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# Victory in Struggle for Industrial Democr acy

# German Workers Gain Destination Withheld From American Soldier's in Expedition to Invade Russia

#### Bavaria In Control of Workers and Soldiers Council

Dispatches from Germany indicate that the struggle of the workers of that country to establish an industrial republic modeled on the lines of the Russian Soviet government, which was temporarily checked a few weeks ago when the uprising in which Liebknecht and Luxemburg were killed, was put down, is in full swing again.

According to these dispatches the shooting of the Bavarian premier, Kurt Eisner, was followed by the Workers and Soldiers' Council of that state taking over the government and establishing a dictatorship of the pro-

The interesting phase of this dispatch is the clause which states that the Spartacans, Independent Socialists and Majority Socialists combined in establishing this dictatorship of the proletariat, indicating that the rank and file of the workers who have been supporting the Majority Socialists, are moving toward the left and making common cause with the Sparta-

Other reports say that similar movement are underway in all the industrial sections of Germany and that the Spartacans have been successful in taking control of a number of the

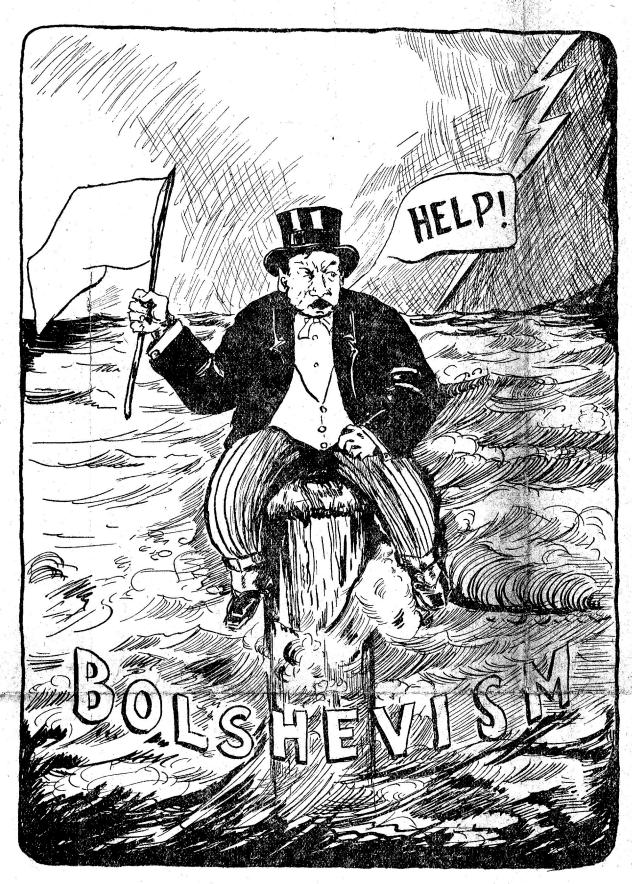
smaller states. The hopeful sign about the present uprising is the admission which is made even by the capitalist press, that the Spartacans are stronger today than they were at the time of the

revolt in Berlin. The same dispatches that announce the victories of the German workers in the struggle for industrial democracy bring the news that the constituent assembly in session at Weimar has completed the draft of the proposed German constitution. This constitution would make of Germany, not an industrial democracy, but a capitalist democracy. The provisions of this constitution, while throwing a few sops to the workers in the shape of provisions about hours of labor, minimum wages and other similar measures, which have appeared as part of the reform movement in every capitalist country, says nothing about changing the control of industry and the wage and profit system.

During the progress of events in Russia it was bitter experience which disillusioned the workers. They tried a coalition government and found their status was not altered a great deal, they tried the moderate Socialist government of Kerensky and it did nothing to change the status of either the workers or peasants. Then they placed the Bolsheviki in power and because the Bolsheviki have put into practice the measures which the workers and peasants desired, they have remained in firm control of the Soviet government.

The German workers are going through a similar process of disillusionment, only events are moving faster than in Russia.

It is no doubt due to the fact that the masses of the workers, following the decisions of the constituent assembly, see that there was no hope of the workers winning their freedom through the action of this assembly that is bringing these workers to the standard of the Spartacans. As their should not be long before Germany



RISING——AND NO SAIL IN SIGHT

### Swedish Toilers in Protest for American **Political Prisoners**

Politiken, the chief organ of the land to organize protest meetings. against America's treatment of political and industrial prisoners, the verdict acquitting Nearing. Through its underground channels Politiken has procured a mass of details of specific cases of imprisonment standard of the Spartacans. As their of American workers, according to a disillusionment continues the powers cabled article by Bassett Digby in the

bert Knecht, Cambridge.

### Scott Nearing Free

present social system.

Nearing boldly challenged capitalism; the jury declared him not guilty of violating any law. It is the bold of violating and been larger. As soon as the English came—said the bold of violating and been larger. As soon as the English came—said the bold of violating and been larger. As soon as the English came—said the v the society cannot stand in view of larly noteworthy, inasmuch as Near-course that wins.

After two days of deliberation the ing did not endeavor to hide his views jury in the case of Scott Nearing or apologize for the statements made brought in a verdict of "Not Guilty" in "The Great Madness" for writing so far as Nearing was concerned. At which he was indicted. On the stand, the same time the jury found the as shown by the evidence printed in American Socialist Society, which the last issues of the "Socialist News" controls the Rand School, guilty on he did not only not retract what he Swedish left wing Socialists, publish- two counts. The judge set aside the said in his pamphlet, but he reassertes a half-page manifesto calling on verdict so far as one of the counts was a half-page manifesto calling on the party membership throughout the concerned and reserved decision on his charges by evidence from the out that 'under the Bolsheviki' they the other point. Attorneys for the writings of the supporters of the society claim that the verdict against present social system.

## Returned Soldier Says People Lived Better Under Bolsheviki and That Latter Avoided Bloodshed

Daily, "Novy Mir," in New York, deed had seized everything there in a them, burning them immediately. was recently visited by a soldier of the American army, who just had returned from Archangel. His expe rience no doubt is of interest to every one who has been watching the drama which is being played in far distant North Russia. His story shows that not only is there no necessity for holding Allied troops in Russia, but that their being there is becoming a tragic farce, greatly damaging the reputation of America.

"I am a Russian," began the tale of the soldier. "I found myself in the American army, as many natives of Russia with "first papers" or without them. I lived in the state of Michigan and when the draft came I was aken in. I was placed in the 339th Michigan regiment and with this reg ment I went to Europe to fight the democracy, freedom and justice.'

"When once you are in the army ou become a small part of a machine which works as is prescribed; one oses his will, has to do whatever one s ordered to do. So it was in my

"The regiment went abroad. Al ready before the departure I had a hunch that we would be sent not to France but to Russia. I shared my apprehensions with some other sol-diers, but they merely laughed at me. "On our arrival in England we received our equipment and my fears doubled: the warm winter clothes we got augured nothing good. Again we started, and now my apprehensions proved to be true. We were sent, not to the south, but to the north, to Scotland. There we were put on a ship and departed. We traveled for seven days and when he saw the coast, we discovered that snow was on the mountains (early in September). Now it was clear that our destination was

not France but Russia.
"Well, we could not help it. We had to wait and see what the future

lied ammunition stores. Yet no ammunition was found there; the Bolsheviki had carried away with them everything to the south-they cleared the place of everything till the last shell and cartridge. Only empty stores have remained.

"'What are we to do here, then? we began to question ourselves and our officers. The officers were silent. Others said: 'The future will show.' "The first day passed quietly. The

plan was to organize a military parade through the city. Rain torrents allies distrust one another and the caused the parade to be postponed. Russians distrust the entire expedi-We scattered around and stood under awnings in order to protect ourselves

against the rain. storeroom which was in course of construction and I started a conversation with the workers have been led by an American forces have been led by an American colonel when they should tion with the workers busy at it. 'How put to doing a king's business and to me—a foreigner who speaks Russian.
Their faces betrayed apprehension.
'What sort of man is he,' maybe a spy. I calmed them stating that 1 was a Russian, their countryman Wo was a Russian, their countryman. We fered from a complete lack of spirithad lived much better, they had bread and their earnings had been larger. It always has been more political than

dictatorial manner ruled the territory

guard something. "The order is given and we have to

We were loaded into freight trains and then we started. I do not remember how long we were on the way. Days there are short and dark, nothing can be seen from the train out of it. We are doomed, we think. Finally we stopped. We discovered But it is not so. They would keep Finally we stopped. We discovered But it is not so.

we were at the station Oboserska. We us thus a day or two and then let us we were at the station Oboserska. We go free, unharmed. Only once they saw no Bolsheviki. Later we found out that the Bolsheviki were retreating to the south and not because they feared our forces, but merely because hey wished to avoid slaughter.
"At one place, south of the station

Oboserska, we, instead of meeting the bayonets of the Soviet troops, came across a train loaded with proclamations in English, French, Italian and other languages. In these proclama-tions the Bolsheviki explained the nature of the intervention and advised us to get home. The proclamations ed. I was set were speedily distributed. Later our I came here.

The office of the Russian Socialist, truth of their words. The English in- officers got wise about it and seized

occupied by the Allied troops. The the front I observed the new Bolshepopulation hates them, as one can vist methods of warfare. The Bolshehate foreign invaders. Their attitude viki did not harm us, although on of the Russians toward the Americans several occasions they could have shot s considerably better. us down as so many partridges. Once, "But let us return to what followed. while we were crossing a river, a man us down as so many partridges. Once, A few days after our arrival in Archangel, we received orders to march south. 'Where?' we asked. 'To the front,' was the answer. There you are! So we got a front here too, and we came here to fight and not to safe-guard separations. the Russian territory and the Russian people at peace. You have come here to fight, and not we to fight you; we have done no harm to you; so go

back to your homes.'
"There were also such instances; we treated us to a machine gun and field gun fire-and indeed, at that time, there was no way out of it. There are no trenches, because one cannot dig in the frozen ground. Everywhere are marshes, and one stands almost waist line in water. We hid behind barri-cades made of logs. But, of course, it is a poor defense. When a shell strikes such a barricade nothing but splinters remain.
"During this 'meeting' I was wound-

ed. I was sent to England and thence

### Chicago Paper Declares **Archangel Expedition** Failure

"After two months spent in investigating the conditions in North Russia, where American troops are serving under allied dictatorship, I can state the following facts:
"First—The North Russia allied ex-

pedition has developed into a pitiful failure. It has failed to inspire confidence and lovalty and give real assistance to Russia. It has become a

tion.
"Second—The American troops were put under an absolute imperialistic command, being handled in a

"We landed at Archangel. We found there English and French soldiers. Before we landed we were told that we came to Russia not to fight her, but merely to safeguard the Allied ammunition stores. Yet no amount of the contract of the contrac "Fourth-The expedition has lacked Russia is going through. Most of the allied soldiers, especially since the signing of the armistice, hated the job, despite the Russians, and have no concern with the future of the coun-The expedition, lacking this spiritual significance in men's minds, has become a mere fighting job to col-

lect Russia's debt to Europe.
"Fifth—There is no enthusiasm
even among the intelligent Russians in cesspool of jealousy, hatred, mistakes the north to assist the allies and fight and shattered illusions. The different the Bolsheviki. Everywhere there is a growing disgust against the expedition, especially against the British.
"Sixth—The beautiful faith of the Russians for America is breaking un-

der the manhandling by our forces under the foreign command. The have had a major general. Within our own forces we lacked the right

still wears the iron heel of war days in the north. The American public has been fed pretty stories of the gentle glories of this 'help Russia' expedition, but the facts are that a mess has been stewed and has been kept for the cooks themselves.

