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# FIVE SOCIALISTS ON TRIAL IN CHICAGO Will Stand By Their Principles Stedman Tells Jury

# Another "Harry Orchard" is Unearthed

By DAVID KARSNER Editor, Sunday Magazine, N. Y. Call.

As the latter was read there was an

unpleasant silence in the court room. It seemed as though the ghost of Mars was stalking about, grinning a

Then the St. Louis platform was read by Stedman. Principally because

Adolph Germer, National Secretary of

the Socialist Party, had this platform printed and circulated, he finds him-

self a defendant.

As regards the Tucker leaflet,
Stedman said, it was written before

"The evidence will show that Social-

Piece of Dime Novel Fiction.

cialist movement for fifty years. We

will produce evidence to show you that

national because they are internation-

alists.

Socialists are not less patriotic or less

Henry F. Cochems of Milwaukee,

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The "underground railroad from

Chicago.—With perhaps about one- the skillful attorney for the Social-half of the white people of the world lists. naif of the white people of the world now seeking to adjust their lives in accord with the science and ethics of Socialism, which they are welcoming as an open door to a promised land, it was necessary for two lawyers to enlighten an American jury of twelve men on that question, Thursday, before Judge Landis.

In addresses that were surcharged ists.

He explained that the profit system was the scheme by which the majority of wage earners in this and all other countries (excepting those which have put aside their fetters) are kept in a chronic condition of economic slavery and political impotence. He went into the Socialist theory that capitalism is the root of all modern

fore Judge Landis. went into the Socialist theory that In addresses that were surcharged capitalism is the root of all modern with facts and eloquence, Seymour Stedman and Henry F. Cochems, two of the attorneys for the five indicted In this connection he read to the Socialists, consumed almost the entire jury the now famous St. Louis procladay in outlining the defense of the Socialist Party officials who are on trial

Both Stedman and Cochems, the latter representing Congressman-elect Victor L. Berger, of the Fifth Wisconsin district, Milwaukee, emphasized the point that what the Socialists actually did during the days of storm sickening grin into the faces of the d stress, will not be denied.

"We shall not distort or twist the of whom have felt the grim realities and stress, will not be denied.

facts as they appear against us," said of war at their own hearthstone. Stedman. An arraignment of the postoffice department for its attitude toward the American Socialist, the New York Call, The Milwaukee Leader and many other radical publications, was made by Stedman.

Tells About Suppressing Papers.
He told how in the summer of 1917
Morris Hillquit, Amos Pinchot, Frank
P. Walsh, J. Louis Engdahl and othWashington to find out

Stedman said, it was written below the passage of the espionage act, June 15, 1917. He said Tucker had been told by one judge that the matter control in it was not seditious, while ers went to Washington to find out told by one judge that the matter conwhat they would be allowed to print in their papers. Every attempt was made on the part of these Socialist and Radical papers to keep within the leaflet, said Stedman.

"The evidence will show that Social-

to be had from either Postmaster General Burleson or his jocund assistants. But in a very little while the postmaster general barred the papers from the mails, and this was done, according to Stedman and Cochems, as a deliberate move to crush the papers that were bent upon telling some rare truths to the American people.

Stedman explained in a comprehensive manner the scientific theory of the service of the draft act, Stedman asserted that it was possibly trues.

Sive matner the scientific theory of Socialism, how it is actually being practiced in Russia, Germany, and come of the smaller countries of the old world. District Attorney Clyne again put in "that the Socialist Party was not on trial".

Nam asserted that it was possibly true act but no more so in proportion than Bemocrats and Republicans had sought to keep their bodies intact during the years of the international fratricide.

Socialist is in good standing.

With stearn mien, with blowing the years of the international fratricide. was not on trial." Stedman sharply replied that technically that was a fact, but morally the government was | America into Mexico for draft evaders making every effort to check the and objectors," Stedman dismissed as growth of Socialist thought in this country for the same reason that the czar lashed lovers of freedom with a these five men who sit before you acknout in old Russia, the kaiser imprisoned those who might have saved or distort their principles in this try-Germany from the ignominy in which ing hour. The position which they she now flinds herself. "It is the same took has been the position of the So-

said Stedman. old sad story," He said that in America, instead of applying the lash and the dungeon, except to those who are most obstreperous, the courts are employed to deal with radicalism. Such were the inferences, if not the words of

Start 1919 With 1919 Paid low abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of people peaceably to assemble."

We know it's no use getting angry about it. But there comes a time when kind words and earnest entreaties seem to have about as much effect as a mosquito on a turnip. And there comes a time in the life and reparation made to those who have suffered or are suffering for have suffered or are suffering for of a state secretary when he gets rip-rotting angry and is prone to say things about things to would make things lively were the party of the second part in close proximity.

Week after week we've sung the same song-that popular refrain: "Pay Dues-Pay them NOW-Pay them AHEAD and you'll never be behind." And, altho many comrades have joined in the chorus, too many have simply shrugged their shoulders, cotton battened their ears and dozed on. mation, which is cited as one of the overt acts, and also a leaflet entitled "The Price We Pay," by Irwin St. John Tucker, one of the defendants.

That makes us "mad." Fightin' mad. It makes us wish for the days of the magic wand. Magic wand, did we say? Rather magic club-so that we could reach out into the state from our office chair and gently, yes VERY gently, paddle the careless in-

to bright-eyed attention. Then again, we wish for an arm many leagues long, so that we could reach down into Portage County, Seneca County, Niles, Mansfield and many, many other localities and shake the hands of the comrades who are doing dues duty.

of these officials how of that, the months after the charges were preferred against them. The alleged crimes charged against them are based on what might have been in their doing dues duty.

But after all—Oh for that magic club!

Now then, what's your answer. Have we at least made you yawn? And if we have there's hope of your waking up.

Loafing time is past! We point our finger at every one of you when we say it. We are not talking over your head-you, who are reading this. We are shoutnite instructions or suggestions were ists in all countries were opposed to be had from either Postmaster Genwar," declared Stedman. "The Sowar Burleson on his icound against and sidily of Sobbie and the Soward Burleson on his icound against and sidily of Sobbie and the Sowar Socialwar and S every live member in the nation com\_ands you-yes, our victorious comrades in Europe command you TO PAY UP RIGHT NOW.

Not only this, but also MAVE II

Not only this, but also MAY IF YOUR BUSINESS to have others pay up siness and
Socialist is in good standing.
With stearn mien, with blood in our eye—again we shout: PAY UP YOUR DUES—AND START 1919

tion of American radicals because of their opinions be stopped. The National Socialist Party, through its membership, consisting almost colusively of widen membership, consisting almost column torning for a unity wage has carried, and still continues to bear much of the burden of the struggle in defense of your liberties. Only through the unrestricted exercise of these rights can a working class move-

# Your Rights at Stake

Stripped bare of all side issues, it movement. is fundamentally a struggle at the bar of justice to maintain basic American liberties; your right to think, to speak,

Socialist Party and its national officials. Socialism is the trail blazer they wrote: "Congress shall make no

A court trial that will become fa- of progress in all civilized lands. As mous in the annals of American his- such it bears the brunt of every attory has started in Chicago.

to read, freely.

It is not extraordinary that this rial should be that of the American constitution would live through every crisis; that our revolutionary fore-

Were these Socialist spokesmen mistaken? Are your rights of discussion, so ruthlessly trodden under foot by the war censorship, to remain longer prostrate? Or, will the dark past be in part atoned for, NOW, by the immediate restoration of those rights, having espoused those rights.

Struggling for the instant and unconditional return of our liberties, in Federal Judge Landis court room,

Chicago, are:
Victor L. Berger, Socialist congressman-elect from Wisconsin, editor of
the Milwaukee Leader, the Socialist daily, and a member of the Socialist Party National Executive Committee.

Party National Executive Committee.
Adolph Germer, National Executive
Secretary of the Socialist Party.
J. Louis Engdahl, who edited the
suppressed "American Socialist," the
official weekly publication of the National Socialist Party.
William F. Kruse, director of the
National Young People's Socialist
League, and editor of the Young Socialists' Magazine, a monthly.

cialists' Magazine, a monthly. Irwin St. John Tucker, former head of the National Socialist Party literature department.

Every activity of the national Socialist movement of this country was

therefore attacked in the indictment of these officials now on trial, ten minds, what they wrote and what they Every power is being used in the

effort to put them in prison for exercising long established American liberties. If they are confined to a felon's cell, free speech, free assemblage and a free press will accompany them as fellow prisoners. If you treasure your rights, therefore, you will do all in your power to see that these treasured liberties of yours are given a fair and just hearing in court. Raise your voice and make congress

hear your demand that all way times censorship of free expression be abolished; that all political prisoners be immediately freed; that all prosecution of American radicals because of

these rights can a working class move ment make peaceful progress. Many have been the lower court trials and the appeals to higher tribunals, the expenses of which have been borne by the workers politically organized into

the Socialist Party.

An almost depleted defense fund treasury, as your rights go to trial in Chicago, demands instant action on your part. Money, as well as an aroused people, constitute the sinews of war in the struggle for justice. In addition, therefore, to giving your moral assistance to achieve freedom's restoration, you can aid mightily by sending a liberal financial contribu-tion to The Socialist Party of Ohio, R. D. 2, Brecksville, Ohio.

# Cleveland Socialists Pack Hall to Welcome Returned Prisoners

ing Sunday afternoon by working show the way."

show the way."

An appeal for support for the Soextend greetings to Alfred Wagenknecht, Charles Baker and C. E.
Ruthenberg, who were released from fact that all but three of the perthe Charles County Workhouse at Constons in the audience were subscribthe Stark County Workhouse at Can-sons in the audience were subscribton on Dec. 2. Baker could not be ers for the "Socialist News," but present on account of his having in spite of this \$55.00 worth of subbut his name was coupled with those to be sent to others. of Wagenknecht and Ruthenberg in the enthusiastic greeting extended at the meeting.

The afternoon's program opened which greeted Wagenknecht. with the rendering of several selec- "As I stand here looking in with the rendering of several selections by the Liedertafel Club orchesfaces again," Ruthenberg said, in tra, which were followed by a speech opening his address, "I wonder why raues by Tom Clifford, who presided. ruling class hope to break their clifford's speech was punctuated by repeated waves of applause as he hurled defiance at those with the spirit? Does it hope to reconcile men who have fought for him. hurled defiance at those who were things to the existing order by lockendcavoring to disrupt the Socialist ing them behind stone walls and iron Party through persecutions.

Alfred Wagenknecht was the first of the ex-prisoners to speak. When presented to the audience he was greeted by cheers which lasted for several minutes.

He told some of his experiences as an early pioneer in the Socialist movement, and continued:

been killed so effectively. This kill-ing has been going on for many which the Socialist movement gives years now. Our friends who claim those who struggle for the chieveto possess all the intelligence because they possess all the wealth have left nothing undone to bring when they are upheld by the love of try that each renewed attempt has developed our courage and increased our good humor. We have been enemy because I was intellectually killed so thoroughly in Europe that we had to take charge of Russia, Germany and other countries. And we are going to be killed so dead from now on that I assure you, we of that suffering. Now I have felt will soon have to run the whole the iron heel of the rulers of so-

ing that can happen can discourage but because it has made me suffer me. A dark cloud may arise here I have felt its iron heel and when I and there in the affairs of our move-strike back—and I will strike back ment, but even a few small dark every day of the life that is left to clouds are necessary to break the monotony of our constant successes. Let us all smile for we have won the right to do so. In this battle of brains we are showing ourselves superior. For many, many years now we have carried on our campaign of education and it has been world wide. We have won in this battle of brains because we saw the need of educating the working men and women, we saw the necessity of developing ourselves intellectually so that we might some day conduct affairs humanely and righteously, whereas those who lav claim to all the brains have only given attention to their dollar chasing. The people are with us and it only remains for

Acme hall was packed to overflow- us to face forward and continue to

been inducted into the army imme-scription cards were sold, one comdiately after his release from prison, rade paying \$10.00 for subscriptions

C. E. Ruthenberg was next introduced and was received with applause and cheers similar to that

bars? Have they made men change their opinions by treating them like beasts? Have they made those who fight for righteousness and justice

the friends of unrighteousness and injustice through persecution? "As I stand here facing you, with the open portals of a prison not far behind me, I hurl into the faces of the rulers of society the defiance "Looking this afternoon into this that all the prisons on the face of sea of faces I know that you will rejoice with me that Socialism has

about our end. And see how well a great ideal. They make them more they have done the job. They have determined. They make them killed us so effectively in this counstronger. They make them harder, I convinced that it was wrong. Its iniustices had not stricken me down, but I saw the suffering of others, and I struggled against the cause

ciety and I am the enemy of capi-

me—there will be in the strokes th bitterness and hardness which personal suffering has engendered.

