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## Russian Soviet Government Answers Senator Hitchcock

### Another Note Bearing Upon Relations With Russia Withheld From American People

We print below a wireless message from Chicherin, People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs, to the State Department at Washington. It is dated January 22, and its raison d'être is as follows:

Senator Hitchcock, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, delivered a speech on Russian affairs in the United States Senate on January 9, in which he attempted to justify the presence of American troops in Russia, admitting there were 10,200 such troops at Vladivostok, and about 5,000 near Archangel. We do not need here to repeat his arguments in favor of such military intervention, as they seem to have been correctly reported to the Soviet government by the Washington radio-telegram of Jan. 12, which provided the date on which Chicherin based his answer. The remarks of Senator Hitchcock, which called forth a lengthy and spirited debate in the senate, were the result of Senator Johnson's resolution asking for explanations as to the United States' aims in Russia, which was referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in December.

Stockholm, January 22.—The official telegraph bureau of the Russian Soviet government sends out the following information:

The representative of the Russian Soviet government, Maxim Litvinoff, has sent the following note to the State Department in Washington:

On behalf of Mr. Chicherin, People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, I am sending you the following statement:

A radio-telegram from Washington, received via Lyons on the 12th of January, relates that a statement has been made by Senator Hitchcock, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, about the cause for the sending of American troops to Russia. The principal cause is said to have been a desire to prevent the establishment of a German submarine base in Archangel. Whether there ever has been such a cause or not, it does not exist any more.

In respect to the second alleged

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cause for the invasion, namely, that the intention was to safeguard Allied supplies in Archangel, I beg to remind you that even last year we had started negotiations for this purpose, and we are now still willing to enter into a satisfactory solution of this question. There can no longer be any danger of the supplies falling into German hands.

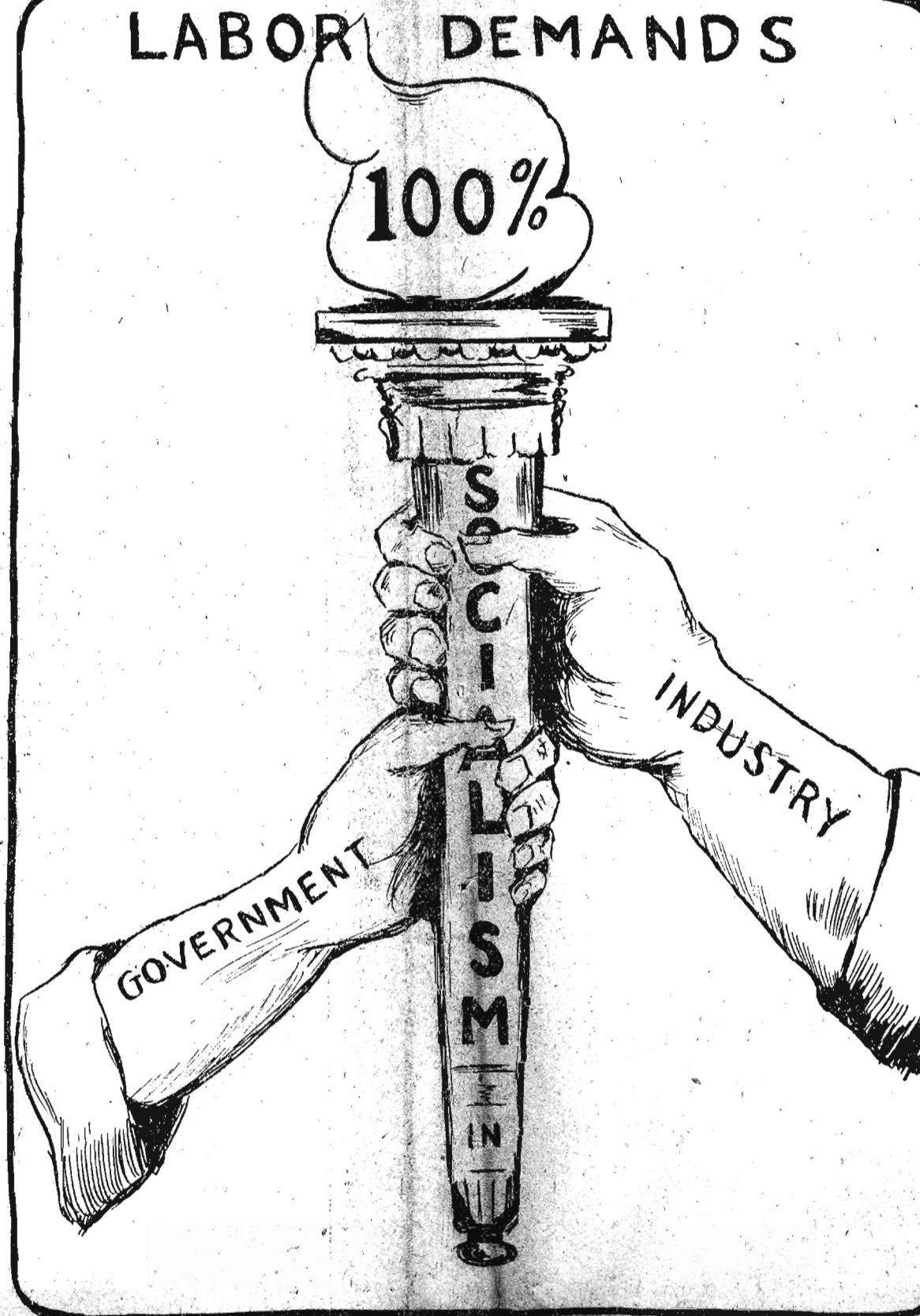
The third reason for the invasion was stated to be a desire to maintain an open way for diplomatic representatives traveling from and to Russia. I beg to call your attention to the fact that the best method to attain this aim would be to have an understanding with my government. Mr. Francis, the American ambassador, was quite free to return to his homeland unhindered at the time he left Russia. Our only cause in asking him not to remain in Vologda was the great danger threatening his personal security, and we offered him particularly inviting quarters in or around Moscow.