(Continued on Page Two)

#### of the Spartacans will grow and it Chicago Daily News. The Swedish left Socialists are ex-Socialist is read an active member is produced. All hail to our paper and horted to do their utmost to cause the aligns itself with Russia and becomes release of "American political prisall party owned propaganda."-Herthe second industrial democracy. The correspondent of the New Yorkhave been contemptuously ignored. were for ll, Paul Wallace Hanna, sends this, Before the overthrow of the czar ternment Call, Paul Wallace Hanna, sends this, there were 25,000 Russian soldiers

# **Biased Senate Committee** Intent Upon Making Case Against Russia

of the Bolshevik government, who to trap Miss Bryant into unguarded he pewere permitted to freely pronounce replies. They skipped with astonishtheir criticism, called as John Reed and Louise Bryant, who throwing the attention of the audiwere in Russia during the great part of the revolutionary period. In place of permitting these witnesses to discuss Russian affairs with the same

The flagrant injustice of the hearing ing.
took two forms: First, Miss Bryant was allowed to offer no testimony of you speak," he rasped, "I got to take her own, a privilege heretofore al- this down, you know. lowed to and over-encouraged in wit-

witnesses ing briskness from point to point,

cuss Russian affairs with the same freedom that was granted the opponents of the Soviet government, they were hedged about with instructions and rules and often limited to "yes" and "no" answers, when explanation was necessary for a complete understanding of the subject matter under the same dropped the mask of common courties. They forced out the words. They forced out the words. The inquisitors repeatedly attempted to force Miss Bryant into the admission that Col. Raymond Robbins of the American Red Cross had been Major Holm put his awkwardly in the employ of the Bolshevist government. standing of the subject matter under phrased questions in roars. Even the stenographer joined in the badger-

He was seated alongside Miss nesses, and was silenced every time Bryant, and her words were clearly she attempted to speak. "Never mind audible to the back of the room.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which is conducting the investigation of the Russian workers' government, after giving many days to opponents Second, the senators made every effort after giving many days to opponents of the Russian workers' government to break the will of these continually resting the put his divising many days to opponents of the Russian workers' government to break the will of these continually resting the put his divisions mildly and, now and again, after giving many days to opponents of the Russian workers' government to break the will of these continually resting the put his divisions mildly and, now and again, and the Russian workers' government to break the will of these continually resting the put his divisions mildly and, now and again, and the Russian workers' government to break the will of these continually resting the investigation of the Russian workers' government, after giving many days to opponents of the Russian workers' government to break the will of these continually resting the investigation of the Russian workers' government, and the Russian workers' government to break the will of these continually resting the proceedings. he permitted her to make explana-

> Bryant maintained her poise remark- first return home and judge for our ably. At times, however, she gave selves. evidence of extreme confusion. cheeks after the first onslaught, re-

ed to force Miss Bryant into the ad-"Didn't he maintain an information

oureau for the Bolsheviki?' He maintained a Russian information bureau for the Red Cross." Reed Dominates Hearing. Reed and his wife, between them,

heightened color which came to her at present engaged at hard work, and mission that Col. Raymond Robbins the diseases caused by the unaccus- of the war mania.

This anti-alliance

dominated the gathering. All eyes in (Continued on page two) | icy will make Russia the eternal George Creel's bureau of public in- and opposition to enemy of France?" Such appeals formation. Its president is Samuel Defense movement.

# "I notice that wherever the Ohio France Enslaves Russian Troops That Refuse to Fight Soviet Government

interesting story of the treatment accorded Russian troops by the French government in the "war for democ-

Between 30,000 and 40,000 Russian soldiers are held today in slavery by the Republic of France.

The crime of these slaves is that they refuse to make war against the Soviet Republic of Russia.

sheviki without knowing whether they Considering the circumstances, Miss are good or bad for Russia. Let us

Every known method of coercion

These Russian slaves of France are without compensation, under the trapic sun of French Africa. Late retomed Africal climate.
Some 25 leaders of the "rebellious"

able confinement on an island near Bordeaux. Friends of the Russians have made

started a campaign to repudiate the eration of Labor.
Gompers-Hussell "American Alliance Its avowed pury ports show they are dying in great for the purpose of putting the Social-numbers of hardship, privation and ist Party out of business under cover-

This anti-alliance movement has received its most recent impetus by the Russian soldiers are held in miser- resignation of Frank P. Walsh from The Alliance." It now comes to light that this

"Alliance of reactionary labor offirepeated appeals to Clemenceau for cials, and renegade and outcast Somercy, saying:

"Can't you see that this cruel policy will make Russia the eternal country of the definition of the defi

With the fall of Kerenski, the symfighting against Germany on the French front. When news of the revolution reached them they joined in the general rejoicing of free men Litovsk was concluded they immediately appropriate the second of the second everywhere. They even committed the further offense of attempting to form soldiers' councils among them-This demand the French govern-

This conduct made them the objects of suspicion and hatred of the French authorities, by whom they were killed or wounded.

### Labor Begins Campaign To Repudiate Alliance

(Special Correspondence)

Chicago.—Radical elements in the Morrison, mouthpieces of the totterAmerican Federation of Labor have ing official dom of the American Federation of Labor have a considered to permit the defendants to remain free on bail while the papers Its avowed purpose was to chlorofor Labor and Democracy," organized for the purpose of putting the Sociala "poison gas" attack on the Socialist Party with the slogan, "Fight Bol-

shevism Walsh's friends announce that he quit this government inspired laborchloroforming organization, because he disagreed with its policies, especially its close co-operation with the National Civic Federation in its anti-

### Savage Sentence Passed Upon **National Officials**

After several weeks of consideration Judge K. M. Landis denied the motion made by the defense in the case of Victor L. Berger, Adolph Germer, J. L. Engdahls, Irving St. John Tucker and William Kruse. Following his usual course Judge Landis assumed a position of fairness during the trial and then imposed extreme sentences by giving each of the defendants twenty years on each count on which they were convicted.

It was evidently the intent of the prosecution to railroad the five men main free on bail while the papers were prepared for the appeal to the higher court, and it was only by filing most prohibitive. In order to temporary free the five prisoners it was necessary to schedule a half million dollars worth of property. The necessary amount of bail was secured, however, and the defendants will continue their work, limited, however, by the condition made by the judge of the appellate court, that they must not engage in such activities as those rience can tell.

# Manifesto and Program of the Left Wing of the American Socialist Movement

EDITOR'S NOTE: The world war has changed many things, among them the tactics of the working class movement of various countries. New ideas have come to the front and new tactics are being practiced. In printing this manifestor of the Left Wing Socialists we do so in the hope that it will stimulate discussion in the locals of the party and lead to the formation of clear-cut opinion as the future tactics of the Socialist Party of the United States. Such discussion and clarification of opinion must necessarily precede any possibility of bullding in this country a militant and effective Socialist الماء والمعارض والم والمعارض والمعارض والمعارض والمعارض والمعارض والمعارض والمعارض و

INTRODUCTION

The members of the Socialist Party of America are entitled to an explanation for the issuance of this pamphlet by the Left Wing Group.

signist movement, nor do we contemplate splitting parties were entrusted to the parliamentary lead- classes generally, and will thereby have abolished other capitalist nations, but in co-operation with the frame of the old. the party. We are a very active and growing section of the Socialist Party which is attempting to reach the rank and file with our urgent message over the heads of the powers that be, who, through inertia or a lack of vision, cannot see the necessity for a critical analysis of the party's policies and

The daily press is closed to us; therefore we cannot adequately present our side of the case.

In the various discussions that arise wherever party members or delegates assemble, both sides grow too heated for calm, dispassionate judgment. Therefore we have decided to issue our Manifesto

and file may read and judge our case on its merits. Comrades—and this is addressed exclusively to members of the party—the situation is such that a careful study of our position is absolutely impera-

and Program in pamphlet form, so that the rank

We come to you, the court of last resort, for judgment.

#### **MANIFESTO**

Prior to August, 1914, the nations of the world lived on a volcano. Violent eruptions from time to time gave warning of the cataclysm to come, but the diplomats and statesmen managed to localize the outbreaks, and the masses, slightly aroused, sank back into their accustomed lethargy with doubts and misgivings, and the subterranean fires continued to smoulder. Surely, the people reasoned, no one would be so mad as to precipitate a world

Besides, they trusted blindly-some in their statesmen, some in the cohesive power of Christianity. their common religion, and some in the growing strength of the International Socialist movement. Had not the German Social Democracy exchanged dramatic telegrams with the French Socialist Party, each pledging itself not to fight in case their governments declared war on each other? A general strike of workers led by these determined Socialists would quickly bring the governments to their senses!

So the workers reasoned, until the thunder-clap of Sarajevo and Austria's ultimatum to Serbia. Then, suddenly, the storm broke. Mobilization everywhere. Declarations of war. In three or four days Europe was in arms.

The present structure of society-Capitalismwith its pretensions to democracy on the one hand, and its commercial rivalries, armament rings and standing armies on the other, all based on the exploitation of the working class and the division of the loot, was east into the furnace of the war. Two things only could issue from the flames: either international capitalist control, through a League of Natrons, or Social Revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat. Both of these forms are today contending for world power.

The Social Democracies of Europe, unable to meet the crisis, were themselves hurled into the conflabe tempered or consumed by i

#### THE COLLAPSE OF THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL

At first the question which agitated Socialists' minds all over the world was: Why have they failed? All sorts of extenuating circumstances were pleaded in their behalf-"defensive war," and "a low type of civilization menaces a higher type" and "Socialism must fight on the side of democracy," and "Socialism is not free from the virus of nationalism." All these excuses equally begged the question. We know that great mass demonstrations were held in every European country by Socialists protesting against their governments' declarations of war, and mobilization for war. And we know too that these demonstrations were suddenly rendered impotent by the complete surrender of the Socialist parliamentary leaders and the official Socialist press. Why the sudden change of front? Why did the Socialist leaders in the parliaments of the future belligerents vote the war credits? Why did the official Socialist press in Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, etc., suddenly reverse its position and call for resistance to the invader? In short, why did the dominant Socialists support their governments? We shall attempt to answer these questions.

#### THE DEVELOPMENT OF "MODERN SOCIALISM"

In the latter part of the nineteenth century, the be won in the capitalist legislatures. Step by step Socialists into power! concessions were to be wrested from the state; the estrengthered by means of "constructive" reforms classes in society—the bourgeoisie and the prole- again in the shape of manufactured products, it has destructive. and social legislation; each concession would act as tariat; that between these two classes a struggle reached its highest development. a rung in the ladder of Social Revolution, upon which ruins of the capitalist state.

had been captured, the thunderous denunciations of during its struggle with the bourgeoisie is compelled, tions, with international armies and navies to main- (2) making essentially destructive political action the Socialist legislators suddenly ceased. No more by force of circumstances, to organize itself as a tain its supremacy.

ers. And these lost sight of Socialism's original its own supremacy as a class." purpose; their goal became two-fold-"constructive reforms" and Cabinet portfolios, of the means to the Socialist movement. It is the "moderate So-through which they will work. an end they made an end in itself. Moderate So- cialists," through intellectual gymnastics, evasions, The master class of America will soon attempt to cialism, in the hands of these parliamentary leaders, was now ready to share responsibility with the phrases from their context, who make Marx and But a restless and discontented working class cannot bourgeoisie in the control of the capitalist state, even | Engels sponsors for their perverted version of So- | pile up profits. Therefore in this country we may to the extent of defending the bourgeoisie against cialism. the working class—as for instance during the first Briand Ministry in France, when the official party press was opened to a defense of the shooting of striking railway workers at the order of the So- America is agitated by several cross-currents, some workers may be kept physically and mentally fit to cialist-Bourgeois Coalition Cabinet.

#### "SAUSAGE SOCIALISM"

This situation was brought about by mixing pure scientific Socialism with bourgeois reforms and the faction with the control of the party, and the desire democratic cant of the eighteenth century. The re- to replace those who have misused it with better sult was what Rosa Luxemburg called "Sausage Socialism." The Socialist parliamentarians forgot that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. distinction in views concerning party policies and members of the professions, and of course the latter party policies and tactics is necessary. flocked to the Socialist movement in great numbers seeking relief from the constant grinding between corporate capital and awakening labor.

geois liberal political parties. And so they catered left behind by the march of events. to the ignorance and prejudices of the workers, trading promises of immediate reforms for votes.

ngs of the founders of scientific Socialism, forgot its function as a proletarian movement—"the most to a peace basis has thoroughly disorganized the tion which can cope with the power of great modern resolute and advanced section of the working class economic structure. Thousands upon thousands of aggregations of capital. It must carry on its politiparties"—and permitted the bourgeois and self-seek- workers are being thrown out of work. Demobilized cal campaigns, not merely as means of electing offiing trade-union element to shape its policies and sailors and soldiers find themselves a drug on the cials to political office, as in the past, but as a year-

and compromising with the bourgeois state, they fell closed to them, are struggling to keep their jobs. an easy prey to social-patriotism and nationalism. And to cap the climax, the capitalists, through their

#### SPARTACIDES AND BOLSHEVIKI.

But revolutionary Socialism was not destined to generations of painful struggle. Franz Mehring, Rosa Luxemburg and Clara Zetkin the sacrifices they have made in the war, is such that organized the Spartacus group. But their voices they will not endure the reactionary labor conditions were drowned in the roar of cannon and the shrieks so openly advocated by the master class. A series of of the dying and the maimed.

sion had paved the way.