"No, capitalism does not break the spirit of those it throws in jail. It makes them hard; it makes them bitter, some of the iron of the iron heel with which they are struck down enters into their souls and because of this their blows at capitalism are more deadly. Let them continue to put Socialists in jail and they will build for us an army of workers that will unflinchingly march forward, no matter what the cost in suffering and sacrifice, un-til the death knell of capitalism is sounded.'

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By ALBERT RHYS WILLIAMS

in The New Republic John Reed says of Albert Rhys Williams, the author of this ar-"He knows even more than I do, in some ways, about the Russian situation." Every reader of radical periodicals knows that John Reed has given a wealth of information about revolutionary Russia. This soulstirring, sympathetic, graphic description of the funeral of the longshoremen, who were killed when British and Japanese forces captured the Soviet Administration building will constitute one of the outstanding documents of the history of the world war and places Albert Rhys Williams abreast of John Reed as a correspondent of the revolution.

standing on the Kitaiskaya looking down upon the holiday flags on the American battleship in Vladivostok bay. Suddenly I heard a far away sound. Listening, I caught the strains of the Revolutionary Hymn: "With hearts heavy and sad we bring our dead

Who shed their blood in the fight

for freedom."
Looking up, I saw on the crest of the hill the first lines of the funeral procession of the gruzshchiki.
Four days before when the Czecho-

ers, the gruzshchiki (longshoremen) heart of the people. It was the peo-rushed into the Red Staff Building, and, though outnumbered forty to one, carth, thrown upon its own resources, long silence. And yet there was no had been slain in defense of his Sorefused to surrender until the building was fired by an incendiary bomb. nificently to take command of itself. Today, their people were burying the defenders of the fallen Soviet. Out of the workmen's quarters they streamed, jamming the street not from curb to curb, but from wall to Seventeen thousand separate souls feel the impulse to speak there was crowd, but a friend caught him. With wall. They came billowing over the hill-top by thousands until the whole sand people, singing in unison found if in the pause the people were gen-

mass of men and women ran two lines | lutionary proletariat. of white-bloused sailors of the Bol- The Czecho-Slovaks came, offering ers to utterance. ternational Brotherhood of the Toil-

remational Brotherhood of the Toilrs!"

A hundred girls in white, carrying he green wreaths from forty-four minos of the city, formed a guard of the city contact the the green wreaths from forty-four unions of the city, formed a guard of honor for the coffins of the gruzshchki, which with the red paint still wet upon them, were borne upon the Band was lost in the volume of song the seventeen thousand singers.

It was the Fourth of July. I was a something which compelled fear and a something which compelled fear and a something which compelled fear and thank you, but we dare not lay your processions of Petrograd and Moscow, wreaths upon their coffins. peace and victory and protest and memorial parades, military and civilian. They were all vast and impressive because the Russians have a genius for this kind of thing. But this was different.

than that which frowned from the gram. There was only a crowd and Slovaks, aided by Japanese and English troops, suddenly seized the Soviet and its officials, throwing confusion and terror into the ranks of the workers the grayshelist (Japanese and English troops, suddenly seized the Soviet and its officials, throwing confusion and terror into the ranks of the workers the grayshelist (Japanese and English troops, suddenly seized the Soviet and the harbor below. It was so simple, so spontaneous and so elemental. It came straight out of the and yet out of its grief rising mag-

The dissolution of the Soviet, in-

shevik fleet. Above their heads tossed a guard of honor. "Ne noozhna!" (It a cloud of crimson standards with silvered cords and tassels. In the vanguard, four men carried a huge you fought against them. They died red banner with the words: "Long for the Soviet and we are proud of Live the Soviet of Workmen's and them. We thank you, but we cannot Peasants' Deputies! Hail to the In- let the guns which shot them down

better way to die than beside the bodies of our comrades!" Some bourgeois societies came pre-

the people answered. "Our comrades Here was color and sound and mo-tion—but there was a something else, geoisie. They died fighting clean. We

The procession poured down the Aleutskaiya Hill, filled the large, open space at the bottom, and faced up toward the English Consulate. Nearby was a work-car with a tower for repairing electric wires. Whether it From these defenseless poor, was there by design or accident I do stripped of their arms, and with sornot know. Presently it was to serve rowing songs bearing off their dead, as a speaker's rostum. But there there came a threat more menacing seemed to be no speaker and no pro-

speaker. It was like a huge Quaker

seventeen, the secretary of a league of young Socialists.

"We were students and artists and such kind of people. We held our-selves aloof from the Soviet," he said. "It seemed to us foolish for workmen to govern without the wisdom of the were right and we were wrong. From now on we shall stand with you. What you do, we will do. We pledge our tongues and pens to make known the wrongs that you have suffered the length and breadth of Russia and throughout the world." Suddenly the word went through the throng that Constantin Soochanov had been paroled until five o'clock and that he was coming with counsels of peace and moderation. Soochanov was the president of the Soviet, a student, twenty-four years of age, son of a high official of the Tsar, and a hero in a revolution that it not given to hero-worship.

While some were affirming his coming and others were denying it, he himself appeared. He was quickly passed along upon the shoulders of the sailors. In a storm of cheers, he climbed the ladder and came out upon the platform-top, smiling.

Twice his eyes swept across that field of upturned faces, filled with trust and love and hungrily awaiting the words of their young leader. As if to avert the flood of tragedy and pathos that beat suddenly upon him from every side, he turned his head viet and upon the mothers, wives and meeting in the open air. And just as children of the men who lay within a sermon has no place in Russian publong slope was choked with the dense slow-moving throng, keeping time to slow-moving throng, keeping time to the funeral march of the revolution- sciousness, they formulated their de-

But Soochanov knew that many tears were an indulgence and that he had a big and serious task to perform. Fifty feet behind him was the English Consu'ate and fifty rods before him were the waters of the Golden Horn with the frowning guns of the Allied Fleet. He wrenched himself away from his grief and gathering himself together began his message. With an ever mounting passion of earnestness he spoke, closing with the words which shall henceforth be the rallying-cry for the workers in Vladivostok and the Far East:

"Here, before the Red Staff Build ing where our comrades gruzshchiki were slain, we swear by these red coffins that hold them, by their wives and children that weep for them, by the red banners which float over them, that the Soviet for which they died shall be the thing for which we live— or if need be—like them, die. Hence-forth the return of the Soviet shall be the goal of all our sacrifice and devotion. To that end we shall fight with every means. The bayonets have been wrested from our hands, but when the day comes and we have no guns we shall fight with sticks and clubs, and when these are gone then with our bare fists and bodies. Now it is for us to fight only with our minds and spirits. Let us make them hard and strong and unyielding. The Soviet is dead. Long live the Soviet!"

The crowd caught up the closing words in a tremendous demonstration, mingled with the strains of the "In-"Arise ve prisoners of starvation.

Arise ye wretched of the earth,

For Justice thunders condemnation A better world's in birth—" The resolution proclaiming the restoration of the Soviet the objective of all the future struggles of the revolutionary proletariat and peasants of

us," "They died for us," touched others to utterance.

I sand Russians who sobbed with their hands of the old gruzshchiki, the argument of all was a lad of Vladivostok.

I sand Russians who sobbed with their hands of the old gruzshchiki, the argument delegates within to implore that word. On the day the great republic of the hands of the peasants, thick with callocated its independence the peasants, and the first hands of the peasants, the peasants of the first hands of the peasants and disjustment of the peasants.

world except in this regard: For a rity.' time they had held the power. The government had been within their "Hox grasp. Four days ago it had been wrested from their grasp, but the feel of it was still within their hands—

these hands raised now in solemn pledge to take that power again. A sailor, striding down from the hilltop, pushed through the crowd and climbed upon the platform. "Comrades! Comrades!" he cried joyously. "We are not alone. We are not alone.

I ask you to look away to the flags flying over there on the American battleship. But you cannot see them down there where you stand. But they are there. And with the flags of all the other nations there is the red flag of our Russian Republic. No, comrades, we are not alone today in our grief. The Americans under-stand and they are with us!"

It was a mistake of course. Those flags had been hung out in celebration of our Declaration of Independence. But the crowd did not know Today in our trouble we came to claim that. To them it was like the sudden the promised help. Our enemies have touch of a friend's hand upon a lonely taken away our Soviet. They have traveler in a foreign land. With enthusiasm they caught up the cry of the sailor: "The Americans are with the nations of the earth can underus!" And the vast conclave, lifting up their coffins, wreaths and banners, offer than thus to come bringing their vere once more in motion. They were | dead with the faith that out of Amergoing to the cemetery but not directly. Tired as they were from long ly. Tired as they were from long derstanding. America, their only standing in the sun, they made a wide friend and refuge. detour to reach the street that runs up the steep hill to the American Consulate. Then straight up the sharp slope they toiled in a cloud of dust, still singing as they marched, until they came before the Stars and Stripes floating from the flagstaff. And there they stopped and laid the

of the great western democracy. ts. | cisions from their class standpoint— He had not the gift of oratory, but sians are little given to tears. But and swung the hammer. All kinds of the determined standpoint of the revo- his frequent iteration, "They died for that day there were seventeen thou- hands they were—the big, rough ing, "Speak to us a word!" They sent out our hands like beggars!

coffins of their dead beneath the flag

louses, and thousands of the frailer, whiter hands of the working women. By these hands the riches of the Far East had been wrought. They were no different from the scarred, stained bitterly resentful at this "compromise" hands of labor anywhere in all the with revolutionary honor and integ-

"How stupid of them," he said. "How insane of them! Have we not told them that all countries are alike -all imperialists? Was this not repeated to them over and over again by their leaders?"

Truly it had been. But with this demonstration of the Fourth of July the leaders had little to do. They were in prison. The affair was in the hands of the people themselves. And, however cynical many leaders were about the professions of America, the people were not so. In the hour of their affliction, these simple trusting folk, makers of the new democracy of the east, came stretching forth their hands to the great strong democracy of the west.

They knew that President Wilson had given his assurance of help and loyalty to the "people of Russia." They reasoned: "We, the workers and peasants, the vast majority here in Vladivostok, are we not the people? ica would come compassion and un-

But America did not understand. The American people did not even hear about it. But these Russian folk did not know that the American people never heard about it. All they know is that a few weeks after that appeal came the landing of the Amer-

ican troops. And now they say to one another: of the great western democracy.

They stretched out their hands, crying the heat and the dust stretching

#### Five Socialists on Trial in Chicago

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one of the leaders of the Bull Moose party in 1912, and Berger's opponent in the congressional fight in 1910, in the army service, stationed at Camp Robinson, Long Island. The Chicago Arbeiter-Zeitung Publishing Co., owned by German branches of the Socialist Party, and Camp Robinson, Long Island. gress, gave a vivid picture of Berger's youthful prosecutor, Fleming, had early life and the terrific struggle started to drag into the case the whole which he fought to reach his present whimsy about German agents, and position as a national political figure, German gold. This caused laughter

Leader has tried to keep within the law during the war, and pointed out that Berger had contributed liberally to the war saving stamp fund, to the Red Cross and other auxiliary movements launched by the government.

Cochems stated that over 5,000 the Y. P. S. L. stricken from the recyoung Socialists in Milwaukee, readers of Berger's paper, had joined the national service. He pointed out how the Leader had accepted government advertising to boost Liberty Bond

sales and other activities. He declared that no matter whether Victor Berger be permitted to take his seat in congress, to which he has just been elected, his service in that body eight years ago will mark him port conscientious objectors into Caras a man true to his ideals and the ranza land again came up through working class of America in whose the ex-Socialist office boy. interest he has devoted the many years of his active life.

