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BERGER IS RE-ELECTED TO CONGRESS

As the Appeal goes to press the reelection of Victor L. Berger to congress is conceded by the capitalist papers.

At least one representative of the workers of America will sit in the national House of Representatives for two more years.

Socialism will again make itself heard at the seat of government in Washington.

New York Vote Up 25 Per Cent

The following wire was received from N.Y. City: "The Socialist vote in New York City shows an increase of Twenty-Five per cent."

August Claessens, Sec'y Socialist Party, New York City

Reading Socialists Get Large Vote

READING, PA.—James H. Maurer made wonderful run for state assembly, polling 5625 votes and losing to the Republicans by the narrow margin of 37 votes.

A. T. Bower, vice president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, ran 5000 vote behind Maurer.

Failure of workers to register caused the defeat of the Socialists. Less than 20,000 of a possible 50,000 voters qualified.

The Socialists ran neck and neck with their opponents and final results were in doubt until practically every district reported.

Three municipal loan items strongly supported by every old party politician. "The Times," capitalist newspaper, and the Chamber of Commerce and opposed by the Socialists were voted down.

The high socialist vote and the defeat of the loans have revived the old fighting spirit and presage increased activity along organization lines.

—Raymond Hobbes.

The American Appeal will make as full report of the Socialist vote as possible next week. Let Socialists everywhere send in the vote as soon as possible.

Brophy Wins Big Victory For Miners

By ART SHIELDS

CLEARFIELD, Pa. Central Pennsylvania miners under the leadership of Pres. John Brophy, have scored a decisive victory over the Peabody Coal Co. that operates a string of mines, employing 25,000 men, for the Northwestern Mining & Exchange Co. a subsidiary of the Erie railroad.

The 25,000 men are again at work under the union scale, after weathering a month of lockouts and strikes, and the companies have abandoned for the moment the attempt to break the organization and restore the 1917 scale.

This is the first important victory of the United Mine Workers of America since it won over a big corporation in Pennsylvania in 1917.

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New York, Oct. 17, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Upton Sinclair, Pasadena, Calif.

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Kindly telegraph so that entrance card for two may be mailed in your name.

Loring Pickering, Pasadena, California, October 22, 1926.

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We haven't the fare to come to New York, and it appears that Her Majesty hasn't the fare to come to California. Also Upton Sinclair has to make on that date his campaign speech for governor of California.

Assure Her Majesty, however, that we shall be with her in spirit and shall tell our Pasadena audience what we think of her government, the most infamous and bloodsoaked in Europe.

In due course we expect to learn that Her Majesty has come to borrow American dollars to be used in enabling Roumanian peasant slaves to slaughter Russian workers groping toward freedom.

Did you really think we would aid such a cause? Or were you careless in compiling your list of celebrities?

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Workers Win Tremendous Victory In England

Socialists of Sweden Make Big Election Gains

Win Seventy-Six Seats in Municipal and Provincial Elections

STOCKHOLM.—The recent provincial elections in Sweden, which brought 76 new seats in the provincial and municipal councils to the Socialist party, have a great significance for the national politics.

The reactionaries of Sweden, like those of other countries, foisted a system on the nation which made it as difficult as possible for the opposition parties to throw the ruling class out of the senate and the high judiciary positions.

The senate is still elected, not directly by the voters, but indirectly, by the provincial councils, and only one-eighth of the senators are up for election in successive years.

Socialists Make Progress. The provincial elections are therefore a preparation for the senatorial campaigns. And to make matters still more difficult for the opposition, only one-half of the provincial councils can in any one year elect its candidates for the senate.

But in 1924 the Socialists had great success in electing their candidates to congress, so that the Socialist Leader Branting formed his third cabinet entirely of Socialists.

This cabinet, after the death of Branting, continued its efforts to reduce the army, introduce social legislation and make life easier for the workers.

But when it attempted to do something effective for the unemployed, the old parties combined and overthrew it.

The provincial and municipal elections this year therefore had to show whether the country stood back of the Socialists or back of the old parties. The Socialist victory answers this question.

Reactionaries Lose Out. The reactionary parties lost 10 per cent of their votes, the Liberal party was almost wiped out, the Communists lost 50 per cent of their following.

The Socialist party increased its vote by 33 per cent and its office holders by 20 per cent.

The smaller old parties of the opposition, such as the Farmers, Progressives and Reformers, just about held their own. The Socialists will be in full control of 16 of the larger cities in Sweden and will probably make great gains in the municipal elections of the big cities, which will be held later.

In some of the provincial councils, the Socialists also have now the absolute majority, so that they will be in a good strategic position to increase their seats in the senate when the next senatorial elections come off.

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Terre Haute, Indiana October 29, 1926. To Comrades and Friends:

The tender and touching tributes paid by Comrades and friends to our dearly beloved Gene, who loved them with a feeling that was divine, will ever be remembered by us and have an abiding place in our hearts through all the years, and we hereby desire to express our most profound appreciation and grateful thanks for their beautiful devotion in the hour of our great sorrow. The Debs family.

DEBS COLUMN

(This editorial was written by Debs for the American Appeal just before his final illness.)

Sanctity of Capitalism. The government of a predatory ruling class has always been considered sacrilegious by the common herd exploited under it.

That is precisely the security of the exploiting class in power. It does not matter how corrupt and mean a government becomes the common herd must still regard it as a sacred thing and be prepared at the top of the hill to shed their blood to save it.

That is why we hear so much today about "strengthening the government," and all the Rabbit organizations in the land and all the tampons in power and their vast brood of minions and lackeys are so busy in spreading out those supports of favor and of the favor of the government.

Here the inauguration law and the deportation law pending in congress to penalize and deport all those who do not obey their servility to the ruling class by proclaiming this to be the best government on earth and to be preserved inviolate to the end of time.

Hence also the disgraceful and humiliating anti-union laws and criminal syndicalism laws under which some of the bravest and noblest souls in America are being altar and rotting away in dungeons as if they were the vilest felons.

We are frank to say that no capitalist government on the face of the earth can ever, in our opinion, do anything to ever prevail over the people ever by any means under any such government.