Revolutionists—and the revolutionary Socialists—the how the/worker is robbed at his job? Bolsheviki. The Cadets were first to be swept into There are many signs of the awakening of labor. Cadets. And now came the crucial test; would they, awakening workers? in accord with Marxian teachings make themselves the ruling class and sweep away the old conditions with the old machinery and try to foist it on the

masses as something just as good?

'moderate Socialism" cannot be trusted. The Socialists began to understand why dominant 'moderate Socialism" had broken down. "Moderate Socialism" was not prepared to seize the power for the workers during a revolution. "Moderate Socialto that formula it clung. It believed that bour- these problems? geois democracy could be used as a means of con-Social Democracies of Europe set out to "legislate public opinion in the hands of the bourgeoisie, a duces, causes an ever-increasing accumulation of

#### PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN SOCIALISM.

At the present moment the Socialist Party of local in their character, and some o reflex of cleave- produce the greatest profits at the greatest speed, ages within the European Socialist movements. Many see in this internal dissension merely an unimportant difference of opinion, or at most, dissatis-

We, however, maintain that there is a fundamental They emphasized petty bourgeois social reformism tactics. And we believe that this difference is so

leaders and officials generally. In view of the impending change in the tactics of organized labor in The Socialist organizations actively competed for this country, we must hurry to readjust the Socialist prepare to come to grips with the master class durvotes, on the basis of social reforms, with the bour- movement to the new conditions or find ourselves ing the difficult period of capitalist readjustment

Already there is formidable industrial unrest, a seething ferment of discontent, evidenced by inar-Dominant "moderate Socialism" forgot the teach- ticulate rumblings which presage striking occur- and urge the workers to turn their craft unions into rences. The transformation of industry from a war industrial unions, the only form of labor organizalabor market, unless they act as scabs and strike- around educational campaign to arouse the workers This was the condition in which the Social Demo- breakers. Skilled mechanics, fighting desperately to class conscious economic and political action, and cracies of Europe found themselves at the outbreak to maintain their war-wage and their industrial sta- to keep alive the burning ideal of revolution in the of war in 1914. Demoralized and confused by the tus, are forced to strike. Women, who during the hearts of the people. cross-currents within their own parties, vacillating war have been welcomed into industries hitherto This is the explanation of the failure of the So- Chambers of Commerce and their Merchants' and

ie inert for long. In Germany, Karl Liebknecht, The temper of the workers and the soldiers, after where "moderate" and revolutionary Socialism came the workers with social referm legislation at this to grips for the mastery of the state. The breakdown critical period? Shall it approach the whole quesof the corrupt, bureaucratic czarist regime opened tion from the standpoint of votes and the election of the flood-gates of revolution. Centuries of oppres- representatives to the legislature? Shall it emphasize the consumer's point of view, when Socialist Three main contending parties attempted to ride principles teach that the worker is robbed at the

power; but they tried to stem the still rising flood The organized trade unions, against the definite ist conception of political action. with a few abstract political ideals, and were soon commands of their leaders, are resorting to indecarried away. The soldiers, workers and peasants pendent political action, in an effort to conserve what is essentially a political struggle," we can only accept could no longer be fooled by phrases. The Men- they have won and wrest new concessions from the his own oft repeated interpretation of that phrase. sheviki and Social Revolutionaries succeeded the master class. What shall be our attitude toward the The class struggle, whether it manifest itself on the

among them, impregnating them with revolutionary and destruction of the capitalist political state. This of production, and thus prepare the way for the Co- Socialism; we shall teach them solidarity; we shall is a political act. In this broader view of the term Operative Commonwealth? Or would they tinker teach them class-consciousness; we shall teach them the hopelessness of social reform; we shall teach action. In other words, the objective of Socialist inthem the meaning of Revolution. And the industrial They did the latter, and proved for all time that unrest, the ferment of discontent, will compel them aims to undermine the state, which "is nothing less to listen!

### CAPITALIST IMPERIALISM.

Among the many problems immediately confronting us are those new questions springing from Capism" had a rigid formula-"'Constructive' social- italist-Imperialism, the final and decisive stage of reform legislation within the capitalist state;" and Capitalism. How shall the Socialist Party meet

Imperialism is that stage of Capitalism in which structing the Socailist order; therefore it must wait the accumulated capital or surplus of a nation is too until the people, through a Constituent Assembly, great for the home market to reinvest or absorb. should vote Socialism into existence. And in the The increased productivity of the working class, due meantime, it held that there must be established a to improved machinery and efficiency methods, and government of coalition with the enemy, the bour- the mere subsistence wage which permits the worker geoisie. As if, with all the means of controlling to buy back only a small portion of what he probe invested in further production. When Capitalism we hold that this capture of the political state is cial patriots. Revolutionary Socialists hold, with the founders has reached the stage in which it imports raw ma- merely for the purpose of destroying it. The nature 3. We demand that the Socialist Party of Amer-

some bright sunny morning, the peoples would tion, the abolution of the capitalist state, and the intensive development of capitalist industry and awake to find the Co-Operative Commonwealth func- establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, finance in turn become highly developed. They, too, liamentary activity is constructive—that he can tioning without disorder, confusion or hitch on the creates a Socialist order, Revolutionary Socialists do seek the markets. National capitalist control, to eventually legislate Socialism into existence. not propose to wait until the vast majority of the save itself from ruin, breaks its national bonds and But what happened? When a few legislative seats people vote them into power; but, "if the proletariat emerges full-grown as a capitalist League of Na-making parliamentary activity an end in itself, and Spartacus Group of Germany.

them. They will divide the world among them. And Marx and Engels clearly explain the function of the League of Nations will be the instrument

misquotations and the tearing of sentences and use organized labor for its imperialistic purposes. soon expect the master class, in true Bismarkian fashion, to grant factory laws, medical laws, old-age pensions, unemployment insurance, sick benefits, and the whole category of bourgeois reforms, so that the

#### DANGER TO AMERICAN SOCIALISM

There is danger that the Socialist Party of America might make use of these purely bourgeois reforms to attract the workers' votes, by claiming that they have been won by Socialist political action; when, as a matter of fact, the object of these master class measures is to prevent the growing class con sciousness of the workers, and to divert them from in order to attract tradesmen, shop-keepers and vast that from our standpoint a radical change in their revolutionary aim. By agitating for these reforms, therefore, the Socialist Party would be play-This essential task is being shirked by our party ing into the hands of our American imperialists.

On the basis of the class struggle, then, the Social ist Party of America must reorganize itself-must now going on. This it can do only by teaching the working class the truth about present-day conditions; it must preach revolutionary industrial unionism,

#### FOR NEW POLICIES AND TACTICS.

We believe that the time has come for the Socialist Party of America to adopt the following course cialist movements of Europe in the crisis of 1914. Manufacturers' Associations, have resolved to take of action: To throw off its parliamentary opportunadvantage of the situation to break down even the ism and to stand squarely behind the Soviet Republic inadequate organizations labor has built up through of Russia, the Spartacus group in Germany and the revolutionary working class movement in Europe Thus it will be ready when the hour strikes in this country-and it will strike soon-to take the leader ship of the revolutionary proletariat in its struggle with the capitalist class, instead of obstructing its labor struggles is bound to follow—indeed, is begin-labor struggles is bound to follow—indeed, is begin-and lead the workers forward to the dictatorship of path with the palliative of par amentary reforms Russia, however, was to be the first battle ground ning now. Shall the Socialist Party continue to feed the proletariat, the first battle ground ning now. necessary to the ushering in of the Co-Operative

### POLITICAL ACTION

Realizing that the vital difference between revolu tionary Socialism and "moderate Socialism" lies in into power on the revolutionary tide: the Cadets, point of production? Shall it talk about Cost of their varying conceptions of political action, and the "moderate Socialists"-Mensheviki and Social Living and taxation, when it should be explaining realizing too that on this point revolutionary Social ists are most misunderstood and misrepresented, we append a detailed explanation of the scientific Social

> Since we assert with Marx, that "the class struggle industrial field or in the direct struggle for govern On the basis of the class struggle we shall go ment control, is essentially a struggle for the capture "political," Marx includes revolutionary industrial dustrial action is also "political," in the sense that it and assist the proletariat to adopt newer and more thru a machine for the oppression of one class by another and that no less so in a democratic republic than under a monarchy."

### PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS.

Political action is also and more generally used the immediate purpose of capturing legislative the politics and tactics above mentioned. seats. In this sense also we urge the use of political action as a revolutionary weapon.

But both in the nature and the purpose of this 'moderate Socialism" are completely at odds.

We contend that such political action is a valuable means of propaganda; and further, that the capturing the political state, but—and here is the vital

"moderate" falls into the error of believing that par- | today.

This error leads to two dangerous practices: (1) the instrument for constructing the Socialist order. the Left Wing movements of Europe.

were the parliaments used as platforms from which | class; if, by means of a revolution, it makes itself The new situation the Socialist Party must meet. To avoid these dangers, and to strengthen labor's the challenge of militant Socialism was flung to all the ruling class, and as such sweeps away by force From now on the United States will no longer hold political arm, the Socialist ballot must be supported corners of Europe. Another era had set in, the era the old conditions of production; then it will, along itself aloof, isolated and provincial. It is reaching by the might of "the industrial organization of the of "constructive" social reform legislation. All pow- with these conditions, have swept away the condiers to shape the policies and tactics of the Socialist tions for the existence of class antagonisms, and of protectorates; not alone, and not in competition with the working class can build the new society within

#### REVOLUTIONARY INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM

"Moderate Socialism" constantly overlooks this fact. We must continually remind the working class that Labor's economic organizations are naturally the school for Socialism. All political parties, and without exception, whatever their complexion may be, warm up the working class only for a season, transitorily.

Only through his industrial organization can the worker receive training in the control of production. It is by means of this weapon that the working class will eventually take over and hold the mines, mills and factories, not for the purpose of destroying them but for their permanent control and development. Thus, the only thing worth taking from capitalist society and keeping is the highly developed means of production and distribution-will be won for the working class by its Revolutionary Economic Organzation.

Because of its constructive nature, our Economic Arm, unlike our Political Arm, may take "a little at a time." Our economic movement is not unlike a nilitary movement. All means are used to win a war-infantry attacks, heavy and light artillery, bombardments, sieges, and guerilla fighting. In the industrial struggle the working class employs strikes, boycotts and the like. The political movement, however, has for its object only the storming of the political citadel of capitalist tyranny; therefore the Political Arm cannot compromise. Our political movement should be the essence and incarnation of our revolutionary aim. With Liebknecht we say, "To parliamentarize is to compromise, to logroll, to sell out."

#### SYNDICALISM AND PARLIAMENTARISM

In characteristic utopian fashion the Syndicalists forget that the Social Revolution must in part grow "within the capitalist shell." They forget that the state, the engine of oppression employed by the capitalist class, must be destroyed through capture by the working class.

In equally characteristic utopian fashion, the 'moderate Socialist," with his pure and simple parliamentarism forgets that "because of its destructive object and because of its structure, which is arbitrary and determined by geographical lines, the Political Arm of Labor cannot be used as a means of taking away from the capitalists and holding for the working men the means of production."

Thus the utopian Syndicalist fails to utilize the political weapon; and the 20th Century Utopian Socialist misuses the political weapon and fails altogether to utilize the industrial weapon.

A combination of these two methods is necessary to the revolutionary Socialist movement, and this combination the Left Wing intends to effect.

