contributions to the Irish Relief Fund, National Office. Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

BERLIN SOCIALISTS WIN UNIFORM FOOD DISTRIBUTION

A discussion of the food problem Working folk congregate, in the Berlin Municipal Council is Guarding their children's fate, described in a dispatch from Berlin by way of Amsterdam. At the end Till plastic the cold time, of the discussion two resolutions Till ripely red the time, Feed, feed the flame sublime, were adopted.

The first, introduced by the Socialists, demanded uniform distribution See, bright the metal glows of food in the towns and in the counsupplies in order to increase their

The second resolution, offered by the Liberals, condemned the existing

pIRTH Control. New Book, Particulars FREE. restrictions on the buying of supplies by towns.

Fire For The Forging!

Fire for the forging!

Fit for its coming throes;

See Labor's anxious blows Fashion the forging! Call the new tool by name,-

Magical forging! See its glad workings where Wage shall have changed to share, All because we now dare,

See, sweet against the sky Homes for the masses lie! Our homes, tho we've passed by,-

Till ripely red the time, Feed, feed the flame sublime: Fire for the forging! -Daisy Sanial Gill.

There is nothing grander on earth than the man or woman who holds principle and conviction dear enough

When will union men learn to vote

IN THE WORLD OF LAEOR.

too fat to work and perhaps will

been encouraged, not only among those who live on capital, but upon those who live by manual labor."

The Hartford Y. P. S. L. is doing dition.

Splendid work. After their business He swiftly lost the fastidiousness has been transacted which never lasts which had characterized his old life.

servation that his injunction pellets would do the work later on and keep labor lean and hungry.

as 75 attend these weekly meetings of the League.

Every Sunday from 3 to 5 P. M.

such advances for the purpose of perpublic against the unions is not only extravagant language, but unadulter-

IN THE West considerable interest s being displayed in the efforts of unorganized railway workers to help hemselves. meeting of unorganized railroad emsigned to perfect an organization of 1,500,000 railroad men of the country, exclusive of the big brotherhoods, or the purpose of asking for material betterments. At first it was charged that the movement was started for he purpose of throwing a wrench into the machinery of the brotherhoods but this claim is vigorously denied The spokesmen of the unorganized railroaders declare that it is ridiculous to think that the railway managers would deliberately incite the nonunion workers to demand better start more trouble for themselves. want because they want it.

THERE IS likely to be more hell f ammunition, the Everett (Wash.) Trades and Labor council has thrown down the gauntlet to the Employers' Association and proposed to meet the use of force with force. A serious situation has arisen in the city as a result of the renewal of the shingle weavers' strike after the refusal of the employers to grant any concessions, even after the strike had been called off by the workers. The incursion of a number of Seattle gunmen fresh from the longshoremen's strike and their attempts to bring about a conflict between themselves ets has aroused the entire city.

put the issue up to this year's Legislature instead. A total of 64,000 signatures were secured on the petitions that will be presented to the Legislature. About 40,000 were required for a State referendum, which, it is estimated, would cost \$50,000. A bill is being prepared that will be introduced in the Legislature shortly.

THE LABOR problem is going to has been called to meet in New York city, Jan. 22-23, and August Belmont will read a paper on workman's com-pensation and other great minds will also strew about pearls of thought. Oh. hum.

INDUSTRIAL conditions are now so bad in Argentina, South America, ment. Get Thomas Van Lear of Min-that workingmen roam thru the coun-neapolis to give us his methods of breed, to the time the wild dogs ranthat workingmen roam thru the country in droves and frequently capture trains and compel the crews to haul them from town to town free. The We want the means of success-from ran it down. It was no task for him government is doing little to remedy the situation.

VORWAERTS URGES WILSON

Under the caption, president of the United States, after having thrown his and his country's authority into the balance in an efpeace, cannot now abandon further efforts as hopeless. "He must continue them," says

success within a comparatively reas- New Jersey." onable time if he understands how to seize upon the peace sentiment among the European peoples. The role of mediator calls for tactibility 1915 to June 30, 1916," are some "among the European peoples. The heading "Disburgements, July 1, 1915 to June 30, 1916," are some "among the peace sentiment among the European peoples. The heading "Disburgements, July 1, 1915 to June 30, 1916," are some "among the peace sentiment among the European peoples.

press of both parties to accuse him of partisanship. He must endeavor to gain the confidence of both sets of belligerents. President Wilson is daily given opportunities to meet representatives of the central powers chould set their size well and 872, \$400.00. \$5,550 for one year presentatives. presentatives of the central powers should set other cigar makers to and of the entente. In the role of thinking. Still Goldstein may be enmediator he is sure to treat both parties without prejudice and he will and payments to Peter Collins are leading to active mediation, and to in all \$6,100.00.

Socialists At Work

NOTE.—What are the Socialists doing in your city county or state? The editor of this column wants to know. Send in the news about your activities. This plea is made especially to local secretaries, state secretaries and other officials of the party. Send all communications to the Editor, "Socialists At Work" Column, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago,

bounds, so that in some branches of business that increase is represented by 200 to 300 per cent," said Taft. Becker is assistant superintendent. Wrs. Rose by 200 to 300 per cent," said Taft. George Spiess Jr., the organizer of the profits of capital, in many, the level gives a short address to the

Taft offered no remedy to cure this over a half hour, they turn the meet- A dainty eater, he found that his sad condition of affairs, probably ing over to George Spiess Jr., who satisfying himself with the mental regives a talk on literature. As many his unfinished ration. There was no gives a talk on literature. As many his unfinished ration. There was no defending it. While he was fighting

received.

Not that labor doesn't deserve 200 was "Compulsory Arbitration and to 300 per cent. more wages, but to the Threatening Railroad Strike". The lecture before that was on the lecture before t "High Cost of Living". These lectures judicing the unthinking part of the continue all the year round, except during the summer months when Comrade Spiess talks outdoors on And to think that workingmen once tions at these Sunday meetings range from \$8 to \$19 and go a considerable the street of Hartford. The collecway toward paying the organizer's salary.

Financially the local is doing well. The cost of maintaining the head-They demand shorter quarters which averages \$100 a nours and higher wages, the same as month, \$75 of which is rent, is easily the brotherhoods. A movement was recently launched in Denver at a best of any local in the eastern part ployes which, its sponsors say, is designed to perfect an organization of country. Local Hartford is conducted on a business basis and Organizer George Spiess is entrusted with the duty of looking after everything. He collects rents, delivers lectures and talks each week, attends meetings of branches and committees. Local Hartford has come to the con-

man must put his entire time to the affairs of the party as the men who work in the shops have no time to do this.

To provide speakers and organizers wages and shorter hours and thus for the future to take his place Comrade Spiess has a class in grammar a fight. But the club of the man in

a-poping on the Pacific coast. In-structing the officers to secure quota-tions on 500 rifles and 10.000 rounds than any other form of Socialist propaganda", writes George B. Kline, of New Martinsville, W. Va., and he therefore urges that every local should take advantage of the monthly leaflets now being issued by the rob openly, but stole secretly and cunnational office.

order 500 or 1,000 sent to five or ten comrades at as many different post offices, to comrades who will see that they are distributed to every family getting mail at the postoffices.

