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First News of Debs at Atlanta Is Shorn of Many Privileges

Veteran at Work in Atlanta Prison
Divested of Many Accustomed
Privileges Granted at Moundsville.
Iron Rules Prescribe His Liberties.

Debs has been assigned to do clerical work at Atlanta Federal prison.

The secrecy that has enshrouded Comrade Eugene V. Debs since his removal from Moundsville penitentiary to Atlanta Federal prison is at last broken through. The Ohio Socialist is privileged to publish the first information that has been available concerning Debs since his removal to the latter institution June 13th, just exactly two months after his term of imprisonment began.

Why Debs was removed suddenly and in such great secrecy from the comparatively comfortable quarters at Moundsville to the more stringent conditions of the Atlanta prison have been a subject of much speculation among Socialists and the million admirers of Comrade Debs. Nor is any enlightenment thrown upon the matter by any one in authority, nor is Debs himself aware of the reason for his transference. Other than a statement by an official of the federal prisons at Washington, that Debs had been removed at the request of authorities at Moundsville, nothing is known concerning the reason for his removal.

AT WORK IN CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Comrade Debs has now been assigned to clerical work in the clothing department of the Atlanta prison. The clothing department is one of the big departments of the prison, where nearly three thousand prisoners are confined. The clothing of all prisoners is cared for inside the prison. Not only are the thousands of grey suits worn by the prisoners made in the prison, but the repairing and laundering is also done inside the walls. This work requires the labor of many prisoners. Keeping accounts of suits made, repaired, discarded, etc., are demands made upon those prisoners capable, through their educational advantages of doing such work. It is work of this nature that Eugene V. Debs, four times the candidate of the Socialist party for president of the United States, is doing at this moment.

That Debs will fare as well as can be expected is believed by those somewhat conversant with conditions in the prison. Debs' immediate superior is a Mr. Boyle, who is credited with being a "fairly good fellow," by inmates of the prison. Associated with Debs in this department are former bank clerks who have erred and other accountants and clerical workers.

The clothing room is on the second floor of the building and adjoins the "hole."

IRON RULES NOT MODIFIED.

The cell which Debs occupies is about 10 by 5 by 10 feet high. Two prisoners occupy each cell. At Moundsville, Debs was given a generous sized room instead of a cell. This room was cared for by other prisoners. At Atlanta Debs is placed in a cell without the considerations shown him at Moundsville. The iron rules of the prison will not be modified in Debs' case, is the statement of

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SOCIALIST EDITOR JAILED

Alex Swartzenfeldt, member of Toledo, O., Socialist Party, editor of The New Voice, organ of the Workers' Soldiers' and Sailors' Council, was sentenced to eleven months in the Canton workhouse for offenses committed in violation of the federal court order in the Willits-Overland strike. He was found guilty of contempt of court. Publication of certain articles in the New Voice constituted the basis of the conviction.

Comrade Swartzenfeldt has for a number of months been among the most active members of Local Toledo and has been untiring in his efforts in organizing the local Soldiers' and Sailors' council. He has frequently spoken for the party at cabin meetings. Comrades visiting Canton should make it a point to visit him on visiting days, which is on Thursday at the workhouse.

LIES, LIES, LIES

When it comes to downright lying the capitalist press has it over anything Annanias ever dreamed of. He was a mere piker compared to it.

After all, one must have some respect for old Annanias. He only lied for himself. True he lied to his God outright and with premeditation, but even so he was an angel with wings full fledged compared to the mental prostitutes who write up the news and editorial columns of the average capitalist daily.

The monumental capacity of these kept ladies of the press kept for outright and persistent lying is being taxed to the limit in these days of capitalist desperation. When the capitalist wielded whip is made to sing over the heads of its henchmen of the press, one can expect that it will bring results in prevarications, but lately the lash has been applied with extra vigor and unusual persistency. The master class has seen a vision of labor rearing itself upon its hind feet and DEMANDING a word to say in the running of its own affairs. Needless to say, this vision has driven it to frenzy. To drive labor to cover and to squelch in the beginning every desire for justice, capital has entered upon a policy intending to "form public opinion," in its own favor and to create an artificial bulwark against labor's natural aspirations for a human life.

Take for instance the capitalist daily press of Cleveland, O. Since the May Day riots, when organized mobs of boys and a few soldiers, aided by the police and instigated by highuppers in the local capitalist ring of destructionists, carried out their murderous program against peaceful workers, it has, not only in its news columns, but in editorials advocated the annulment of the operation of the civil law in so far as "radicals" are concerned.