#### PROGRAM

1. We stand for a uniform declaration of principles in all party platforms both local and national and the abolition of all social reform planks now con-

2. The party must teach, propagate and agitate exclusively for the overthrow of capitalism, and the establishment of Socialism through a proletarian dic-

3. The Socialist candidates elected to office shall adhere strictly to the above provisions.

4. Realizing that a political party cannot reorganize and reconstruct the industrial organizations of the working class and that that is the task of the economic organizations themselves, we demand that the party assist this process of reorganization by a propaganda for revolutionary and industrial unionism as part of its general activities. We believe it is the mission of the Socialist movement to encourage flective forms of organization and to stir it into newer and more revolutionary modes of action.

5. We demand that the official party press be party owned and controlled.

6. We demand that officially recognized educational institutions be party owned and controlled. 7. We demand that the party discard its obsolete to refer to participation in election campaigns for literature and publish new literature in keeping with

### IMMEDIATE DEMANDS

1. We demand that the National Executive Comform of political action, revolutionary Socialism and mittee call an immediate emergency national convention for the purpose of reorganizing party policies and tactics to meet the present crisis.

2. We demand that the American Socialist Party shall not participate in the proposed Lauzanne Con-Capitalism out of office." The class struggle was to Constituent Assembly could or would ever vote the commodities, which in turn become capital and must point for the "moderate Socialist" goes no further ference engineered by "moderate Socialists" and so-

working class and the Socialist parties were to be of scientific Socialism, that there are two dominant terials from undeveloped countries and exports them of Socialist parliamentary activity should be purely ica issue a call for an international congress of those groups of the Socialist movement that parti-"Moderate Socialism" aims to "simply lay hold of cipated both in the Zimmerwald Conference in Sepmust go on until the working class, through the seiz- This process is universal. Foreign markets, the ready-made machinery and wield it for its own tember, 1915, and the Kienthal Conference in 1916, the workers could climb step by step, until finally, ure of the instruments of production and distribuspheres of influence and protectorates, under the purposes"—the attainment of Socialism. And so the and those groups that are in agreement with them

4. We demand the unequivocal endorsement of the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic. 5. We demand the unequivocal endorsement of the

6. We demand the unequivocal endorsement of

# "This is exactly what has happened | The same conditions prevailed with turn the ice free ports of Murmansk

#### liberty, happiness, government, justice, and distrusts were engendered, tice, censorship and everything, on which is was impossible to correct. perialistic, old-fashioned, old-world they were doing a job for certain na- plies about to fall into the German leas. "Recently one of the sincerest Rus"Recently one of the sincerest Russian Revolutionists in Archangel, who premacy. Part of this trying condi-old, hard ridden theory of guarding

Bolshevist radicals throughout Russia through the lack of proper leadership troops had landed a month later. are fearing the course that the inter- within the American forces them-, "From the start the expedition vention may take more than they fear selves. This put the whole expedition lacked the thrill of the drive that a the Bolsheviki. We prefer the pres-ent Moscow government to the return through the leaders down to the low-have given. The majority hated the

gave years of his life to bring about tion was brought about through a the supplies at Archangel

liest private.

in North Russia. One particular outside nation forced their ideas of life, tion and before long hatreds, jealous- into German submarine bases. "This was outlived when the expe-

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job and transferred their hate to the "The Americans were doing their fighting in small groups with, at the most their own plateon or company commanders over them, in certain independent of the country to the country debts which Russia owed to Europe was facing to discover the solution.

### Hungarian Socialist to Withdraw from Cabinet

#### Budapest, Hungary -The Socialist Party of Hungary has asked the Council of Workingmen's Deputies to convene, because the Socialist members of the Hungarian cabinet declare themselves unwilling any longer to share the responsibility for the policy of the kevernment. Among the reasons advanced by the Socialists for their present position is the fact that the covernment seems determined to suppress Bolthevism. The Socialist members declars thanselves unwilling to support this move. It is regarded as likely that the working men's coun-cil will decide to request the Socialist ministers to leave the government.

### CHICAGO PAPER DECLARES ARCHANGEL EXPEDITION FAILURE

are at stake and whose sons are being dominated by them. sacrificed, has the right to know the facts. In North Russia the expedition has become a dismal comic opera. They will tell you openly that they, and not the outsiders, should deter"It is diffi has become a dismal comic opera, and not the outsiders, should deter-Here in the north, in a district that mine the exact-form of government question until the facts are grasped never was violently Bolshevist, where and pick the leaders. Today if a Rusthe allies had many friends at the sian fails to follow his ideas and opinstart, and where, since the first days ions of the allied leaders he is classed dred and one pet theories, ideas and

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America, whose ideals of honor trict is controlled by the allies and lished, placing the foreign military

"The foreign military are actually

Every phase of life within the dis- ment. Martial law has been estababove the local authorities. All this reflected against the avowed motives

that the whole country is seeking with unrest. In this land there are a hunthere have been unlimited opportunities to advance confidence and again respect, here with everything their own way, the allies have failed ideas last in the local government. cutside foreign cook, whose receipts are not wanted, whose ability is ques-

the original revolution, said:

of terrible reaction.'

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### KILLING THE SOCIALIST PARTY

Do you remember the repeated assurances we received a few months ago music. that the Socialist Party was on its last legs; that members were deserting it by the thousands; that its principles were being repudiated; that we were a tribute to these miners who are now but a corpse awaiting burial?

Well, we've been buried—under an avalanche of orders for dues stamps, supplies and literature, though, and not by the venal capitalist press and the masters it serves. A very lively corpse we are, comrades. A corpse that places orders for 12,616 dues stamps in one month in Ohio alone, must be when double price was offered. O, very well. "We are going to stop very red of cheek, sturdy and kicking.

Wery red of cheek, sturdy and kicking.

Mind you—12,616 dues stamps sold in one month in Ohio to the member—

At Troy the mayor helped make ship. This constitutes the largest dues stamp sale, to our knowledge, for the world safe for capitalism by inany one month in the history of the Ohio Socialist Party. Here are sales per month in comparison:

WANTED THE TOTAL T	1917		1918
October	6.514	October	5,205
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10,202; Pennsylvania, 8,362.. Ohio ranking third in sales. To the comrade still "bringing up the rear" this article is especially addressed. Get into line. March abreast the rest. Keep step. Pay up!

### FIRST FRUITS OF DEMOCRACY

The war against the central powers having been won and democracy thus enthroned, the world has been made absolutely safe for her without further doings or ado! She may wonder at will and where she listeth without fear of vile attack or assault. That's what the war was about. If you don't believe it, ask Mr. Wilson. He will give you an answer in the affirmative a understanding that he was to receive mile long and as smooth as soap.

Take America. Gee, Whiz, no one would say that America was unsafe for the fair lady. Why, folks, she was born here, grew up here, has never been out of our sight. We have all known her since the day of her birth. She's the patron saint of every city and village. Everybody's her friend and

her photo is enshrined in the hearts of all. True, it is at times just a bit hard to lay ones finger on any particular spot where Democracy is perfectly safe (unless it would be in Mr. Wilson's Cleveland is now released from Warpocket) yet we know she is safe because we are told so and if we are not to rensville after serving ten months of believe what we are told, what in the world are we to believe, we'd like to a year's sentence.

But even though we try to believe all we are told, doubts will arise. They keep cropping up in spite of a most abiding faith in "what the papers say." Take the unemployment problem. One would think that with a world spilling over with democracy a bit might be spared for the industrial field and thus put people to work and allow them to retain the value of their products. The only reason we can think of why this isn't done is that it would interfere with special privilege. And you know privilege and democracy don't mix.

The present state of the unemployed makes us hazzard a guess that democracy as related to industry is a myth.

Then there's the question of deportation. Who are being deported? Billionaires made by the war?. Profiteers made corpulent by preying upon the slaves of the shops and through over fat contracts with a needy government? Corrupters of public officials? Not much. Who do you think owns have set the goal for one thousand this country anyway? Workers, union men, creators of wealth are the victims of deportation. And for the reason that they attempt to create a speaking acquaintance between democracy and industry.

Democracy is a great thing—until workers seek to apply it to industry. the masses! And for a mighty good reason. The moment democracy enters also endorsed motion for an emergthe door of industry, Mr. Capitalist will have to sneak.

Yet if any worker believes that he will willingly do so let him read the following taken from capital's mouthpiece, the Wall Street Journal. Capital has no intentions of allowing democracy to pass the threshhold of

WALL STREET SPEAKS ITS MIND.

Our laws are all too inadequate to deal with that public enemy, the labor agitator. We have a flabby public opinion which would wring its hands in anguish if we TOOK THE LABOR LEADER BY THE SCRUFF OF HIS NECK, BACKED HIM UP AGAINST A WALL AND FILLED HIM WITH LEAD. Countries which consider themselves every bit as civilized as we are, do not hesitate about such matters for a moment."—Wall Street Journal.

### Some Objections

structing me to write to the State all give a bit to its support and work Office protesting against the exemp-Office protesting against the exemption of Local Cuyahoga County from taking the Ohio Socialist as was stated at the meeting. Other locals might start a paper and they ask exemption from taking our paper, too.

Another motion was made that we have the country of the wives and

ask for exemption of the wives and daughters of comrades who do take the paper as it forces them to send the paper to some one who is as able to pay for the paper as we are our-

selves.

They ask that a copy of these motions be printed in the Ohio Socialist. Yours fraternally, FRANK STIDD,

Secretary Local Bellaire. We believe that if the comrades of such changes as adapt each to its par-

port the party press is the first experiment in this state. Such faults Dear Comrades: At our last business meeting a motion was made infor the next step in its progress—that of making the Ohio Socialist a bi-

#### ASHTABULA WANTS SOCIALIST PAPER

The State Office is in receipt of a

letter from Comrade E. J. Hewit of Local Ashtabula Harbor inquiring into the possibilities of starting a local paper in conjunction with the O. S. Comrade Hewit also inquires the price of one thousand O. S. for distribution weekly. Other locals are also considering the possibilities of starting local papers. And to each and all, we say -wait a bit. Let's do one thing at a Bellaire understood that the Socialist time, especially when it comes to es-News and the Ohio Socialist now con-tablishing Socialist papers. We have tain practically the same matter with a state, party-owned paper. Let's such changes as adapt each to its particular field and that the saving thus pating our finances and energies in made is fully equal to the amount that starting other papers which will at would be received through the sale of this time most assuredly sap the vipress stamps, they would not have any tality of the locals. That's our advice, objection to the plan.

As to their second motion. Comrades should remember that the presable of hering seek margher supports. ent plan of having each member sup-

### We Invite You

You are invited to the meetings listed below. If you live within reaching distance you will never regret having attended them. Take your family with you. Don't go alone. You will reap more satisfaction from the meeting if you can say afterward: "WE enjoyed the lecture."

### Cincinnati Meeting.

Meetings held every Sunday evening at 1314 Vine St. Thurber Lewis will fill the date of March 2. Subject, "Socialism-The Inevitable".

Youngstown Meeting. Dennis E. Batt will fill a date here

Sandusky Meeting. C. E. Ruthenberg of Cleveland will speak at Sandusky on March 5. Columbus Meeting. H. L. A. Holman will fill four dates

on March 6, 7, 8, 9. Opperman Meeting. H. L. A. Holman will speak at Op-

perman March 1. Kenmore Meeting C. E. Ruthenberg will speak at Rittikoffer hall, evening of March 2.

Another Speaker for Your Local. Comrade A. L. Sugarman, former state Secretary of the Socialist Party of Minnesota, is available for meetings in Dhio between the 16th and 26th of March. His subjects are: "Socialism From Utopia to Science,"
"Revolutionary Aspects of Modern Literature," and "Debt Versus Wilson," Terms are \$10 per lecture.

#### RESULTS OF KATTER-FELD MEETINGS

Comrade L. E. Katterfeld's meetings in the early part of February were excellent in the results obtained. Here is how Comrade Herbert Knecht sums up the results at Byesville.

"More members. Mome readers for the O. S. More knowledge of the fun-damentals of Socialism. More determination among the members to organize the unorganized. A better unlerstanding of organization work Greatly increased interest in Socialism among the women of Cambridge. More light, more knowledge and another stride toward the finant goal in Industrial Democracy."