He says that every local should be done because it was easier to do them than not to do them.

His development (or retrogression) was rapid. His muscles became hard as iron, and he grew callous to all and the postoffices.

be solved again. The annual conven- have been unswerving in their sup- to scent the wind and forecast it a tion of the National Civic Federation port of the striking street carmen of night in advance. No matter how union in that city.

> GLAD WE STARTED IT. My dear Comrade Editor:-Glad lence, but instincts long dead became

Columbus, Texas. continue as Mediator Ind., are making plans to build a So-er the caption, "Wilson's cialist Home there, and have invited were his tricks. They came to him Task," the Socialist organ, Vorwaerts, Berlin, Germany, discusses President Whom's continued responsibility in the role of modern war and means much to the still cold nights, he pointed his

GOLDSTEIN AND COLLINS. fort to pave the way to European biad," issue of September 1916. Ac- cadences, the cadences which voiced cording to the editorial page it is the "Official Journal of the Knights of Columbus" and its address is the Vorwaerts, "and will be assured National Bank Building, Hoboken, It contains the "Supreme Treasurer

and much patience.

"He must not permit himself to be led astray by the attempts of the war press of both parties to accuse him | The "Nos of Order" and "Am-

I send this as official evidence as

THE CALL OF THE WILD

By JACK LONDON.

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(Continued from last week.) too fat to work and perhaps will cultivate the gout.

That, in substance, is the warning of Ex-President Taft. Speaking at a banquet of the St. Andrew's Society in New York, Taft declared that high wages are making the worker in this country extravagant, and are convincing him of the growing power he has in combination with his fellows.

"Wages have increased in leaps and bounds, so that in some branches of There are seven teachers. E. P. Clarbranches, have shown an equal ad-vance. Habits of extravagance have been encouraged, not only among the Hartford Y. P. S. L. is doing dition.

off two or three, it was disappearing Every Sunday 11011 Seriously, Mr. Taft ought to inform the country where the 200 to Socialist philosophy or the questions Socialist philosophy or the questions Socialist philosophy or the questions I agt Sunday his subject not belong to him. He watched and when Perrault's back was turned, he duplicated the performance the following day, getting away with the whole chunk. A great uproar was raised, but he was unsuspected; while Dub, an awkward blunderer who was always getting caught, was punished for Buck's misdeed.

This first theft marked Buck as fit to survive in the hostile Northland environment. It marked his adaptibility, his capacity to adjust himself changing conditions, the lack of which would have meant swift and terrible death. It marked, further, the decay or going to pieces of his moral nature, a vain thing and a handicap in the ruthless struggle for existence. It was this why not you? all well enough in the Southland. under the law of love and fellowship, to respect private property and personal feelings but in the Northland, under the law of club and fang, who so took such things into account was a fool, clusion that for a local to thrive one and in so far as he observed them he would fail to prosper. Not that Buck reasoned it out. He

was fit, that was all, and unconsciously he accomodated himself to the new mode of life. All his days, no matter what the odds, he had never run from the red sweater had beaten into him a more fundamental and primitive code. Civilized, he could have died for EVERY PARTY LOCAL SHOULD a moral consideration, say the defence of Judge Miller's riding-whip but the

getting mail at the postoffices.

"Even the poorest of the church people can dig up a dime a week—40 cents a month", he says. "We should do as good or better for a loathsome or indigestible; and, once loathsome or indigestible; and, once cause that means infinitely more for self and humanity. Fall in line!" eaten, the juices of his stomach extracted the last least particle of nu-MICHIGAN unionists, who had intended to initiate a referendum to abolish the injunction abuse, decided to some comrade unable to pay for them. Sight and scent became remarkably keen, while his hearing developed such An active campaign will be started acuteness that in his sleep he heard immediately in Brooklyn, N. Y., to get the faintest sound and knew whether the Swedish people to take more it heralded peace or peril. He learned active part in the Socialist movement. to bite the ice out with his teeth when it collected between his toes; Recently the Socialists of New York distributed food to the striking carmen and their families, from the Socialist headquarters at 1459 Third Avenue. The New York Socialists have been unswerving in their supthat city. Let us hope their efforts breathless the air when he dug his result in building a strong carmen's nest by tree or bank, the wind that later blew inevitably found him to leeward, sheltered and snug. And not only did he learn by exper

you opened a column "Socialists At alive again. The domesticated generations fell from him. In vague ways he ment. Get Thomas Von Learning to the control of the column to carrying his city. Ask the rank and file to give vital ideas to the cause. forest and killed their meat as they the victors. I expect to assist you to learn to fight with cut and slash Work's articles are fine. J. B. Gay, and the quick wolf snap. In this manner had fought forgotten ancestors. The Finnish Socialists of Muncie, They quickened the old life within him, and the old tricks which they had sibility in the role of mediator. The paper expresses the view that the Bulletin. dust, pointing nose at star and howling down thru the centuries and Before me is a copy of the "Colum- thru him. And his cadences were their

their woe and what to them was the meaning of the stillness, and the cold

Thus, as token of what a puppet thing life is, the ancient song surged thru him and he came into his own again; and he came because men had found a yellow metal in the North, and because Manuel was a gardener's Day after day, for days unending, helper whose wages did not lap over

him their conditions for peace, which must include just reparation for the wrongs done by the central empires. The Socialists also declared they were for such a peace as was defined by the international Socialist congress in London in February, 1915.

THIS MAN WON--SO GAN YOU

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Dear Comrades:

I successfully passed the State Bar examination, with the good fortune to make the highest grade of the entire class: 1611 points, out of a possible 1800. Seventy-three applicants took the examination, among whom were seventeen resident Law-School gra-duates. My study period was confined entirely to spare-time work, as my duties, as City Circulation Manager of "The Oklahoman," take about twelve hours of each day, including Sundays.

JOHN B. SHIELDS.

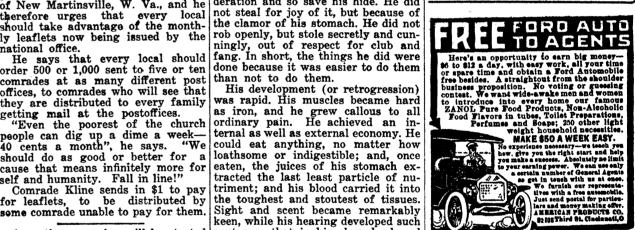
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CO-OPERATIVE COLONY A SUCCESS.