Court Room Crowded. the I. W. W. litigation. Spectators be used on the Sub-Rosa conscienmay also carry packages into the court room. Last summer you could He told of buying Tucker's "The not get into the court if you carried a bundle of toothnicks.

against the five National Socialist Party officials Thursday afternoon by to prove that the Socialists, particularly William F. Kruse, National Sceretary of the Yipsels, and J. Louis Engdahl, editor of American Socialist, are guilty of conspiring against the latter both the postmaster seaton in barring the national paper from the mails. He also said he heard Kruse and Engdahl say slighting things about Liberty Bonds and the war in genare guilty of conspiring against the

and an internationalist from the So- in the court room, many of the specalist viewpoint.

He declared that the Milwaueke published by the Department of Juscader has tried to keep within the tice of German agents, so-called. The name of Berger, Hillquit, Germer and Bill Haywood do not appear among the galaxy of kaiser lovers.

> ord, and told the jury to forget it. Several reporters at the press table conferred among themselves as to whether they could take a chance and print the German agent story, any-

Underground Railway Hoax. The proposition of building an un-derground railroad between the United States and Mexico to trans-

He told of buying Tucker's "The Price We Pay," "Why You Should Fight," and St. Louis proclamation of the party for New Mexico, ap-The government started off its case and similar party leaflets from Adolph

Being an office boy, he saw J. Louis putting on the witness stand a former office boy and later circulation hustler for the Chicago edition of raising hell with us now," referring the American Socialist, in an effort to the postmaster's action in barring

# Frame-up Against Socialists Revealed in Chicago Trial

(Special Correspondence) Chicago.—For more than a year the then he was given a copy of it and government lawyers in Chicago, with | told to read it on numerous occasions a staff of secret service men that covered the nation at their call, have been framing their case against the five indicted Socialists, Victor L. Berger, Adolph Germer, J. Louis Eng-dahl, William F. Kruse and Irwin St. John Tucker.

The frame-up was shattered in a few short hours by the triumphant cross examination by Attorney William A. Cunnea, for the Socialists, of the government's star witness, Arnold Schiller, the ex-office boy of the "Chicago Socialist," the party publication in Chicago, who is now a sol-

Under a carefully and withering

aid draft evaders in their wanderings, and which was declared to have emanated originally from the secret archives of the German imperial governchives of the German imperial aid draft evaders in their wanderings, lawyers began, while he remained in and which was declared to have emathral this country and the unit to which he larger than the socialists and folks in any daily paper.

It was shown that the allegedly notorious anti-draft stickers had been put out by a member of the Young pressed when the witness admitted People's Socialist League, but that the leagues in Chicago would accept no

to pay for them. That Schiller, who charged Kruse with anti-draft activities, had in fact agreement young Schiller left home attacked Kruse and sought to defeat him for re-election because he, Schiller, thought Kruse was "yellow" and not a "red revolutionist."

Another "Harry Orchard." The big labor cases that have been MacManigals." The biggest case of government lawyers, he had called on persecution growing out of the war a girl friend, Hattie Gussie, before involving the political organization of reaching home at midnight. the workers, has produced a similar

tion put by Cunnea he said that he not remember. All he could think of had attended school up to 14 years of was that the young lady lived on age. Since then he says he worked "Hancock Street for eight or nine different employers but had a hard time remembering you would like to see Kruse dead?" them, although on the previous day he asked Cunnea, but the witness denied had glibly cited dates, told of conver- that he did, also that he wished Kruse sations and placed incidents without

like Kruse as I sit here now," of the previous day and stated that he Schiller contended, with considerable had never seen Kruse, Tucker, Engbravado, as he denied having any bit-dahl and Germer, all together at once. ter animosity toward the National He said, "At no time did I see them Young People's Socialist League Sec- all together."

Attorney Cunnea then brought out can Smith was the editor of "The that Schiller remembered very distinctly the date of President Wilson's 1917, where he had tried to leave the "Flag Day Address," utterance. This impression the day before J. Louis "Flag Day Address" was delivered on Engdahl, one of the defendants, editor June 15, 1917, the same day the es- of the American Socialist, was also pionage act, under which the indict- editor of the Chicago Socialist. is drawn, was signed by the president, and the same day as the failed to communicate to any of the which appeared in the June 23d issue ence to him, Bosler and he were pals

of the "American Socialist." Schiller claims he was present in Impossible for Y. P. S. L. to Furnish the room, in Kruse's office, when

Grande. The famous map introduced by skillful questioning, brought out that Schiller's entire story was the result of clever and careful coaching by First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Fleming, and Prosecuting Attorney Fleming, and Attorney Fleming, and also, breather, we may NOW the prosecuting Attorney Fleming, and also, breather, we may NOW the prosecuting Attorney Clyne in his examination brought out by Prosecuting Attorney Clyne in his examination of the first 12 men commandments, including the one which sayeth, "Thou shalt not kill," and also, breather, we may NOW the Power for examination.

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Who was supposed to have taken place in Schiller denied, however, that "Cap-

Judge Landis ordered the reference

He told of a convention of the Yipsels in 1917 and stated that Kruse had outlined a plan to the delegates of All day long throngs of persons claiming exemption from the draft. gathered in the corridors to the court room, eagerly waiting until some per- code which, he averred was patterned son gave up his seat. There is no after the latest German model, and attempt to keep the public from this which Kruse, a man named Herman trial, as was the case last summer in Bosler, and himself, proposed should

A. Freiberg, formerly a Yipsel, identified a letter he received from Kruse in August, 1917, in which the Yipsel Chicago fina secretary expressed the hope Frieberg would escape the draft.

After knocking the testimony of the

former office boy and now a soldier at Camp Grant, into a cocked hat and showing up glaring discrepancies in

the defense considered it had scored

orders for various literature, all of

National Office.

Judge Landis over-ruled him.

Into War Admitted.

list in the army and navy under any consideration." It went on to advise

even though the finish may mean fac-

ing a firing squad."
In a letter identified by Miss Camp-

bell as having been written May 24, 1917, Walter B. Dillon, state secretary

peared the sentence, "Better jail than

Chief Prosecutor Clyne read to the

ecome a licensed murderer.'

Start 1919 with 1919 paid

#### Salem Socialists Aggressive

Salem, O., Dec. 4.
To the Board of Education, Salem, Ohio.

On Nov. 29, 1918, I asked Mr. L. B. French, president of your body, if the High School auditorium could be secured for a public meeting for Eugene V. Debs on Dec. 17. He answered that he had no doubt it could. I asked on what terms, and he replied, \$12. I told him we would like to secure the hall and would pay for its use before the meeting. He replied, saying, he felt sure it would be all right, and have the United S. the hall and would pay for its use be-fore the meeting. He replied, saying, he felt sure it would be all right, and

ment, was set forth as a scheme that might have been clipped from any latter in any daily paper.

Schiller denied that he had urged moment, was set forth as a scheme that might have been clipped from any David Mendelsohn, a Socialist in draft age, to go to his uncle's place in sold might have been clipped from any daily paper.

Schiller denied that he had urged promptly, "No!" He said he give your specific reasons for this (as we claim) unfair discrimination. This, was married and had two sons.

A. E. Bartholomew as a scheme that pay latter in writing, and give your specific reasons for this was married and had two sons.

A. E. Bartholomew and that he had stated his we claim) unfair discrimination. This wheaten for 17 years, that such reply, be given the local papers for publication, to the end that the citizens of Salem and the public genThomas C. Nixon, who lives at 4858 that you would be willing to have it printed in leaflet form and distributed.

It was our purpose to make Mr.

Whenever I was asked to do investigating work, I did it," he said, but war profiteering. Debs' meeting a bi-county occasion, in for five years, previous to that hav-which the Socialists of Columbiana ing worked on a farm all his life. He and Mahoning counties would all take has three boys and one girl.

> brought before our County Committee at a meeting in East Liverpool, 8th inst., at which time it is expected Sheridan Rd., has been in the real esSheridan Rd., has be Debs' meeting.

Very truly yours. CHARLES BONSALL, Chairman.

## Railroad Men Start Nation Wide Movement

(Special to Ohio Socialist) Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14.—Eight federated railroad unions have booked a monster mass meeting for Sunday night, Dec. 15, at Macauley's Theater, Charles Light has a 125-acre farm for the purpose of launching a nation wide movement to oppose railroad country from England when he was union, but this did not mean that he magnates who are asking that railroads be turned back to private management, now that the war is over.

This organization represents 5,000 apolis, Ind., has been secured as prin- he would not allow any sentiment or

bear in mind the new commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "Behold I give you a new command-

# Free Speech on Trial With Five Socialists in Chicago

Chicago.—Freedom! How much of was there in the United States during the great world war just ended?
That is the question that will be settled in the trial of the five Socialist German trade unions in Chicago, was next called to the stand. He told how Engdahl came once a week to the print shop to "make-up" the American Socialist," and also testified to

which was admitted by the defense.

Miss Anna Campbell, a clerk in the The results of this historic trial will determine America's position among the nations in her maintenance of civil liberties during the progress National Office from July, 1910, to August, 1918, was the second govern-ment witness. Miss Campbell identiof the war. In no country has there been such a wholesale persecution of Socialist national officials, as the fied many circular letters sent out by National Secretary Germer, Kruse, Tucker and others connected with the American people find themselves confronted with in the opening of the Stedman objected to the admission Chicago trial.

on trial here.

of letters against the party officers written prior to May 18, 1917, the day United States Prosecuting Attorney Charles F. Clyne showed that the gov-ernment realizes free speech is on of the passage of the draft act, but trial when he asked one of the first Letters Written Before U. S. Entry jurors examined a question as fol-

Consequently, one letter written by Kruse was read to the jury under date "Do you believe that anyone, under the guise of free speech, should be permitted to violate the laws of the of February 14, 1917. In that letter appeared this statement.
"No self-respecting Yipsel will en-United States?"

This indicates that the government consideration." It went on to advise that Yipsels hold mass meetings and flood the country with literature. The consideration will seek to bolster up its suppression theory. He claimed he could give a Socialist just as fair a trial as a Republican. flood the country with literature. The letter concluded with this remark:
"We must fight the war to a finish this case the espionag ct.

Attorney Seymour Stedman, for the tain Landis and Stedman took an exception. The court ordered the same ruling to be made every time the same question was asked a juror.

On the other hand, the lawyers for jury a letter written by Kruse in 1917, after we had entered the war, constitution, with its free speech prosuggesting a secret organization in connection with the Y. P. S. L. to maintain the life of the Young Peovisions, should prevail during the war. In reply to this question, the prospecple's Socialist movement if it was tive jurors had many and varied andriven underground by oppressive leg- swers to make. Some of them didn't islation. The organization was to know there was a free speech provistake the character of teaching non- ion in the constitution; some felt that Socialists why they should not go to if it was there it was wrong during war times, while others staunchly up-The fourth witness, a sailor, James held the right of free speech, in war

The trial of the five Socialists in Chicago finally got under way on Monday morning, Dec. 9, just nine months after Berger, Germer, Eng-dahl, Tucker and Kruse learned they had been indicted, last March 9. It starts one month after the world war was terminated by an armistice.

who has served Socialism in America is m but that he thought he attended in the numerous court attacks that a Socialist lecture years ago. He had were made upon it during the war,

The first day's examination of prospective jurors indicated that the panel was overwhelmingly filled with retired farmers, or men f British an-

have the United S

with the understanding that my letter lived in Wheaton for 17 years, that and your answer, and also a reply to he was in the farming and live stock your answer, if the occasion requires business, and confessed he, too, had never been guilty of reading any rad-

pass judgment fairly and righteously. experimentalist, or inventor, with his if the papers do not wish to publish place of business at 501 Plymouth Ct.

You will, therefore, understand that which has employed him for the last to vote. He has one daughter.

to make final arrangements for the tate business for the last 20 years. He had read about the case and talked diced him any. He has two daughters. John C. Evans of Riverside is in the vholesale shoe business. He was born Start 1919 with 1919 paid in Illinois and has three sons and one daughter. He had heard nothing and

read nothing about the case.