At this meeting a social with eats and music were among the good things to be had. Comrades Harry Wilson, Comrade Conway and Comrade Beulah Evans, are the recipients of much appreciation from the comrades for their excellent

At Derwent Comrade Katterfeld spoke to the diggers of coal. And as working about half time or less it must be said that they were generous in their support of the meeting. The Cambridge plute press refused advertising space to the comrades even

fluencing the county commissioners to refuse the hall to Socialists. He offered the excuse that there were 400 workers unemployed in that city and a meeting where they might discuss their grievances would be UNWISE. The meeting was held at the home of Comrade Geo. W. Louthan. The comrades organized with a membership These five now have the opportunity to make socialism hum in

change of address. For the next 18 months it will be the State Penn at Canyon City. Colo. We are not aware of the particular manner in which Commade Doe has offended the cents. Comrade Doe has offended the state.

a six months' sentence and to have the ime allowed which he had spent in ail awaiting trial. This left him just hours to serve. Comrade Pearce of canton got the same sentence. He is now free, having then but a few days more to serve.

Comrade Harry Wagenknecht of

Comrade J. F. Critchfield of Boise, Idaho, is free after waiting in jail nine months for trial. He was found not guilty of the alleged offense.

Comrade Critchfield refused services of a lawyer and pleaded his own case. He was indicted for violation of the espionage act, and was alleged to have said, in reference to the flag, that it was "a damned old rag, not worth any more than any other damned old rag."

### GOAL SET AT 1000

The comrades of Guernsey county members. They are making every effort to reach it. Comrade Knecht reheld on the 14th, when eight members | First Ward, corner Jenkins and Parmeeting was were admitted and plans laid for a sons Ave. social in the near future. The local

#### INDIANA PARTY BULLE TIN IS NOW A WEEKLY

The Socialist Party of Indiana will make a weekly paper of the Monthly Bulletin, beginning April 15. \$1 per and 59c for six months. This again is the principal of a party-owned press yindicated. From now on the press vindicated. From now on the logan of every comrade must be up with the party press, down with individual control of party propaganda.
This is the new age, the old is dead.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

The State Office wishes to express for the Party the thanks which are due the comrades for their hospitality to the State Organizers, comrades Baker and Lewis. The organizers have spoken highly of the comrades hospitality in furnishing them the hospitality in furnishing the hospitalit neccessary 'eats' and a comfortable first prize. place to sleep that is so neccessary and acceptable to one while on the road. Therefore, comrades we extend

A constant worker for a bigger and better O. S. is Comrade S. M. Kerte of Wadsworth. Comrade Kerte keeps his eye on our subscribers in that city and he certainly keeps steady on the job as his record of about two subs a week proves.

#### WOULD YOU LIKE A FARM HOME AND OWN YOUR OWN JOB?

THEN READ THIS: I have been in all the southern states bordering upon the gulf and I believe south-eastern Mississippi is the most desirable location for one with small means to build a farm home. The climate is very healthful, good water, roads and excellent schools, the people are sociable and hospitable; direct lines to market. Good lands for general and special farming and stock raising at \$10.00 per acre on easy terms. No swamp lands, but gently rolling and well watered by small streams; plenty of rain, no long winters—can farm all the year. Fruits and early vegetables grown for northern mar-ket. This land will triple in value in the next five years. If you would like to join with a dozen or more comrades to form a colony settlement, write for further particulars to J. F. DEN-416 1-2 Washington Ave., Warren, Ohio .- Adv.

Has Your Secretary Your "Industrial Freedom Certificate, or Have You?

### Piqua, Ohio **News Notes**

By ROBERT JOHNSON.

The Piqua Chamber of Commerce is a most unselfish organization. We out. have its own word to that effect. According to full page ads in city papers it is Piqua's guardian angel; the author of all progress and advancement.

they run along to the Chamber of Commerce and have it attended to at once. Sure! They would rather help the workers get more money than book on Republicanism or Democracy revel at the banquet. Are you dissat- as they are today would you recomisfied with the scandallous prices of the necessities of life? Just tell the Loca the prices drop. Try it.

A bond issue for a new water works vstem was submitted to the voters of Piqua last August. It was defeated crowds. by a few votes. The campaign against Some the bond issue was directed by the Chamber of Commerce and its camp followers. Many infamous tricks were pulled off, the most despicable being the followers. A fellowers are pulled of the followers. Many infamous tricks were pulled off, the most despicable being the Rotarians, a bunch of capitalistic the following: A fake emergency appropriation of \$30,000 to repair the against the renting of Memorial hall tion. This ordinance was later de-clared worthless by the attorney general of Ohio, but it was too late; election day was past and the voters SOME JAIL NEWS

Comrade Perley Doe sends up his brazen bunch of political blatherskites

Comrade E. Curtis Ilkenhans of Youngstown was tried at Cleveland ast week. He pleaded guilty on the The "kaiser" of Troy, Clay Harmon pinhead autocrat deliberately set back to us when you loosen their aside the constitution of Ohio and the United States upon a supposition that trouble might possibly arise, ment, in the trench and on the bloody because—well, because there are 400 battle field. You promised them so because—well, because there are 400 pattie field. You promised them so unemployed in his little burg and that much when they returned. Many are returned soldiers would likely get here. More are coming. What are riled up, etc., etc. Comrade Katterfeld you going to do about it. A man out inquired when the unemployed should of work is a degree of the control of the c inquired when the unemployed should of work is a dangerous man. Know get together and discuss their unemployment—when they had jobs, or have it. They are free to choose their when they had none? The czar of master. The masters own the tools. Troy could give no answer. The cap- These boys must have access to these italists and politicians of Troy have tools. If you cannot open your factory doors to the returning soldiers that he must keep the jobless workers then be democratic, don't be autoquiet or lose his political head. Now cratic. They fought against that the question is up to the workers of "Over There." Do you think they'll the question is up to the workers of Troy, jobless, and otherwise, to forever remove this arrogant boob and his masters from the political life of the town and place therein working man who will recognize human rights and not property rights.

#### COLUMBUS NOTES.

The Socialist movement in Columbus is on the upward trend. The local members have seen so well pleased with Comrade H. L. A. Holman and his, presentations of his subjects that he has been engaged to fill the following dates: March 6, 8 and 9, at Maine dates: March 6, 8 and 9, at Maine dates: chinists' hall, 50 1-2 Gay St.; March 7,

We feel confident that those interfeel well pleased to keep these dates in mind and hear these lectures presented in an able and scientific manner.— E. B. Eubanks.

#### MANSFIELD ENTERTAINS. Local Mansfield, English branch,

held a public entertainment on Jan. 16, which was a better success than expected. The program consisted of singing, you will not permit us to discuss our

games, speaking (in English, Bulgarian and German), and dancing. The famous Y. P. S. L. "Red Orchestra"

TOM DEVINE. furnished the music.

Luncheon was served by the women of the English branch and pies at 5 cents a quarter made one think of the good old times.

A cake decorated with red flags and

Espionage Act—An act designed to imprison all members of the working class who try to tell the truth to the came a real man."

William O. Boden is the Doctor.

## Devine's Inspirations

Local Toledo, O., besides packing Memorial hall, Sunday evening, Feb. 9, at 25 cents per seat, took up a collection of \$80 and sold \$51 worth of literature. This proves how effectively Socialism has been stamped

During the last presidential campaign some clever manager suggested the old parties adopt the plan of the Socialists and charge admission, sell is the one big, strong organization in our city that is working tirelessly and continuously for the civic and industrial benefit of the community."

Sh-h, sit down! Imagine if you can, dear reader, this delectable bunch of financial further than the war and the working man's burden but were also willing to pay for their vote.

Up spoke another whose duty it was to provide red fine. literature and take up a collection. He was quietly tipped off by the eminent

Sh-h, sit down! Imagine if you can, dear reader, this delectable bunch of financial freebooters working for the "benefit of the community." Whenever the working class of this town want to get a state of the community was to provide red fire, advertising and brass bands. "Whadda ya mean," he says, "literature? This yere's not the community." Whenever the working class of this town want to get a state of the community. Feed 'em on promises. They'll fall." I wonder how long they'll fall? And that reminds us. What good

Local Toledo intends holding Sun-Chamber of Commerce and then watch day night meetings in Memorial half until summer. Sunday, 8 a. m., Margaret Prevy of Akron, O., has the floor. No brass band. No red fire. No hall large enough to seat the

Someone's hand must be itching. present water works was rushed to those who might insult our brave through council just before the electrough council just before the electhe council just before the electory who sacrificed so much for democracy, was read before the city council.

Shades of Thomas Jefferson arise and observe the generous scattering of soldiers in khaki attending these meetings and participating as ushers. Why they are even soapboxing on the corners. Many of the master class belong to

the Rotarians. They call themselves that "Good Fellows Club of America." Well! Good fellows and dear good masters, .why not put your idle time of work is a dangerous man. Know that? They fought for freedom. They have it. They are free to choose their italists and politicians of Troy have tools. If you cannot open your fac-

> stand for it over here? You and your kind had denied us every hall in the city during the war. and jailed our editors and speakers. You thought you had dulled our pen, padded our lips and padded our

didn't you? forgotten that oppression has a lan-guage peculiarly its own. A language never understood by the oppressor, but readily grasped by the oppressed. This language is now finding expression in the numerous manifestations and rumblings that are growing louded daily. The strikes at Seattle

and Lawrence. The unemployed demonstrations in ested in the subject of Socialism will New York, Chicago and other large cities are evidences. you, but you appear blind to us when

you fail to see the handwriting on the wall. Blind you are indeed if you can't see the dawn of a new day and

age.
You have changed the command.
"Work or Fight" to "Fight for Work." We accepted the former command. We now accept the latter challenge. If

The day-lie papers! The bosses and business interests mouthpiece to deceive the masses.

A Cure for Henry. A good collection was taken which will be used to pay for our "war prisoners' stamps."—L. L. Anliker, works through his veins and back to his brain. If the Ohio Socialist is taken according to directions once a week and read with care, in a year's time Henry will be a sound man and be

## Senate Investigates Soviet Government

(Continued from page one) cities and its effi-the room were turned toward them lar insurrection. and whispered comments were made repeatedly. Words like "anarchists" diately relieved by the Bolsheviki, "vulgarians" and "splendid young who shut off passenger traffic on the idealists" were caught.

aid, to make affirmation "Are you a Quaker?" demanded Senator Wollcott.
"No," replied Reed. He explained, he considered his word worth no more under oath than

otherwise. He was permitted to make affirmation. Later on, he admitted he had made certain obligations under oath to the State Department, when engaging passports.

ere," decided Wolcott. Reed permitted himself to be sworn. Major Lowry E. Home, counsel for the committee and former U.S. district attorney for Western Pennsylvania, reputed a clever prosecutor, attempted to prove that Reed had violated his oath by accepting commission from the Soviet government. "I did nothing without the advice of the U. S. consul," Reed explained.

I didn't, however, regard my oath as

cities and its effort to stem the popu-Food conditions were almost imme-Trans-Siberian Railroad for 21 days At the start of the hearing, Reed in order to bring foodstuffs into Petrorefused to be sworn, preferring, he grad. Russian industry, he said, has not been paralyzed.

"It is running," he said, "at something like 60 per cent, of its capacity and gaining all the time.' He explained the Soviet theory to the committee, who in their interest forgot to interrupt. Wolcott raised a laugh by remarking at one point:
"Our government provides that pri-

vate property should not be confis-cated except by the state, and then "Thenn, I guess you can swear just compensation must always be "Will it be made to the distillers?" asked Reed. At the conclusion of the session Wolcott asked if the witness would

like to read any further testimony into the record.
"Only this: I would like to ask that men who would give what I think is a fair statement of facts be heard by the committee. I don't mean Social-ists, but men like Colonel Raymond Robbins and Colonel Thompson of the

### Your Local-Where and When it Meets

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

Socialist Party of Ohio Meets Every Friday Evening at

LOCAL CINCINNATI. Meets Every Thursday, 8 P.M. Lectures Every Sunday, 8 P.M. SOCIALIST HALL,

LOCAL WARREN

Meets every Sunday at 7 P. M., rear room Woodmen's Hall, South Main St., Warren, O.