Socialists in Southern California, under the leadership of Job Harriman, established a co-operative colony in the fertile Antelope Valley two and a half years ago and are making a demonstration of success and proving the power of collective endeavor. They, are farming thousands of acres of land where there is an abundance of water and where the conditions are exceptionally adapted to their great enterprise. They have increased the acreage under cultivation, constructed many miles of permanent waterways, planted large orchards, secured a large amount of machinery, established industries, and built solidly for the future. They have excellent schools, amusements and social life.

These earnest workers have achieved much in their efforts to provide homes for themselves and to prove the soundness of They are preparing for ten thousand residents in a few years.

Thousands are making plans to join their comrades in the com-

WORKMEN'S SICK AND DEATH BENEFIT FUND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Table Showing Status of the Society at the End of Years stated. in 5 Year Period At End of NUMBER OF MEMBERS | Amount of Benefits Paid Since Organization Amount Saved Year Weman Sick and Accident Death 116 \$525.90 \$150.00

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Fire for the forging!

Justice to Labor name

Down the dull halls of fame .-

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as well as strike with and for their class instead of giving their support to the class that rebs their class?

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ILANO DEL RIO COLONY, LLANO, CALIFORNIA.

"New Lamps For Old"

By WILLIAM F. KRUSE. HERE IS an old-time fairy tale that dates back to our nursery times, the story of "Alladin, and the wonderful lamp". It tens of how a young boy managed to find a posies loaded with chloroform. wonderful lamp, old and rough-looking, but possessed of most remarkable powers. It could command a host of supernatural powers and consequently made its owner very rich. A lot of people were envious of the young man, and one of the few who knew the secret of the power tried to get possession of the lamp. He disguised himself as a peddler and went along the street crying: "New lamps

for old, new lamps for old." He did a rushing business. There were a lot of women who were glad to exchange their old ugly lamps for the bright new ones offered by the wily peddler. Finally (at a time when worthy was asleep) he came to the home of Alladin and persuaded his wife or servant to exchange the cheap looking old magic lamp for the pretty new one he offered. And along with the lamp went our hero's power and glory.

Labor Shows Strength. With an exhibition of power most on a par with that imparted by magic to Alladin we find that Labor forced to accede to the workers' demands for federal eight-hour legislation. It is not our purpose to go inmeans used to attain it yet we must concede that this is a remarkable ex-

hibition of power.

How was it done? Simply by making use of that inherent power which has always been in the hands of labor, had it seen to make use of it. Whatever power the workers had was due only to their solidarity and unity of purpose. Like Alladin's lamp, the touchstone to power lay in their standing together and using the threat of force as a means to social betterment.

The opponents have learned the The master class is still smarting under the humiliation of ed an address when he was approachits surrender to the railroad work- ed by a man who declared that Socers, and it is now looking around for ialism was all right in theory but some way in which to take that power impractical. The lecturer recognized away from them. Its choice is the the critic as John Lester, an old collamp peddlers' choice,—it seeks to lege mate whom he had not seen since fool labor by the promise of "new boyhood. lamps for old". The masters promise "Tell me, John", said the Socialist. all sorts of good things in the line of reforms and protections. They want to be "so good" to the workers. They want to do things for him. But they want to take his right to fight away from him.

There are two chief weapons that numbers. These weapons are the strike on the economic field and the

An Encouraging Sign. There is nothing to be afraid of in this, in fact it is a most happy sign that at last Labor has managed to that at last Labor has managed to throw a bit of fear into the hearts of throw a bit the master class. It is encouraging to know that we have learned to fight well enough to make our enemies anxious to take away the things that we have learned to use. If the ballot happened to be a loan shark, and you be the same to be re
we have learned to use. If the ballot happened to be a loan shark, and you organized and adapted to new conand the strike were not dangerous to may well imagine how that sermon ditions. them and useful to us they would struck his fancy. The following day never bother about cutting down my resignation was demanded and their usefulness. But they are dan- of course I had to step down and out. to be accepted to get on a better gerous to the master class, and they Just some more hard luck." will leave nothing undone to rob us

Here is their program. First scare intently as he continued: the people into believing that militarism is necessary to preserve their "liberties" from an outside invader. To this end they will use the press to blindfold the public, and the hirehave to do any fighting themselves, will obligingly slip on the yoke. The truck of the war god is all ready for and accordingly wreats additionable to enform mass action. The organization for mass action and democratic control will have to grow in the fight, even if truck of the war god is all ready for and accordingly wrote editorials favorizations will suffer. have the press slip on the blinders and Congress the rest of the harness, then Uncle Sam will be all ready to do his little jackass trick and pull the wagon.

Having put militarism into effect, the next step will be to hammer the back-bone out of the children. They'll be "men" soon enough, it won't take long, and when they have been pronerly "disciplined" it will be easier to put across the rest of the program. Then they will slip over some deadly Anti-Strike Laws and change our political machinery in such a way that a vote for a principle cannot be cast. Only votes for "good men" will count and the list of "good men" heads than it is to keep a great many. With the powerful press fooling the people into thinking that the whole question is one of turning bad rascals out and good ones in, it will be an proper, but they simply won't work!" situation was compelled to sell easy matter to steer attention clear of vital issues of government.

claim that Congress had enacted a and as far as the masses of the people we will rush out all the orders that draft law, to-day the kept press is are concerned it is capitalism that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and be in a position of the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulated and the people we will rush out all the orders that have accumulate good men and women allow the but the law of cause and effect shapes pernicious effect upon the independ- man's hand is virtually raised against ed at last. The government supprespernicious effect upon the independent political action of the working class. Piece by piece, with devilish cunning, new chains are being riveted on the limbs of Labor that it may rechain the condition of the working class. The government suppressed against ed at last. The government suppressed it again for about the tenth time and announced that it would not be permitted to resume publication unless its policy was changed. Although the condition of the working the condition of the condition of the condition of the condition of the working the condition of the working the condition of th

with which Labor has won all its fights thus far—the strike and the ballot—are held out as being archaic no longer sails it "hard luck",

and worthless. New ones are needed -"Compulsory Arbitration 'Democratic' (!) Militarism",

'Moral Pressure" etc., etc. Let Labor "Beware of the Greeks

REICHSTAG CANDIDATE CHOSEN TO SUCCEED LIEBKNECHT.