Listen now to United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler in a speech delivered at Baltimore a few days ago which is attracting considerable attention.

"Instead of a government of the people, by the people and for the people we have a government by propaganda and by executive order, transmitted through the medium of lame ducks and other servile appointees named by the president to positions of enormous power in the departments and bureaus. We have government by intimidation, by which members of congress and government employees who have revealed fraud or inefficiency are punished by ostracism or dismissal from the service. We have government by blackmail for the details of which I refer you to the experiences of Senator Couzens of Michigan.

"The executive branch of the government in the conquest for supremacy with the legislative branch is dominated today by the great financial, industrial and commercial interests. There was a time when the Napoleons of finance came to Washington by night and held secret conferences with the White House. That day is past. THEY COME NOW IN THE FULL LIGHT OF DAY. BREAKFAST WITH PRESIDENT COOLIDGE OR SPEND A WEEK-END ON THE MAYFLOWER AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

"The actual government business of Washington is executed today through the departments and bureaus. There have become the tentacles of the executive power, passing into every function of government, even to the executive branch. No law can be presented to congress that affects in any way a departmental matter before it has been submitted to that department and a report had thereon. The departments and subordinate bureaus have become the censors of legislation."

And this is the capitalist government of the United States, "the grandest government on the face of the earth," and to oppose it is to be guilty of "treason, stratagem and spoils" and to be flung into the scruff of the neck and thrown into a duncheon cell or dumped into a cattle boat and shipped to some foreign port.

Now bear in mind, dear reader, that Senator Wheeler, who delivered the foregoing indictment is not a socialist, but a representative of the government and of the predatory capitalist system.

Now could any government be more servile to the ruling class, more oppressive to the subject class, more corrupt, more shameful, more absolute-

Houston Raises \$10,000 To Erect Monument

In Honor of E. V. Debs. HOUSTON, Texas.—A meeting of citizens "believing in the freedom of speech without regard to party or form of government" pledged \$5,000 toward a monument to the memory of Eugene V. Debs "as a personification of the right of the American people to speak freely on any subject."

The monument, it is planned, will be erected in Washington, inscribed "A Martyr to Liberty." Enrichio Gerrachio, Houston sculptor, pledged an additional \$5,000 and was employed by the local admirers of Debs to put into marble his conception of liberty.

British Labor Centers on Mine Nationalization

Publish Ownership as Only Remedy to Be Made Main Political Issue of Party

LONDON.—The Margate convention of the British Labor Party has replied to the demands of the miners that the British Labor Party at its present convention do something to help the miners in their present nation-wide strikes, by passing a resolution stating that the only remedy for the present monstrous conditions in the coal industry is "to take the mining industry out of the hands of the mine owners, who are responsible for its present plight, and nationalize it, to reorganize production on a basis of efficiency with economy, and to exploit every resource owned by science for the intelligent utilization of coal when it is won."

The resolution calls also for the nationalization of power. The British Labor Party has definitely decided to make the nationalization of these basic resources and this program the dominant issue in the next campaign.

The resolution protests against the action of the Tory government in supporting the mine owners in their anti-social demands, and declares that the government has lost the confidence of the nation by mishandling the coal crisis.

Some attempts were made by the more pugnacious delegates, especially those from the Independent Labor party, to refer the resolution back to the committee on the ground that it contained no definite suggestion for giving help to the miners in their present precarious condition.

Among those members were David Kirkwood, Harry Pollitt and Oswald Mosley. But the moderate party leaders prevailed with the argument that the matters of leaving funds to help the miners now should be dealt with by a general conference of the trade union executives.

It was McDonald's aim that a resolution to place an embargo on coal exports from foreign countries or to levy funds for their support could not help the miners. He admitted, however, that the committee resolution would tie the next labor government down to the duty of nationalizing the coal mines, and he pledged himself to this policy.

The committee resolution was carried by 2,037,000 votes against 1,276,000, after McDonald had said that it would encourage the miners to know that their fight would begin again in a new place and with a new policy.

This was a greater number than any year since 1917, when 141 persons reported earnings in excess of \$100,000. The record number was in 1916, when the total was 206; in 1915, 67 persons reported incomes above \$100,000; in 1914, 35; in 1913, 25; in 1921, 21; in 1922, 67; and in 1923, 74.

Three persons with net incomes of \$25,000,000 reported an aggregate of \$27,953,519. Two resided in Michigan and one in New York. Presumably they are Henry and Edsel Ford and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Thirty-nine with incomes above \$1,000,000 resided in New York.

Pennsylvania, where Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is reported to be the largest tax payer, had one person with an income between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

There were 5,713 persons with incomes in excess of \$100,000 in 1925 as compared with 4,192 in the previous year.

A person with an income of \$50,000 or more per year is classed as a millionaire, as it takes on an average about a million dollars worth of property to produce a \$50,000 income.

This would indicate that the millionaire class is much larger than the 11,990 claimed in a recent analysis. If there are 5,713 persons with incomes of more than \$100,000 per year, there are presumably a much larger number than this with incomes between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a year.

It is unfortunate that this government report does not give the size of the millionaire class.

The fact that the owners of incomes of \$100,000 a year and over increased from 4,192 in 1921 to 5,713 in 1925—AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 33 PER CENT IN ONE YEAR—is very significant.

Socialists in Belgium Hold Their Strength

BRUSSELS.—The municipal elections in Belgium have not changed much in the relative strength of the political parties. The Socialist party has maintained its position and increased its list of municipal members by about 50.

The Communists did not make any headway.

The Socialist party had candidates in about 2,000 districts. The Communists in about 150. The Socialists made marked gains in Molen, Mouscron, Grammont, Vilvoorde, Fontaine l'Evêque, Mauthus, Seneffe, Ruesseau, Vieux-Neuf, Melsbroeck and Malmedy.

The greatest gains were made by the Socialists in small industrial towns and in the communities of the Ath, Fournes and Mouscron districts, where they defeated the common Liberal and Catholic parties.