### **Appreciations**

"Will try to keep 'em coming," wrote Comrade H. L. Ricker of Dover, O., in a note containing a sub. He succeeded. Next day he sent another. Now he writes: "This soul saving Now he writes: "This soul saving game is great. With every subscription secured I feel a great pressure lessening in weight. It makes one feel that they amount to something feel that me, in this world."

"This is the first subscription I organizer. have secured, but hope it will not be the last." Thus writes Comrade Dr. W. Van Nette of Clyde, O.

"May your paper receive the circulation of the now defunct and infamous Appeal to "T" Reason. Goodness knows how badly we need a paper like yours to keep the membership informed and interested in our Go to it. Best wishes for suc-In behalf of our membership I send fraternal greetings of Local Bergen, N. J., to the comrades of Ohio and Kentucky." Hy Lucht, Sec-

"Have just been reading the O. S. and have noted the activity of the various locals and it made me mad to not see anything in regard to Local Norwood. Put these subs on your list. Comrades, let us nail the capitalist lies

had better go see an undertaken, for he's dead." Hugo Ruemmele. He sent five subs.

"Just a word or two to tell you that the Ohio Socialist is the finest and most to the point Socialist paper that I ever got hold of. It is the making of new comrades as well as a You censured and seized our press great pleasure to us old timers." M. R. Pearson, Moline, Ill.

"Finding the Ohio Socialist such a very good paper, one naturally wants one friends to become acquaintgotten the future. Scemed to have ed with it." These are the sentiments Comrade Rohrer sends two subscriptions.

We may seem deaf and dumb to who dare to do right at the sacrifice of life, liberty and property." M. S. they manifest in Socialist activities the Molt, Weston, W. Va. Comrade Holt they are certain to reach the goal. sends us ten subscriptions.

> Dear Friend and Comrade: I have propaganda is evident in this big orthe good fortune to be able to subter the good for the good fortune to be able to subter the good fortune to be able Editor The Ohio Socialist, scribe once more for a real Socialist paper, The Ohio Socialist. Thanks to the courage, honesty and fidelity of its editorial staff. After all it does one good to realize that our American Socialist Party remained loyal to the interests of International Socialism; now therefore all those who stood the test of the war can hold their heads erect and enjoy the confidence of the work

This war, among other things has cspecially proven the fallacy of freedom under the political state. Congress, spurred on by the moneyed nterests violated the national consti tution and every free institution of our land. As time goes on the utterances of Marx become more easily understood. The hour has struck, the psychological moment has arrived, it up to the workers to break their chains and establish the Industrial Democracy of the world and erase from over the portals of life the words, "Hope abandon, all ye who enter here," and in its place inscribe, "Hope all ye who enter here, opportunity abounds for all." This class war must not cease and peace must not be con-cluded until the whole world is really free! J. A. KEGLER, Canton, O.

### The Parting Of The ways

However, comrade, there is a time rapidly drawing near when we will ALL reach the parting of the ways. A turn to the right takes you surely back to the fleshpots of capitalism, where you MUST stand shoulder to shoulder with the harlots, cut throats and pimps of plutocracy and do battle for your lord. A turn to the left takes you surely into the camps of the embattled reds where you MUST stand up and do battle under the crimson banner of revolt, no matter what your previous shade of belief may have been. Sooner or later all men must and all men WILL be found in one or other of these camps. There can be no evading the issue, for plutocracy is GOING TO FORCE THIS ISSUE and don't forget it. B. M. Dutton State Sec. of Virginia.

#### STATE EXECUTIVE COM-MITTEE MOTION

Motion, by Comrade Clifford: That Comrade Mrs. Steven Lescho of Clevethat it permitted me to accept a commission from the United States government.

Reed's testimony was virtually the same as given by his wife the day before. He described the failure of the Kerenski government to provide food for the starving people of the Russian

### LOCAL COLUMBUS. Socialist Party of Ohio Meets Every Thursday, 8 P. M. Lectures every 2d and 4th Sunday of the month, 2:30 p. m. Hall, 50½ W. Gay Street.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF AM-Meets every Friday, 8:00 P. M., at Bushnell Hall, 127 West Federal St., Third floor. 

LOCAL HAMILTON Meets each Sunday at 2:30 P. M. Socialist Hall, 38 High St.

If you want a bundle of Ohio Socialists to help you in your work of getting subscribers we will send a bundle weekly if you will notify us to that ef-

Yours for 20,000 subscribers

and a bi-weekly. Local Canton is organizing foreign speaking branches. Comrade L. L. Lovery has requested an Hungarian

Reorganization work among the South Slavic comrades of Lorain is under way, a charter having been granted them this week. This branch was completely broken up by a mob of so-called patriots last fall. Considerable property of the comrades, consisting of a library and furniture, was destroyed. Of course, Socialism was killed outright as this reorganization shows!

### MORE BUNDLE ORDERS

As the weeks speed by the comrades are learning that the best propaganda papers to distribute are copies of the O. S. Local Warren is the latest local to order a weekly bundle. Two hundred a week is their order. What local will be the next to join the distribution squad?

#### HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A DEBS DATE

Eugene V. Debs will fill dates in northern Ohio. Make your application NOW for a Debs date. Several locals are trying to make arrangements for a meeting for him. Put on your application for a date so a tour can be arranged as quickly as possible.

### BIG BOOST FOR GALION

Through Secretary Wm. M. Brown, Local Galion sent us 120 subscriptions this week. These subscriptions go to "No higher recommendation of the citizens of Galion. Local Galion is Ohio Socialist's standing is required working hard for one hundred memthan that the great hero of human bers before the year 1919 is past. liberty, Eugene V. Debs, is a contributor and the further fact that he is surrounded by such brilliant intellec- desired number and at the rate of tual stars as Kate Richards O'Hare and Marguerite Prever and others, into consideration the determination M. S. they manifest in Socialist activities

That the comrades believe the Ohio Socialist will be of great help to their

### Locals' Monthly Reports

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Local. Members bee	62	121
Akron 8	4	8
Ashland 0	14	20
Barberton 1 Belmont Co 9	126	161
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Cambridge 10	49	73
Canton 3	371	633
Chilchinator	88	160
Columbus 6	7	17
Conneaut 0	928	2643
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Day ton	12	20
	42	51
E. Liverpool 20	31	31
Galion 15	$\frac{31}{10}$	10
Grover Hill 0	185	262
Hamilton 12	28	35
Hubbard 1	65	70
Kenmore 4	98	300
Lima 15	9	23
Marion 1	50	74
Massillon 1		4
Marysville 1	4	39
Titlet Acord	30	70
Montpelier 0	10	13
Mt. Healthy	21	22
Mt. Vernon 1	$\frac{21}{2}$	4
New England 0	$7\overline{2}$	95
Niles 8	11	46
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Piqua 2	25	43
Salem 0	12	16
Wadsworth 2	$\frac{12}{24}$	29
Yorkville S. Slav. 1	$\frac{24}{70}$	79
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Retired farmer-No such person exists. Those usually called retired are retired PROPERTY

### News of the State Locals

#### LORAIN PRESS REPORT LOCAL GALION HAS SCORED

Under caption of "Debs in Speech Talks Anarchy," the daily press of Lorain, O., wails about an address delivered in that city on Feb. 16. About 1,000 people heard "Gene" in About 1,000 people heard "Gene" in one of the best lectures ever held here, at Glen's rink. All halls suitable to seat an audience were denied the Socialists and to provide seats at the rink chairs were necessary. These were ordered by a committee from two large undertaking establishments but at the last minute these two concerns put up the excuse they needed them themselves. About 200 chairs were procured from another undertaking establishment and comrades gathered in benches from the rink park and scrubbed them. These aided in providing seats for about one-third of the audience. The rest were compelled to stand, which they graciously consented to do after learning the malicious methods resorted to by the

business men. The attitude of the Lorain press was especially aroused because of the great enthusiasm Comrade Debs created by his remarks. The reference to no flags being displaced is a deliberate falsehood and an injustice to the owner of the rink who is a friend of Comrade Debs. An effort was made to frighten or intimidate the owner from letting us have the rink, but to no avail. This is perhaps the thing which prompted the insinuation. The best of conduct prevailed and several soldiers were enthusiastic listeners. SAUL SLUTZKER.

#### MT. VERNON STARTING THINGS

Good sales of literature, several new members, some Ohio Socialist subs taken, a good collection and a lot of enthusiasm stirred up, all as the result of a meeting held on the 17th by Comrade M. J. Beery of Mansfield. Comrades are well pleased with this meeting and are continuing their activities for more of the same kind. All that is required now comrades is just a little initiative and the start is made for bigger things. Let every local get in and hustle for the good things of the future.

#### DEBS' LORAIN MEET-ING A GREAT SUCCESS

success for the Debs meeting at Lorain on the 17th. A collection of nearly \$50 was taken and literature to the value of \$32 was sold. Over one thousand admission tickets were sold. Comrade Slutzker says that the sentiment for another Debs meeting is very strong and another meeting is planned for some time in the fu-

#### SOCIALISTS, WIN IN LIMA

county on the 18th affirmed the judgment of Judge Wm. Klinger of the Common Pleas Court in the Memorial hall case. The affirmation now permits Socialists the same use of Memorial hall as other organizations. On top of this the Rotarians of Lima voted to allow Comrade Debs to speak in Lima. Guess the Rots have seen

A bill have been introduced House of Representatives by Cochrun of Allen county, which given the county commissioners authority to refuse the Memorial halls of the state to anyone they deem undesirable. Locals and members should at once sent written protests to the state senators protesting against this discriminations which is in violation of the purpose of the Memorial halls. Organized labor is taking up the question and is making an issue of it in for a Debs date.

## SMOKER

Local Galion held a most successful smoker on the 12th, being the occasion of a visit of Comrade Kirkunlifting effect upon the local. The local's school of Scientific Socialism is

Comrade Kirkpatrick's meeting at Canton was well attended, in fact ions. people were turned away for want of

#### COSHOCTON ORGANIZES

The State Office is in receipt of application for Charter to Local Coshocton containing ten names. This reorganization is the result of Comrade Thurber Lewis' recent work. The charter has been sent and the comrades are now at work building up a larger and more enthusiastic member-

#### HAMILTON HOPPING ALONG

#### WHAT THEY SAY OF BAKER'S MEETINGS

Baker's meeting at Sandusky was small in numbers but great in enthusiasm. His talk was liked exceedingly, so writes Comrade I. W. Jackson.

At Middletown the hall was prac an audience. When he hasn't an augood collection was taken and a num Socialist.

New Bremen greeted Comrade Baker with a good sized audience and enthusiasm to spare. The agents of 'democracy" who were responsible for the breaking up of a Socialist meeting some time ago were conspicuous in their absence. The majority of the citizens of New Bremen are not at all in favor of mob action in disrupting Socialist meetings. Local New Bremen is determined that the bosses of that city will have the hardest sledding they ever experienced if they at-tempt to silence the Socialists. Local New Bremen has placed itself on record as disproving the action of the N. E. C. in appointing delegates to the International Socialist Conference at

#### CUYAHOGA FALLS AGAIN IN LINE

### Socialists Win "Equal Rights"

last week's Ohio Socialist, the children clared, was the basis of our fight.

When at last the ground was dug of Acting State Secretary H. Wagen-from under Supt. Yawberg and the knecht were suspended from school on School patrons won to a better understanding of us and a more tolerant wearing Socialist Party emblems to attitude, Mr. Brunner, who had evicently the school patrons who had evicently school pat

children were not immediately sent to from the school grounds. school minus the emblems, he saw fit to call a public meeting at the school isfactory to the Socialists as it was house instead. About fifteen heads of equal in application to all. families were present. The meeting | An amicable settlement was quickly opened with an apology to Mrs. Wag-made and all enknecht from Principal Tuttle for his the exception impertinent questions regarding famaffairs. Teachers and patrons were questioned regarding the breaking of the discipline of the school and an attempt made to prove that a continued wearing of the pins would have proved disastrous, though they were compelled to admit that no pupil so far had been disciplined by the teachers on account of the buttons. No teacher had been compelled to speak to the school regarding the matter.

While professing only a desire to maintain the discipline of the school Supt. Yawberg exhibited an attitude throughout the meeting calculated to keep aroused the antipathy of those present and to uphold the prohibition of the buttons. By several "patriotic" flights of speech and by refusing to use his influence to conciliate the two factions and thus send the Socialists away scorned and repulsed he showed his animosity to the Socialists.