There was a considerable search- of all ages. select a candidate. Liebknecht's sup-porters at first suggested putting him An industrial system tha of Amilcar Ciprani, but they finally broadcioth. An industrial system decided to propose Franz Mehring. Under which the natural, girlish longing for beauty and pleasure and The "majority" put forward Stahl. Ultimately it was agreed that there longing for beauty and pleasure and safection is turned into sin presents workmen, cross their arms to show the spirit of the trade union resolution passed by International Socialpart from the personality of the candidate, and it was secided by 17 votes Such a system is capitalism to 15 that the candidate should be of the lives of its representatives out victime of the more of the fine of the one of the "minori y."

has forced its way of recent years into the attention of everyone—law-maker and judge not excluded. We find that under the whip of a general strike threat even Congress is forced to accede to the workers' at the the change group, with the restriction of the candidate, Stahl was proposed by the "majority," Stabl by the "miningister our protest. We invite to service and comradeship, first, the working girl or woman. Mehring by Lieb:necht's supporters, the "Spartacus" group, with the restriction of the candidate, Stahl was proposed by the "miningister our protest. We invite to service and comradeship, first, the working girl or woman. "The limit has been reached—limit of the sacrifices which imperformed to accede to the workers' at the that the change proposed; the candidate, Stahl was proposed by the candidate, Stah ult that the chairman declared Mehr- tho beneficiaries of capitalism, are ism can exact from the German working to have been nominated. The maj- able to see the need of a change that ers. In the last few months the proto the merits of the law or the Parteivorstand, as they consider that upon the race. as the candidate of the Socialist Party, and that his candidature is certain tential mothers of men. to lose the seat to the Party. The membership of the Party in Potsdamsince the war began.

"Hard Luck"

By WILLIS ANDREWS. A Socialist lecturer had just finish

the day we graduated," answered ers. John. "I prospered awhile as a storethe workers have to fight with, both keeper. But a big mail order business sprang up and lured my trade away, some impression to suggest that to the great power of the workers, and I was forced to the wall. That was my first experience in hard luck. strike on the economic field and the ballot on the political. The strike is being threatened by the proposal of Compulsory Arbitration Laws, Universal Military Service, "Can't-versal Militar schemes, preferential primaries, com and I lost everything. Ruth—my wife in all States losing in membership mission governments, and similar —became so disheartened over the and influence? Is all this evil "made mission governments, and similar —became so disheartened over the and influenc snares. They all have but one end and bad turn of affairs that she sickened in Boston?? snares. They all have but one end and aim in view, to take the workers and faded away till death laid its icy and the fact that a fact away from them.

There, however, is a more general danger in this appeal to the paracursed with worse luck?

The Socialist evinced deep interest

good stead and I secured a position as impossible without mass control and reporter on a daily newspaper, and a fight against Plutocracy, only ef-was soon promoted to editor-in-chief. ployes. The next day the business the paper unless it took sides with the employers. It was thus compelled activities of members of the Socialist to either eat my own words or re- Propaganda League, let us watch

Hard luck, and more of it.

"I next secured a position in the S. J. RUTGERS. baggageroom of a big railway corporation. Soon afterward I was chosen to organize this branch of railway workers in a union. But I was soon 'spotted', discharged and then blacklisted by every railroad in the counwill surely appear on a "short ballot" try. This is my last experience in hard luck and I have just about come assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same assurance from the New York public to the conclusion that I was the same as the sam to the conclusion that I wasn't cut lisher that the books we had ordered out to succeed at anything.

"What you have been telling me," ialists' voices could be heard to pro- others have had similar experiences, claim that Congress had enacted a and as far as the masses of the people is asking for more. To-day a lot of determined by good luck or bad luck. theoretical correctness of certain poli- conditions and governs our lives. In tical reforms to blind them to their competitive industry, where every leading Socialist daily, has been tambe doubly hard for him to break off want among mankind is a reproach the paper is owned by the Socialist the old bonds of economic exploitation. It betrays a woeful party organization of Berlin, which incompetence in the management of adheres to the minority faction, the And the argument that is used is world affairs, and Socialists are striv- majority faction's leaders stepped

Capitalism Condemned

By EDMUND R. BRUMBAUGH. phia and a "favorite" of wealthy men of Germany:

seat, which is vacant now that the blameless in their private lives; cap- their wives and children, are

An industrial system that produces forward again, as was done several parasites is full of peril, whether the times at Forli, in Italy, in the case parasites be clothed in overalls or age pensioners—are to be put under of Amilcar Cipriani, but they finally broadcloth. An industrial system the military lash. The wages question should be a vote on the question of too great a menace to the fairest and the principle of the candidature, a- finest and most vital things of life

Such a system is capitalism. comes greater condermation than any out victims of imperialism will When it came to the selection of words could contain. Against such a

Those who reject the invitation the party truce will not be preserved by the Conservatives of the Kaiser's stand on the side of capitalism, with constituency if Mehring goes forward all of its fraud and deceit and infinite the illegal organ of the international Beardsley, that the S. P.'s policy of the industries. It is as utopian to crimes against the mothers and po-

Those who accept the invitation pay their part for the good great Spandau has fallen from 3,380 to 690 souls have given in the past, and the course they take will brighten their and make beautiful their

SHORT CUT TO REVOLUTION.

Short Cut to the Revoution." As knecht trial. to give any argument against the conceptions as stated in the Manifesto of the Left Wing Socialists of the American Propaganda League, a discussion on principles is out of place.

It is an old system, only too well known to many of us over in Europe, to denounce persons and to suspect affairs is a gambler's last trick." "Well, I'll have to admit that things motives, in order to discredit a young haven't turned out as I had hoped on and growing movement among work-

Because all Socialists strongly believe in organization, it always makes certain groups disrupt the existing was my first experience in hard luck. organization. Under present condi-"I then bought a farm, assuming tions in the Socialist Party of the

There, however, is a more general mount interests of the existing party "Then I decided to turn my college organization. An organization never

Even if this should mean tempor ary disruption here and there it has foundation for our future class fight. State secretaries and other officials in his old friends' story and listened may be perfectly honest when they cannot see things move without a "My experience as editor of the college publication now stood me in file will realize that democracy is

If European Socialist party leaders manager of the Daily told me that had cared less for their precious such an editorial policy would bring forms of organization and more for swift ruin to the paper; that Big Business had threatened to boycott fall would not have been so crushing. Let us stop denouncing personal

sign, and I chose the latter course. their new weekly "The International-Hard luck, and more of it." and their official activities. —

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"What you have been telling me," replied the Socialist, "simply proves that it is the present order of society that it is the present order of society that is "impractical". Millions of others have had similar experiences. any day. As soon as these come in

The Berlin Vorwaerts, Germany's that of the crooked lamp peddler— ing for a change of management— in and virtually confiscated Vor"New Lamps for Old". The old lights that's all."

LIEBKNECHT TELLS GERMANS LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED

The following translation is from Several days ago an Omaha judge announced that he had in his possession evidence showing immoral relations of anti-showing immoral relations. Swins Social Democracy, printed at Berne, Switzerland. Karl Liebknecht, tions of certain Omaha business men the noted German Socialist, addressed with a number of young girls of the all his manifestos since the beginning community. On top of this came the news of the brutal murder of Mazie lowing article is an appeal, headed Colbert, an artist's model of Philadelwith the war thru this paper. The lord day ended their deliberations, says the collect, an artist's model of Philadelwith Limit, to the working people of Monday, Jan. 8. They will report

"From east and west trains are ing of hearts among the Socialists of Potsdam-Spandau, Germany, as to the candidate who should contest the city. Individual capitalists may be and Polish workers, torn away from being Supreme Military Court, the "Reichs- italism, however, produces parasites, driven to Germany. The new chains unionism was a superior form of eco-militaergericht," has confirmed the and rewards them, or some of them, and whip laws, commonly called the nomic organization to trade unionism,

All To Be Conscripted. "All those rejected from military service-cripples. children, and oldthat the power of the state of siege

"The limit has been reached—the limit of the sacrifices which imperialism can exact from the German workers. In the last few months the project of the working class "in the ority are taking the matter to the will break the blighting hold of greed letariat has begun to rattle its chains economic arena of the lines of what very forcibly.