Party Holds Together. The Socialist voters held together remarkably well against the Communist efforts to split them. Only in the big cities, like Brussels, Ghent and Liege, where the Communist agitation has been persistent and where economic conditions were more favorable for them, did the Socialist vote fail to increase as much as in other parts of the country.

The Catholic reactionaries lost heavily in these elections. Most of their losses turned into gains for the Socialists. Some of them, however, turned into a small revival for the almost extinct Liberal party. This showed itself especially in Antwerp, where the Socialists lost two seats to the Liberals.

On the whole, the outcome of these elections proves the strength of the Belgian Socialist party in the face of a combined Catholic and Liberal attack and of Communist attempts to stab the party in the back.

The Super-rich Increasing in United States

WASHINGTON, D. C.—America's super-rich class with incomes above a million dollars a year, after having reached a high point in numbers during the prosperous years of the war, and having slumped in the depression following the war, is again on the increase.

Tax returns of 1925 for incomes of \$100,000 and over, which has been made public by the Internal Revenue Bureau, disclose that 75 persons had net incomes of more than \$1,000,000.

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London, England, Nov. 2.—In the municipal elections held yesterday in 200 towns and boroughs a huge labor vote was turned out and many unexpected labor victories have been reported. Town after town indicated a lack of sympathy for the government's efforts to end the coal strike by defeating conservative candidates and returning laborites.

The elections are held annually to elect one-third of the members of each town council. They have no effect whatever upon the composition of parliament, but they indicate the trend of opinion throughout the country.

Labor Gains 176 Seats. The returns thus far show that labor has gained 176 seats on town councils and has lost only seventeen—a net gain of 159 seats. The conservatives have gained but fifteen seats and lost eighty-seven. The Liberals gained seven seats and lost fifty-six.

The results are of the utmost importance because they will give labor control in the most important industrial cities, which will enable the town councils to support the strike in a more effective manner than heretofore. In most of the industrial cities the labor gain is unprecedented.

Socialists Control Leeds. In both Leeds and Sheffield the socialist party has control of city affairs for the first time in history. Labor won ten new seats at Stoke-on-Trent, eight at Birmingham, seven at Manchester, three at Bristol, six at Liverpool, five at Nottingham and two at Birkenhead.

On the other hand the laborites were much less successful in the country boroughs and in the suburbs of London. As used in recent British elections, the Liberal party was virtually absent.

British Labor Party Indorses Anti-War Pledge

Upholds Capital Levy-Adopts "Living Income" as Issue to Bring Socialism

LONDON.—Among the important resolutions adopted by the recent Labor party congress at Margate was one calling upon the workers of Great Britain to meet any future threat of war by a refusal to fight.

Exceptional significance was given to this resolution by the fact that it was sponsored by Mr. Ponsbury, who was secretary for foreign affairs in Ramsay MacDonald's Labor cabinet.

Ponsbury declared that the adoption by the Labor party would oblige the diplomats to be reasonable and conciliatory. The resolution was adopted without a division.

Another important fact was that the capital levy was retained as one of the party's principles. A resolution asking for the insertion of the capital levy on the party's program was withdrawn after MacDonald had declared that it was beside the mark, as the party had never dropped this plank.

All that happened, he said, was that in view of the changed industrial circumstances it was necessary to adopt different methods to attain the object of the capital levy.

MacDonald agreed that the capital levy was popular and sound. He emphasized that the Labor party stood for a substantial reduction of the national debt by some method of getting at accumulated wealth.

Appoint Inquiry Board. A third important resolution to appoint a board of inquiry to study the relations between wages and the cost of living was also carried. It was introduced by the Independent Labor party and provided for three lines of study.

First, to consider what means may be adopted to establish the principle of a living income. Second, how industry should be organized so that it might yield a living income. Third, what part must be played in this reorganization by the socialization of such key industries as credit, transportation, power and the importation of foodstuffs and raw materials, and in what order socialization should proceed.

Debs Departure Brings New Consecration to Cause

Many letters are coming in to the American Appeal from all over the United States...

way that our united efforts could do so much good for the Cause...

American Appeal, of which he was the originator and inspiring spirit...

"I find enclosed check for one year's subscription for the American Appeal..."

gap in the movement caused by the passing of Debs, in scores of other letters...

CARRY ON

By A. E. PALMER

(To the enduring memory of one who has left in our hearts love and respect and pride for such comradeship as his)...

"Comrades, words cannot express our sorrow as we mourn for the loss of our beloved comrade and leader..."

"Since our beloved comrade, Debs, passes out of life, I hope each and all of us will realize that we will have to work more earnestly to keep our Appeal..."

"We offer our heartfelt sympathy and regret for the death of Debs. You will find enclosed \$10 to express the living wish of Eugene V. Debs..."

"I find enclosed check for one year's subscription for the American Appeal..."

The great memorial meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York, attended by 15,000 persons, passed a resolution to carry on Debs work...

Socialist Party News



Organization Work
Emil Herman
Comrade Emil Herman starts on an organizing and lecture tour...

Other dates will be announced in future issues. We wish to urge American Appeal readers...

Doris Morris
Comrade Doris Morris, National Organizer, finished by organizing work...

Utah
The Socialists of Ogden, Utah, and vicinity, met in a big Debs' Memorial Meeting...

Idaho
Comrade Chas. H. Cagmans, State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Idaho...

California
The Socialists of Los Angeles, backed up by Labor and liberal organizations...

Appeal Fund For Weeks

The American Appeal Promotion and Sustaining Fund took a jump of \$37,475 during the two weeks since the last report...

Missouri
Eugene Muehlenmann, of Chesterfield, Mo., tells the National Office how sad Debs is to hear of the death of Comrade Debs...

Illinois
State Secretary Wm. H. Snow has mapped out plans for winter work...

Italian Branch Organized
The Italian Federation reports the organization of a new branch at Elmhurst, Illinois...

Public Owned Fleet Wipes Out Deficit
OFFAWA—An operating profit of \$57,223.41 is shown by the Canadian government merchant marine...

A. F. of L. Leader For Powerful Navy
New York—The American Federation of Labor favors a strong navy as a means of promoting world peace...