The fourth alleged ground for the invasion is the protection of the Czechoslovakians. Yet there has never been any obstacle to reaching an understanding about this issue with my government.

We have officially offered the Czechoslovak free passage to their homeland through Russia on the condition that we should protect their safety. We have now reached a full understanding on this matter with Professor Max, the president of the Czechoslovak National Council in Russia. He has returned to Bohemia in order to communicate our proposition to the Bohemian government.

Finally, Senator Hitchcock maintains that one reason the formation of any army composed of German and Austrian prisoners. The only now existing obstacle to the return of all war prisoners to their homelands is the presence of the Allied troops, or White Guards, who are under the protection of the Allied troops. We, therefore, cannot understand why this should be a cause for a further maintenance of American troops in Russia.

Judging from statements contained in the second alleged



## Eugene V. Debs' Speech At West Side Turn Hall, Cleveland

Before a capacity audience of 3,000, which filled West Side Turn hall one hour before his scheduled appearance Debs made his farewell speech.

Debs was calm. His opening words were accented an instantaneous silence. He said:

"How true it is that there is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will! It may seem strange to you, but in my plans, in my dreams, I did not think of going to the penitentiary—and I had a thousand times rather go there and spend my remaining days there and die than this great cause."

"So far as I am concerned it does not matter much. The margin is narrow, the years between now and the sunset are few, and the only care that I have personally is that I may preserve to the last the integrity of my own soul and my loyalty to the only cause worth living for, fighting for, and dying for."

"It is so perfectly fine to me to look into your faces once more, to draw upon you for the only word I have ever had, the only word that I can ever speak for myself. I love mankind, humanity. Can you understand? I am sure you can."

"We are close of kith and kin, we are human and when we get into close touch with each other we come to understand that our good depends upon the good of all humanity."

Opposed to System.

"I am opposed to the system under

which we live. I am opposed to the government that compels you, the great body of the American people, to pay your tribute to an insignificant rent which enjoy life while the great majority of the people suffer, struggle, and agonize without ever having lived. Can you understand? I am sure you can."

"Earth Beginning to Shake."

"And because we say this they are going to put us in jail. With every drop in my veins I despise their law and I defy them. If the Scriptures are true, Paul was sent to prison, and shortly afterward the prison doors were opened by an earthquake."

"The earth is beginning to shake beneath the feet of the profiteers."

"Have they outlawed the red flag here? The red necktie? The red socks? How perfectly foolish! Have you heard about the pipe in the middle ages forbidding the comets to appear? Why, the other day the chaplain in the House of Representatives asked God to give congress wisdom!"

"I am appealing to you tonight—the crowd, the mass, the common people—I do not care anything about the Supreme Court, begone, beftattered bewhiskered old fossils, corporation lawyers, every one of them—they have not decided anything. They never have; they never will."

"Sixty years ago the predecessors of the same body confirmed the validity of the fugitive slave law. They declared that a black man had no rights which his master was bound to respect. They imagined that chattel

slavery was secure for all time. And within five years that infamous institution was swept from the land in a torrent of blood."

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## Senate Committee Displeased by Testimony Favoring Soviet Government

### Bessie Beatty and Frank Keedie Tell About Achievements and Principles of Bolsheviki

The sub-committee of the senate committee on the judiciary resumed its inquiry into the principles and practices of the Socialist Soviet government today. Bessie Beatty, editor of "McCall's Magazine," and Frank Keedie, head of the English Quaker Red Cross in Russia, appeared before the committee. Miss Beatty spent eight months in Russia, entering by the way of Vladivostok in June, 1917, and leaving by the way of Finland in January, 1918. Mr. Keedie has been in Russia and Siberia continuously since 1916, having left the latter part of last October.

The committee continues to exhibit the most flagrant discourtesy toward the witnesses who manifest a friendly feeling for the working class of Russia and a sympathy for the aspirations of the Soviet government in its policy to abolish poverty and prevent forever the exploitation of the working people by the capitalists and landlords. When one adds to this continued and persistent discourtesy of the committee its crass ignorance regarding the fundamentals of economics and its complete lack of a social vision broad enough to see the regeneration of society which the working class throughout the world is favoring and the working class in Russia developing and applying—when one adds these deficiencies to the committee's discourtesy one need not wonder that the workers of the various countries of the world have the abolition of senates like that of the United States as one of the planks in their platforms.