Big Protests By Workers

"In the first number of Spartacus, accounts were given of a demonstra-tion strike of 60,000 workmen in Ber-Liebknecht trial, of a great street struggle with the capitalist class. demonstration of August 16 in Essen, Beardsley further contended the of a simultaneous demonstration in it was not the function of a Socialist Duisburg.

"On November 2 a great demonstration took place in Dresden, and but that the unions must be allowed

to yield concessions.

masses with chains in this state of industrial unionism, and not the dog-

YOU WANT TO SEE a final report on the Dime Fund, don't you? This ed comment on their proposition, cannot be done until all outstanding quoted in support of it extracts of banks are in. Return yours today and the same Stuttgart resolution which ask hat friend of your to return his. had been offered as a substitute by

Unity Conference At New York Fails To Get Unity

After charging one another with the responsibility for the failure to arrive at some basis for unity, the representatives of the Socialist party American labor movement; and the Socialist Labor party yesterback to their respective organizations of L. their failure.

After pointing out that it was not the business of the conference to dis-cuss the question whether industrial conviction of Karl Liebknecht. There with riches; and unearned riches was a meeting of delegates recently form a moral cess-pool, a source of from all parts of the constituency to contagion that spreads and intensi-B. Boudin stated that the problem was rather one of tactics to be pursued. It was the old question of boring from within the unions or boring from without or doing both.

Boudin's Contention.

tion passed by International Socialist Congress at Stuttgart in 1907, "If the squeezing out of the last which was the substitute proposition orn- offered by the S. P. delegation for not that of the S. L. P., which was an out suffice to make up for the healthy and out declaration for the principle "that the proposed united party conand able-bodied wage-earners, insati-able militarism. Jill drive to its altar demns generally craft unionism as a form of labor organization which defeats the very objects that the or Socialist industrial unionism.

Boudin further contended, as did group, which appeared in September, neutrality toward labor organization build industrial unions within the did not mean a policy of indifference, capitalist shell as were the but one of constant aid to and strug- operative colonies of Fourier and lin in July, of a demonstration strike gle with all labor organizations for in Brunswick on the occasion of the their ultimate victory in times of

Beardsley further contended that party to wish to impose upon a labor organization the form it shall assume, some of my friends urge me to next day another in Berlin on the octive a short reply to James Oneal's casion of the revision of the Liebform of organization in the light of knecht trial. made the United Mine Workers, the "These are proofs of a deep fermentation; indications that the tide is rising. To attempt to fetter the of railroad workers adopt a form of matic preachments of S. L. P. propagandists.

The S. L. P. delegates in the print-

the S. P. delegates. The battle then resolved itself into an interpretation of the meaning of that resolution Harrison on both days and Reimer at the last session claimed in behalf of the S. L. P. that the Stuttgart resolution does not apply to the was not specific; that the European labor movement is more or less permeated with the Socialist spirit, and that was not the case with the A. F.

S. L. P. was that without a class- principle of craft unionism." conscious, industrial revolutionary labor organization socialism republic to come must rest on an industrial organization of labor within the shell of capitalism.

James Oneal for the S. P. declared hat this interpretation was different from that of the Socialist movement of the world. He then gave a brief summary of industrial unionism as advocated by the S. L. P., tracing its call was asked and both of the deleorigin to the discredited nolicy, among the workers, of the French anarchists and the anarchists' of the Latin countries idea of the propagan-

d**a of the dee**d. Becoming impotent and bankrupt because they could not get the confidence of the working class of their respective countries, the anarchists entered the trade unions and transformed the idea of the propaganda of the deed into that of sabotage, and still ignoring the use of political action.

"The S. L. P.," the speaker continued, "has taken over most of these ideas. There is not a line in Marx or Engels that will justify the position that the unions seize and take over

Reimer Takes Exception.

Exception was taken by Reimer to Oneal's exposition of S. L. P. industrial unionism. He met the former's argument by a complete denial that t was an outgrowth of French Syndicalism. He further declared that the Socialist industrial unions of the S. L. P. are not required to vote for on strike and the military authorities was such bitter averages. In their struggles S. L. P. candidates in time of political elections. "The issue," he added, was such bitter averages. class struggle as the basis for their economic organization and of international working class solidarity." It was at this juncture that Reimer offered the following amendment to the Stuttgart resolution:

"In line with the above (Stuttgart) resolution, and carrying out the spirit and applying the principles expressed therein, the United party declares that the

proper application of it to American conditions call for the party's pointing out the fallacies and shortcomings of the craft union form of organization and necessity for adopting the Socialist Industrial union form of economic organization.

In an earlier part of the session Reimer had offered another amend-ment to the S. L. P.'s original resolution quoted above, substituting for the words "condemns generally craft This to Reimer appeared to be the unionism as a form of labor organ-burning question. The position of the ization," the words "condemns the "condemns the

It being apparent that a deadlock was about to ensue, Reimer inquired never come, and that the Socialist of the S. P. delegation whether they would be willing to consider the plan of the structure of the united organization, intimating that if that were satisfactorily settled. the S. L. P. delegates might reconsider its vote on the union question. This being answered in the affirmative, a roll gations voted as a unit on the opposite sides of each of the three propositions before them.



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THE USURPER.

Another shaft of denunciation has been hurled at the "sacred" United States supreme court. An additional attack upon it in the U.S. senate is also threatened. Its usurped powers seem to be in real danger at last.

This latest assault was not made by a Socialist, so it received a little more attention from the capitalist press. Considerable excitement, in fact, has been caused by what The Chicago Tribune calls "A sweeping and vitriolic attack on the Supreme Court of the United States", by Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma before the National Popular Government

Senator Owen declared it was "unparalleled impudence for the Supreme Court to declare unconstitutional any act of congress" and urged that the court be shorn of its power to overrule the action of congress.

After he had finished speaking the frightened newspaper reporters immediately got hold of Senator Owen and wanted to know whether his remarks might not cause him to be called before the supreme court for contempt.

"I don't believe they will do anything of the kind", said Owen. "If they do subpoena me they will start something that will shake the country to its foundation".

Senator Owen's attack on the supreme court was uttered at the conclusion of a speech made by Judge Wanamaker of the Ohio Supreme Court, who, citing the case of the Adamson law, said that a law passed by congress to prevent a great clash was now being defied by the railroad interests of the country while the supreme court sat in judgment on the constitutionality of the law. Wanamaker also denounced "our traditional worship of the constitution"—bold words for a judge.