Every Local and Branch Should Have
Application for Membership cards: Red Membership Cards \$1.00...

Young People's Department
National Office
YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT. LEADER
25 Townsend St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Last Message of Debs to the Young People
It is always a pleasure, a privilege and an inspiration to hold converse with the young...

WITH THE CIRCLES
ST. LOUIS, MO.—A greater enthusiasm is apparent in the circle's activities since the beginning of the fall term...

FITCHBURG, MASS.—The auxiliary campaign committee of the local circle completed the distribution of several thousand state platform leaflets...

JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY—The Jersey City Vigilante No. 1 has been preparing for a show to be held on Saturday November 14...

NATIONAL—On the 23rd of October the National Executive Committee of the Y.P.S.L. met in New York City...

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More than one thousand dollars in the total result of the work of the Appeal Fund for the past two weeks...

- Subscribers: Bunch Hitters \$104.00, Week Ending October 23 \$500.00, Single Subscriptions \$104.00...

What is a Good Circle?
By Gertrude Kangas
We all have vague ideas as to what a really good and successful circle ought to be...

Two-Timers
A. B. Morton, Post, Tex.; August Weichold, Jersey City, N. J.; W. H. Hines, East Fronto, Mass.; J. M. Caldwell, Providence, R. I.; Chas. Stubbins, Bedford, Ind.; Anton Zornik, Hermann, Pa.; Bert Mattison, Kalama, Mich.; Edw. A. Livermore, Providence, R. I.

The Bundle Brigade
These are the men who send them in in large numbers. Ludwig Vognick, La Salle, Ill.; Sam Fruchter, New York, N. Y.; Simon Social, Fitchburg, Mass.; Carl G. Page, Prother, Calif.; A. F. Zagar, New York, N. Y.; Ed. Peterson, Fallon, Nev.; Leon Phil, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. A. Buckland, Ruskin, Fla.; Thomas Kiskip, Preston, Idaho; Wm. J. McConnel, Cedar City, Utah; H. R. Edwards, Chico, Calif.; Y.P.S.L. Circle L. Brown, N. Y.; Chas. W. Reed, El Centro, Calif.

here, and bring it to the meeting. Another thing that a circle needs and must have in order to amount to anything, is the cooperation of every member...

Appeal Army Activities

Bunch Hitters
Joe Thomas, Indianapolis, Ind. ordered a bundle of 50. Emil Zimmerman of Butler, Mont. ordered a bundle of 100...

Week Ending October 23
L. Babonovic of Chicago again comes to bat as the pinch hitter for Socialism in this week of the woods...

Week Ending October 30
Comrade J. T. Whitlock is keeping up his wonderful record of putting on 20 six month subscriptions every week...

Flock Shots
Second Number, Brooklyn, N. Y., 3 copies; Portland, Ore., 1 copy; Brooklyn, N. Y., 3 half yearlies; Mrs. Thomas, Houston, Mich., 1 year and 2 half yearlies; W. C. Brown, Canton, Ind., 1 year and 3 months; W. J. Sedgwick, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1 year; Philip Zimmerman, Holyoke, Colo., 1 year; F. Gersdorf, Forest Park, Ill., 3 half yearlies; W. C. Blyden, Canton City, Colo., 1 year; J. H. Thompson, Hamilton, Ont., 2 yearly subs.

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Hurrah for Spending Day

By Adam Coaldigger
The country is ready for the five-day week. It is bound to come through...

In other words, the only possible way by which sales can be increased is by putting more money in the pockets of the consumer.

Bankers See Hand Writing on Wall

By C. Mackay
MONTREAL.—Capitalism choking in its own fat or dying of dropsy was the dilemma presented to the convention of the Investment Bankers Assn. of America held at Quebec, May 27-28...

again export capital and thus look to the United States for investment opportunities. With the money market thus threatened by an increasing surplus of capital...

First Fascists Win in Saxony

BERLIN, Nov. 4.—Fascism was introduced in Saxony for the first time in its history yesterday with the election of Capt. Hellmuth von Muecke, second in command of the German raiders during the war and later prominent in the news because of the during exploits in and his men went through on the abandoned whaler Ayscha in Arctic waters.

It is always so. Somebody starts a war and somebody else fights it. Somebody pays for it and somebody else makes money out of it.

'GENE DEBS
By Rella Ritchell
'Gene Debs dead?...
Go to...
He lives in
In saddened Hearts
Made glad!

A Photo of Debs Like This Will Be Given to Appeal Sub Hustlers



This picture is from Debs' last photograph. It is one of the best pictures taken of Debs in recent years. It was taken expressly for use by the Socialist Party during the height of Debs' campaign to found the American Appeal in the summer of 1925.

There is no reason why every one of the 1,500 members of the Appeal Army, and at least 15,000 other Socialist readers of the Appeal cannot earn one of these precious photographs within the next month.

The Filling Station

LINCOLN PHIFER
'I can't see the value of voting,' remarked Mr. Stoyathome, to Joe as he sat him on the park and seated him at his side.

How the Word 'News' Came to Be Adopted

The word 'news,' which is so important in our present-day existence, has a curious history. Before the advent of newspapers events of general interest were posted in public places under four columns, headed: N. E. W. S.

The Microbes—A Fable

A colony of Microbes established itself within a certain Human being and increased so rapidly that they governed his entire system. They were a world, full of wonderful activities. A little later Bacilli of a new type appeared and increased.

Worse Than Gettysburg

During the last ten years, exclusive agriculture, 24,689 persons lost their lives in Pennsylvania alone. 1,801,082 were injured or wounded.

'Safe for Democracy'—Nix

Opinion comments on the facts: Japanese have arrested 300 Koreans for independence; that Egyptians are not sent as premier one they elect; that France and Spain have beaten down revolting African tribes and that the United States will prevent long promised independence to the Philippines. The masters are in the saddle and using the quirt.

Mexican Bosses Unite to Fight New Labor Laws

MEXICO, City.—The presidents and secretaries of all foreign chambers of commerce within the Mexican republic have held a meeting here to discuss the grave danger to industry if the proposed labor law is approved by the senate and put into effect.