Miss Beatty evidently came to Washington under the impression that the committee is really desirous to find out the truth about the Soviet government and the principles back of the situation there. When she found out, as she did before the committee had asked her half a dozen questions, that the committee is absolutely hostile to the working class of Russia in particular because of their having abolished capitalist property in land and the social means of production, then Miss Beatty frankly told the committee what she thought of their method of procedure.

Miss Beatty was in Russia from June, 1917, to January, 1918. She therefore saw the growth of the Bolshevik party, the evolution of the Soviets, the breakdown of Kerensky's detectable attempt to smother the revolution, and the overthrow of Kerensky by the Bolshevik party, the elaboration of the Soviet form of government and the application of the Bolshevik Socialist method for the elimination of reactionaries, (Continued on Page Four)

American citizens who feel a certain respect for the form of government laid down by the constitution are humiliated at being compelled to admit to their visiting friends that the committee is a committee of the United States senate. It is such bodies as compose this committee that President Wilson undoubtedly had in mind in his New York speech when he said he was amazed that there should be "in some quarters such a complete

## Locals Co-operate to Buy National Headquarters

Probably never before in its history has the organization machinery of the Socialist Party responded more loyally than in this campaign for a party-owned national headquarters. More than five thousand local and branch secretaries are now at work, addressing and mailing to members of their respective organizations letters containing an appeal to help purchase a national headquarters for the Socialist Party.

More than 100,000 members are being reached by a direct and personal appeal in letter form. Dollars are already rolling in. "Just the very thing to do," writes a comrade. "Right on top of all this persecution we will show them that we are stronger than ever."

The organization department at national headquarters constitutes a very busy scene. This is especially true on Saturday afternoons, when Wm. F. Kruse and wife captain from thirty to fifty Yipsels in the work necessary for this drive for a \$40,000 headquarters fund. No more devoted party workers can be found than these Chicago members of the Young People's Socialist League, who, in performing this immense amount of work gratis, save our party many dollars.

"I'm with you, comrades." That's the message every member of the party should send to the department of organization and propaganda. That this effort has failed is proven by the fact that the party is more vital and active today than ever. The purchase of a national headquarters

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## Police Meet Buffalo Unemployed With Shotguns

Buffalo, N. Y.—Police armed with shot guns guarded Niagara Square here, when some forty thousand unemployed endeavored to hold a demonstration to demand work.

The Soldiers', Sailors', Workers' and Farmers' Council of Buffalo and vicinity, which called the meeting, is a Russian Soviet and its members are possessed with the desire to overthrow the city government and help themselves, in the opinion of Max Buck.

That was the reason given by the mayor for the prevention of the assembly of the unemployed at the McKinley monument on Monday morning. Kent on the move by the police, they filed the streets converging on Niagara Square for blocks away. Had the meeting been permitted it undoubtedly would have been the largest assemblage in the city's history.

Ample preparation had been made to prevent any gathering in Niagara Square. A cordone of police was thrown around the vast area in the center of which towers the McKinley monument. Every fourth bluecoat carried a sawed-off shotgun. The city hall and Elmwood Music hall were similarly guarded for blocks away in case police were posted.

Machine guns were understood to be held in readiness, as was the fire department to throw streams of water if it were deemed necessary. Adjutant General Berry was on the ground and according to published statements was prepared to turn out 15,000 soldiers.

At Black Rock, from where it was thought a parade would start, police men were in evidence in great numbers. In fact it appeared almost the whole force was in use for the occasion. But the guardians of the law had nothing to do. There was no attempt at a parade or demonstration and no semblance of disorder.



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## Two Live Locals Work For Socialism

Here are two plans of better work for socialism which two locals are putting across. They are both good, both will get results. Both will make socialism a factor in the political and industrial life of the cities where they are being carried out. Both are worthy the serious consideration of every comrade. Both are worthy of being patterned after in your own local. Talk these plans over at your next business meeting. Improve upon them if you can but at least give them a tryout in your own local. They are result getters. Try them. (Editor).

### LOCAL NORWOOD'S PLAN.

Ten good reasons why it will work. A motion was passed at a meeting of Local Norwood at which the following plan was put into action. At all propaganda meetings a collection box will be taken up and that all money so collected above the expenses of the said meeting shall be put into subscriptions to the Ohio Socialist, for three months each.

The names of these subscribers to be furnished by the membership; that is, wherever a member knows of some one whom he thinks can be landed by such a trial, this person to be placed on the list, and it is believed the following will result:

1—An indexer was elected to enter the name with the start and ending date of the sub. The indexer is to watch these subs and at their expiration turn the name over to the organizer.

2—The organizer then has a starting point to work on, he pays the subscriber a visit and has a talk with him.

3—This may result in a possible 6-month or 1-year sub.

4—It may also result in securing a new member.

5—By this plan we can find out the sentiment of the person visited, which can be recorded as it is found.

6—If the sentiment at the end of the trial sub. proves favorable and is so recorded, we then have a signature for our nomination petitions for election. We know just where to go and do not have to put in a lot of time looking all over town for signatures.

7—Instead of ordering bundle lots and putting in the time passing out the same we leave that to Uncle Sam and the mail man.