It has printed columns of the grossest misrepresentations and falsehoods concerning the activities of Socialists, J. W. W.'s and in fact handed the lie to everything savoring of radicalism that has dared to manifest an existence. Plots have been discovered, but they originated in the fevered imaginations of the prostitutes whose bread and butter is furnished by the master class.

The capitalist press, the police department and the city government has openly dedicated itself to the work of destroying every sign of revolt of the workers against the vest-

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Socialist in Prison Chosen As Candidate

Amos L. Hitchcock, now serving a term in the Atlanta, Ga., federal prison, has been nominated by Cleveland Socialists as their candidate for the school board in this year's elections.

Hitchcock was the lone Socialist member of the Cleveland school board when he was indicted under the espionage act; because he carried on an aggressive fight in the interest of working class measures, and thus made himself obnoxious to the ruling class of Cleveland.

SENTENCE OUTRAGEOUS.

Some time before he was arrested on account of remarks made in personal conversation with an old friend in Sandusky, Assistant Attorney Breitenstein said about him: "Means can be found to remove him from

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PROF. HARRY F. WARD'S TRIBUTE TO DEBS

Prof. Harry F. Ward is one of the most noted church workers in the Methodist church. His recent writings have caused considerable comment among church people on account of their radicalism. The following tribute to Debs was paid at a recent conference of church officials:

Dr. Ward commented on the case of Eugene Debs, Mooney and the trial in Chicago of the I. W. W.

"Debs is one of the big spirits of the country. In Russia a person convicted of a more serious offense against the government was sentenced four years and in Prussia for three years, and yet Debs at a time we are not at war is sentenced for 10 years.

"All the friends of labor demand concerning Mooney a fair trial. It is not a question as to whether he is guilty or innocent.

"The leaders of the labor forces are most concerned in keeping down violence. They will not call for the machine guns unless they are forced to it by such action as Mayor Hanson employed in Seattle.

"Any cause which is afraid to trust to reason or the sense of justice of the people cannot possibly maintain itself by force of arms."

MOSCOW SAFER THAN NEW YORK

While the prostituted editorial writers of the capitalist press continue to fulminate against Soviet Russia and to spew out such venom against the workers as they are capable, the following extract from a dispatch to the New York Globe and the Chicago Daily News by their correspondent, Isaac Don Levine, in Moscow, may serve to make some of them realize the depths of lying to which they have allowed themselves to be lowered by the interests they serve:

Moscow, Russia, May 19.—There is no anarchy either in Petrograd or Moscow, and there is no chaos in Soviet Russia. Never since its inauguration has the Soviet government been more powerful than it is today. Never in the history of modern Russia has any government had more real authority than the present Soviet system. When one penetrates Soviet Russia one is struck by the fact that whatever Bolshevism may be it is not anarchy. After having passed sometime within the frontiers of the communist republic one is surprised at the situation here, for it is absolutely the opposite of what the American people imagine it to be. There is no disorder; there is even too much order. One is safer in the streets of Petrograd and Moscow than in New York or Chicago. Imagine what would happen in Chicago at night if the streets were unlighted, and imagine, further, what would happen if the police disappeared from the city. There are no policemen in Moscow, and because of the coal crisis the streets are unlighted; yet one can traverse the streets after midnight in perfect safety.

Before coming to Russia I was informed that the Soviet government was tottering and would soon fall.

The newspapers here publish the wireless dispatches sent from Paris to America. These are absolutely contrary to the facts, and even people most violently opposed to Bolshevism cannot find anything here to support such assertions. On the contrary, numerous signs show that the Soviet government has grown considerably in the last few months.

The Republicans and Democrats task you to vote—not to think; Socialism asks you to think—if you think right you will vote right.

VOTE FOR SOCIALISM.

An Inquiry About Debs

Dayton, Ohio, June 18, 1919.
Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Sir: As one of the counsel for Eugene V. Debs in his trial at Cleveland, Ohio, which resulted in his conviction of violating the Espionage Act and his sentence to a term of imprisonment at the Moundsville penitentiary, West Virginia, I write to you concerning recent news items in the daily press that Mr. Debs has been transferred from Moundsville to Atlanta.

The law, I take it, governing this transfer is found in U. S. R. S. Sec. 5546, as amended by act of July 12, 1876, 19 Stat. at L. 88. It reads as follows:

"And the place of imprisonment may be changed in any case, when, in the opinion of the attorney general, it is necessary for the preservation of the health of the prisoner or when in his opinion the place of confinement is not sufficient to secure the custody of the prisoner, or because of cruel or improper treatment; provided, however, that no change shall be made in the case of any prisoner on the ground of unhealthiness of the prisoner, or because of his treatment, after his conviction and during his term of imprisonment, unless such change shall be applied for by such prisoner, or some one in his behalf."