Robert M. Sheldon of Naperville, Ill., is in the real estate business, deal-

politics. J. B. Richardson of Richmond has been a retired farmer for three years, after having been a farmer all his

21 years old. He has three sons and ne daughter. Jason W. Franklin has been a farm-

Attorney M. L. Clawsen of Indian-left no impression on him. He said sympathy for the defendants to sway

ties; the right of people to repeal diced against organized labor.
laws that had been passed; denied he Mr. Light said he was born in Not-

tective League; said he had been treasurer of his home county for four years and county clerk for 20 years; said he had no prejudice against organized labor; that he was not interspokesmen, Victor L. Berger, Adolph (ested in contracts for war supplies; Germer, J. Louis Engdahl, William F. Kruse and Irwin St. John Tucker, now who denounced the war profiteers; declared he could give fair trial to persons opposed to war, and that he would return a verdict irrespective of what his neighbors and friends might think about it.

The Socialist lawyers brought out the fact that four of the defendants are members of trade unions; Berger and Engdahl of the Typographical or printers' union; Germer of the coal miners' union, and Kruse of the sheet metal workers' union. Tucker is priest in the Episcopalian church. Mr. Bartholomew said he read the

Chicago Daily News, and declared that the place of a man's birth would not sway him either way in rendering a verdict. He had heard a lecture on Socialism in Downer's Grove, but couldn't remember the name of the lecturer. Although he didn't approve of Socialist theories, he contended he was not hostile to those having that

He had never heard that Socialist papers had been suppressed and knev Socialists objected to this question by the government; the objection was over-ruled by Judge Kenesaw Mounties. He was prejudiced against concientious objectors.

Nixon, the inventor, was born in Cincinnati, O., and had given absolutely no attention to the subject of Socialism. "I live in the 27th ward, I believe, he said, and then without a smile continued, "No, I don't know that John C.

Kennedy is the Socialist alderman rom the 27th ward."

He reads the Daily News and Trib-His only son is his only assist ant in his laboratory.

Mr. Ballow has one son in the navy and one in the army. He confessed he didn't know the difference between Socialism, anarchism and I. W. W.ism. "The Illinois Steel Co. is turning out great war profits, isn't is?" ques-

tioned Attorney Stedman. "Yes, sir," replied Mr. Barlow, the Illinois Steel Co.'s draftsman, not seeming to realize that this had any bearing on the trial.

Mr. Barlow said he had never expressed himself about the Socialists. In addition to Attorney Stedman, He said he had never studied Socialnever discussed Socialism with anyone, the Socialists in Chicago are represented by William A. Cunnea, Henry F. Cochems, Isaac Edward Ferguson and Swan M. Johnson. Clyne, for the government, is being supported by his first assistant, Joseph B. Fleming. prejudiced against the defendants if hey had not subscribed to the various Liberty Loans, saying the defendants

The famous "code," which was to and then his visits to the government your president evaded this very perti- He had not read about the case; knew asked Cunnea, but could get no intel-

none of those on trial, and claimed he ligent answer.

had no prejudice against those on Before going into the real estate He confessed he had always had an impression that there was some connection between Socialism and anarch-

Then much of Strickland's stalling and side-stepping suddenly became inerally may know the situation and N. Monticello Ave., said he was an telligible by his confession that up to last May he had been a member of the American Protective League, havthe correspondence, then we assume He had never read about the case and ing joined it soon after it started its

claimed he didn't know whether those investigated were Socialists or not. He felt that he could be impartial. marking, "I wonder if I will be on the jury that is to try the Socialists." about it some, but this had not preju- two of whom are lieutenants and one else. He then brought forth a ripple of

superior to the constitution.

he said.

elieved in it. sters' strike of 1905, when he had was born in New York state. been prejudiced against the teamsters union, but this did not mean that he was prejudiced against other unions. He said he was a Republican, that he had not joined the Bull Moose seer for 34 years at Wilmington. He cession, but that he believed in some cialism," he said. had talked about the case but it had of the principles of the Progressives. I was too busy to read!" Mr. Sheldon, the real estate man, said his father and mother were Woodstock when Gene Debs was consupport for the Reconstruction Or-American born, that he had one son fined in the jail there for contempt ganization Campaign launched by in the service in San Antonio, Tex. He of court, because of his part in the Local Cuyahoga County, which redeclared he was not much interested great A. R. U. railroad strike. Ken-sulted in a collection of over \$300.00. ing and decorating contractor at Heb- in politics, and that he does not asso- nedyremembered Debs having spent a

assemblage. He said he read the Chi- appointed by State Food Administra-Who does the future belong to? Oh, cago Tribune. He admitted the right tor Wheeler, that he is a Democrat in

# We Want to Talk to You a Minute

AND HERE'S WHAT WE'VE GOT TO SAY. The year 1919 is just around the corner. Suppose we all agree to greet it with a clear conscience. What do you say? Are you with us?

HERE'S THE IDEA. It's a GREAT idea! We think so much of it that we intend acting upon it ourselves. And we feel assured, positively assured, that every readr of the OHIO SOCIALIST will join us. LET'S START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

There's but one way to start the New Year right, and that is by starting some one you know on the road to becoming a Socialist. There is just one best way to do that and that is to put your hand into your pocket, take out a dollar or a half and with it pay for a subscription to the OHIO SOCIALIST for some relative, friend, shopmate or neighbor.

TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY—PLEASE

You know of some one who ought to become a Socialist. Some one to whom you have talked and who has expressed himself favorably upon the subject. Or you know of some one whose opposition to Scialism you have been unable to overcome by argument. In either case, the presentation of an OHIO SOCIALIST subscription will work wonders and will place to your credit the merited praise of having begun the New

DECIDE NOW! And decide favorably. Send in that subscription for your friend or relative TODAY. Make it a HOLIDAY GIFT. Use the blank below and upon receipt of the subscription we will send the person you subscribe for a holiday postal card telling him who presented him with the subscription and that it is presented with the sincere hope that he will also start the New Year right.

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had a right to believe that the war was not justifiable. He had not kept in touch with the labor movement in Berger, because he was born in Aus-England, nor of the differences on the tria, not against Germer, for being main silent," he said.

caught in a corner tried to get out member ever having read a Socialist, over the holidays. cialism were exploded into thin air.

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> I think it ought to be in a way. I diamond merchant, every one of my I don't think the minority ought to have any right during the war time!
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> Mr. Robertson, the painter and decorate, added to the list of Canadians, with parents born in England. He wife is dying of influenza," he shoutadmitted being prejudiced against any ed exultantly, "we had no fuel yester-He was born in Canada, his mother one trying to get the United States day, and she developed a high fever being Canadian and his father Britout of the war. Robertson was there-upon excused for cause, the first to leave the jump her. "In that case," replied the dealer

leave the jury box. Henry M. Arnd, who lives at 3814 Sheffield Ave., was called to take his place. He said his information on place. He said his information on Socialism was very vague. His parents also haled from Great Britain. Mut, as he left the office humming, He would not be against any of the Work and pray, live on hay, you'll get He would not be against any of the defendants for writing articles against

The defense lawyers used their first peremptory challenge on Mr. Frankin, whose place in the jury box was a lively interest, by reason of his brilliant and earnest qualities as an orator and his world-wide reputation.

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He declared that, the United States

in Nokomis, Ill., of American parents, had a right to enter the war, and no that he has three boys in the service, one had a right to think anything This immediately resulted in a sergeant. He had no prejudice his being excused for cause, and his against Socialists for Socialism. who lives at 4217 North Kildare Ave.. aughter when he said that he didn't Chicago, who is not very much in symknow that congress could pass a law pathy with Socialists. Judge Landis joined in the effort to find out where "I didn't know it until I came here," he stood, in order to keep him on the said. "It appears that congress jury, but his prejudice against Socialing in farm lands. He has one son, did pass a law over-ruling the consti
22 years old, is not much interested in tution."

Leading that tongress dark tongress and the also was dismissed for cause, and his place dismissed for cause, and his place taken by A. D. Kennedy, 67 years old, to agitate for peace if they sincerely of Woodstock, Ill., who had retired from business for two years. Previ-When questioned regarding his ously he had run a general store for stand toward organized labor he said 20 years, and before that he had been he had been a superintendent for M. a saloonkeeper, for 12 or 13 years, D. Wells & Co. during the great teamand before that a farmer. His father

He said he was a Republican, that anything about Socialism, e had not joined the Bull Moose se-

He said he was a bartender in workers," closing with an appeal for n, Ill., where he has had his own clate socialism with anticons. In the projudiced not remember ever having discussed supper being served by the women against the defendants if it were the projudiced not remember ever having discussed supper being served by the women members of the party. The evening the projudiced not remember ever having discussed supper being served by the women members of the party. The evening the projudiced not be projudiced not remember with anyone. He declared members of the party. The evening program consisted of songs by the

Stedman started the questioning.

Without a blush, Mr. Hendee, aged 70 years, confessed he did not know that the federal control is 1832. He has one son with idence is at 2862 Broadway. He runs "Organized labor is all right when it is run right," was his philosophical

way of putting it. exercised lawfully. He had some feel-

England, nor of the differences of the tria, not against Germer, for fring war in that country.

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Mr. Strickland started out by declaring he didn't know whether or not he had a prejudice against Socialism. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred intervely junea as mere that the trial will last act, and the statement, and when country the statement, and when a court of the defense used its third peremptory challenge in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in the last statement in England. He believed in clience of the day before anyone clience in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in the last statement in England. He believed in clience in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adfarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adjarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish. He had been a out of the jury box and court adjarred in getting Strickland his mother Danish He had been a out of the jury box and court adjarred in gettin

less you have sickness in your fam-"Alas," replied the poor mut, as he gloomily left the office of the black "I think it ought to be in a way. diamond merchant, "every one of my

gravely, "we will send you some coal at once." "How happy I am to live in a civipie in the sky when you die .- Reading Labor Advocate.

The Siberian Bolsheviki are trying cut their oratorical arthery on the American expeditionary force. On two occasions recently English-speaking Bolshevists appeared in No Man's Land and made speeches urging the Americans not to fight. banners, inscribed in English are also strung along the Bolshevik bank of the river.

William Blackstone-The liberty of the press is essential to a free gov-

Turgot-There is no injury which men will resent so deeply as that of being threatened into silence.

CLEVELAND SOCIALISTS PACK HALL TO WELCOME RETURN-ED PRISONERS

Continued From Page One.

The speaker then reviewed the deyelopments in industry during the war and the reconstruction plans of was born in New York state. the capitalists of the country, urg-"I might have read something about" ing the necessity of a strong, workn, education and recreation and the "I worked too hard. opportunity to earn these under conditions that would bring joy to the ganization Campaign launched by Following the speeches the meeting was adjourned until 7 o'clock, Liedertafel, violen selection by Comrade Hollas, songs by Miss Marie Rohde and speeches on "A Day in Jail," by C. E. Ruthenberg and "Prison Experiences," by Alfred Wagenknecht. Dancing followed till midnight.

The celebration will be long remembered in Cleveland as one of the finest affairs held under the auspices of the Local Socialist Party. Many comrades from other cities He believed in free speech, if it was were present, to extend the best wishes of their locals.

Finally Schiller's story was put many fictions.

down in typewriting, and he signed it so he would not forget it. "Do you know Thomas Levish?" asked Cunnea, breaking in on the wit-

ness at one point. "Not very well," replied Schiller, taken by surprise, and then Cunnea went on to show that Schiller and Levish belonged to the same Yipsel Circle, the Maplewood League, in Chicago, and that Levish was the one who had provided the "Don't Register" stickers, that Schiller admitted having stuck up around Chicago on the night

before Registration Day, June 5, 1917. The defense brought out that Schillcago and overstayed his leave, that he had come to the offices of the So-Under a carefully and withering cross fire of Attorney Cunnea's questions, the Whinsidal dreams that the government prosecutors have weven into a conspiracy case to discredit Socialist Party in Chicago and that he had been urged to return by Germer, Kiuse and others "and get straightinto a conspiracy case to discredit Socialism were exploded into thin air.

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uncle had six months' provisions. The jury seemed to be much imhaving had an argument with his father, a Socialist, about the draft, responsibility for them, and refused his father insisting that he should register, and young Schiller claiming he wouldn't. As a result of their disand went to live with Herman Bosler the 22-year-old waiter, whom Schiller

pictures as the German agent in his delightfully interesting tale. Then Attorney Cunnea made the witness admit that one Wednesday tried in this country have all had their night, two days previously, after "Harry Orchards" and their "Ortic again going over his story with the

"Where does Hattie Gussie live?" asked Attorney Cunnea, but the witcharacter.
Schiller is 24 years old. In ques- ness with the brilliant memory could

"Didn't you tell Hattie Gussie that were dead rather than alive. Schiller also changed his testimony

He suddenly remembered that Dun-

Schiller also admitted that he had government claims that Irwin St. John men on trial, his claim that Bosler Tucker, one of the defendants, wrote was a German agent, and that this his answer to the flag day address, alleged fact didn't make any differ-

just the same.