8—We realize that the bundle plan is all right in its way, but we also realize that if the autocrats at Washington wish to put the O. S. out of business with a small sub list this can easily be done but with a paid-in-advance sub. list, which will constantly be growing, the putting out of business proposition will not be so easy. We realize that you may have 10,000 subs, yet you may be putting out 50,000 papers each week in bundle form but the Washington postoffice authorities will only give you credit for the 10,000.

9—After reading the O. S. this will mean a sure Socialist vote.

10—Finally, a sure BOLSHEVIK, for no one can read the O. S. and carefully consider its contents without coming to the conclusion that the capitalist papers have lied and that after seeing the light of what the Russian comrades are doing for the poor down-trodden masses, the reader must then realize why it is that 300,000 Red Guards are ready and willing to lay down their lives for the sake of defending the government which has done so much for them.

HOW THEY DO IT IN ASHTABULA

Dear Comrades: This is to notify you that Comrade Wm. H. Fox has resigned as financial secretary and that I was duly elected in his place at our last meeting. I also wish to tell you that we are doing team work here now in proper shape. We have elected two captains, they in turn have chosen their crew from among the membership. The object is to compete for subscriptions to the O. S. and membership for the local. The contest will close on May 1. The losing side to pay all expenses of a banquet to be held on or before May 5, in which all members will participate. The new members are to join the side that brings in their application. The captains are Comrade John W. Ellison and E. J. Hewitt. They are both wide awake and on the job, so look out for results from now on.

MRS. CARRIE ELLISON, Fin. Sec.

Ashtabula, O.

### AS USUAL

"As usual," we remark when our attention is called to the formation of a nonpartisan party that is to dispute the right of the workers of Piqua, O., at the next election to control the affairs of the city they have built. It is not the first time the method has been tried. It is old. So old that it is commonly recognized for what it is—the last line of defense of capitalism and old political gangs against the forward march of the workers and the rising tide of class consciousness.

It is a good sign—the sign of approaching defeat of capitalism. Socialists welcome the coming of the sign as the coming of spring and a new day. We welcome it with renewed activities, with more propaganda, more agitation, better organization. It is the sign of coming victory in Piqua as elsewhere. It is heartily welcome!

### THE SPARTICANS

The recent victories of the German Spartacists have yielded them an intrenchment within the government that augurs well for an extension of their power. The Spartacus Soviets are to receive constitutional recognition as economic controllers of labor and production. Extensive socialization of industries is also conceded.

Economic control of industry by the soviets of workers means the attainment of a dictatorial position from which they cannot be removed by any political power. It may mean, in fact, a displacement of the present political government by one more economic in nature functioning through the soviets.

To control the industries is to control the vital organs of a nation. This control the Spartacists have won. Further victories over the Ebert group and acquisition of greater power now becomes possible. These recent victories of the Spartacists are more significant than any world history recently made.

German Spartacists—German productive forces and science. Russian Bolsheviks—Russian natural resources—some combination!

You can keep your old clothes in America now—the returned soldiers need them. Ten cents for every garment so the papers say.

"The Song of the Shirt-less" is the paean of victory the heroes may sing as they wend their way to the closed job.

It isn't expected, but it would be in good order for District Attorney Wertz to apologize to the convicts now that it has been determined who fired his house.

MRS. CARRIE ELLISON, Fin. Sec.

Ashtabula, O.

## Savage Sentence of Court Impels Labor to Demand Debs' Release

No single act of the capitalist class, drunk with power that it is, has aroused the workers of this nation so much as the conviction of Eugene V. Debs in the Supreme Court, that highest representative of capitalism in America.

A nation-wide, in fact an international movement has, since his conviction, been inaugurated to awaken an agitation to keep Debs from the maw of a capitalist prison. Every legal agency that the Socialist Party and other radical organizations in this country can grasp will be used to keep him from becoming the victim of that senseless and oppressive intolerance that has set America apart from the rest of the world since the Espionage law became a part of our governmental machinery of persecution.

Every radical, even every sane conservative in this country knows that Eugene V. Debs is innocent of wrong. Millions have heard his voice in protest against the evils of the criminal capitalist class. Millions have read his many writings filled as they are with the spirit of love for the down-trodden and the spirit of revolt against oppression's iron hand. His friends are legion, his admirers are the millions that make up the common masses. Will these millions stand idly by while he who has given his life for them, is sent away to the horrors of a capitalist dungeon?

They will not! They will protest. They will sound a warning to the powers that be to lay hands off of Debs. They will let it be known that they are the court of last resort in this nation. That their decision is for Debs and against his conviction. Their voice is rising now in one tremendous nation-wide protest against this savage sentence imposed upon the most lovable man that has risen from the ranks of labor since Lincoln.

Protest meetings are under way throughout the nation. Let every local organize a protest meeting against the carrying out of this barbarity against Debs. Make every meeting a protest meeting, not only for Debs but for all political prisoners. Organize a protest meeting. Call upon every speaker you can possibly arrange a meeting to address you. Make "Freedom for Debs and ALL Political Prisoners" your rallying cry until this monstrous iniquity is buried deep beneath the foundations of real democracy. Keep Debs from prison. Your protest will do it!