In this matter, however, he was completely outwitted. He at one time called for a hand-raising vote as to whether the buttons were to be al-

Though the vote was unanimous against the emblems, the Socialists stated that the vote was without effect. That we would continue to stand our ground against discrimination and unfairness was made plain.

We emphatically protested against the attitude of the superintendent in egging on the opposition to greater surdity instead of adopting an attitude more conciliatory. We declared that we wouldn't allow a precedent to be established here that would in all probability be used in other districts to persecute and discriminate against

patrick to Secretary Wm. M. Brown. growing in attendance and interest.

Local Hamilton is hopping to the front in great shape. A letter from Comrade J. M. Caha'ane states that the local has disposed of \$35.60 worth of literature since Jan. 1. The local is considering holding weekly propaganda meetings and will try to obtain he best talent possible. Comrade Frank Hamilton, mayor of Piqua, spoke for them on the 18th. With

great."-A. W. F. Steckel.

tically empty when Baker arrived. Now, it isn't like Baker to wait for dience he goes out on the street and gets one, that's Baker. So down the street went the comrades. Soon an audience of four or five hundred people were listening to the best speech they had heard in a long while. A er of subscribers secured for the Ohio

Laussane, Switzerland.

Local Cuyahoga Falls is again in line with the active locals of Ohio. As a result of Comrade Thurber Lewis' meetings there the comrades have paid their arrearages, thus retaining the charter and are in action again. Comrade Secretary W. J. Local Lima has applied Doran orders a hundred "Soviets and

A signal victory for Socialists' children. We declared that dren was the result of a meeting hastily called by County Supt. of Schools Yawberg at Royalton Center, O., on Friday of last week. As related in privileges for all children, we declared that our objections were not based upon a right to wear the emblem as such, but was solely against persecution and discrimination. Equal rights and privileges for all children, we declared was the breis of our fight

denced a broad mindedness in the ef-Although Supt. Yanberg threatened fair, proposed as a basis of settlement to bring the parents into court if the that all political emblems be barred

> made and all present, with possibly of Supt. Yawberg, scemed satisfied.

We are quite certain that in future Supt. Yawberg will look before he leaps into a Socialist fire.

### YE REDS

Watch out, Ye Reds, for here we come To get you good and strong; Remove your crimson ties and flags, Don't let us wait too long.

Democracy at stake is, when Ye Reds have things your way; Our freedom and our liberty You sure would take away.

And give it to your comrades, The bums, the working men; The class that always strikes, and starves. Five days of every ten.

And jails you'd open; shops you'd For eighteen hours per day; From eight to three is all you'd work, And ask for double pay.

And votes you'd give just those that work, Regardless who they are; Oh, what a world it would be

If you were at the bar.

Who own this land, including you, And all you'll ever own; Who run all things, and ever will, Long after you'll be gone.

Watch out, Ye Reds, for here we come To make it hot as hell, Democracy in danger is Without us A. P. L. AUGUST B. JAFFE.

### Workers Arm Yourselves

By V. M. BLUMENBURG

We are today in the midst of a society will completely eliminate the organized intelligence.

room in the hall the comrades were our ascent is accelerated in accordable to obtain. The question of securing suitable halls in Canton is a we acquire. It has been well said learning together. that, the passession of accurate knowledge spells power to the individual or group of individuals, mastering same.

The most gigantic task that has ever confirmted any oversity in the most satisfactory for a beginning ever confirmted any oversity in the most satisfactory for a beginning proposition the comrades are up that, the passession of accurate knowl-

of the whole world. Europe, through their mental grasp of fear.

weapon which will make our victory alone? an assured fact, is education. Arm yourselves for the fray.

Humanity and the

In the name of justice I would

ike to say to you Socialists, and for

your benefit, too, stop attacking the

Plain Dealer. I say this to you be-

cause I do not doubt that the editor

of the Cleveland Plain Dealer is

honest and sincere when he advises

the United States government to

speed over a couple of hundred thou-

sand men to make an end, to the

baby killers, the rotten Bolsheviki

in Russia. Because you ought to

know (if you don't) that these blood

drinkers, these fire makers, the Bol-

sheviki of Russia, passed a law last

summer that if you want to eat you

must work-and if you have an idea

what they mean by work, you will

not wonder about this attack upon

them. For the Bolsheviki work, does

not mean work as we in America

In this country if you are a law-

yer, for instance, you are a worker,

but for those barbarians work means

something else. Over there things

are ordered in this way, if you are

a shoemaker you have to make

shoes, and if you are a carpenter you

must build houses, but if you have

no trade at all, if you happen to be

a lawyer, a broker or a general in

the army, you are compelled to put

on a pair of overalls, take a pick

and shovel and dig ditches. Did

you ever hear of such a thing? You

say that this is well. That just

shows your partiality. I know it

is easy for you, because you always

worked in shops and in factories.

dug the ditches and built the rail-

roads, but for heaven's sake have a heart and understand that for a

man who has always worn a white

collar and who never has done any

possibility. He is not used to such

I say to you that if all these things which the Plain Dealer says

about the Bolsheviki are true, and I

have no reason to believe otherwise if

the Bolsheviki did not make any ex-

ception between a common labarer

and a banker, a lawyer, a general,

then they ought to be terminated in

the name of humanity and democ-

racy, which it is our duty to pre-

When I read about the law in Rus-

sia that he who will not work neith-

er shall he cat, my heart revolted. That night I kept on dreaming

about it and in one of my dreams saw these Bolsheviki ordering the good humanitarian of the Plain

Dealer to put on a pair of overalls,

go down the basement to the en-gine and shovel coal. I remember

he was shivering at the thought of

it, and I had great sympathy for

him, and that morning when I ate

my breakfast tears came from my

eyes and I thought that if it is all

true, that the Socialists in America

are like the Bolsheviki there in Rus-

sia, as the Plain Dealer says they

are, then, of course, the sooner we

imprison them the better it will be

for the nation. And a few days after that when I read in an edi-

torial in the Plain Dealer about the

conviction of Debs, I simply rejoiced.

Beautiful words they were that

My vocabulary is too poor, and I will therefore let the dear humani-

(Cleveland Plain Dealer, Sept. 13,

1918): "Eugene V. Debs, found guilty yesterday by a federal jury, will receive little sympathy and deserves none. "A little further along the editorial says he belongs in

prison and it is good news to every

local son and daughter of the re-

public that he has been convicted.

Don't you agree with me that these

were golden words? Do you mean

If you think that making every-

body work is the only crime the Bol-

to say that some other motives were concealed under cover? I don't. I believe in the purity of soul of the editor of the Plain Dealer.

read in the Plain Dealer.

tarian talk:

manual labor, this is simply an im

things.

Woman's State Correspondent of Michigan. Then when the would-be reformer complete without women being intergreat social revolution. An ever increasing, powerful, mental unrest is everywhere apparent. Modern soeverywhere apparent. Modern so-giety as it exists today is in a study class, work with facts based upon the bing women into work. Very often knowledge gained in a study class, will attend study classes where Kirkpatrick's visit as having a most ciety as it exists today, is in a state marching rapidly to victory, secure in women will attend study classes where well-time effect many the local. The The of decomposition. The dissolution of the power that follows in the wake of they are not interested in other organ-There is no local so small but what them in one phase of our work, let

fetters which have hither-to bound us to old customs, traditions and religions.

We move in an upward spiral, and

There is no local so small but what them in one phase of our work in the supplier of the local so small but what them in one phase of our work in the supplier of the local so small but what them in one phase of the work that be the educational feature.

Women comrades, it has been said, that woman is the slave slave, under the present rotten slave, under the present rotten slave.

ever confronted any organization is class, and can be taught more readily ours today. The tremendous task of than the more complicated presentadisseminating the truth which will eventually free the wealth producers study class in every local in the council the whole would be readily to the most satisfactory for a beginning class, and can be taught more readily ourselved. It is only a comparatively short time industrial democracy, which is already that we, of the Socialist Party, have approaching. Our acquired knowledge been forced to a recognition of the carries with it the might, which the value of a study class. Workers of ruling class are already beginning to Representatives of the Soviet the economic conditions which prevail Republic, have, according to capital-today, are giving a practical demon- ist papers, been asked to attend the stration of the result of accurate so-called league of nations conference. knowledge, carefully assimilated. In order to fully appreciate this bit When a marked contrast between the of news, just refer to some of the results obtained by class-conscious, in- capitalist papers and note the choice telligent wage slaves in their fight names bestowed upon the workers who for industrial freedom, and the spas-were willing to sacrifice even their modic revolt of a few workers here lives when necessary, in order to flood and there, who, goaded on by misery the entire world with the flame of and injustice, lacking the necessary intelligent discontent, out of which knowledge to wage a fight on con- will come the industrial republic which structive grounds, rise, only to be will guarantee to the workers of all crushed back into the infernal pit of lands, security and happiness.

or Debs.'

"Tiffin branch took in three new members at the last meeting and there are more in prospect. Enclosed find subscriptions to O. S. It is surely great."—A. W. F. Steckel.

"Topelessness and despair.

There is a vital, concrete fact contained in the old adage, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall might, each member of the Socialist with the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good," already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the death of the common Good, already mobilized but the common Good, already mob Common Good," already mobilized, but produce collective wisdom, this spells they are for the most part, unarmed collective strength, which in turn can be transmuted into collective action. lack of ammunition. The powerful Do you get me, Comrades, or am I all

sheviki have committed you are mis-

taken. It just shows that you don't read the great humanitarian paper

the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Take for instance the case of the killing

of the poor, innocent Russian czar.

Read how the Soviets took him out

on a certain morning and murdered him. Murdered the poor little czar.

If the Bolsheviki had not committed

any other crime it would be worth

while to send an army and hang

them all on account of this. M

words cannot impress you as will the words of our dear editor. I

will therefore let him talk to you.

(Editorial in the Plain Dealer, June 24, 1918.) "An Imperial Mar-

tyr."—It would be hard to imagine a more brutal and revolting crime than the murder or execution of Nicholas Romanoff. \* \* \* A kindly well meaning man. \* \* \* If he has

been killed, as reports from Nkrania

persistently intimate, he has been

cruelly sacrificed to the blood lust of the gutter (Bolsheviki) ruffians

who have disgraced the name of

liberty by their excesses and brutalities. \* \* \* It is only the world's acquaintance with the life of Nich-

olas and its knowledge of his harm-

lessness that makes the stories of Ekatirinanburg so horrifying."

Do not these words impress you as they impressed me? Why, that

morning I cried like a child, I know

you Socialists will say to me that he deserved to be killed. I know

you will say that when he was in

power, he had sent millions to Si-

beria, that other thousands died of

torture inflicted upon them because

they dared to think that the czar

was a plain man. I also know that

you will tell me that in order to keep his crown he hung people in the centers of the streets of cities of

Russia. You might also tell me of

the terrible massacres of the Jew-

ish people and how he gave an order to the Jewish people at a time when their sons had shed their blood

to defend Russia, that they must

leave six provinces in a period of

12 hours, not even giving them a

chance to take their infants from

the hospitals. The reason I know

you might ask me such questions is,

that it is possible you have found out that I myself wrote letters to

the Plain Dealer asking why it ig-

nored all these crimes committee

against the Jewish women and chil-

dren, and maybe you also know that

I accused it of being a dormant part-

ner to the czar, that it ignored all these cruelties because Wall Street

had been sold the bonds of the czar,

and writing about it would spoil business. I also know that you

might ask me what became of the

murderer who killed a man in 1914

when the Plain Dealer and Leader

circulation departments quarreled?

But why ask so many questions? Can't you trust the Plain Dealer

martyr." I do. I am a real American sport and I know that the news-

papers can not fool me. Questions are not a very profitable thing, be-

cause if you want to ask too many

questions, you might as well ask

me the reason why the Cleveland News, in the day of the trial of the

Socialist councilmen, (good for them,

they are Bolsheviki, too) said that

the mayor received a letter threat-

ening to dynamite the city hall

should the Socialists be ousted, and

that the mayor denied receiving such

a letter, just as Judge Landis of

the Federal Court, denied receiving

letters, saying that should the four Socialists be found guilty he will

be killed. You might say that there

is a reason for these things and

that the reason is to form public

opinion against the Socialists, but

who cares what you say? You can

say lots of things which, as a sport,

a real American sport, I do not

care to say. I for one believe that the newspapers of this city, as of any other city, are the true friends

of the people, and even of the Socialists, provided of course if they

do not attack capitalism. Just leave

the capitalist profiteers alone and

you will see that not only will they

be your best friends but even the

Take my advice.