Tucker wrote his reply, and that he heard it discussed. This is the kind of testimony the government is using the government of the government is using the government is used to be government in the government of the government is used to be government in the government of the government is used to be government in the government of the government is used to be government in the government of the government is used to be government in the gov The defense brought out that there been impossible for them, as Schiller declared, to furnish "shelter" for the and that an organization will be start-Witness Coached by Prosecution.

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Schiller denied, however, that "Cap- boy, do you have to guess? Some tain Kidd" had inspired him in his doings and all coming our way. Get ties; the right of people to repeal diced against organized labor.

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### WITH OUR EDITORS

"Repression is invariably the first ingredient in the recipe for revolu

And now we are told that lack of union among the anti-Bolshevik elements in Russia has developed to a very dangerous degree! All of which proves of course that the Bolsheviks won't last much longer!

An advertisement in a window on Third Ave., Seattle, Washington, reads: "Vaults that are fire, burglar and mob-proof." Vaults that are mob-proof! Now what can they mean by that?

"after the Civil War the United States threw away its opportunity to become ing of the sun to take up his journey. a real world power. After the Great War-what? Are we going to drop And so it has been with the comrades back to the position of a second-rate power or are we willing to learn?" of West Virginia, being small in num-If anyone should ask us we'd say we have learned. We have learned from ber and surrounded with ignorance as the very pages of these misinformers that Germany started the war because national Socialism to avoid distrucit hankered to graduate from class two to class one as a world power. The tion and annihilation as a fighting cost of the lesson has been mighty dear? Shall we have to learn the lesson force the organized movement took up over again? Does this sanguinary daily intimate that the United States camp at the outbreak of the war and ought follow in the footsteps of imperialistic and autocratic Germany of yesterday?

### "THE RED FLAG ROAD"

We stole the caption because it sounded good. And now listen to

You've heard of the Red Flag. You may never have seen one but we are sure you have heard about it. A Red Flag is a piece of cotton, wool or silk that's been dyed red and in appropriate size is then hoisted to enjoy the

There is a certain class of people in this land that go mad at sight of the Red Flag just as a bull does at sight of a red rag, and they chase it around with mouthings and ordinances.

The sport began in New York some weeks ago and seems to be traveling westward. The city fathers of Youngstown, Cleveland, Detroit and other cities have seen red and with heroic mien are chasing the Red Flag around

We feel sorry for the Red Flag, folks. Poor, inanimate thing! Can neither talk back nor defend itself while it's being banished and disgustingly discussed by those whom people have deemed wise enough to run cities.

Passing ordinances that the Red Flag shall fly no more is acting much like the fellow who cut off his little finger to make his hand quit stealing. The Red Flag is only an appendage. The real stuff is a matter of brains. And when brains accept the Red Flag as the insignia for Industrial Democracy then, whether the Red Flag flies or not, the trick is

A German Citizen-Yes, he was anti-German, anti-kaiser, anti-autocratic, anti-imperialistic, anti-capitalistic-told us some years ago that in the country he gave up in order to enjoy the unlimited democracy of these United States, the government put the ban on red as part of the color scheme in the attire of all workingmen. Red neckties, red handkerchiefs, and, we believe, red hair also, were taboo and every workingman caught with anything red upon his person was forthwith failed. One of the results of the baning of red in Germany was an increase in the Socialist vote from about 400,000 to about nine times that.

Today Germany flies the Red Flag as THE flag.

Flag in the year 1918.

We know what is meant by this passing of ordinances making it an on our comrade, Gene Debs, for the we know what is meant by this passing of ordinances making it an on our comrade, Gene Debs, for the gone to sleep. Why, if you'd go to offense to fly the Red Flag. The city fathers see beyond the Red Flag and crime of standing true to the cause of the rallies and listen to the pay-triots fear the day of Industrial Democracy. Hauling down the Red Flag will not labor will be sustained by the Supreme or go to a revival and listen to the delay its advent. Attacking the Red Flag will not defeat it. Only one thing will defeat Socialism and that is to prove to the majority of workers that its principles are wrong. This our heroic councilmen are too cowardly to do and so they satisfy themselves by chasing the Red Flag around the of state government at the next elec-

Keep it up boys! If we had the price we'd pay you for it! In the meantime the march down the Red Flag Road will continue, Red Flags or no Red Flags. And when we arrive at the destination, it's dollars to doughnuts that we won't find a soul that favored banishing the Red

There follows an editorial which appeared in the Youngstown "Vindicator." This editorial is really too fair so fair that it almost robs the Socialist of his sting.

### THE RED FLAG

Did not council act hastily and without due consideration, in passing under suspension of the rules, Monday night, an ordinance forbidding the use of the Red Flag in Youngstown? The Red Flag has for years been the distinctive emblem of Socialists the world over. It is the emblem of the Socialists in France and England, without whose support the war could not have been won and who are now among the most ardent backers of President Wilson. Against the selfish forces of reaction which are now scheming to rob us of the fruits of victory the Socialists in Europe are setting themselves like a powerful bulwark. Let us take care lest we offend these men. Among them are some of the most thoughtful and farsighted statesmen of our A Wordfrom Ex-State time, and we want their help in securing the new and better world order which we in America, especially, have been encouraged to expect from the

Council evidently passed the ordinance under a misunderstanding. It shares the common belief that the Red Flag stands for riot and anarchy and the overthrow of organized government. As used by the established Socialist parties in Europe it stands for no such thing; they are as respectable and order-loving as Republicans and Democrats and no one in Europe would dream of suppressing them. Of course, the revolutions in Germany and Russia have brought excesses which no one condones, but these same revolutions have contributed more than battles to the central powers' defeat and have saved millions of American lives. The riots in New York and other states, caused by the carrying of the Red Flag, have generally been started not by those who carried it but by onlookers whose misconception of liberty and patriotism led them astray. In matters like this, repression never has accomplished its purpose and never will; men's convictions grow and draw strength from opposition and attempts to suppress them can only do harm. Council's action is part of the campaign which is just beginning in this country, to curtail men's rights, and is only another proof of the saying common in Europe, that Americans enjoy less freedom than British and Continentals.

There is one thing that council cannot do. The red necktie has, like the Red Flag, been an accepted sign of Socialism, and the Socialists of Youngstown at their meetings and when they appear before council are justified in wearing it as a sign of protest.

If your little Red Dues Card looks sick, you're lingering on the Red Flag Road.

Also, there are no loafing corners on the Red Flag Road.

You either march along abreast the rest or you drop out and are left

Smile and pay up. The best is yet to come!

# OUR PARTY PAGE

Live News of Interest to all Party Members

GET NEXT TO A DUES STAMP—PAY UP

# WEST VIRGINIA

Official Organization News

H. L. Franklin, Acting State Secretary, 1353 Adams Ave., Huntington, West Virginia.

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een months we have been as a man traveling in the wilderness inhabited with wild and vicious animals when As proof that it was a war for democracy we read in a daily that

With which and victous animals when overtaken by darkness would build a fire and make up camp for the night, while retaining in his memory his course set be would be a fire and make up camp for the night, while retaining in his memory his course set be would be a fire and war for democracy we read in a daily that have only kept the fires of the organization burning, awaiting the return of favorable conditions to re-enter the field of education and I hope with this issue of the Ohio Socialist the entire organized movement will catch the spirit—world revolution in governments and take their place in the great procession that is marching on o victory, for Industrial Democracy. Socialists have nothing to be dis-

couraged about, not even the vote cast for our cause on Nov. 5th, for if you will take into consideration the fact that only 62 per cent. of the state's vote was cast, and that the per cent. not voting was our greatest strength together with the prejudice engendered by the slanderous lies of the capitalist pay-triotic papers and politicians against our cause, which we ad no way of combating, you will readily see that we have in West Virginia a sufficient number of true blue Socialists if organized in local groups working collectively and co-operative-ly for the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth the brotherhood of man, to shake the rotten capitalist blook-sucking parisites of this state off the back of the oppressed and down trodden working class and forever keep them put. And to that end our slogan must be ORGANIZATION. Intelligent, educated organization. If you are a Socialist your place is in the organization, then after you are a member be big enough to bear your part of the burden, and to bear your part of the burden, and up the wo'; where left off (if we broad enough to discuss any phrase of the movement and be governed by the rule of the majority. All that should concern us as Socialists is that a comrade is working for the emancipation of mankind and that he is true to his class. There is not much doubt among Court of capitalism, and as he is desprison of West Virginia, let's organ-

prison bars from state to state. In closing I will say that I believe in a short time we will have our beloved comrade, Firth, back at the helm as State Secretary, I have that hope and partial promise from him, otherwise I shall have to resign as acting secretary at an early date. I have done my best while holding it but the iob as it should be done in the future is too big for me as I see it. There work to do and the movement must rally to the task. You have always done your part and you must not fail at this time, and you will not. ON-WARD WITH THE PROCESSION TO VICTORY.

pleasant as possible, and if his sen-

tence would make that possible I feel

that he would be willing to spend the

remainder of his noble life behind

Fraternally yours,
H. L. FRANKLIN, Acting State Secretary.

# Sec'y Firth

Comrades of West Virginia: It was with a great deal of regret that I placed my resignation before the Socialist membership of West Virginia. Feeling that my efforts were feeble and less efficient than the secretaryship of others might have been, still I looked forward to a renewal of the comradeship I formerly with the loyal Socialists of West Virginia. But the loss of my position in Huntington, when I went to jail, and the consequent hunt for a job when I got out, took me to Nitro, W. Va., a government reservation. The temporary outlook for work here and the nature of the general life in such a place made my continuation as State Secretary impracticable and impos-

To the Socialists of West Virginia I feel an undying gratitude. In my hour of need you helped me in a hundred ways, when almost every mail brought an appeal for aid from other sections of the country.

We have passed through the fire and, in the main, stood the test, and my greeting to my fellow workers

Canton, Auditorium Dec. 22 at 2:30 P. M..

Greetings from W.Va.

In extending greetings from the comrades of West Virginia to those of Object and West Virginia to those comrades of West Virginia to those of Ohio, and Kentucky, we greet you with the true spirit of International cate permanently at Wheeling, W. Va. While for the past eight- and, if called in the future, will serve

you in any capacity you may name. Fraternally, EPVIN FIRTH.

### A Slogan for the Mountaineer Socialists

Along with many other comrades, I ust lately received from Oliver C. Wilson, Financial Director, a certificate of unique emblematic design, signifying that during the world crisis of 1918, I had kept faith with International Socialism and the cause of the workers, the authority for issuing a certificate to me and the evidence of keeping such faith being money con-tributed to the National Fund of the Socialist Party.

I was very much pleased to receive this certificate, and said to myself, "I shall keep this as a memento some day it will be a great satisfaction to me to be the possessor of such a certificate," but, as I thought more about it, I began to wonder whether I was worthy and asked myself how well I had "kept the faith." In this frame of mind, I am taking stock of my courage and my devotion to the cause of Socialism, and the lines of the old hymn come to me as a fitting

orayer,
"O, for a faith that will not shrink, Though pressed by every foe."
Well, I can truthfully say that I did
not exactly take to the woods, but since Comrades, Firth, Howes, Greene and Bias were indicted and sent to prison I must confess that I have been camping on the edge of the timber that I might dart under cover at the

first sign of danger. \_\_\_\_ But now, comrades, though some of us may not be satisfied that the world is yet hardly safe for democracy, especially our brand (Social Democracy) let us "come out of 'ie woods," go back to our old habitons and take up the woo': where left off (if we can) or spreading gospel of Su-

class. There is not much doubt among Socialists that the sentence imposed have taken to the woods than have Court of capitalism, and as he is des-tined to do time for that crime in a to bed in the dark and visualize yourprison of West Virginia, let's organ-ize our forces to capture the powers of state government at the next elec-tion and make him to the powers of the powe tion and make his stay among us as hailed to the United States Marshal's office to answer to a charge of being pro-German; and, if it had not been for a business friend (who belonged to the Chamber of Commerce crowd) vouching for my past record as a citi-

zen, I might have got a berth along o' Debs. at Moundsville. They sure threw a scare into the Socialists, which was the purpose of the "Big Noise;" and, it was not all scare, as four of our Huntington comrades can testify. So let not our strong, bold spirits who, unafraid, stayed on the job, point the finger of scorn at those who were not so steady on their pins and couldn't stand the gaff.