## Buy an Industrial Freedom Certificate—\$1.00

You've got a dollar, we know, which ought to be put to work to re-establish free speech, free press and free assemblage.

You've got a dollar, we know, which ought to be put to work to help release all political prisoners, including Thomas Mooney.

You've got a dollar, we know, which ought to be put to work to buy comforts for prisoners who have been sentenced to years and years in federal penitentiaries.

You've got a dollar, we know, which ought to be put to work to help sustain the families of these prisoners; to keep the children of these prisoners in food and clothes.

RELEASE THAT DOLLAR—PUT IT TO WORK  
Buy An Industrial Freedom Certificate

### USE THIS BLANK

Socialist Party of Ohio,

R. F. D. 2, Box 55,

Brecksville, Ohio.

Comrades: Here is my dollar. Put it to work at

once to release all political prisoners, to buy comforts for our imprisoned comrades; to establish the right of free utterance and to help sustain the families of our comrades who are in jail. Send me an Industrial Freedom Certificate.

My name is.....

My address is.....

City..... State.....

## The Statistician

A Scientific Survey of the Condition  
of Our Ohio Locals as Have Re-  
ported, During the Month of  
January, 1919.

Ashtabula, Finnish 133  
Hamilton, German 26  
Hamilton 185

742

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706

(All Locals With 50 or More)

CLASS E

Kenmore 65

929

Youngstown, S. Slavic 85

895

Youngstown, Scand. 12

747

Ravenna, Portage Co. 70

886

Byesville 51

879

(Reorganized local; watch us grow)

Niles 72

756

Massillon 50

756

Massillon, Lithuanian 49

890

Warren, Finns 86

890

Richland Co. 56

651

Piqua 64

599

Hamilton 88

550

Lima 62

550

(All Locals With 25 or More)

CLASS F

Grover Hill 91

1000

Zanesville 33

868

East Liverpool 42

845

Marysville 17

845

Derwent 17

800

Wadsworth 28

800

Lima 15

800

Toledo German 15

800

Youngstown Slavic 12

758

Akron 12

758

Warren English 12

676

Niles 11

671

Cuyahoga Co. 197

581

Cincinnati 29

428

Kenmore 1

330

Massillon Lithuanian 3

330

Others worth mentioning: Midvale 6, (high per cent, but insufficient information); Massillon, 1; Hubbard, 1; Yorksville, 1; Ravenna, 4; Piqua, 4; Mt. Vernon, 1; Ashtabula, Finns, 4; Fairport Finns, 2.

Notice: The test for any local is 1 to every 20 in good standing or 5 per cent.

GOOD STANDING MEMBERSHIP.

CLASS AA

(All Locals Having 500 or More)

Number Pet. of

Local Gd. Stand. Roll.

Cuyahoga Co. 1928 729

CLASS A

(All Locals Having 400 or More)

None.

CLASS B

# NEWS AND VIEWS—A WEEKLY SURVEY

(Edited By C. E. Ruthenberg)

## The Essence of Bolshevism

Here's some real news. Mexico has Bolshevik government and constitution. This remarkable fact, which we have all overlooked, has just been brought to our attention, by Eduardo Feran, a purchasing agent of the government of Guatemala, who, in a statement published by the Christian Science Monitor, says:

"The Carranza constitution of Mexico is virtually identical with the Bolshevik constitution or constitution, and Russia is no more dangerous to the world today than is Mexico, except that Mexico has not so large a population nor are there so many intelligent men devoted to the movement there as in Russia. The principles of the organic law of Mexico, adopted by the present government, are the same as those contained in the constitution promulgated by Lenin and Trotsky for their regime of Bolshevism and anarchy in Russia. They are as like as two peas when compared closely, and the main object of the 18 different revolutionary movements, which are raging in as many states of Mexico today, is the overthrow of this Socialist-anarchist constitution under which the government of Mexico is conducted."

And here is the basis for Mr. Feran's statement that the Mexican constitution is identical with that of Soviet Russia:

"The worst provision of the Mexican constitution is that it takes from the owners, whether domestic or alien, all of their lands and everything connected with those lands, including mineral, timber and water rights, and reinvests that title in the government. Compare this with Article 1, of Division 1, of the Russian Bill of Rights, which reads: 'All property rights in the land, treasures of the earth, waters, forests and fundamental natural resources, within the boundaries of the Russian Federated Soviet Republic are abolished.'

"This is no worse than the law under which Mexico is operating, and the resulting condition in Russia is no worse than it is in Mexico. The constitution has been enforced in Mexico by a form of licenses which the government now permits, under which mining and oil rights are regulated, but no one can operate, develop or use to their full value his own properties under this arrangement. Yet neither mines, oil wells nor lands can be worked except under such licenses."

Mr. Feran has unconsciously uncovered the essence of Bolshevism and also the reason for the bitter opposition of the ruling class of every country to Bolshevism. It is not that the Bolsheviks are "German agents," or the charges they have established the "red terror" or the "suppression of the press" or even "the nationalization of women" that arouses the bitter animosity of the propertied classes. All these things they might have done, although they have not, and still retained the friendship of the capitalists, for the capitalists themselves have done them and many things worse. But one thing the capitalists will not submit to, one thing they will

fight with all their power, one thing will bring down the Bolsheviks, the armed forces of all the capitalist nations in the world (if, considering the temper of the people at home the capitalists dare risk) and that is the adoption of a constitution, which, in the words of Mr. Feran, "takes from the owners, whether domestic or alien, all of their lands and everything connected with those lands, including mineral, timber and water rights, and reinvests that title in the government."