"For a court of nine members, of whom five can make a decision to pass on the law and override the judgment of the 531 members of congress is a piece of impudence", is the way Senator Owen put it.

It was Victor L. Berger, the first Socialist congressman, who pointed out the way to limit the power of the Supreme Court. When he introduced his bill for old age pensions he appended a section as follows: "That in accordance with Section a, Article 3, of the constitution, and the precedent established by the act of Congress passed over the President's veto, March 27, 1868, the exercise of jurisdiction by any of the federal courts upon the validity of this act is hereby expressly forbidden."

The precedent referred to was a case relative to certain of the reconstruction laws which grew out of the Civil War. The supreme court had in that case been expressly prohibited from passing upon the validity of the acts. The supreme court itself held unanimously at that time that the prohibition was valid and declined to pass on the constitutionality of the laws in question.

Thus an entirely new principle is established. The power of the supreme court to annul legislation exists only so long as Congress consents to or permits it.

The remedy is simply for Congress to expressly prohibit it. But it will doubtless take a much larger number of Socialists in Congress than we have at present before this is done.

MORE MARTYRS IN PORTO RICO.

The Porto Rican workers are persistent and courageous. They are showing no letup in their long struggle to protect their industrial and political rights.

Additional martyrs to Porto Rican freedom have just been thrust into the prisons of the island at the behest of Governor Yager and Attorney General Kern. Their only crime is daring to protest against the Jones Bill now before congress which robs 160,000 Porto Ricans of the right to vote. Reports from the island at the behest of Governor Yager and being held everywhere, that handbills are being distributed in all the towns calling upon the workers to take decisive action. One of the charges brought against the imprisoned workers is that they "slandered" Governor Yager and Attorney General Kern, calling them "despots" for having recommended that the Jones bill be passed.

It has already been shown that the island is in the grip of a Russian censorship of the press and speech. It has been pointed out that the sugar trust, which has already illegally absorbed thousands of acres of land belonging to Porto Rico, is the power now backing the Jones bill and seeking to suppress Porto Rican

Our congressman, Meyer London, has exerted himself to the limit in behalf of the Porto Rican workers. He will continue to do so. If we had more Meyer Londons in congress the evils of imperialism that now show themselves so big in Porto Rico would soon be checked and effectively exterminated.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMING!

The growing sentiment in favor of a national convention of the party this year to take up the great questions now confronting our organization, will no doubt soon result in the holding of the most epoch making gathering of Socialists ever called together in the United

We can all add to the success of this convention by joining in the great national organization campaign just started by the national executive committee; getting all delinquent members back into the ranks and by seeing to it that every party member pays the assessment of 25 cents to defray the expense of the gathering.

All the farmers of America, with all their work, last year produced less than eight billion dollars worth of property. The few munition owners cut melons ag gregating five billions. Why don't the farmers raise them some melons?

So far the war has put the nations of Europe in debt fifty billion dollars, and destroyed fifty-billions of property, beside creating indebtedness in neutral countries of ten billions, and butchering twelve million workers. But the plutes are not yet satisfied. It all means prosperity—for them.

I See By Th' Papers

The Federal Reserve Board estimates that the national debt of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, and Austria-Hungary was increased from the beginning of the war to the end of 1916 by about fifty billion dollars, to be exact, \$49,450,000,000.00. This, as George Kirkpatrick would say, is a figure so big that you need telescope to see the end of it. The population of these countries was something over three hundred millions, it WAS, before the war. It means that the war has increased the debt of every unborn child by \$136—more money than most of them will see at any one time in their entire lives. Each person will have to pay a week's wages a year merely as interest on the past two years war, to say nothing of what is past or what will come in the future.

But Swift & Co., Chicago meat packers, declare that they have made profit of 27 per cent on all their stock during the fiscal year. It was a very good year, they say, due par-ticularly to the "good trade conditions". The workers were introduced to the meaning of this phrase when they paid their butcher bill.

· A daily paper reports as follows: "Reflecting the sharp advance in the price of wheat since the beginning of the week, the retail price of flour has been advanced fifty cents a barrel. Best grades of flor are now quoted The price at this time in 1900 was \$4.75; in the Spring of 1910 it was

\$7.45. Is your pay three times what it was in 1900?

J. Pierpont Morgan, whose un-official title is "Czar of America," is patted on the back for making a present of \$150,000 toward the million dollar endowment fund of Trinity College to increase the salaries of the professors there, and to erect a new chapel. Mr. Morgan is one of the Trustees of the institution. Socialism is not listed among subjects taught.

The common people of this country are richer than they were a year ago. So says the Department of the Treasury in its annual statement. There is in circulation to-day in this country, \$4,440,932,623—representing \$43 for each man, woman, and child. This is an increase of \$1.27 per person. Th general stock of money has increased almost a billion within that time. Money in circulation shows prosperity in a country,—for those that do the circulating.

GOING DOWN.

Professor Thomas Shaw, hireling of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads says that the reason people are poor is because "they waste more food than they eat. They order about twice as much as they need when they go into a restaurant. That's what causes the high cost of living. It's time we called a halt to these extravagances—this sinful waste."

have it, the real Now you reason for the H. C. of L. Remember it when you go to the lunch counter and order the "coffee and —". You only need half-a-portion, but don't forget that it costs ten cents more when served on two plates. Best way is to cut out the bad habit of eating

W. L. Douglas, millionaire shoe manufacturer, says he has discovered a good cheap substitute for leather, out of which shoes can be made for about \$3.00 hereafter. He predicted still higher prices for leather and said that altho there is just as much leather produced as formerly, most of it is used for upholstery work in the making of automobiles.

A coal operator does not agree with Prof. Shaw. This operator was quizzed by a committee representing the ity Council of Princeton, Ind., and this is what he said: "If the people of Princeton spent less money going to moving picture shows they would have more money to buy coal".

Less for the movies and more for coal-how considerate of a coal merchant. Business before pleasure, always.

GOVERNORS PROPOSE COSSACKS Governor-elect Henry Wilder Keyes

of New Hampshire, in his inaugural speech proposed the establishment of a State Constabulary similar to the Pennsylvania Black Cossacks that have proved so valuable for strike-breaking purposes.

Governor Whitman of New York also advocated the same measure, and in addition suggested a military training system for school-children, prison conditions based on "iron discipline" (a stone-age institution that Warden Osborne has been trying to break away from), and a lot of other reactionary measures. He promised "future communications to deal with the ost of living problem". It was kind of him to remember something that the workers wanted, even if he did only promise to remember it in the "sweet bye and bye".

HIGH COST OF LIVING ON THE CANAL ZONE.

W. J. Donaldson, Bellaire, Texas, who was for seven years a foreman on The Panama Canal, has had printed a pamphlet on The Subsistence Department of The Panama Canal, and The High Cost of Living.

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REVIVE "THE INTERNATIONALE"!