I am not going to call any comrade a coward or reproach him because he refrained from speaking out boldly his honest convictions at all times and places; but now that the war is over, "come out of the woods," or we'll think, if we don't say so, that you are a mighty poor Socialist.

What about your local, is it going good and strong, or has it missed having a legal meeting because it lacked one of having a quorum? O, my comrades, if you are true-red from your If your local has kept up its meetings and your nose is not needed in the counting for a quorum, it ought, to be there, nevertheless, where it will scent the battle, till every man in your town is captured for Social-You and I need the local and our local needs us. H. F. OBERHOLTZER,

Member S. E. C., 5th Dist., W. Va.

Hungarian Comrades Organize. Our Hungarian comrades seem to have caught the spirit of the comrades of their native country. Three local branches were chartered in November. Wheeling, Bloomfield and Farmington Mine No. 9. Wake up you native comrades and catch the spirit

#### A HINT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT

Remember—A good way toward building up your local and putting pep in the movement is to get every member and prospective member to subscribe for the Ohio Socialist. Try Get busy with that sub list. The world is moving fast, and if you will A. L. Bauer, \$5.80; Elizabeth, Huntget readers for the Ohio Socialist we ington, \$10; Weston, \$6; J. W. Lyons.

will all go along together, don't let the organized movement run off and leave your local. Keep up to date by reading and getting others to read the paper that puts pep in the move-ment. It's the Ohio Socialist.

CONSTITUTION Comrades, wouldn't it be a good idea to give to each prospective member a state constitution and platform before you get his application? You know they pledge themselves to be governed by both while a member of the party. Take this up at your next local meeting and have your secretary order a bundle, the State Office has a supply for the benefit of the members, 20 for \$1.00. Platforms will be sent free while the supply lasts. Which local will be the first to start right for intelligent membership?

WEST VIRGINIA STATE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Executive Committeen Marked Ex. State Committeeman-at-Large, C. W. Kirkendall, Sistersville.

First District.
(Ex) Howard Boston, 1114 10th St. J. M. Snyder, 1405 8th St., Fair-

J. B. West, Mannington. Second District. R. S. Dayton, Belington. (Ex) E. L. Smith, Martinsburg. Third District. P. R. Garrett, Harrisville.
(Ex) J. W. Wright, Weston, (chair

man). J. W. Flint, Weston. Fourth District. (Ex) H. F. Oberholtzer, Huntington. H. L. Franklin, Huntington. Sixth District.

George E. Glass, Heizer. G. W. Harper, Charleston. (Ex) M. F. Link, Roncevert. October Financial Statement. RECEIPTS. Elizabeth (Huntington) .....\$ 3.00

uckhannon ..... Sistersville ..... Eccles
Martinsburg
A. L. Bauer, Two Books..... Dr. M. S. Holt, Literature..... South Slavic Federation..... EXPENDITURES. 

Total \$59.31

GENERAL TREASURY
Balance Oct. 1 \$8.55
October receipts \_\_\_\_\_\_ 24.70 Acting State Secretary. Financial Statement, November, 1918.

RECEIPTS. Elkins .....\$ 6,00 

 Belington
 3.00

 O. A. Davis, M. A. L
 1.00

 Sistersville ...\_ H. F. Link, M. A. L.... A. Pope, M. A. L. C. C. Courtney, M. A. L\_\_\_\_\_ N. T. Ballard, M. A. L.
Luther McIntyre, M. A. L.
Wender, So. Slavic No. 207... Charleston3.00HungarianFederation2.00 Lithuanian Federation ......

Fairmont, 300 State Bulletins.. 10.00EXPENDITURES. Postage ..... 2.43 Secretary's Com. ..... 18.52 GENERAL TREASURY

Receipts over expenses, Nov... \$23.85 Cash Bal. in Treasury, Dec. 1..\$12.60 Stamps on hand....\$23.90 1,000 State Constitutions...48.25

50 "Think or Surrender," by
Kirkpatrick ,000 application for membership 2.00 500 "How to Organize a Local" 50 "How to Conduct a Local"... Miscellaneous books and leaflets 5.00

Cash and resources, total...\$6 H. L. FRANKLIN, Acting State Secretary.

1.00

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO EX-OTHERS Contributions to Expense of Trial of

State Secretary Edwin Fifth.
Complete list of contributions to
the trial cost of Comrades Firth, Howes, Greene and Bias, to date: Moundsville, \$2; Charleston, \$4.50; Belington, \$5; Moundsville, \$5; National Office, \$150; Buckhannon, \$5; Sistersville, \$5; M. F. Link, \$15; Eccles, \$5; Wellford, \$5; C. M. Buthie, et al., \$5.50; Dr. E. L. Smith, \$7.30; Morgantown, \$10;; D. B. Harper, \$5;

## **Xmas and Our Political Prisoners**

the paper that puts pep in the movement. It's the Ohio Socialist.

Don't let us forget our political prisoners this Christmas, comrades. To be in fail at any time is unpleasant. To be in prison at Christmas time of all the year is much worse. We can make Christmas more pleasant. We can make Christmas more pleasant. We can make Christmas more pleasant. With ant for them by sending them some little thing which will convey to them our comradeship and esteem and will prove a bright ray that will lighten up the gray walls which confine their bodies but not their spirits.

Special rules apply to the receiving by prisoners of Christmas packages. should take advantage of these rules and send our comrades some-

of Columbus and A. L. Hitchcock of Cleveland, former member of the school board. Remember them these holidays and write to them and if possible send them a package of something good to eat. They can only one letter a week so don't expect them to answer your letters right away. However, it is not you who need to hear from them, it is they who very much desire to hear from you. Here are the rules governing the sending of Christmas packages to prisoners at Atlanta. Read them carefully and send your comrades a package of Christmas cheer. Address Box 1733, Atlanta, Ga.: Rules.

The rules governing the receiving of articles by inmates of this institution will be modified from December 20. 1918, to December 31, 1918, both days

inclusive, as follows:
That during the period above stated Christmas packages of candies, fruits, did not feel quite sane all week bechewing gum, cigars, tobacco in reasonable quantities, received for inmates from relatives and friends, will be delivered in addition to those articles regularly allowed. Cigars and tobacco must, however, come with revenue stamps unbroken, otherwise they will not be delivered.

Those who do not expect packages from home or friends may order them through the usual channels here packages of fruits, nuts and candies for delivery during this time.

Paper shell pecans may be ordered at a special price of 40 cents per

pound for medium and 60 cents per pound for large ones.
Packages intended for Christmas delivery should be sent early, as the mails during that period are more or less congested and deliveries cor-

or less congescorrespondingly slow.
FRED G. ZERBST,
Warder Nov. 20, 1918. Warden. At the Warrensville Work House we have three comrades, Willard Ben-At the Warrensville Work House we have three comrades, Willard Bennett, Comrade Lesco and Harry Wag-hall for a year so that we can have enknecht. For these comrades we request that any packages sent them be mailed to the State Office. We will day, Dec. 22." So writes Aldo Ford.

have some comrades. They are: Comrades E. Curtis Illkenhans and Walter Pierce. We will also deliver packages to them which are sent us at the State Office.

Remember over relitical prigoners. Remember our political prisoners

this Christmas! THANK YOU—BELMONT Frank Stidd, for Belmont County local, returns \$37.44 to the State Of-

fice—that county's share of campaign fund collections. Generous surely. The state office will make good use of this refund. Comrade Stidd also writes that they are ready for a Baker date as soon as our state organizer we are praying that every week from is routed.

Start 1919 with 1919 paid are following our suggestion of paying dues ahead for the year 1919 and THAT TEN AT A

TIME EPIDEMIC It's Albert C. Holloway this time. The letter is short but effective. "Here's \$10-send sub cards" is all he says. We must admit that our Socialist lawyers in this state are not above lending Jimmy Higgins a hand. Edwin Blank, Allen Cook and Albert C. Holloway, of Lima, Canton and Akron respectively know that subs make Socialism grow.

for 1918.

Dover heard from! H. L. Ricker writes: "You know, when a fellow reads the capitalist press for a week and then gets the Ohio Socialist, it is like going a week without eating and then sitting down to a table containing an abundance of the food you like. You'll get more subs from me. Shall revive the local, too."

#### Start 1919 with 1919 paid

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EX-PENSE OF TRIAL OF STATE SEC'Y. FIRTH & McIntyre, \$1; H. F. Oberhalder, \$5; J. R. and J. W. Foley, \$2; M. F. Link, \$13; Sisterville, \$2; Fairmont, \$4; Luther McIntyre, \$1; H. F. Oberhalder, \$5; M. F. Link, \$13; M. C. McIntyre, \$1; H. F. Oberhalder, \$5; M. F. Link, \$13; M. C. McIntyre, \$1; H. F. Oberhalder, \$5; M. F. Link, \$13; M. C. McIntyre, \$1; H. F. Oberhalder, \$5; M. F. Link, \$13; M. C. McIntyre, \$1; H. F. Oberhalder, \$1; H. F. Oberha G. W. Gillespie, \$3. Total, \$292.10. Total Paid Out of Firth, et al. Trial Cost Fund.
To the U. S. Court Clerk.....\$239.50

To Comrade Firth for personal note for trial cost...... 22.00 city convention now.

Total paid out\_\_\_\_\_\$286.50 on. 

H. L. FRANKLIN.

# HEAR EUGENE V. DEBS

Massillon, evening Dec. 23

#### HERE'S AN IDEA

Local Ashtabula raised the monthly dues to 30c and gives 5c from each month's dues to the financial secretary as collection fee. By doing this they hope the financial secretary will in-

Comrade Van Schoyck as financial sec-retary, after the "bads" and Comrade Eubanks after "nuts," Columbus is

#### FOUR TEN SPOTS

Our eyes opened wide when we picked a money order for \$40 out of an envelope that hailed from the thing for the holidays.
At the Atlanta (Ga.) Federal prison we have three Ohio comrades. Comrades C. A. Townsley, A. A. Hennacy rades C. A. Townsley, A. A. Hennacy constituted an investment in Ohio Soconstituted an investment in Ohio Socialist sub cards. Ten dollars of it came out of the local treasury and

#### STEUBENVILLE TO SPRUCE UP

E. P. McDevitt, the secretary, writes the State Office that Local Steubenville is about to brush the dust from its good intentions and en-

Let us tell you how we can prove that the Ohio Socialist stands ace high. We prove it by the kicks we receive when an issue misses a sub-scriber. The kicks we have received within the last week would have knocked us dead were it not for the fact that that kind of a kick is a boost. One subscriber writes that he cause his last paper failed to reach

M. A. Toohey. Application cards, 200. What's up? Watch Toledo's initiation stamp sales and you'll find

Barsky put Conneaut in the front rank this week by a \$5.50 dues stamp

Subscription Getter's College, John Rehm, principal. If we could that's what we'd do. And John Rehm could teach thousands how to get subs for Socialist papers. The Springfield list is one of our largest, Rehm lives in

#### NILES ON THE SOCIALIST MAP

mailed to the State Candon personally deliver them.

At the Cuyahoga county jail we also Niles has been on the Socialist map for many months, and well he knows the county is one of the busiest, best

Edw. Dulli of Hamilton forwards \$20.35 for the Debs' Defense Fund, and writes that he "hopes the comrades in the state are prepared to go further if need be to defend our fellow comrade."

#### DUES STAMP SALES INCREASING

We report for the week only and sales. Many of our members-at-large we have also had letters from several local members stating that they have paid a year's dues in advance. But it is not only advance dues that

we are concerned about. Something very akin to nausea overtakes us when we think of the hundreds of members in our locals who are in arrears with their dues. Our heart sinks and our temper rises and who knows bad words upon this subject—unless well, you know your duty.

"Enclosed find another blow at cap-Don't start 1919 owing italism," writes C. E. Landon of Piqua. He fired six subs.

> A total receipt of \$205.60 and an expense of about \$75. That's the way Local Niles does business. It was a Debs' meeting, "The best meeting of its kind ever held in Niles," says Edw. Peterson.

> A newsy letter from Herbert Knecht of Cambridge assures us that Guern-sey County will be among the most active as soon as the epidemic abates. Referring to gags in general, Comrade Knecht writes: "There is one feature that some gents fail to recognize and that is that the heart of a revolutionary Socialist never beats a retreat."

#### CINCINNATI \$36.60

Most of it for dues stamps, too. Local Cincinnati held its city convention on Dec. 1. Watch next issue for an account of it. That's taking time by the forelock, isn't it? To hold a though. Municipal elections coming on. And while Cincinnati has al-5.50 ready acted, it's at least high time for other locals to think about it.

Glad to again hear from our com-rade, Burl S. Brown. He has just returned to Upper Sandusky from Camp Sherman. He promises the Ohio Socialist some special articles which are now in the course of preparation. Comrade Brown was, before being drafted, principle of schools at

Don't start 1919 owing

for 1918.

# "Free Them"

### Sunday January 5th- The Day

Sunday, January 5th, is the day upon which every Socialist Party local should hold a meeting in protest against the continued incarceration of political prisoners. The war is over. Peace treaties will soon be signed. It becomes our solemn duty to raise our voices in behalf of those who, while this country was at war, advocated opinions contrary to the opinions of those in

Amnesty for political prisoners is in common usage in European countries, even in those which were most autocratic before they walked down the Red Flag Road. It is high time that these United States differentiated between prisoners who commit a felony and those who, as Anatole France says, "Honor their country by suffering prison, exile and outrage."

The National Office of the Socialist Party has issued a call to all organizations to arrange public mass meetings upon this day. This is the day before the Debs' case comes before the Supreme Court for hearing, and it may not be far from the day when Debs joins the hundreds of his comrades who still occupy prison cells.

We demand amnesty for all political prisoners. Not the Socialists alone. We speak for the anarchists, the Industrial Workers of the World, the Mennonites, the Russellites, the conscientious objectors or any other pacifist group nonites, the Russellites, the conscientious objectors or any other pacifist group in weight, and now that he has his that has suffered prosecution. Only then will we be free to speak when every-violin will be able to enjoy life still one is free to speak. Only then will we have free speech.

Begin preparations at once. Let there arise from every corner of the nation the unified demand—FREE THEM!

# L E T T E R S

From the Land of Devil-May-Care

"Kale."

Written for the Ohio Socialist by W. E. Reynolds.

Awgwan Province, Devil-May-Care-Land, Dec. 15, 1918. Editor Ohio Socialist.

Awgwans. I spent part of last week we never had any eggs to eat except visiting at an agrarian peasant's once, and then they were from the

One of the Gogs remarked to me that "Hogs were great plaster lifters."

I knew hogs rooted up pasture lands but didn't know they rooted up plaster The Awgwan Gog then informed me that he meant that hogs were good

I wouldn't trade a hog for a morgage, I'd eat the hog, wouldn't you, Mr. Editor? But these Devil-May-Mr. Editor? But these Devil-May-Care folks are such phunny phools! daily the pork we had to eat was what they called the awful parts like liver and kidneys. The Awgwans hardly said she had learned to use foolsland. They raise the beef, but do not eat it. They milk cows and send the cream as a peace offering to the Magogs and only use the skim milk. At the market places they buy a kind of butter substitute called marginoleo. This is a white siebly leal.

ginoleo. This is a white sickly looking substance that looks like an over ripe bar of Ivory Soap just getting over the inflewendways. The Magogs will not allow the factories to color they sold all the honey and used an the stuff because then the market imitation sweet made out of gluecose. tender might trade a bar to a Magog by mistake for butter.

The Magogs have to have the butter and the folks who raise the but-ter-cream get the oleo as they affecter-cream get the oleo as they affectionately call it. These Gogs are so were left. Most of these were made used to being fooled that they like to into cider, but the cider went to the fool themselves.

When the Scissorines (this is the name of all the lady Gogs—while the men Gogs are known as Scissor Bills in Awgwan). Well as I was telling you, when the Scissorines go to the market place to trade their metal tokens for oleo the gate keeper of the market place, who looks after the small change gives them a little pellet of yellow color. This the scissorines mix with their olee and make it look just like the butter the Magogs use. It looks like butter but it tastes like

axlegrease that had been boiled in spoiled buttermilk and slippery elm bark. All the Gogs, which, as I told you before, were the lower class peo-ple of Devil-May-Care-Land, like olee or at least they pretend to like it and if any Gog should try to tell the people that the people who raise the cows which give the milk, which raises the cream out of which butter is made, should eat the butter, he is set upon by the people as an agitator and an undesirable citizen and branded as a seditionist and labeled disloyal.

All the Awgwans and all the Allfools pride themselves on their loy-alty but they do not tell you WHAT they are loyal to, but as each one tries to get as many pieces of rattle-money as he can and as each piece is stamped "In THIS God we trust," one can easily see that their loyalty is to

Don't start 1919 owing

Follow suit again. Walter Dearolf

secures a new member-at-large for us.

There are Socialists everywhere you

turn. All you need is application cards

F. W. Goll has been re-elected sec-

retary for Local Lorain. We wonder if the Lorain comrades really appre-

ciate the services of this tireless work-

ough and painstaking in his duties.

and enough lung power to show them

the need of organization.

for 1918.

At the place where I was staying Dear Sir: Things are whoopin here the people kept some fowls a great Warwhoop Valley among the deal like the great American hen, but ome. market place and markeld "Snow-The family was a typical family of stored from Fasts." I asked the scis-Gogs who had nothing but ambition hogs and hope. It was slaughter week and many fine fat porkers were ripe specimens of foulfruit from Fast's storehouse, and she said, "O, I ambit a speciment of the said of the said, "O, I ambit a speciment of the said of the said, "O, I ambit a speciment of the said of the The fine fat hogs were split in we couldn't afford to eat fresh eggs. halves and taken to the market place and there exchanged for tokens of for three-quarters of a buck a dozen and there exchanged for tokens of rattlemonies. These Gogs seemed especially anxious to trade these tokens for a receipt of some kind. I think they called it delinquintax receipts. It seemed a strange proceeding to me as I expected to see the Awgwan family have a fine dinner of roast pork, after having gone to all the trouble of raising the pork, but they seemed to prefer the pieces of paper instead of the dinner.

One of the Gogs remarked to me for three-quarters of a buck a dozen and I can get these snowstored eggs for a half buck." I said, "Oh, yes, I see," only the Magogs are allowed to eat fresh eggs." But she assured me that I was wrong. "Why," said she, "anybody is ALLOWED to eat fresh eggs in Devil-May-Care-Land, only we cannot AFFORD it." Then I asked her what was the difference between "allowed" and "afford" as in either case the Gogs had the allowance and the Magogs had the "afford" and the "allowed" and "afford" as in either case the Gogs had the allowance and the Magogs had the "afford" and the fresh eggs.

The scissorine then started to scold her man, telling him that if he was they could have fresh eggs, too. She said she had bought a package of some kind of a substitute for a substi and it said right on the box that one small package the size of one egg was equal to three dozen eggs, but she

and kidneys. The Awgwans hardly ever kill a beef but prefer to raise them and send them to the big killing houses in the far off cities of All-foolsland. They raise the beef, but do yound of corn last a week by having the beef but do it fluffy flaked and dried she had

eggs! Then Scissor Bill said, "Yes you do ma, you make Johnny cake." I noticed several bees in the yard and asked them if they had honey to eat. There was an orchard on the place

but they sold all the good apples to be shipped to the city for the High-Mucky-Magogs to eat while they ate market place and not into vinegar. The vinegar they used was labled, "Made from Acetic Acid."

All Devil-May-Care-Land is a land imitation, substitute and near

foods. Their flour is adulterated. Their vinegar is imitation. Their sweets are imitation.

Their butter is imitation. Their lard is imitation. Their spices are adulterated. Their coffee is cereal and chickory. Their jellies are glucose. Their clothing is imitation,

The Gogs imitate the Magogs. The Magogs have wool, the Gogs Shoddy cloth is common. The Magogs wear jewelry made of

gold and precious stones.

made of brass and bright colored glass. The homes of the Magogs are of brick and stone. The homes of the hands and say, "I'm with you, count Gogs are shacks of tar paper and me." We are always glad to see them. flimsy wood. Even the leather is im-

The Gogs wear imitation jewelry

itation, being made of paper. Imitation breeds imitation. These people have an imitation country and

lead imitation lives. But their misery

Hoping you are the same, I am, ICHABID JONES.

You can crow just as soon as you Follow suit, please. For instance, there's J. S. Case, member-at-large, He sends \$5 to square up dues and press stamps. He starts 1919 with 1919 paid. are so well known as a Socialist that strangers come to your home to subscribe for our state paper. Charles Litz of Sandusky sets the example.

"I notice your paper embraces the states of Ohio and Kentucky. Why not take in the two Virginias? They are on the direct route to Washington, J. A. Rule, Clifton Forge, Va. To which we answer that we are will-

Don't start 1919 owing Luyendyk of Zeeland, Mich. Start 1919 with 1919 paid for 1918.

"Home, Sweet Home," the land-'ords own, the workers must pay rent. Buy furniture on the installment plan. er for our cause. We know of no local lt's sweet to be content. Nothing in secretary in Ohio who is more thor- the world to lose, don't even own the rial in Lima to make good Socialists job. Thankful to be working, while the masters each day rob. The high Member-at-large George Allen will cost of living has got vou going some begin 1919 with 1919 paid. Try it on in that cold and chilly place called "Home, Sweet Home."

Canton is coming to, in other words is waking up. Comrade Carl Guillod is on the job and not soldiering either. Ten subs from him this week.

"First blood," cries Comrade W. B. Dillon, State Secretary of New Mexco, as he captures two wandering in No Man's Land. Somehow or other, our state secretaries just can't resist poosting the Ohio Socialist.

Comrade Victor Carlson of Youngstown is a new sub worker and we think he will prove a good one from the fact that he sends in two yearlies for a start. You can do that too if you try. Why not do so?

Back again with two is Comrade Edwin Peterson of Niles. We knew he wouldn't stay away long.

Comrade Mrs. Hitchcock, wife of A. L. Hitchcock, the Socialist school board member of Cleveland, who is a guest of Uncle Sam at Atlanta, sends us four subs. She reports Comrade Hitchcock as feeling fine and gaining

## Don't start 1919 owing for 1918. \* \* \* "Hoping I can do better next time. \* for 1918.

"Hoping I can do better next time. We sure have a dandy paper and must keep it going at all cost," is what Comrade C. R. Swope of Warren writes. He sends four new subs and two renewals. Thanks comrade, come again soon.

Now comes Comrade Zeelo of Cleveland with three dollars for three yearlies. Comrade Zeelo sends us one two or three most every week. He's a member of the Red Hundred and holds the color in fine shape.

\* \* \* the Great God Dinero, sometimes called "Jack" and at other times

Another Red Hundred member keeps the pledge. Comrade Emma Strippel hands us a new yearly.

"I will do what I can in the future to send you more donations and sub-scriptions," writes Comrade J. W. Ellison, agent of the Ashtabula branch of the Marine Firemen, Watertenders and Coal Passers' Union. He sends a half yearly sub and \$1.50 for the

Still on the job is Comrade Catlin of Youngstown. Two half yearlies he hails us.

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Still on the job is Comrade Catlin ions is most correct the duty of the Socialist Party is still plain and vividly outlined through the immediate future and that is to foster and proof Youngstown. Two half yearlies he

Our Piqua list still grows and grows. Comrade C. E. Landon adds six more to the list there this week. Every little bit added to what we've got makes our chances better. got makes our chances better.

Cincinnati will keep in line if Com-

## Start 1919 with 1919 paid

Three renewals and a new one are the contribution of Comrade E. C. Wolfe of Mt. Vernon. One new one a week means a big list in a year, comrade.

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Ing we want manner that working exact manner that working the complete some and week means a big list in a year, compared the summer is past, the harvest is ended, and we have not complete Socialism but the cresh of falling throne and the sweet my caused by snap-relase fetters

Comrade Henry Henkle of Hamilton was among the first to pledge support to the Ohio Socialist. He's been busy ever since making that pledge good. Two half yearlies from him this week.

Another State Secretary boosts us success. And united working class action in the Socialist Party, in the review of the socialist Party in the review of the social state. a bit. Comrade Jennie McGene of the Colorado sends three dollars for three olutionary unions and the farmer's orvearlies. We surely appreciate the ganizations is more than ever the

"We are entering upon a new period of activity," says Comrade Walter Conradi of New Bremen, who sends us one more.

One dollar for the defense fund and fifty cents for a subscription is the contribution of Comrade W. J. Gil-

#### more of Dola. Don't start 1919 owing for 1918.

If Lorain doesn't keep up with the procession it will not be the fault of Comrade F. W. Goll. But we believe it will. His efforts are getting results as witness three subs from him

This is what Comrade H. L. Franklin, State Secretary of West Virginia, says on his list of ten, "Accept this bunch. I'll be back soon with some more. Used to be a worker for the Appeal but since it lost its reason it's the Ohio Socialist for me. Stick to your colors, comrades, and victory will be ours." We advise the West Virginia comrades to get the spirit of their state secretary and to begin to put in double time for Socialism. The sooner the better.

From Wise, Va., comes three yearlies. Comrade D. B. Dale is responsible. Each and every week there are a few new boosters who raise their Thanks Comrade Dale.

Our Kentucky comrades are not to be left behind when it comes to getting subscribers. Read this from Comrade E. L. Davenport of Central "Received the sample copies, City. "Received the sample copies, handed them out and here is the result." He sends five dollars for as many yearlies. We are sure there are other comrades down in old "Kaintuck" who can do just as well. Try.

Press stamp sales are looking up in Start 1919 with 1919 paid

Bellaire. Comrade Stidd sends in the names of seven subscribers. Keep them going, Comrade Stidd. We are counting on you.

"Received a copy of your paper and you will notice I am not wasting any time in sending my sub. Enclosed find dollar for same. Giving you full credit for the noble stand you have taken during the crisis. I went bond for Comrade Germer at Grand Rap-Thus writes Comrade Adrian

A bunch of six half yearlies from Comrade Blank of Lima shows he is still running strong as ever.

Comrade Wm. P. Williams of En-Another booster from Lima is Comglewood, Colo., runs across a copy of the Ohio Socialist in the State Office rade Russell H. Calkins. Four from out of.

Hope, don't lose it. That's about all we workers possess outside of our

## Among the Live Ones The Impending Crisis Locals Monthly Report Most prophecies find their proper resting place in the waste baskets of oblivion and derision. The prophecies of Socialists in the past, concerning

By EDWIN FIRTH.

the coming of the co-operative com-

monwealth, were based on scientific principles of evolution and economic

development, but in their enthu-

siasm in the absolute sureness of the realization of their ideals, these pro-

phets were prone to permit their de-

sire for working class emancipation to outrun the slow but sure march of

But the war has opened a new book

of theory and action to the proletariat of the world. The heel of the master class of Russia and Central Europe

has driven the workers of those re-

gions to successful physical revolt. The impression this has made on the

thought processes of the workers of the world will never be effaced. In spite of all efforts of those opposed to real and genuine democracy—indus-

trial democracy—the revolutionists of Russia and Central Europe hold firm and czar, kaisers, kings and emperors

are fleeing in all directions and tens

of thousands of parasites, who never had first hand acquaintance with work

been broken there, never again to be

But what of America? Are the American people capable of transforming society from a capitalistic

form to a Socialistic form without the pressure of the desperate oppres-sion that engulfed the peoples of Eu-rope and forced them to rebel? There are some who contend that the Amer-

before us; there are more who con-tend that with our greater political liberty in this country we will, with

a great amount of antagonistic working class backing and pulling on the political and industrial fields, stumble

forward through the last days of capi-

talism without any great social up-heavals; the great majority contend that we will follow the way of all

flesh and go forward on our stomachs. Regardless of which of these opin-

the proletariat a knowledge of and faith in the principles of International

rious workers' organizations on the economic field itself, need be of little

concern to us. Being solely interested in Socialism and not officeholding we are not dogmatic as to the exact manner that working class tri-

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watchword of the hour. There are no

short cuts to a realization of our cause. The paid-up Red Card, the paid-up union card and a personal

contribution of time and money to organized working class activities alone spell progress and the overthrow of capitalism.

From all points come the same re-

ports. People are inquiring about Socialism, what it means, what it will

do for the workers. They want to understand it and to grasp the signifi-

us a sub which was given him by a man who came to his house, stating

that he wished to know what Social-

ism was and that he knew he could

not rely upon the capitalist press to

to search out those with open and in-

quiring minds and get our literature

in their hands. They are ready for it.

Start 1919 with 1919 paid

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has gotten so much momentum that

Our Akron Reds are rounding them up in great shape. Comrade A. C. Halloway sends in one and so does

Don't start 1919 owing

Mayor Hamilton of Piqua forwards one. Comrade Hamilton is sending

Three from Comrade Allen Cook of

those who show up every week good

Start 1919 with 1915 paid

an old time booster, forwards one sub

Comrade James Shafer of Hamilton,

Mansfield local is waking up its

members by sticking a press stamp on them. This method will prove effec-

awake, they will soon be doing things.

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for 1918.

Don't start 1919 owing

Comrade Cook is among

them pretty regularly nowadays.

he couldn't stop if he wished.

Comrade Kuttner.

for 1918.

and strong.

this week.

for 1918.

Comrade Pinkus of Davenport, Ia.,

Give it to them.

cance of this movement which is sweeping the world. Comrade Litz shows us an example of this. He sends ton Branch.....

find out the truth. What is true in this case is true in many others. We Socialists should make it our business Williamsburg....

s a new name on our growing list of Local Yorkville ....

boosters. Six subs the first time is good, we say. We shall look for more from this comrade, for we know he Nationality not giv'n.

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for 1918.

Where do you stand?

20c for ten of them.

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An Appreciation

A BUTTON STORY

A comrade wrote us the other day

on sale at the state office and only

# The war between capital and labor is on. Now it's up to congress to keep the American army out of it. The senate ought not to kick at one-man government. It helped to create

They tell us we do not understand the situation in Europe and therefore we must not discuss it. It looks to

They tell us we are a Free People, but we know better. No people are really free in any land where capitalism exists. We are a nation of capitalist masters and wage slaves.

Some names that will go down in history — Liebknecht, Scheidemann, Kerensky, Trotzky, Spargo, Lenine, Hohenzollern, Haywood, Gompers, Wilson, Debs, Walsh, Hyndman, Ramsye McDonald, Asquith. Amuse yourself by trying to put them in two groups. One group will be honored and the other anathemized. Can you group them? group them?

Over here—contented wage slaves a la Gompers. Over there—wage slaves in rebellion a la Lanine and

Over here—the espionage act. Over there—the RESULTS of former espionage acts:

Bourgeois-taker of wealth others create. Proletaire—maker of wealth bour-

as a poverty-stricken debt-ridden wage-slave may be.

homes contain no books except the Bible and a mail order catalog, and the catalog is read by far the most.

tific books from the State Office lately?

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powers from the consent of the gov-erned," says the Declaration of Inde-JUST powers. All just powers may come from the consent of the governed but nowadays a heap of power is exercised without the consent of the governed.

Governments derive their strength

jobless now. \* \* \*

Comrades Baker, Ruthenberg and Wagenknecht desire to thank the many comrades and locals that have sent the state office congratulations their response of smokestacks and factories. We can MAKE food and shoes and clothes a hundred times easier than grandfather could, yet grandfather OWNED his shoes when he got through making the companies of the congratulations are considered. upon their release from prison and best wishes for multiplied success in their Socialist activities. All three off than grandfather was. Can any comrades shall try to prove worthy of body but a Socialist explain this the trust placed in them by their feliriddle??

The suppression of free speech is Portage County Local to the front! | the first act of scoundrels in sup-Eighteen new members admitted in pressing a free people.

Political freedom must be followed Don't start 1919 owing by Economic Freedom before the world can have an Industrial Democracy and all the Government Buros of control and suppression are but milestones showing how far we have

This method will prove effective will not mention his name nor the tons of food to Europe, so says the They will soon be more than name of his local so as to save the announcement. I was not consulted feelings of his fellow members) that about the matter or I would have told he was the only member of the local the committee or person or whoever that wore a Socialist button. Wm. it was that promised in the name of Richards, organizer of Local Youngs-town, on the other hand, orders 200 of the "little red lapel buttons."

Where do you stand?

When do you stand?

# Our "Victory" Edition How Many?

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# Gleanings

FROM THE LOG OF AN AGITATOR By W. E. REYNOLDS.

Keep your eye on your congressman

me, just an ordinary citizen of the "Free Peoples," that if we don't know enough about it to be allowed to talk about it, we do not know enough about it fight about it.

Some names that will go down in

Liebknecht.

Over there—disfranchised women. Over there—enfranchised women.

geoisie take. When the Yanks have learned to

You can tell the character of a home by the kind of books in it. Some

Have you ordered some new scien-

"Governments derive their just pendence, but you will notice it says

from the ignorance, cowardice and misdirected activity of the governed. This is true of all class government.

Pity the poor war profiteer—he is

After reading all about America's wonderful financial strength it is a wonderful financial strength in the wo mas plea of the Plute Press for aid. for the poor knume, poverty for year instead of ameliorating it at Christmas time—but before we do that we will have to more attention to working class for the poor kiddies, we can adolish billionaire.

When grandfather came here he found a forest of standing trees.

America has promised 20,000,000

We may be mistaken, but at those Let us hope that the occupation of the Ohio Socialist in the State Office rare times when we snatch a moment the American army of occupation is there and as a result we receive his or two for reflection we feel convinced some other occupation than keeping there and as a result we receive his subscription. Comrade Williams writes us a very encouraging letter.

or two for reflection we feel convinced some other occupation than keeping that to get Socialism requires courties that to get Socialism requires courties that to get Socialism requires courties the German working class down and against socialism. and if you think right you'll order a Prussian aristocrats, who have no ocsupply of Socialist buttons—five kinds cupation.

The parliament of Tolouse, France,

A welcome change from pictures of burned 400 women as witches on the A welcome change from pictures of the war which has been fought a little bit overlong in the movies."—From a movie writeup.

But I didn't expect them to admit it so soon.

But I didn't expect them to admit it so soon. chance to study it.

> I'd much rather send my children to a pest house than to a Sunday school. At the pest house the worst that could happen would be death by contagious disease, while at the Sunday school the least that can happen is intellectual death. s intellectual death.

> How much happier and wiser the world would be if parents would only teach their children all that they KNOW about God in place of what they have been taught or what they believe. What does any one know about God? Nothing. This much and no more should be taught children concerning God. Do not lie to the little ones.

> Blackstone said "The husband and wife are one and that one is the husband." Well all the states denying suffrage to women in effect say the same thing.

All creeds of all churches which accept the Bible as authority are founded on a lie. The doctrine of original sin is a lie. The church has no monopoly on the

morals of the masses although it claims to have. A half a loaf is better than four hours of overwork.

Be honest (in your dealings with the master class even if you have to be dishonest to your own class to do it) is the cry of the pulpit pounder.

The continued suppression of a free press, speech and assembly, written in the American constitution's first amendment, is an insult to the heroice dead of 1774-76. Let congress immediately repeal the espionage act and place that barbaric document along with the infamous alien and sedition laws of 1812. .

When the Yanks have learned to Parle Voo, they'll know their place in the class line too.

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Merry Christmas! That is as merry debt-ridden debt-ridden founded till the third century and its hysteria did not end with the sixteenth century. It was founded, grew, waxed strong, reached the zenith of its power during the dark ages and then began to wane. It is now only a shadow of its former self, but hysteria still abounds.

All church buildings are monuments. Monuments to the ignorance of past ages, when belief and hysteria was strong and science was unknown.

Be sure to give the baby a tin sword and a toy cannon this Christ-mas so he will grow up familiar with the killing tools.

This is the season of the year we to the children about Santa Claus. All the rest of the year we teach them how very, very, wrong it is to tell a

A child fed upon lies is not to be blamed if it grows up a liar.

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