Unskilled Worker Must Be Organized to Save The Unions in America

In the general contracting industry, reorganized for the first time, the rapidly growing Holcherers & Common Laborers union has pushed the average wage more than 60 cents over that for the same industries. Where this union is strong, common laborers get as high as 85 cents an hour and 80, 85 and 87.5 cents an hour are well established rates.

Foreigners Fight Native Clause

Foreign employers object to the provision forcing them to employ native Mexicans as superintendants of work-shops. They argue that there is not a sufficient number of skilled Mexicans and that foreigners are better able to handle machinery. Also, they declare, this clause would mean an unwarrented increase in industry.

Wages Will Fall Before the Cost of Living Does

Wages will fall before the cost of living does. If they did not, where would the profiteers get their rake-off?

The Super-Man

By Glengarry
THIS, Nov. 5th, 1926, is the 71st anniversary of the BIRTH-DAY OF A SUPER-MAN. To whom APPEALED THE MISERIES OF THE OPPRESSED...

American Labor Press Joins in Tribute to Debs

The high standing of Eugene V. Debs in the labor movement of America, the respect and love for this great Socialist leader among the workers whose cause absorbed his whole life, is reflected in the labor papers from all parts of the United States.

With few exceptions these papers have noted the death of Debs and have offered tributes of highest praise and esteem. A few of these tributes follow:

Terre Haute Advocate

The Terre Haute Advocate, official organ of the trade union movement in Debs' own town, where he was best known, devotes most of the issue of October 30 to Comrade Debs. Pictures of the funeral cover the first and last pages of this four-page paper. Practically all of these two pages are devoted to the great labor leader. A front page eulogy says in part:

"Every once in a while we are called upon to record the death of great statesmen, churchmen and men of letters, but it is only once in a century or so that those living are called upon to mourn the passing of one so universally loved as Gene Debs. The work of the democracy has lost one of its greatest leaders, one who would have dared to lift up, one who would have dared anything for everybody; one whose heart beats were in sympathy with the humblest tiler on earth. The long man's weakness in his broad mind had incline towards none but charity for all mankind."

The Federation News

The leading article and the leading editorial of the issue of October 30 is devoted to Debs. The following is an extract from the editorial:

"One of the most noted figures in our national life, Eugene V. Debs, leader of the Socialist party, has passed on. Throughout his eventful career the departed leader of the Socialists in the United States has employed his great mental power and his extraordinary capacity for work in behalf of the cause. He was consistently championed until he was summoned to the silent majority."

"Debs, without question, was one of life's noblemen. Even those who differed with him appreciated this courageous Socialist leader as a man of extraordinary qualities of heart and mind. His time in jail even was devoted to his fellow men. It was given to welfare work."

The Illinois Miner

The Illinois Miner devotes its three leading articles in its issue of October 30 to Debs. It republished a beautiful letter from Debs when he was in prison thanking the Illinois miners for a gift of \$200 sent them through the Executive Board of District No. 12.

Among its many expressions of high praise, the Illinois Miner says:

"Debs' outstanding characteristics were his devotion to his principles and his love for his fellow men. His freedom from malice and his kindness to persecutors brought the respect of his most bitter enemies."

The Minneapolis Labor

"Gene Debs a human torch lighting the way to better days for those who do the world's work. Into the cause of humanity he poured all a human life could give. He was a fighter, fighting without hate in his heart. And his radiant smile that shone upon humanity was as sweet as that which grows from the face of a mother for her baby. Now the silvery voice that called the toilers to advance and throw off their chains is silenced. The children along the street where Gene Debs lived miss the kindly, old man who stopped to pat them on the head and play with them. But the echoes of that fearless voice will ring from the past into the future ever encouraging, ever inspiring. And in memory there will beam Debs' smile of friendship. The glorious light of the magnificent life Debs lived, the influence of his sacrifice and his achievement will live on forever through the generations. He touched the hearts of all mankind as they have seldom been touched and with bold strokes he pointed so gloriously the picture of the world that is to be when labor united advances to the justice long denied it, that it can never fade from the minds of men."

Wyoming Labor Journal

"Eugene Victor Debs, recognized as one of the great men of the day, great not because of his worldly wealth, but because of his sterling character and steadfast adherence to truth and for a principle that he knew sooner or later would be adopted by the government and principle throughout the world. Great, lovable, kindly, Debs. He is dead. His eloquent voice is stilled forever.

"We mourn with the large multitude of admiring friends and in the words of Eugene Field, say, 'Gene Debs was the most lovable man we ever knew. His heart was as gentle as a woman's, and as fresh as a mountain brook and that gentle musical voice and sad sweet smile of his would soften the hardest heart."

"Debs was the most Christlike of any we have ever known. He said of his persecutors as Christ said nearly two thousand years ago, 'Forgive them, they know not what they do.'"

"Debs is gone, but the principle he stood for will live on forever. Farewell to the true and faithful servant to the cause of humanity."

The Labor Journal

(Official Paper, Everett Central Labor Council, Everett, Washington)

"His life-work has been a continuous struggle to improve conditions for the mass of people, giving his all to these ideas, regardless of any obstacle placed in his way.

"Those who have known Eugene Debs intimately know that his constant efforts to do the right thing had their foundation in the great love he had for humanity.

"As the one outstanding figure in the Socialist movement, he was several times the candidate for president.

"Regardless of his political belief, people of all ranks of life had great respect for Mr. Debs.

"He was an outstanding figure in the humanitarian movement, fearless, strong and capable.

"His name will go down in history with the names of other great men.

"He was a faithful servant of the people."

W. Va. Federationist

(Charlestown, West Virginia)

"An outstanding figure for years in the Socialist Party and in the Labor Movement."

Toledo Union Leader

(Official Paper of the Toledo Central Labor Union)

"Eugene V. Debs was an outstanding enemy of arrogant and entrenched wealth, for 30 years leader of the American Socialists, organizer of the old American Railway Union, author, editor, lecturer and eternal battler for the rights of the common people."

"America's last great idealist is no more. William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, John Boyle O'Reilly and Eugene Debs—when will America see their like again? Possibly never. So, for the moment, let us praise and pay tribute to the noblest of them all, and then we can turn back to our compromises, to our trades and to our practical politics.

"Eugene Debs was a product of the great industrial development that followed the Civil War in this country. Upon entering industry, he quickly saw the ruthless manner in which this industrial machine operated, and how at its merry was the individual. Stung to the quick, he never gave up the battle for human rights until death closed his tired eyes this week.

"He fought in the highest courts of the land for those he loved, and in the major strikes of this country he was always a factor. Even his citizenship was taken from him, but still he fought on, and died for the rights and principles by his principles when he beckoned him to lie down and rest."

Los Angeles Citizen

"During all the years no one ever raised a question as to the honesty and sincerity of Eugene V. Debs; he died as he lived, a poor man, and there is no doubt but he would have been wealthy had he desired to leave the cause he advocated. The opportunities to do so must have been unlimited. No matter whether one agreed with his views or not, all realized that Debs was honest in his convictions. He never surrendered his principles, though imprisoned and tempted and tried. No more eloquent words have been a part of the labor movement in America, which was equipped with a mind that presented convincing logic. The world and the workers have profited by the efforts of Eugene V. Debs, and it was well for all that he lived."

The Truth

(Labor Paper Poughkeepsie, N. Y.)

"He was a man of fine character, lovable, unselfish and sincere, hero of a life-long fight for the rights of man. Poughkeepsie honored him a year ago at a banquet in the Windsor Hotel. A great humanitarian has gone."

San Diego Labor Leader

(Owned and controlled by the San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council)

"The United States and the world lost one of the very best of its really great men when dear old Eugene V. Debs died this week. He will live in the hearts of his countrymen long after the little men who persecuted him have been entirely forgotten. Some day perhaps the world will better recognize his great Teachers while they live, but so far we follow the ancient custom of honoring them to their graves and building monuments to their memory after they are gone."

"Those of us who knew the living, pulsing form of this great commoner from personal contact, are indeed in great sorrow. To us there was none other quite so great nor good as he. His wisdom and breadth of view for those who are tossed about in the sea of life and his every effort was for their good.

"While the world has lost more in the death of Eugene V. Debs than it will perhaps ever know, the influence of his life will never be lost.

"The grief and beautiful sympathies today to 'Katherine,' the wife who was his comfort and support, and to whom he could always go with assurance and understanding."

Southern California Labor Press

(Los Angeles, California)

"In the passing of Eugene V. Debs the world has lost really a great man. He loved his fellow man, and, as has been true throughout all the ages, he was rich in soul and poor in purse. He was rich in soul and therefore forgot all else. First and foremost, Debs was a humanitarian. He also was an orator, second only to the incomparable Ingersoll. But, unlike the famous orator, Debs was eager to believe. Throughout his long and beautiful life he lived in an atmosphere of hope, joyously expecting the dawn of a better day, when selfishness would be cast aside and love would rule. He had the soul of a poet and the constancy of a mother. Only a few days ago we were reading his beautiful 'Tribute to Woman.' Never since the beginning of Time were finer thoughts conceived."

"This article by Debs is then quoted in full."

Union Labor Record

(Farmer Labor paper, Wilmington, North Carolina)

"The 'kept' press of this state is disposed to detract from the life-work of Debs, styling him as a 'Dreamer in the clouds,' but all such palaver doesn't alter the fact of the effectiveness of his fight for mankind, in having kept the light of liberty turned on the putridity of our social, commercial and industrial world of exploitation, profit and war, and caused the enlightenment of the masses as to their human rights, which will bear fruit in the coming years in a better world in which to live. He has spent his life, since he was made the first labor victim of the miserable injunction judges in Chicago in the '00s, in waging war on the exploiters and oppressors of the toilers of the world, and, instead of idealism has done much to bring about practical reforms through his writings and lectures that will bear fruit to the benefit of posterity. He had learned men to be men and demand their rights."

The Citizen

(Schencady, New York)

"It takes a century to produce a man like Eugene Victor Debs, long considered by many the most beloved man in this country."

Industrial Solidarity

(Official organ of the Industrial Workers of the World)

"Debs was an inspiration to thousands of social revolutionaries not only in the United States, but abroad. Hated for him in the hearts of capitalists was only matched by the love of his friends, who were legion. Certainly he was a great fighter for working class freedom. Few men have reached the heights of untortured and agitated power owned by him. Debs really loved his kind, and with the sufferings of the oppressed he ever identified himself, saying, 'While there is a soul in prison I am not free.'"

The Messenger

(The World's greatest Negro Monthly, New York City)

"As we go to press the news reaches us that Eugene V. Debs is dead. The passing of this 'Grand Old Man' of labor robs the world of its one outstanding figure in our history who loved life and death were much akin to that of the Carpenter of Nazareth.

"It was our great privilege to have known Gene Debs; and like all those who came in contact with his lovely personality, his ready wit, his mellowness, his keen intellect, superb courage and loyalty, we learned to love him with undying love. In his death labor has lost its most fearless champion; the oppressed of all lands their most eloquent pleader, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters a stalwart supporter, and the Negro race its most faithful friend. Our heads are bowed in grief. We will have more to say in our next issue."

St. Louis Labor

(Farmer-Labor paper, Hocking, Minn.)

"Eugene V. Debs, you were not a martyr, you were not a hero, you were not a patriot. You were more: You were a MAN! A man with all the virtues and defects of true MANHOOD. As a man in the noblest sense, you were a true Comrade, a sincere Brother in Labor's battles, a true friend. America has lost one of her best and noblest sons."

Reading Labor Advocate

(Reading, Pa.)

"Comrade, farewell. But as you go, this is our pledge to you: We will bring in our Socialist Brotherhood, will take up the task which you have forwarded. We will not halt the onward march toward the goal of economic justice and workless emancipation. Nor will we cease from our dangers, which await in the pathway of the class warrior. We will work as you have worked and suffer as you have suffered, proud of our

The Labor World

(San Francisco and Oakland)

"Comrade Debs has written his name across the pages of modern history so deep that it can never be erased.

"He has lived many times his 71 years and many an outbreak along the cruel highway of life will drop a tear when he learns that 'Gene Debs' has died. His life was lived into the lives of his people—the oppressed of the earth."

"Gene Debs hated as well as loved. Sham and fraud and betrayal were to him things, acted almost unparalyzed. To make mistakes he viewed as sign of progressive-mindedness. He used to say: 'I have made many mistakes and I hope to make many more.' He never made the mistake of forgetting those who were persecuted for their stand for the workers."

The New Leader

(New York City)

"Men and women are broken-hearted today in the knowledge that Eugene V. Debs has gone to sleep. How shall we live to be worthy of this friend, Comrade and Liberator? By seizing the standard that has fallen from his hands and carrying it forward till the judgment of the next few decades will have carried it to victory. Above all, let us be deadly earnest, to give all that we have, that the ideals of Eugene V. Debs may be realized in all the institutions of society.

"Good bye, 'Gene. We shall never forget you. Something of us sleeps with you. We are lonesome. Yet you will always be with us, inspiring our work for the Great Cause."

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The Milwaukee Leader

(Milwaukee)

"We give our dear comrade to the world and to the ages, asking only that his beautiful devotion to the great cause of Socialism be emulated. One of the rooms which he loved and with which he thrilled many an audience was Joann Miller's 'Columbus,' in each stanza of which the mate asks Christopher Columbus what he shall say to the despairing crew on the world-discovering ship in its westward voyage. The inevitable answer is: 'Sail on! And we know that 'Gene's' word to each member of the crew of the study ship of Socialism is: 'Sail on! Sail on! Sail on, and on!' until the goal is reached, for many years, tramped-tossed by angry seas, shall arrive safe at land, in the landlocked harbor of the Co-operative Commonwealth, the Brotherhood of Man, the Kingdom of Love."

Copper and Steel, New World Trusts, to Deal Only with 'Approved Buyers'

(From Labor, Washington, D. C.)

NEW YORK—Within the week, two world trusts, both centered in the city—a copper trust and a steel trust.

Twenty years ago, people were angry and alarmed at the rapid development of trusts with a nation-wide area of action. The new copper and steel trusts will put a girder around the globe.

The Copper Trust is practically a going concern. Officially, it is known as the Copper Exporters, Inc., and has received the "O. K." of the Federal Trade Commission, as that organization has been requested by President Coolidge. The first definite news of its appearance in the daily press a little over two weeks ago, though there had been leakages before that time.

How the Trust Functions

Copper Exporters, Inc., comprises 18 American companies with outstanding capital not less than \$1,000,000, and 15 foreign corporations of nearly as great capitalization. The president is C. P. Kelley, who is also president of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company.

The trust functions through two committees, the New York committee and the Brussels committee.

The New York committee, "from time to time and as often as it seems desirable," will quote a base price for copper. This price, after consultation with the Brussels committee, is sent out as a standard price to all members of the trust.

They then have the alternative of selling at this price, or of serving notice that they will not do so.

Since this last would mean breaking away from the trust, and engaging in competition with a federation composed of all the remaining members, it is anticipated that there will be any withdrawals.

"All the Traffic Will Bear"

In addition, the corporations belonging to the trust pledge themselves to sell only to "approved buyers." The reason given is that this is done to rule out speculation and price hoarding between the trust and the ultimate consumer.

Old denizens of Wall Street, however, sniff skeptically at this position explanation, and say that an approved buyers' list means that the trust can break any copper user it doesn't like by cutting off his supplies.

As for prices, they say that the trust will get all the traffic it bears, anyway, so there would be no room for speculation.

Has Blessing of Judge Gary

The world-wide steel trust is not so far advanced; but plainly is coming, and not far away.

The status of the American steel trust is known to all. The cables have been busy for days, and to some extent for weeks, with stories for the formation of a Franco-Belgo-German Steel Trust, and more recently with rumors that English iron masters are getting into the organization.

Last week, Judge Gary, at the behest of the American Iron and Steel Institute, gave the world-wide Steel Trust his blessing, saying:

"We have heard recently of considerable discussion relating to anticipated competition between the iron and steel manufacturers of the United States and their foreign competitors. If it is believed that should it become necessary an international conference would be held between all these interests and a full, open discussion indulged in, after which a fair understanding could be reached.

Confident of Their Power

"Of course, no agreement between the different interests relating to prices could legally be entered into without the sanction of our law administrators. It is thought the interest of the public authorities of this country, if they were fully informed and permitted to express opinions on the subject, might be obtained."

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Judge Gary compelled President Roosevelt to let the United States Steel Corporation "absorb" the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company back in 1907, and the judge's high standing with the present occupant of the White House, Wall Street considers the formation of this world-wide Steel Trust and the consent of the Federal government as good as assured.

Trade Commission Trapped

They point out, too, that since the Federal Trade Commission has approved the Copper Trust, it can scarcely object to anything else.

"The Copper Trust has been a slow plow for the world Steel Trust," said one marked observer. "Steel is too much in the public eye to take the lead, so copper was put forward instead."

"Having approved price fixing in copper, the Trade Commission will have to approve price fixing in steel.

"When that is done, three small groups of men, with interlocking interests, will fix world prices of three great metals, copper, steel and aluminum; for Mr. Mellon's Aluminum Trust recently dominates the world market, though without much of an international organization."

Terre Haute Unions Pay Great Tribute to Eugene V. Debs

Recognizing the fact that the world has lost the greatest man of his day and that to humanity it is so great that it is almost a calamity we can but think of him with tears in our eyes and with sadness in our hearts, our grief is but natural; we knew him as the great lover of mankind, as the champion and defender of the common people. No matter when or where there was need for succor or counsel did he ever fail them. When the world received the news of his death countless heads were bowed, their hearts filled with sorrow. Even those who disagreed with many of his views realized that God had called home a spirit so beautiful, so exemplary of its creator in the years spent on earth in the form of man that the memory of Eugene Victor Debs can never be blotted from their minds and hearts.

When he was, here reading his beautiful 'Tribute to Woman.' Never since the beginning of Time were finer thoughts conceived."

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Debs and Wilson

(From the San Diego Herald—a capitalist appraisal, after the death of both men)

The death of Eugene V. Debs ends the career of one of the most noble and unselfish men who ever sacrificed opportunity for a great principle. He may or may not have been mistaken in his belief that a Socialistic state, properly administered, promises greater happiness, and more comfort to the people engaged in productive industry, who are the great majority in the world, and on whose toil the world subsists, than is possible under a capitalistic system.

Whether Debs was mistaken or not, he was sincere in his desire to better the condition of the great common people for whom his heart pulsated with love, as it arched with pity for the injustice under which the ordinary man suffers.

In the opinion of the Herald—which evidently was not the thought of Debs—there is nothing in the world as important as its men, women and children a majority of whom are exploited to their detriment by the few.

Few other men in history devoted their lives as fully to the cause of humanity as did Eugene V. Debs. Abraham Lincoln and Jesus Christ were immortalized in history for their efforts in a similar cause. Lincoln's exalted office saved him from the official crucifixion which the enemies of mankind inflicted on Jesus Christ and on Eugene V. Debs.

Debs, however, distinguished in prison, Woodrow Wilson was the outstanding figure in the world. The future historian will give to Debs one of the most brilliant pages for his devotion to humanity. That same historian must give to Woodrow Wilson a dark page for his part in the infamous betrayal of the confidence of a great nation.

Jobs Are Disappearing As Labor Productivity Grows

The remarkable increase in productivity per man-hour in American industry since 1914 is again emphasized in a U. S. department of labor study of the cement, leather, flour and sugar-refining industries.

"Of the 8 industries studied so far," says the department, "one—the automobile industry—has shown an increase in man-hour output for the period 1914-1925 of over 300 per cent; 6 industries have shown increases ranging from 25 per cent to 80 per cent, while in the boat and shoe industry the increase has been 16.3 per cent, which is somewhat below the average."

Workers in the cement industry in 1925, the report shows, produced 57.8 per cent more man-hour of work than in 1914. In the shoe industry, there has been a tremendous increase in the demand for its product during the past 4 years, so that it has undergone considerable expansion, a situation which is usually favorable to increasing output per man-hour. Conditions in the leather industry are practically the reverse of this, for there has been a steady decline in leather production since 1923 and not very much of an increase in recent years over 1914. Yet in spite of this situation the output per man-hour in the leather industry in 1925 was 28.2 per cent greater than in 1924, while a 5-year average, 1921-1925, shows an even larger increase—84 per cent.

In flour milling the output per man-hour was 39 per cent greater in 1925. In sugar refining the 1925 output per man-hour was 27.8 per cent above 1914, but in the postwar years 1919 to 1920 it was 20 per cent below that level.

Figures showing changes in productivity per man-hour in the 4 industries for various years since 1914, taking the productivity per man-hour in 1914 as 100 per cent, are:

'Gene Debs'

(From the London Daily Herald, British Socialist and Labor papers)

Eugene Debs has died, as he would have wished, a martyr for the cause to which he had given fifty years of his life. For there can be no question that it was his long imprisonment which killed him. He went into Atlanta Jail a man in found health; he came out physically broken.

He has his honored place in the roll of those great pioneers to whom the ultimate triumph of the working class will be so largely due. He was not a great thinker, but he was essentially a great prophet—a man who, by his own passionate conviction, could convince and inspire others.

To his deep sincerity he added a fine courage. As a young man he went to prison because he scornfully refused to obey a court injunction which would have broken a strike. As an old man he deliberately challenged President Wilson to jail him. It was wrong, he said, in his simple fashion, that he should be at liberty while obscure workers were being imprisoned for doing what he believed.

Those two acts give you the measure of the man and the secret of his power. He has gone—a gallant, head-hack fighter to the last, and the Labour Movement the world over joins with the American workers in paying tribute to their lost leader and lost friend.

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1919..... 102 110 95 78

1921..... 121 131 120 82

1923..... 180 140 120 101

1924..... 141 131 118 118

1925..... 158 128 138 127

The effect of this increased productivity on employment has varied according to the demand for the various products. In the cement industry it has meant 88 per cent more production with only 16 per cent more workers. In this industry workers still toil 60% hours a week, compared with an average of 58% in 1924.

In the leather industry 1925 production stood 18.0 per cent above 1914, but the industry employed 11.3 per cent fewer workers. In 1924, with 16 per

Consider the Women

When Socialists were polling a million votes in American and really doing things, women did not have the ballot. Now, largely due to Socialist agitation and insistent demands, women vote at all the states.

Yet Socialists are prone to confine their agitation and education to the men. Their field has been double. It means that instead of a million votes for Socialism two million may possibly be secured.

When women get into Socialist work, the movement will take on new strength and standing. The new field should be occupied.

How Your Job Goes Under Capitalism

MONTREAL.—The Bell Telephone Company is making strides towards the capitalist dream of a world run by automatons, where labor will cease from troubling, according to consulting engineer J. G. Wray testifying before the board of railway commissioners of Canada. Debs, telephoned in prison Operators' wages, which averaged \$10.04 per telephone for 1925, would drop to \$8.40 in 1930, and to \$6 in 1936, he said. Against this saving in wages, central office repairs, which averaged \$2.92 per phone for 1925 would be \$1.16 in 1930 and \$1.53 in 1936, while depreciation would increase from \$3.04 in 1925 to \$5 in 1936.

The total cost per phone was \$21.50 in 1925; in 1930 it would only be \$18.20.

Is Our 'Government' Worth the Cost?

Ten billion dollars is the nation's tax bill for all purposes for the year ending next June—7,250 million dollars for city, county and state government, and 3,750 for the federal government, of which 30 per cent or more than three-quarters of the whole is war expense, past, present and future. For local "services" we every year pile up a billion dollars of tax free bonds.

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Oct. 26, 1936. Terre Haute, Indiana