Will you kindly inform me upon which of the above grounds the transfer to the Atlanta penitentiary has been made?

Respectfully, JOSEPH W. SHARTS.

Trench Testimony

Fellow-worker Bruce has just been freed of the charge of "criminal syndicalism" at Seattle. Following is part of the testimony submitted in his case by a returned soldier.

"Why did you join the I. W. W.?"

"To try to get better living conditions for men and women and children," came the answer. "Few young fellows these days can afford to get married."

"Was it your intention to overthrow the political government of the United States?"

"No, I fought for the United States in France." Then Williams gave a brief picture of his experiences for sixteen months in the trenches.

"It was sent into the line before I had been taught how to load my rifle," he said. "I was ordered over

foreign music. Meeting places of foreign-born workers were attacked;

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MILLIONS WILL RETURN TO EUROPE

(By Scott Nearing.)

May first the international labor holiday so generally observed by the workers of Europe saw fresh indignities heaped upon the foreign born men and women in the United States.

The police, representing "law and order" via with mobs of uniformed soldiers and sailors in their efforts

to make this country an impossible living place for any self-respecting

United States?"

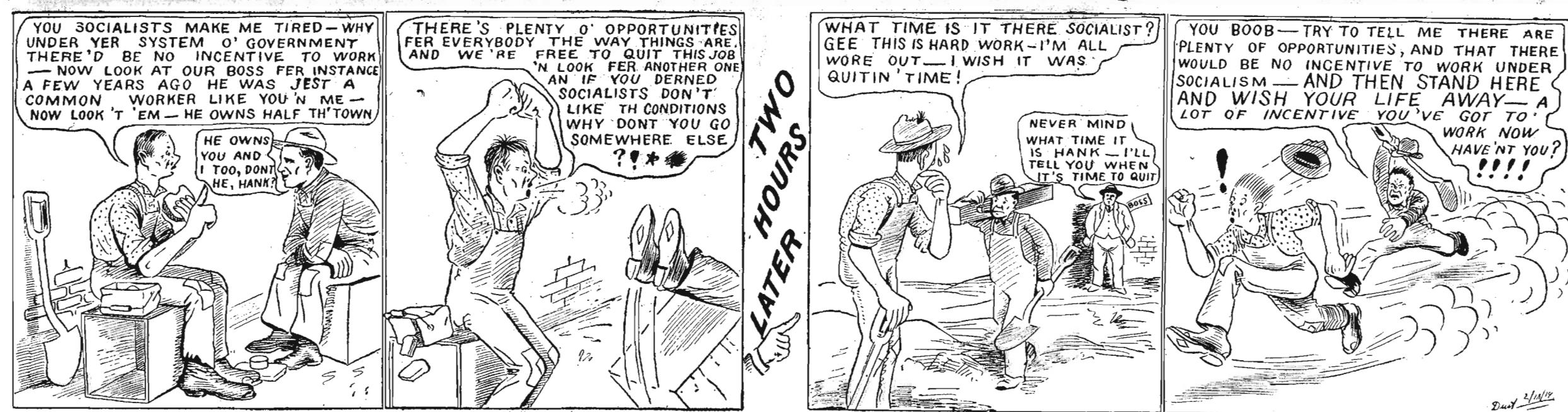
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AROUSE, YE WORKERS: TO THE LABOR BEFORE US; BUILD UP THE WORKERS' PRESS

The greatest bulwark that capitalism can muster against the workers is its kept press. Its principal business is to lie about the cause of the workers and to form public opinion in its own interests and against the working-class. That it intends to make it pay dividends while doing so is a side issue. While pretending to give the news of the world to the public, this is mere camouflage, for all news is colored to suit the capitalist class. Its perverted writers, both editorial and news, are hired for their ability to distort the truth and to purposely misconstrue the motives and purposes of the organized workers.

Months of unparalleled journalistic perversion of facts and motives of the Socialist Soviet government of Russia serves as an illuminating ex-

ample. Realizing the danger to the entire capitalist system, should this highest workers' government stand, it has left no falsehood untold that could discredit it in the eyes of the workers and the general public of this country.

Not content with viciously and shamelessly lying about the workers of Russia they have also turned their broadsides of slander against the workers of America who have voiced the least sympathy with or shown an inclination to seek an understanding of the Russian workers' government. Socialists, J. W. W.'s, Bolsheviks, in fact, all men and women of radical thought have been branded as outlaws by these kept ladies of a morally corrupt press. From end to end of the country they have brazenly incited to riot and murder against the workers.

\$1.00 Column
J. B. Estsminger, Clifton Forge, Va.
L. H. Deaton, