

Debs' Charge Against Taft Confirmed In Congress

A withering attack by Eugene V. Debs on William Howard Taft, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court...

statement of the same facts that Debs had stated in the American Appeal with the same demand.

When President Harding nominated Taft as Chief Justice the Senate discussed the annuity, and according to the Rainey, a Republican Senator...

"No court would refuse to sustain a challenge for cause," "Ought not the same principles apply to a judge of the court before whom the case was being tried?"

Some very rank decisions have been "handed down" to the common herd since Mr. Taft has been on the Supreme bench...

time he was "handing it" to the unions of the miners, bricklayers and other labor organizations...

Once again, Mr. Taft, are you or are you not receiving \$10,000.00 a year as a private subsidy from steel trust bonds?

Debs Memorial Is To Be A Giant Broadcasting Station

National Executive Committee Also Decide on Deluxe Edition of Debs' Last Book

Doheny In New \$500,000,000 Mineral Grab Freed by Jury From Charge of Navy Oil Steal, Plans New Raid

employed for educational purposes. The more surface rights of much of the lands granted to the States...

As the Appeal goes to press news comes of the decisions of the special meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party...

By Marx Lewis (Secretary, Congressman Victor L. Berger.)

WASHINGTON—(EP)—A new drive to deprive the Federal government of mineral rights worth approximately \$500,000,000 has just begun...

Poison Gas Falsehood of Fries and Legion Exposed

More than 33 per cent of the American wounded in the world war were poison gas casualties, according to a revised report just issued by the adjutant general's office, Washington, D. C.

Socialists Oust German Cabinet On Army Control

BERLIN, Germany.—The bourgeois coalition cabinet of Chancellor Marx has resigned following a vote of lack of confidence.

The American Appeal—1927 ANNOUNCEMENT!

Beginning with the first issue of the American Appeal, January, 1927, a Feature Department will appear conducted by Dr. Harry W. Laidler, eminent Socialist writer.

Fascist-Catholics Smash Democracy In Lithuania

KOVNO, Lithuania.—A new Fascist-Catholic dictatorship was born in Europe during the week when a military revolt organized by the Lithuanian Catholic and Fascist parties overthrew the legally elected government...

U. S. War-Makers Redouble Efforts As Oil Men Yield

Although the action of the American oil interests reported in the American Appeal last week, in agreeing to sign up with the Mexican government under the new laws...

Legion Bluffs Senate On Poison Gas Issue

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Geneva protocol prohibiting the use of poison gas in future warfare was recommitted by the senate today.

Seek \$2,000,000 to Blacklist Liberal and Labor Speakers

CHICAGO—(EP)—A blacklist of liberal and labor speakers, extending into every hamlet where church forums, women's clubs, lectures and other platform opportunities exist...

Mexican Government Answers United States Catholics

The Catholic hierarchy of the United States, last week, issued a pastoral letter attacking the labor government of Mexico for its recent laws restricting the power of the Church.

Bishops as representatives of the Catholic clergy in the United States, asks that the position of the Mexican government be judged by American standards.

American Standards "While it should be obvious that Mexico being a different country, and one in which different conditions obtain, it might be wholly inappropriate to apply to her the conditions there by 'American standards,' the Mexican government is very happy indeed to have this particular issue—the issue of the Catholic church in Mexico versus the Mexican people—judged by 'American standards.'"

Refutes Cardinal Hayes "The cardinal is certainly misinformed as to this record. The record shows that President Calles has never issued a special pleading of any sort in reference to the church question in Mexico. When statements were spread throughout the United States and the world regarding the church issue, which in the president's opinion were totally at variance with the facts in the case, he sought to place these facts before the people of all civilized nations."

Cites Lord Baltimore "Many of the early settlers in America fled from the old world to escape religious persecution. Among those who were conspicuous in fighting on the soil of the new world the

seed of tolerance were the Roman Catholics under Lord Baltimore.

Execution Recalled "In 1815 the holy inquisition had 'relaxed to the secular arm' for execution the great patriot and statesman, Jose Maria Morelos, himself a priest, for the 'heresy' of supporting independence. The assassin, and is still in process after over a hundred years of blood and anguish, the struggle to attain what the American people achieved at the time of their independence, but which was denied the Mexicans."

Tells of Mexico's Fight "It was nearly half a century later (from 1810-1820) when the Mexican people sought to establish their independence against a tyranny and oppression far greater than that which the American colonists had richly considered intolerable. The Mexicans fought, likewise, against far greater obstacles."

The holy inquisition still existed, and so dominant was the Catholic hierarchy that it was able to write into our constitution not merely that the Catholic religion would be the

state religion but none other would be tolerated. Of course, freedom of the press was not permitted, nor freedom of assembly, nor freedom of thought.

Protestant Martyrs "Let the cardinal and Catholic bishops of the United States ask any of the Protestant missionaries who are now in Mexico to relate the early experiences of many who were beaten, set upon, and how some lost their lives, martyrs to their religious faith; and of others who narrowly escaped death for the crime of being 'Protestants.'"

empire fell the clergy were not, however, and although the reform laws remained on the statute books they were nullified in practice and in fact. "Religious liberty and tolerance, indeed!" "I refer the eminent cardinal and bishops of the United States to any and every pastoral issued by their colleagues, the archbishops and bishops of Mexico, at that time, so that they may note and ponder the invariable references to religious freedom and tolerance as 'impious,' 'sacrilegious,' 'un-Catholic,' and 'infamous.' They have not changed. It was quite different in the United States, where, in the words of that eminent cardinal, Gibbons, of Baltimore, under the American system of tolerance, with the American system of tolerance, which could and did 'blossom like the rose.'"

Socialist Party News

New York

Locals Buffalo and Yonkers have voted to distribute literature at intervals during the winter and spring. This is their response to the plan of the State Organization to get out pamphlets on live issues. The expression of other locals is being urged. Comrade Samuel Orr is chairman of the State Organization literature committee, his legislative experience making him particularly fitted for this work.

Buffalo Party News

The December Meeting of Local Buffalo was the second of the season with educational talks for our winter Campaign. There is an encouraging sign that some of the younger Comrades are willing to take an active part in the real work. Comrade Irvine Schnabel, who delivered the talk at the December meeting on the subject, "Modern Youth and Socialism." He presented fundamentally the Socialist point of view from a new angle which brought out an interesting discussion.

Ohio

From State Secretary, John G. Wilbert, comes the following piece of encouraging news: "Local Cleveland has just organized a ward branch of the 9th Ward, with about 20 members, and from the prospects, it seems as if Cleveland is coming back."

Wisconsin

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Utah

Comrade O. A. Kennedy, State Secretary, never looks on the dark side. In a letter recently received at National Headquarters he stated: "We are making progress and good progress. The work and cooperation of the National Office is fine. The Appeal is doing a splendid work and is well liked by the comrades. It is a great help to have so good a paper to back us up."

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Young People's Department

National Office YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOC. LEAGUE 22 Townsend St., Fitchburg, Mass. Aaron J. Parker, Nat. Director.

LAST CALL!

Christmas, a day of giving. What an appropriate time for remembering the Yipsels. There is yet time to send in your contribution toward the organization fund of the Young People's Socialist League, for which the League is now conducting a nation wide campaign. We are still lacking the quota, but feel sure that the last week's donations will take us over the mark. That is up to you. Send your Christmas gift to the Y. P. S. L. National Office, 23 Townsend St., Fitchburg, Mass.

WITH THE CIRCLES

NEW YORK CITY—The New York City Office finally decided the long hoarded secret. The circles are all bustling for the Organization Fund Drive. The city office of the League has moved the decimal point in the quota one place to the right, and is thinking of raising the quota from \$100 to \$1,000. A regular gala affair is being arranged in each of the three boroughs. Plans are also in progress for chartering a large theatre for a benefit performance. On top of this every circle is conducting an independent drive for the national fund, using offices, contribution lists, package parties and dances as methods of making up their contribution.

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Appeal Fund For the Week

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From Amalgamated Clothing Workers

"Enclosed find check for \$12.50 (the same representing 11 yearly and 3 half yearly subscriptions). The subscribers are all members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. We certainly are incidentally, was the only one personally represented at Debs' funeral. We all feel that the success of the Appeal will be beneficial to us, therefore, we want it. Eugene Debs was always our leader. The fact that is going to make this Christmas a merry one at the Appeal and National Office headquarters. Twenty-three cents received or passed the 25 mark during the week ending December 18 and won the prize as follows: C. K. Krehl, Boston, Mass. (\$5.00 subs.); E. O. Krahel, Meriden, Conn. (\$5.00 subs.); Charles Kelleck, Chicago (\$12.00 subs.); Thomas Stanton, Chicago (\$5.00 donation); H. J. Herberg, Peru, Ind. (\$5.00 subs.); John Krehl, Cleveland, Ohio (\$7.00 subs.); Albert Schmutz, Louisville, Ky. (\$5.00 subs.); J. Freeman of Workmen's Circle No. 222, New Haven, Conn. (\$5.00 subs.); Vit. Taverdi, Brooklyn, N. Y. (\$5.00 subs.); Eugene R. Cole, Vincennes, Ind. (\$5.00 subs.); Fred R. Whitcomb, Greenfield, Mass. (\$10.00 subs. and cards.); Isadore Apple, Chicago (\$10.00 subs.); John G. C. Sohn, Indianapolis, Ind. (\$5.00 subs. and donation); Mary R. Sanford, New York City (\$5.00 donation); W. J. Patterson, Great Falls, Mont. (\$5.00 subs.); J. Narverul, Minneapolis, Minn. (\$5.00 cards and subs.); Geo. Li Pinn, Marion, Mont. (\$5.00 cards.); C. C. Thompson, Hammon, Okla. (\$5.00 subs.); Morris Lewis, Cleveland, Ohio (\$5.00 for five years' renewal); E. R. Du Bose, Jackson, Tenn. (\$10.00 subs.); M. W. Scotten, Dandy, Mo. (\$5.00 cards.); F. S. Collins, Juda, Wis. (\$5.00 cards and subs.); Workmen's Circle Branch No. 276, Passaic, N. J. (\$5.00 donation).

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Appeal Army Activities

Appeal Army Record

Another whopping big week for the Appeal Army a week that has put sunshine in the faces of the whole staff and National Office forces—the biggest week in Appeal subscriptions for a long time. This is the way the Red Letter week drive is growing. This is the happy Christmas the Army presents to the office. This is written on Monday before the Saturday on which the Red Letter Day drive ends. Today in the first mail THE APPEAL RECEIVED \$125 for subscribers and bundles. The Red Letter Day Drive is ending with a rush and a whirl that has given the office staff blind staggers already. The response on the far PEAKS BEYOND A DOUBT THAT THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT STILL HAS STUFF LEFT IN IT THAT WILL MAKE THE APPEAL AND THE PARTY A TREMENDOUS FORCE BY THE END OF 1927. Here is the record for the week ending December 18: Cards, \$25.00; Bonds, \$12.91; SUBSCRIPTIONS, \$26.50; PROMOTION AND SUSTAINING FUND, \$51.00. TOTAL, \$115.41.

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Carry On For Debs, Writes Minister

American Appeal, Dear Sirs: It is with great pleasure I become a subscriber of your valuable paper. I feel that you are doing a great work in trying to get the common people to do some thinking for themselves. It is only by giving earnest thought to our economic and industrial problems that we can hope to make real success. Some one must patiently sacrifice and labor in the interest of those who are not thinking for themselves, and I feel that you are doing this in a larger way than many realize. Most every one feels conditions are not what they should be. It is my humble judgment that we can only hope for better things when we begin to think for ourselves. In this day of reaction and greed brought on by the capitalist class the workers should awaken to the fact that their economic and industrial salvation is in their hands to work out by doing their own thinking. We have now given up Labor's greatest friend and benefactor, Eugene V. Debs. The question naturally arises, shall we carry on? We can pay our best tribute to his memory by consecrating ourselves to the great task of working for the emancipation of the working class. Sincerely yours, Rev. James Kelly, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Renewals & Doubles

H. C. Adams, Salt Lake, Utah; I. Green, San Francisco, Calif.; Bert Nichols, Cairo, Ill.; Marshall De Witt, Deaver, Calif.; H. R. Knudsen, Meriden, Conn.; Mrs. J. A. Bues, San Diego, Calif.; W. L. Knechtel, Detroit, Mich.; Henry Heskett, West De Pere, Wis.; Eugene Strohl, Potomac, Pa.; A. Tuomisaari, Maynard, Mass.; Henry N. Martin, Clifford, Ill.; E. D. Williams, Pasadena, Calif.; Martin Johnson, Des Moines, Iowa; E. A. Benedict, Lodi, Calif.; Anton Hammett, Stevenson, Calif.; S. Dworkin, Ansonia, Conn.; S. E. Hoyle, Pasadena, Calif.; W. C. Smoker, Washington, D. C.; H. D. Barber, Wakefield, Calif.; Dr. A. F. Green, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Santa Claus will fill the stockings of the rich of America fuller this Christmas than ever before in the history of the country, perhaps with the exception of the memorable Christmas when war profiteering reached its peak.

A billion dollars in dividends will be distributed to the investors of America, as a Christmas gift, says a New York dispatch. This is equivalent to a \$10 gold piece in every stockholder's pocket. This will mark the close of a year during which the dividend and interest payments are expected to total \$1,100,000,000. Last year the total was 4,000,000,000.

Capitalistic America, more perfect than ever in the monopolistic control of industry, more powerful than ever before in the centralization of control in a handful of high financiers, has so improved its processes of extracting rent, interest and profit that it can now squeeze as much from the people in a "normal" peace year as it formerly did under the desperate pressure of war and national calamity.

Almost side by side with the glowing headlines of the daily papers telling of the good fortune of the rich are other headlines telling of the sufferings of the poor from the unseasonable cold wave that swept the country during the week. According to these accounts this early cold wave caused many thousands of workers across the northern half of the United States unprepared to protect themselves against the stinging blasts and in dire need of charity.

Chicago headlines screamed for help. Told in strong "human interest" stories of suffering workers, mothers and children and deaths from the elements.

Much unemployment was suddenly found to exist. Thousands of Chicago colored people, especially, were found without jobs. The auto industry was laying off thousands in Detroit; the building industry was letting many thousands of workers throughout rich and "prosperous" America would face empty stockings this Christmas.

Italy 90 Per Cent Anti-Fascist, Says Socialist Leader

Turati, New Refugee in France, Tells of Horrors Under Mussolini Rule

PARIS.—"Give Italy just twenty-four hours liberty and a real chance to vote, and ninety per cent of the people would go on record to overthrow Mussolini," said Filippo Turati, leader of the once powerful Italian Socialist party and the last important member of the opposition to leave his native country for a self-imposed exile in France.

Exhausted after the trying experience of being secretly taken from his home in Milan last week by a group of friends and under cover of darkness rushed to Corsica in a light powered motor boat, the venerable socialist nevertheless spoke with emotion when he was found established in a Moutmarie hotel, where he arrived from Nice.

The last lap of his flight from Italy—from Corsica to the French Riviera—was equally eventful for the constant anxiety lest the Fascists should discover his departure and attempt to recapture it. The Fascists previously refused him permission to cross into France from Ventimiglia, a dramatic fight being the last hope for his escape.

He arrived in France, where he is now in the possession of a passport.

During his entire sojourn in France were six stalwart young Italian socialists, the only ones to remain in the hands of Mussolini's oppression.

They fear an attempt on the life of the leader of the opposition party and are taking precautions.

Sig. Turati, whose patriotic appearance and flowing beard suggest the artist rather than the politician, spoke about Italy, but when told a great many Americans had been left an impression that Italy was united behind Mussolini, he launched an attack into a spirited attack on Fascism.

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"The outside world, and by that I mean everywhere outside of Italy, has a very definite and probably a just reaction obtains in Paris. Not even the darkest period in the middle ages offers a parallel. There is absolutely no freedom of thought, word, deed or action left to our few Italian. As an example, I have the fear and freedom of thought in my mind. It has lasted for three years in my mind. They do not live in Milan with me and they have hundreds of thousands of people doing lip service to Fascism, but if free to express their minds they would have done with it all and it would have ended tomorrow. A referendum freely conducted would find 90 per cent of the population against Mussolini.

Cloakmakers Oust Communists and End Long Strike

Terms to be Arbitrated—End Comes in Response to Rank and File

NEW YORK.—Including an emergency meeting of the Communist caucus of the 25,000 cloakmakers' vote of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, through its Central Executive Board, has taken over the exclusive management of the strike, as well as direction of the affairs of the New York Cloakmakers' Joint Board following approval by the cloakmakers' rank and file to a strike policy which has resulted in misery and suffering for both men and women and reduced the New York unions to a state of ruin.

At a meeting of the Central Executive Board of the International Union, President of the Communist caucus of the cloakmakers, read his report on the Communist conduct of the strike. He was followed by Louis Hyman, Harry H. Brown, Charles Zimmerman and Joseph Berke. The report stated that the Communist Party, for political purposes, had a complete disregard of the welfare and interests of the cloakmakers. It charged that the Communist Party had changed the strike from a strike for better wages and conditions to a strike for the purpose of overthrowing the capitalist system.

The rank and file of the cloakmakers, who are now in a state of ruin, have decided to end the strike and to have their terms of employment arbitrated.

"Communism." On Wednesday evening a symposium will be held on the subject, "The Future of Capitalism and Socialism in America," the speakers being Sam A. Lewisohn, Scott Searing, Malcolm C. Rorty and Morris Hillquit.

On Thursday forenoon a free symposium will be held on the following subjects with Abel L. Greig, Boy Work, Y. M. C. A. League, "Academy of Freedom," "Militarism in the Colleges," "Students and the Industrial Struggle," "How Can the Social Sciences Become More Real?"

At the concluding Thursday session the subject will be "What Can the Students Do After Graduation?" and will be discussed by Nathan Fine of the Socialist Party whose subject will be, "In the Political Field"; A. J. Muste, Brookwood Labor College; "In the Trade Union Field"; Lewis Gannett, Associate Editor, The Nation; "In the Field of International Relations."

The League for Industrial Democracy is carrying the message of Socialism to the colleges.

Berger Bill Would Admit Dependent Alien Relatives

WASHINGTON.—Under a bill introduced in the house during the week by Congressman Victor L. Berger, Socialist, the United States alien immigration bars would be lowered to allow wives and children, minor brothers and sisters and dependent parents of aliens in this country, now barred when the quota is filled, to be classed as nonquota persons, admissible outside of the quota.

In declaring that the present immigration laws were promoting immorality Mr. Berger charged that advocates of strict immigration could accomplish their purpose without breaking up families.

Such a modification of the immigration laws would not imperil the labor movement in the United States, Mr. Berger contends, because they would be admitted under his bill would be nonproductive either too old or too young to work.

State-Owned Road In Canada Makes Splendid Record

OTTAWA.—The Canadian National, Canada's government-owned railroad, practically out of the financial woods, according to the annual report of the Department of Railways and Canals, made public last week.

Mr. Robertson, C. M. G., minister of Railways and Canals, in a summary of the report says the profits of the road for this year probably will be sufficient to pay all interest which is due the public. This, for the first time, it will be possible to meet such charges without borrowing from the government.

What this means in the way of improvement in the way of the road for the years 1921-22 it was necessary for the government to advance \$18,000,000 in account of the National.

During the last six years the increase in the funded and unfunded debt of the National has amounted to \$43,000,000.

The road, however, \$15,105,000 represents interest due the government on its investment in the road. This is regarded as a book-keeping entry and not as an actual expenditure.

Of the remainder, not less than \$25,500,000 has gone into actual improvement of the property.

New Leader Will Hit Force Element In Labor Movement

Francis E. Gary Taken by Death

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The speakers and subjects in the order named are: Prof. Jerome Davis, "Social Russia"; Arthur Garfield Hays, "Progressivism"; Norman Thomas, "Socialism"; Solon DeLoan,

NEWS AND VIEWS

Our Birthday

January 1, 1927, will be the first birthday of the American Appeal. On that date the American Appeal will begin another year's battle.

With this issue of the American Appeal we complete the first year's fight. What has the old year brought to bring us encouragement and hope, and what will the New Year bring? We have picked up circulation faster than any other radical or labor publication in America, since the war so far as we have been able to institute comparisons. We have had a splendid and steadily growing Army. It is still a little Army, but it is growing. Its spirit is visibly rising. Slowly the great mass of badly discouraged Socialists are responding to its genial warmth and are thawing into life and activity again.

The Socialist movement HAS BEEN THE QUESTION OF GAINING IN HOPE AND SPIRIT AND INTEREST AND ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR. The deal have been revised. THERE IS A PRECEPTIBLE INCREASE IN INTEREST IN ALMOST EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY. IT CAN BE KEPT UP THE YEAR. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. THE MOVEMENT WILL COME BACK STRONG.

We will begin the Second Year of the Appeal with many assets we did not have a year ago. We have an Army now. We have added interest and activity all over the United States. WE ARE EQUIPPED TO DO TWICE AS BIG A JOB IN 1927 AS WE DID IN 1926, AND WE ARE GOING TO DO IT.

The year started so can make it a SMASHING BIRTHDAY GIFT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON ITS FIRST BIRTHDAY IN THE FORM OF SUBS, SUB CARDS OR BUNDLE ORDERS. Let your New Year's resolution this year be that you will do something for the Cause of Socialism in 1927.

Getting Less for Producing More

The farmers of Texas produced 4,000,000 bales of cotton in 1925 and 5,200,000 bales in 1926. For their smaller 1925 crop they received \$100,000,000. For their larger 1926 crop they will get, according to forecasts, only \$80,000,000. They will get \$110,000,000 less for raising 1,200,000 more bales of cotton. In other words, the present season has found the Texas farmers \$110,000,000 less for going to the extra labor and expense of raising for society 1,200,000 more bales of cotton.

This case is not mentioned because it is unusual. It is a typical case of the normal workings of the capitalist system. The farmers of the corn belt have been on the verge of bankruptcy this year because they raised an unusually large crop of corn which they had to sell at a price which would not pay for the cost of production. Last year the potato farmers performed an extra amount of service in supplying the world with a big potato crop. Their punishment for doing this was potatoes that they had to sell at a price which would not pay for the cost of production. They could not get enough to

pay for digging them. The wheat farmers for several years have been punished to the point of ruin for faithfully supplying the world with an unusually liberal bread source.

The underlying fact about capitalism is that everywhere and always it puts a premium on SCARCITY and PUNISHES EFFICIENT PRODUCTION. Probably MORE THAN HALF THE ENERGIES EXTENDED UNDER THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM ARE SPENT IN THE SUPPRESSION OF WEALTH.

This may sound like an exaggeration, but consider a few outstanding facts: Trust organization has been going on with increasing speed since the beginning of the present century. Undoubtedly the bulk of production and distribution is now controlled by COMBINES or UNDERSTANDINGS.

THE BASIC PURPOSE OF A TRUST IS TO PREVENT THE PRODUCTION OF ENOUGH GOODS IN A CERTAIN LINE TO DEPRESS PRICES. Turned around and expressed the other way, THE BASIC PURPOSE OF A TRUST IS TO CONTROL OUTPUT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CREATE AN ARTIFICIAL SCARCITY OF GOODS IN A CERTAIN LINE AND THUS BOOST THE PRICE AS HIGH AS CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PERMIT.

Considering the enormous number of PRIVATE MONOPOLIES, FOURTEEN MILLION AGREEMENTS AND "UNDERSTANDINGS" that now cover our whole industrial system, for the purpose of producing scarcity and boosting prices, CAPITALISM AS AT PRESENT CONSTITUTED, IS THE MOST TREASONABLE POLICY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF WEALTH AND THE PRODUCTION OF ARTIFICIAL POVERTY THAT THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.

That is why with the greatest system of machinery the world has ever seen, scientific knowledge and vast business organization MORE THAN THREE-FORTHS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE RICHEST AND BEST EQUIPPED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD LIVE BELOW WHAT CAPITALIST ORGANIZATIONS THEMSELVES SET AS A DECENT, COMFORTABLE AND HEALTHFUL STANDARD OF LIVING.

The big fact about the world today is THAT IT IS NOW EQUIPPED TO PRODUCE PLENTY FOR ALL. THERE IS POVERTY AND WANT AND LACK OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE VAST MAJORITY PURELY BECAUSE WEALTH PRODUCTION IS ARTIFICIALLY PREVENTED FOR THE SAKE OF PRESERVING AND SWELLING THE PRIVATE PROFITS OF THE PRESENT OWNERS OF FINANCE AND INDUSTRY.

If the people could only get that BASIC FACT in their heads and hold it there; if they could only be made to understand THAT WIDESPREAD POVERTY IS WHOLLY UNNECESSARY; if they could only see that WEALTH IS WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL; THE PRESENT SYSTEM WOULD NOT LAST MUCH LONGER.

They would soon find the remedy, which is the organization of all for all FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING ENOUGH FOR ALL AND KEEPING PRICES DOWN TO THE COST OF PRODUCTION.

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British Miners Hold Union Intact

LONDON (UPI)—After rejecting the current peace proposals by a resounding vote, the miners' union has decided to make no district agreements. Although this is a bad blow to the national situation it does not mean the loss of trade unionism in the coal-mining industry. In practically every district the mine owners have recognized the union.

But the agreement will not be carried out by the district organizations unless sanctioned by the national body. It is the policy of the miners to have as much uniformity as possible and to make short-time agreements. The struggle may be carried on in some important districts, notably South Wales, where the miners are unwilling to accept terms. The Welshmen would continue the fight with the help of the men in the other areas.

Others in most districts are offering the wages prevailing before the struggle but insist on an 8-hour day

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