As this is being written the cablegrams of the American Socialist Party national executive committee are speeding on their way to the Socialists across the Atlantic urging the calling of an International Socialist Congress,

June 3, at The Hague.

There should be an early response. That response should be favorable from the majority of countries. The plans for holding this congress can be successfully carried out and great and immediate good can be accomplished.

The war may not end in a few months. It may drag on for another year or more than a year. A hunger for peace, however, is growing in all of the belligerent nations and it will ultimately conquer all demands that the war continue and the strife will end.

Even now, before the war ends, and more so when the slaughter finally ceases, the International Socialist movement must be in a position to throw its entire strength into the struggle for world social democracy and world

peace. The paths we are to follow must be decided upon at a gathering of representative Socialists from all nations. The present conflict of thought in the various nations must be welded into a definite policy and a settled program. Prejudice and national feeling must be swept aside in order to permit the workers of all nations to make the most of the lessons the war has taught us. Every obstacle in the way of a complete revival of the International Socialist movement must be overcome immediately.

Revive "The Internationale"!

HIT WAGE BONUSES AGAIN.

Wage bonuses were struck another blow, this time by the coal miners when the general executive board of the United Mine Workers of America went on record against the voluntary wage bonus system, and issued a statement reiterating the policy of the organization in favor of collective bargaining between employers and their employes.

The board calls attention to the fact that many employers have given voluntary wage bonuses as a result of abnormal industrial conditions.

"We believe the principle of collective bargaining between employers and employes to be fundamentally sound, and the only just and equitable method for the permanent adjustment of wages and conditions," the statement reads.

"We regard with disfavor any effort that would tend to jeopard the stability and permanency of our present joint wage contract system, by seeking to substitute in its place a wage bonus system based upon the fluctuation of the coal market."

The exploiters of labor became very philanthropic around Christmas time and distributed some of their vast profits among their discontented slaves. The coal miners, like other enlightened workers, are out to completely abolishthe profit system, and they know this cannot be done by receiving Christmas presents.

Yes, the war has been a success. It has killed more than a million Socialists in Europe, and caused American Socialists to vote for the fakir who "kept us out of war." What more could the plutes wish?

The back to the land movement is a great success in Europe, where it is estimated that five million workers have gone back-dust to dust.

workers will vote for the traitors in anyhow. Will some fellow please tell us whether or not the United States has just been licked by Mexico?

wealth. The plutes won't stand for it, and the fool

The proposed decrease in letter rates is probably due to a desire to give the farmers who have profited from the farm loan measure a chance to write their papers telling of their good luck. If it cost two cents to send the letter, they couldn't afford it.

The plutes are in the saddle and are riding hard. They who vote them in will get the spurs as well as

Congress evidently figures that it can continue the "investigations" until the food pirates get their's, and then it won't matter.

Government ownership with the plutes as the gov-

Perhaps the people that wouldn't enlist will not fight when they are conscripted.

Now that congress is ruled by committees that are appointed, and cities by commissions that are appointed, democracy is well-nigh dead in America.

Perhaps we cannot legislate people into wealth, but we might at least stop legislating the workers out of what they produce. The masses of the people who work are poor merely

because the governments, which were supposed to stand for their protection, have given their heritage to special privilege and licensed corporations to exploit

You will notice that the threats to stop the usurpations of the supreme court never materialize. Congress is in with the court in the robbery of the people.

There is a good reason why the war does not end

now. Isn't Morgan making good money selling munitions to the allies? No wonder congress ordered that the evidence sub-

mitted by Lawson of leaks for the stock jobbers be

stricken from the records. It was getting too close

And the President's secretary and his wife's brother profited by their knowledge of the "notes" he was going to write. Remember, you Dubbs, that he "kept

Pershing's expedition was a brilliant thing. But it answered its purpose; it helped the munition makers and the food trust and put the people on the blink.

Evidently the army does need salvation,

Funston. Perhaps from tools like yourself. Class in primary arithmetic will please stand up. Answer this one: If we build two battleships a year, and one U-boat can sink fifteen a year, who, beside the munition makers, profits from the building of

battleships? Have you noticed how glad the people are when congress threatens socialistic measures to relieve them from the pirates? And have you noticed how none of the provisions are enforced? Good. It is a sign that you may have sense enough yet to vote for Socialism.

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Settle Y. P. S. L. Controversy. Upon consideration of the repor the Young People's Department

by the National Executive Committee the Jewish Translator presented a complaint on the manner in which stamps were sold to the Jewish-speaking Y. P. S. L. Comrade Kruse Director of the Young People's Dept. explained that they were being sold just as all other due stamps were handled, thru the regular state and county officers of the league. In this way the Jewish-speaking organizations remained an integral part of the rest of the young socialist movement. Comrade Bailin held out for a different form in which a Jewish National Office would sell the stamps and remit the per capita tax to the various regular league offices, similar to the method used by the Party of-fice. After considerable questioning the committee declared that the pre sent method was best suited to the case and ordered it continued. Comrade Kruse's report also dealt with the general progress of the league and with the National Championship Contest now in force, the report being approved by the committee.

LEAGUE DOINGS.

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Toledo, Ohio, is the first league to enter that great National Championship Contest. A dance on New Year's Eve for the benefit of the striking telephone girls netted a good profit. The Junch boxes brought by the ladies were raffled off, and merriment lasted far into the morning. At midnight they sang in the New Year with the "Marseillaise" and "The Red Flag".

Omaha, Nebr. also enters the contest. On Jan. 5th they held a debate on "Resolved that we are civilized" The affirmative argued that we are civilized because of our progress in science and art, negative held that mentally no progress had made, and that until the conscience had been rraised to a higher level we cannot be called civilized. Affirmative won.

won.

Reading, Pa. has elected new officers and is proceeding to work at a high old rate.

Elizabeth, N. J., has not been making much noise about being the greatest league in the state, but the records show that they have bought the largest number of due stamps during the past year.

Pennsylvania State Organization reports that the leagues at Erie and New Bethlehem have gone out of business, but that other leagues have been organized at Scranton and Greenville to take up the places left vacant. There is also a report of organization at Wilkes Barre but nothing definite has been heard yet.

The New Jersey State League has cleeted Comrade Abe. Lunde, of Paterson to fill the unexpired term of State Organizer Picard who resigned. There are good prospects for advance in the state and they claim to be the busiest in State affairs of any in the country. country.

Comrade Jane Tait, Financial Sec'y of
Local Pittsburgh, Pa., Socialist Party writes
as follows in acknowledging the receipt of
\$125.00 as a donation on the Blum Defense

Fund:

"The Y. P. S. L. did nobly for their Yipsel Comrade. As Secretary-Treasurer of the committee that is raising funds for the case I want to thank the Yipsels for the contribution. It will help materially in the defense. We are still awaiting the decision of the Superior Court as to whether or not those convicted will get a new trial."