P. L. will stop bothering you.

when it says that the czar was

"Cleveland Plain Dealer"

By J. MOLDAVER.

See to it that women are interested in the study class, the work is in-

ization work. If you can only interest

Women comrades, it has been well said, that woman is the slave of a slave, under the present rotten sys ber, we must d velop cur own teachers, then we will climb the hill of notes some reference to the part woman has played during some stage of society's development, but, the woman they draw attention to, is played up as being some superwoman, and like the male character in history, she always shapes events, she stands out as an example of achievement.

We have heard much regarding the status of woman, during the reign of so-called chivalry, but investigation proves that the woman referred to during this period, was one of the parasites, who, through social connections, wealth, or sex charm, was able to lift herself into a place of at least temporary, economic security. There is, however, one degradation

women share in common, they are, for the most part, either petted, pampered playthings, satisfying a definite need in the life of man, or, they are the sweated, over-worked, under-paid slaves, contributing their full measure of strength to help swell the coffers of the master class. The so-called spice of variety is fre-

quently introduced into the life of the female slave, by forcing her to function in the dual capacity of pros-titute and wage slave. With wage slavery abolished, sex slavery will be impossible. Women, fortify yourselves with the

knowledge gained through study that will fit you for the comradeship which must exist between all who are engaged in clearing the way for the new freedom, which will spell emancipation for you and yours.

Order a copy of "Shop Talks," by Mary Marcey of the State Office, 10c.

### An Answered Prayer

By GEORGE BERNARD SHAW. There was once a vicar who was very fond of garden parties and motoring. There came an exceedingly fine summer, and he enjoyed and asked him to pray for rain. He being able to do this with sincerity. The dry weather continued, and feeling became so strong in the district that at last he had to yield to it and, accordingly, at an evening service he offered the prayer for rain. "Send us, we beseech Thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort and to Thy honor." When he had reached that point in the prayer a thunderbolt struck the spire of the church and sent the steeple crashing through the roof into the nave. At the same moment the clerestory windows were lighted up by a blinding flash, and were shattered by a hail storm which drove in on the wings of the hurricane and drenched the congregation and the vicar. The vicar, after a pause of astonishment, shut his book sharply and said, "O God, this is ridiculous! Now, why did I want to tell you this old tale? Well, for the last four years our governing classes, includ ing our leading Imperialists, and the governing classes in France and Italy, have been praying very loudly for democracy and the collapse of thrones and arbitrary powers generally, and the answers they have received, first in Russia and now in Germany, may possibly have brought into my mind this story of the vicar

### He Knows Better Now

Here is a bit of news from Hamilton. One Captain Wesley Wulzen, who led the Hamilton militia company in the old Third Regiment, and is now in France, sent home a letter from the battle front. The letter, published in the "Hamilton Journal," contains this language: "I think experience will make better men of all of us. It will at least make a peace advocate of every intelligent man who took part in the battle. War is horrible—there is nothing romantic about it. It is nothing more or less than Murder." Now for a bit of history. Some two years ago, when American militia regiments were being recruited service on the Mexican border, Charles Baker, then editing the "Hamilton Socialist," published some comments on the jingoistic spirit then prevailing, took a satirical fling or two at the youthful swashbucklers in the militia, and remarked in effect that war is murder. For this, he was singled out while quietly standing as an unarmed spectator on the court house steps watching the militia evolution, and brutally assaulted by Captain Wulzen and his first sergeant. He swore out a warrant for their arrest, but the bailiff was defied by the militiamen, with the backing of their superior officers, the adjutant general, and Governor of the State. Baker, for his boldness in demanding the retribution of the law upon them, was arrested and hustled down to Cincinnati on charges of misusing the mails by publishing such "pa cifist" statements, and was acquitted only after a long and expensive jury trial. The whirligig of Time, how ever, seems to have brought its revenge. Here is Wulzen saying now Baker said then, with only this difference: Baker could speak from education and reasoning, Wulzen had to wait for the bitter experience.-Miami Valley Socialist.

Stealing-The regular occupation of the master class. They live by legally stealing the products of the

### Cruel Punishment Revealed in American Military System

cold blooded and cruel punishnents who went to sleep guarding a pile of canvas down in Texas, 3,000 miles away from the battle line simply bewith military discipline during the cause we are in war. Ansell, last week at Washington.

taken into the army from civil life and unfamiliar with military requirements had been sentenced to death, listed man.

to imprisonments of forty years, to discharge in the case of an enlisted U. S. Military System Cruel.

That the American military systems harsher than that of England, France or Italy, was stated by Gen. Ansell. The officer said he was not familiar

Under conditions as they exist today, he explained to the committee, the findings of the courts martial, which often are made up of officers

having little or no knowledge of law, are final except in certain isolated After Gen. Ansell had related a series of cases, which senators de- a human, personal point of view. clared offended every idea of justice

plied they were not.

Some "Not Unusual" Cases.

1—A soldier who entered the army ing to them. on Oct. 28 was detailed to kitchen

He told him he was forbidden to make while on duty. An altercation tenant. The defense was not worthy

resulted. The lieutenant ordered the of the name. years imprisonment.

ears imprisonment.

2—Another soldier was convicted of aving in his possession unlawfully a nights previous, two hours on duty and one hour off.

"They could not sleep in the dugouts having in his possession unlawfully a pass. He was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged and to confinement caused by the chopping of wood in

and asked him to pray for rain. He ing to drill when ordered to do so, court made no effort to prove or diswas in the difficult position of not that he was unable to comply with the prove. The soldiers should not have command because of the exposure he had suffered the day before, was sentenced to forty years' imprisonment.

4—Still another soldier, who left camp to go home because his father

> to his company voluntarily, and was sentenced to death for desertion. He never took off his uniform while away sistent statement was made by the and he did not attempt to hide. 5—Forty years' imprisonment was the court changing the plea from the sentence imposed on a soldier guilty to not guilty and ordering a who was absent without leave from trial. One of the men said he was un-

July 29 to Aug. 6. offenses which occurred in the war been subjected to the day before.

Ansell, "courts-martial deal very harshly with men in the service. They are not justified in piling on these shocking penalties. I do not believe in those cases should exceed one year.

Almost unbelievable instances of in sentencing to death a new soldier

late war were cited in the examina- "I realize," said the general, "that tion before the senate military affairs I am arraigning an institution, the committee by Brig. Gen. Samuel T. Ansell last week at Washington I want to serve it honestly and Ansell, last week at Washington.
With unconcealed amazement senators listened to the citation of case on justice. The way courts-martial after case in which men recently have been awarding punishment during the war has resulted in one-man convictions and award of punishment. "My anxiety has to do with the en-sted man. We regard dishonorable

dishonorable discharge from the man altogether too lightly in the army. A dishonorable discharge is a fusing to fall in for drill, or declining to give a package of cigarets to a second lieutenant.

It is as long as the man himself lasts.

"I recently said in a report on the sentences given in cases of men being absent without leave that if enforced they would bring disgrace on

the service by their shocking harsh-ness, and that if they were given as a sort of judicial bluff, they would enough with the military system of Germany to compare it with that of the United States.

Taking up the administration of military justice with the American Expeditionary Forces, Gen. Ansell

said:
"While I was abroad four cases in which the death penalty had been ordered came up at once. They appealed to me, not only from a legal but from

"Those cases illustrate the practiin America, he was asked whether cal difficulties in the administration they were isolated cases, and he re- of military justice. The men involved were not well defended. They had no appreciation of what was happen-

"Two of the men were tried for duty on Nov. 23, less than a month sleeping while on guard in the after he began his military service. trenches, a very serious offense, I A second lieutenant, recently commis- admit. The other two were tried for sioned and himself unaccustomed to military life, found him smoking a penalty was imposed on the first two men after a very inadequate defense.

private to give him his package of cigarets. The soldier refused. He finally told the officer to "Go to hell." He was sentenced to dishonorable dismatter of fact, the accused had been matter of fact, the accused had been "The men were allowed to plead charge, forfeiture of all pay and forty on duty in the trenches for the five

himself extremely. But the farmers himself extremely. But the farmers were dissatisfied with the weather, pleading guilty to a charge of refus
for ten years at hard labor.

3—A soldier, who declared after vigil night after night. These were extenuating circumstances, which the them. They were compelled to keep been allowed to plead guilty without presentation of these facts when their

ives were at stake. "In the case of the other two men, t developed that they pleaded guilty was on his deathbed, and remained of disobeying the command of a su-until the day after he died, returned perior officer by refusing to fall in

for drill.
"Immediately afterward an income accused which should have resulted in uly 29 to Aug. 6. able to comply with the command been they were not cases of military cause of the extreme exposure he had

zone, Gen. Ansell told the committee. Gen. Ansell made it plain that he They were offenses committed in the realized there must be punishment of United States, most of them by boys who had seldom been away from home.

Offenses or the army could not be maintained, but he took the position that a homesick boy who had gone "Even in times of peace," said Gen. home to see his sick parents should

### Flings and Jabs

By TOM LEWIS.

In the last four years wages advanced 27 per cent., and the cost of Some work, some pay; small eats, litliving 78 per cent., who said prostle play; Collective work, all you earn; plenty of eats, and a life of play. When visiting any city blindfold

your self, you can smell where the workers live. A moving picture show! A cheap attraction to make the foolish forget

heir misery. A church! A place where they breach eternal mental rest. Believe you poor devils, or you are forever

Dr. for doctor, D. D. for minister,

D. L. for lawyer, J O B for worker.

t's here again, and still the slave

Wages! A slave's pay. Just enough to keep him strong, so he can jackass from day to day. Hard times! The worker's reward

for living foolish. Organize and produce for use. Wage Slavery! A fool's paradise. Opportunity! A man's desire. Industrial Freedom! A revolutionist de-

A positive cure for Bolshevism, the

abolition of wage slavery. The ignorant need leaders, the leaders need intelligence, to avoid both what do we all need?

Unemployment! A condition bred from exploitation, wherein the workers produce more than their can buy back. Result, idleness until I wish I could get a job somwhere! the masters have marketed the sur-Did you ever hear that before? Well plus products. In the meanting the bosses live in clover. But the workers, oh, hell, suffer.

### FIXING UP THE CRIPPLES

mand.

By ANISE, in Union Record.

He told me: "The Government Is holding itself RESPONSIBLE For all WAR-CRIPPLES, Every soldier or sailor Who is wounded Or Disabled Is going to be TRAINED For a JOB And SUPPORTED Until he gets it. We will not spare ANY EXPENSE We will give ANY KIND Of TRAINING That he can use. And if he gets a job And cannot hold it We will train him some more And keep on supporting him For FIVE YEARS." And I said: "That's FINE I'm sure we OWE IT To the boys who have given A leg or an arm of their country; And I hope the EMPLOYER Will be equally considerate And give them the PAY Of able-bodied men And not USE them To break down the standards Of their fellow-workers. But what are you doing For the CRIPPLES Of INDUSTRY? And he said: "We have A bill in Congress

For giving them also The benefits of training For SELF-SUPPORT. So I told him:
"That's BETTER STILL.
I'm glad to hear it.
And NOW What are you doing To help the ABLE-BODIED Support themselves?"
And he answered: "I don't UNDERSTAND YOU." And I said: "I hear There are lots of SOLDIERS Back from the front Who are sleeping In ALLEY-WAYS And wondering WHERE They'll get their next MEAL. And pretty soon There'll be LOTS MORE COMING BACK. And lots of other workers Are beginning To HUNT for JOBS And the way our INDUSTRY Is organized There never can be JOBS to GO ROUND Because our workers MAKE so much more stuff Than they are allowed to use."
And he said: "I think
It will be something more than
GOVERNMENT KINDNESS To settle that."
And I said: "I guess You're RIGHT. IT WILL,"