The essence of Bolshevism is that it is taking the land, the industries and natural resources for the use of the people. It is striking a death blow at capitalism. That is the essential fact. The rest is camouflage intended to obscure the real point at issue.

## Mr. Francis Testifies

David R. Francis, ambassador from the United States to Russia, testified before the senate committee which is investigating Bolshevism, the other day. Mr. Francis had been held in reserve by the committee as a star witness, who was to demolish Bolshevism. But the committee must have been seriously disappointed after listening to Mr. Francis' statements. He did not seem to know very much about what happened in Russia. He gave this and that to be his "opinion" and he "believed" this or that to be true, but of fact and proof he had none to offer.

Thus for instance, Mr. Francis said:

"And now, at this point, I wish to state I believe that Lenin was a German agent from the very beginning. Germany would never have permitted him to return to Russia through German territory, had the case been otherwise."

It was easy, of course, for Mr. Francis to believe that, considering his attitude toward the Bolsheviks, but where is the proof? Mr. Francis did not cite any facts to support his "belief," although he stated his further "belief" that:

"He (Lenin) was a German agent in my opinion, although while acting as such he was also working to foment a world-wide revolution. He would have taken American or British money just as willingly as he did German money."

There you have the whole story. Lenin was a German agent who was fomenting a world-wide revolution and incidentally straining every effort to get the world wide revolution under way in Germany before any other country. Does Mr. Francis really "believe" that the former masters of Germany were such a foolish lot as to finance a man who was aiming to undermine their rule, as Mr. Francis admits he was?

The reason for Mr. Francis' "beliefs" was brought out by Senator King, when the latter asked the ambassador:

"Were you denounced by the Bolsheviks as a capitalist?"

"Yes," he answered, "and the government

of the United States was denounced as a capitalist government. They said we entered the war because German submarines interfered with the sale of supplies to the Allies. That we had to participate in the war at the instance of the New York Stock Exchange in order to find a market for our manufactured products, and so on."

Those awful Bolsheviks! To say such things about Mr. Francis' government when it really was fighting to "make the world safe for democracy." Wouldn't you believe most anything about people who would so misrepresent your ideals?

## A Little Mixed

The supports of the capitalist system are having a difficult time of it combating "Bolshevism." They do not seem to know just where they are at. They are scared; that is clear. People who are scared are apt to get a little mixed in their logic. They frequently speak truths which they did not intend to mention.

All this is preliminary to comment on an editorial appearing in "Finance and Industry" warning the capitalists of the great danger they are in. The writer of the editorial shows how Bolshevism is growing in this country and how necessary it is for some such organization as the defunct American Protective League to combat it—and makes such a good case that it really should scare the people, he is writing for.

Having put his readers in the proper state of mind to seriously consider what is to follow he proceeds to tell them what Bolshevism is and what its source. And in doing that he mixes things up terribly. Just consider these two quotations:

"Bolsheviks are not trying to build a government upon labor and talent, but upon robbery."

And then, speaking of the present economic situation in this country:

"At this particular time the dissatisfied are likely to seize upon the ideals of the Bolsheviks as a means of ending quickly, AND FOR ALL TIME, the temporary disturbance of economic affairs."

Now isn't that fine! The Bolsheviks who are trying to build up a government, not upon labor and talent, but upon robbery, will end economic disturbances for all time!

If the Bolshevik form of organization will accomplish what this writer says it will—end the present industrial crisis with hundreds of thousands of men and women out of jobs, quickly and for all time, it ought to be a pretty good proposition for the workers to support, even though it is built upon robbery, for what this writer calls robbery merely means that the workers who created the factory, shops, railroads and other means of production and distribution, are taking possession of them to stop the capitalists from robbing them, and are using them

for the coming welfare of the workers.

## What Is Coming?

The Prinkipo conference with representatives of the Russian Soviet government and the comic opera government which exist in Russia because supported by Allied bayonets, is evidently to be called off. The Supreme War Council, it seems, has come to the conclusion that such a conference would give the Bolsheviks too good an opportunity to get the facts about Russia before the people of other countries in spite of the conference being held in one of the most out of the way places that could be found.

What the situation in Russia actually is, is set forth in the following quotation from a statement by Lloyd George before the peacemakers, which is quoted by Paul Wallace Hanna, in an article in the New York Call:

"Gentlemen," Lloyd George said, "the Soviet government rules over virtually all of European Russia, and enjoys the active or passive allegiance of two-thirds of the Russian people. All of us here know that to be true. The time has come for us to face the facts publicly and prepare to recognize the Soviet government. A general peace which left Russia out would be a farce."

In spite of this admission the Soviet government has not been recognized. Allied troops are still fighting against Russian working men on Russian soil. Recently the volume of lies and misrepresentations of the facts about the Soviet government has been greatly augmented, in seeming preparation for a new attack upon the Soviet government on the part of the representatives of capitalism assembled at Paris.

The British Labor party has passed a resolution viewing with disquiet the recent statement made by Winston Churchill in the House of Commons, while introducing the army estimate. The resolution declares in effect that the government seems to be preparing for a long period of military interference and that its policy is inconsistent with the existence of a democratic League of Nations. It goes on to say that the draft of the constitution of the League of Nations does not fulfill the ideal of the Labor party. The latter phase of the matter is, of course, the explanation of the fact that while the five great powers are talking in fine phrases about the League of Nations, they are at the same time continuing to build their military machines. They have no faith in themselves in the league that is being set up to delude the people into believing that the world has really been "made safe for democracy."

"We've gotten on extremely well in this country for more than 140 years of liberty, and if the I. W. W. are not satisfied with conditions here let them go elsewhere," Representative Julius Kahn told a Boston audience a few days ago. Who did Mr. Kahn mean when he said "we?" The Morgans, the Rockefellers, the Astors, the Vanderbilts and Car-

negies and the other thirty thousand millionaires and near-billionaires? No doubt they've gotten on "extremely well," for they have been able to make the wealth the American workers produce their private property, amassing great fortunes while millions live in poverty. We've gotten on extremely well and we want no change, that's the slogan of the capitalists.

A writer in a Cleveland paper gives us this picture of our future prospects: "Japan is strong, proud and warlike. So are we in America. Both nations are fast expanding. Both have the assurance of a great future. Under such circumstances a rooted sense of antagonism is always to be watched as a possible source of war." There is only one sense in which we are expanding and that is economically. We are reaching out for new markets, new spheres for investments and Japan is doing the same. The rooted sense of antagonism is therefore economic antagonism, "which is always to be watched as a possible source of war." It seems even capitalist writers sometimes carelessly admit the truth.

Here is the answer of the Russian workers of Lawrence, Mass., to the cry for deportation of aliens, "We demand the immediate opening of the frontiers, so that we may return to our homes, to our country, where the glorious sun of freedom shines brightly, where the working class is the master of its own destiny, and where the songs of working class freedom reverberate in the air. We are not afraid to be deported, but would rather welcome the opportunity to leave immediately." Another slap at "the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

Arguing for the state constabulary bill before the Ohio legislature, the Cleveland Plain Dealer, says, "The New York general assembly refuses even to listen to the suggestion that this useful agency of law enforcement shall be abolished, because its members recognize the valuable work the state police is performing." A recent example of this "valuable work" is the use of the New York state police to prevent a demonstration of unemployed.

The masses of Europe have already been disillusioned. When Wilson arrived in Europe on his first trip he was greeted everywhere by great demonstrations of the people. Now his greetings come only from the propertied classes. The workers of Europe have quickly learned that all that Wilson had to offer was fair words and fine phrases.

"Bolshevism is a reaction against oppression," said Rev. Francis T. Moran, to an audience of Cleveland industrial leaders the other day, "and there hasn't been oppression in America." No, of course not, even though there are a thousand men and women in prison for doing nothing more than expressing their conscientious views.

## Eugene V. Debs Speech

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level of your statesmanship. Aren't you proud of it?

"In Germany—do you know what is going on there? In spite of all opposition, the Spartacists, the heroic followers of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, the most magnificent and heroic figures in Europe in modern history—they are dead, but the revolution lives, and their magnificent souls go marching on."

"At the beginning they said that the Bolsheviks had ruined and bankrupted the country of Russia, and in the next breath we read that they are financing the revolution everywhere. Where of Trotzky stole 50,000,000 rubles, and Trotzky never had a son. The wife of Lenin went to Italy with trunks loaded with gold, and she never has been in Italy in her life.

"Is there a lie they have not told? Is there a calumny which they have not circulated about Lenin and Trotzky?

"They are fighting for your liberty, for you, if you only know it, and I am only too glad to pay my tribute to those men I love. Along this line congress is making an investigation. The Overman committee has discovered that there is some Bolshevik agitation in the United States. It is to be ended by deporting, without trial, without hearing, 46 of our working people.

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"How perfectly brutal and infamous and disgusting an example of how capitalism treats its working men. Compare the hard, horny palms of those who are to be deported with the lily-white hands of the deportees. You can see the difference. The deported were the producers. If they are to be sent abroad, I want to go with them!

"What you and all of us need in this hour of trial and travail is working class solidarity.

Appeals for Solidarity.

"We need to unite. We need to get together. We need to feel the common touch. We need to recognize our oneness. Through the history of the ages you have been oppressed, you have been downtrodden, you have been exploited, you have been degraded. When you go for a job to the master class you work under conditions they prescribe. You depend upon them for tools, you work for their benefit. Do you like this? This is capitalism.

"The system in which you enrich your master and impoverish yourselves, the system under which 5 per cent. of the people own the wealth of the country and the great body of the people struggle through all their years for an existence and pass away without ever having enjoyed one hour of real life. How pathetic and tragic it is that in our land, with its boundless resources and treasures, its machinery, its workers, everything for production for every man, we have in the minds of all these benefits the great body of the people struggling for existence."

"How foolish it is to vote for the perpetuation of such a system. Yet that is exactly what you do when you vote the Republican or the Democratic ticket, or any ticket except the Socialist. While you are doing this the master class looks upon you with sovereign contempt.

You who produce everything, you who really create, you who are conserving civilization—is it not humiliating to think that you are the bot-

tom class, the lower order? That is scoundrel; Jefferson was said to be a violent fanatic; Samuel Adams a dangerous character; Patrick Henry was an incendiary.

"I appeal to you just once to stand perfectly erect in the majesty of your humanity. You owe it to yourself.

Washington Was Denounced.

"Look into the eyes of your brother and see the new light that is shining for the working class. We have been oppressed, we have suffered, we have agonized and now let us unite and stand together against capitalism. That is the plea I am making tonight.

"I do not desire to make any glowing periods, I wish I could read your hearts tonight, your attitude of soul.

"Let us unite industrially. If Germany had been organized industrially this great calamity would have never come.

"These crimson flowers that have just been presented to me represent the springtime, the springtime of revolution. I have faith in it and in humanity; I have faith in the Man of Galilee. Twenty centuries ago he spoke to the common people and they heard him gladly. He was brought before the scribes and the Pharisees and the priests and the doctors and the lawyers and the judges. They said 'He is preaching dangerous doctrines. He is a Bolshevik.' They hung him on a cross near Jerusalem as a warning to the centuries.

"But ever since there have been men and women of moral courage who dared to speak the truth as they saw it, who have been maligned and persecuted; they have been stoned and beaten at the stake, their ashes scattered to the four winds. These men are remembered and it is to them that we owe our progress.

"Remember that George Washington was denounced as an unprincipled

iniation of labor exploitation and making all the phrases go to work for their living.

BLAMES AUTOCRACY FOR BREAKDOWN.

As to the breakdown of Russia economically, which the battery of capitalist agents of the American labor exploiters which the committee placed on the stand at the beginning of the prosecution attributed to the Soviet government, Miss Beatty declared that the country was economically broken down even before Kerensky took over the government; due to the three years' war 50 per cent. of the transportation facilities were forgotten.

Relative to the causes that brought about the revolution the witness said that the immediate cause was the war weariness of the people. In June, 1917, just at the time of the first test of the strength of the Bolshevik party in the outbreak of the Bolshevik party in Petrograd, the Kerensky government staged a "patriotic" demonstration to insure the working people to keep on fighting. But the soldiers said: Why do we want to fight our brothers in Germany, who were whipped into the trenches by the Kaiser just as we were whipped into them by the czar?

Senator Sterling here brought out his favorite inquiry relative to the "breakdown of discipline" in the Russian army. Sterling belongs to that school of militarists who believe that the only way to have the labor exploiters in the army is to make the lower classes convinced that it is necessary to show "respect" to their superiors. Especially is this so, he thinks, in regard to the Russian soldiers.

To do this, he said, it is necessary to make the soldiers feel that they are to be made cannon fodder by the command of the czar. The rich land owners would do for the poor, everything but get off their backs. These peasants came back from the war. They returned to the villages to find their families in penury and without food. They went to the rich land owners for food. In many cases it was refused, the rich land owners flashing revolvers and firing on the peasants. The peasants were decorated with iron crosses for having killed a certain number of Germans, and he in turn flashed his rifle and killed the rich land owners.

Then the peasants said: "What's it all about, anyway? Who have I been fighting for?" For Russia? Well, it's mine." And he took the land. Ninety per cent. of these people had been living from time immemorial on the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, and when they heard of the Soviet decree nationalizing the land they simply rose up and turned over the table.

EVERYBODY SOCIALISTS.

"Ch, everyone is a Socialist in Russia," replied Miss Beatty. "It is simply a question of what kind of a Socialist one is."

"Are you a Socialist?" a kid Senator Nelson asked.

Miss Beatty replied that the nearest she came to be one was when she taught California along with other college women in 1916 for Woodrow Wilson.

"But are you one at heart?" persisted Nelson.

"I worked in social settlement work for twelve years, and I am in favor of anything that will abolish poverty," rejoined the witness.

"Tell us about the Soviet government," whispered Senator Nelson, evidently afraid to question the witness longer along this line.

Keedie went to Russia in 1916 and

remained there until last October. His work was principally among the peasants. He told the committee that he had seen and what he knew, not about what some else had known and seen. He was familiar with the Soviet government as it affected the peasants, especially in the regions where he had worked. He knew what they wanted and what they should have. "Bolshevism as applied to agriculture has been a success," he said, and said emphatically.

As to the Bolshevik movement and the Soviet government in general, the witness declared that it is trying to "create a social order where it will be impossible for a rich man or any other man to dominate the people."

In response to an inquiry from Senator Overman the witness denied that he had been speaking for Bolsheviks in the United States. Overman seems to be of the opinion that it would be terrible if anyone should speak for the fundamental principles of the Socialist Soviet government and their application to this "land of the free and the home of the brave." He doesn't seem to know that the fundamental demands of the Socialist Party of the United States and of every Socialist Party throughout the world are identical with the fundamental planks of the Soviet constitution, and that if he wants to open and frankly support the fundamental principles of the Soviet republic of Russia he can get a start by his list by summoning the hundred thousand dues paying members of that party before his committee.

OPPOSITION OF PROPERTY OWN