The Hartford, Conn., Yinsels have reorganized a league at New Britain and say that they are sure it is organized for keeps this time. They are going right ahead with their plans for a State Orranization Convention for Feb. 10, 1917. even the they do need another league to put it across.

National Championship Contest.

National Championship Contest. There is no time like the present to get in on the National Championship Contest. All that you have to do now is to elect your contest officers, send in your list of members' test officers, send in your list of members names, addresses and standing, and let er cip The race is open to all, go to it, NOW.

National Champion Contest.

By WILLIAM F. KRUSE. National Secretary Y. P. S. L.

The members of the league are proud of their organization. They have a right to be so, for when we consider the short space of time that they have been organized and the great difficulties of reaching and holding the American youth, they have made very substantial progress in the past few years. There are a large number of really first-class organizations of the Y. P. S. L. in this country. Some of them might well be models of good Socialist organization work. Others are not so well fixed, but on the whole, it would be an interesting matter to find out just which league is the best of the whole movement.

There are two reasons for wanting to find this out. One is a personal one, the other for the good of the organization. The first need be treated only in passing. Young people are ambitious, they aim for nothing short of perfection, and they want the things that they are connected with to be, if not exactly perfect, at least the best thing of their kind that can be found. There is nothing harmful in that feeling and it contributes mightily to our progress. But there is something harmful in letting anyone brag of being "the best and only" when as a matter of fact he is no such thing. The purpose here is to find out just which is the best league and why. That last word tells the story. If

we find out the good things about each organization it will help them all in adapting these good things to their own uses. And if, in the course of this contest each league finds out its weak points in comparison with the strength of others it will help and better the very league making that discovery. In the course of this contest we are going to get all kinds of good suggestions for organization work, entertainments, etc,-hundreds of good suggestions The best of these are going to be put into such form as to make them decicidly useful to every league. In this way each league will get the benefit of the brains and experience of the whole movement.

How The Contest Will Be Run. There will be two general ways of scoring points in this contest: by the ability of the officers and by the work of the membership. This will put all leagues, large and small, city and country, on the same footing. It is not mere numbers that make a good league—it is the brains and ability of the officers plus the good qualities of the members. The entry can be either a single circle or a whole city move-

Leaflet Demand Increasing!

There is an increasing demand for the monthly leaflets. As a result there are only a few left of "Organize Or Pay" by Adolph Germer. This is the January leaflet. Get busy. Order a bunch of these leaflets and distribute them before the end of the month.

The February left is called "The Recent Election" and is written by John M. Wayle left is called "The Page and address and a

by John M. Work. It is now on the press and orders will be filled just as soon as received.

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the city movement if we allow a city to the Legislature, submits to voters organization composed of fifteen to measures introduced in the Legislatwenty leagues to compete as one unit —but when we consider the great ed by the Legislature, eliminates the amount of hard work needed to keep Governor's signature from legislative harmony and co-operation in a large acts initiated by the people, requires movement of this kind you will see that the advantage is not as large amend or repeal a measure approved as it might first seem.

They are:

1. An Organizer:

2. An Entertainment Manager; An Educational Director;

4. A Press Agent and Correspondent. The duties of the first three are to answer one question each per month. That isn't much. The questions will refer to their line of work, and are to be answered in essays of 200 words. For the best answer submitted there is an award of 10 points each month, for second best 7 points, third best 4 points, and for every other answer received within the specified time, one point each. So a league with a clever board of officers may win thirty points a month right here, enough to balance half a dozen hundred members. The work of the Press Agent will be to Name send in a list of the membership every three months, a report card every Mae Garber, Greensburg, Pa. . . . 30 ily for the league.

ship can win for the league is by getting subscriptions to Socialist papers, Robert H. Wilson, Brattleboro .. getting and holding members, helping in the work of the Socialist Party, J. N. Carter, Omaha, Nebr. and doing other special work to bring L. M. Osbourne, Alliance, Ohio .. the league into prominence.

Administration And Prizes.

The board of administration of this contest is recruited from among our est known comrades. On the board will be Adolph Germer, Executive Secretary of the Socialist Party and a former prominent official of the United Mine Workers; John C. Kennedy, Socialist Alderman and State Secretary; Adolf Dreifuss, of the German Socialist Federation and dean of the Translator Secretaries; J. Louis Engdahl, Editor of the American Socialist: and the writer of this article. The purpose of the committee will be to give a square deal to every contestant, and its decisions will be based

est number of points during the year. For the league making the highest score there will be a handsome red silk banner conferring the national championship. It will be a worthy honor for any league to be able to carry this flag on parade, or to display it in their headquarters. There will be a "Yip-sel-blue" flag for second place, and a "true-as-steel grey" silk banner for third. In quality these flags will be the same, the sole difference being their significance. There will be their significance. There will be a "Certificate of Good Service" issued to every league staying in the race to every league staying in the race nounced here.) (Watch this space every week. Book, Jewelry, and Supplies Bargains will be announced here.) to every league staying in the race until the end. But above all, there will be a great deal of activity and good suggestions coming from the leagues and in turn going out to the leagues ---it will cause thought on organization subjects and this in turn will do

us all a great deal of good. All leagues are requested to get busy at once to select their officers, and to have them enter upon their duties. Help them all you can, and urge them to do their best in co-operation with the National Office. Then let's go to it, and may the best man

It is probable that Idaho will have one of the most liberal initiative and referendum bills enacted at the coming session of the State Legislature that has been adopted by any state. The Direct Legislation League announced after a meeting of its directors following the election, that twothirds of the members of both houses were pledged to its bill. Workers for this bill assert that it is the most satisfactory initiative and referendum bill drafted. The bill sets a time limit on acts of the Legislature before they shall become a law, provides for direct legislation by the people, the

ment. This may seem to be favoring submission of measures by the people ture by initiative petition and rejecta three-fourths vote of each House to by the direct vote of the people, prev-Each league is to elect four officers. ents legislation from becoming a law by a petition of the people until submitted to the people, and provides for the printing and mailing to each voter the measures to be submitted to the people by direct legislation.

Scholarship Contest Rews

Address month, and to take care of the local Miss E. W., Holyoke, Mass. 20 publicity work. He, too, can win heav-P. E. Tomlinson, Winona, Minn. . 20 John C. Knowlton, Mason City, Ia. 12 Max Cervis, Irwin, Pa. --Miss Selma E. Kajander, Butte,

Mont. Harold F. D. A. Jackson, Los An-

Conrad L. Friberg, Chicago Ill... —
B. J. S., Gary, Ind. —
Maurice Levine, St. Paul, Minn... — Last week we had 19-now we have

21—going up! Comrade Friedman, who heads the list, writes as follows:
"The idea is great, and I am right in on it. It's the kind of proposition I have been waiting for for sometime. silver medals to the officers in charge of each division who receive the highest number of points during the same time below the same time below. to make a fight to win, and believe me I'll fight hard before I'll lay down. That's the spirit that wins, go to

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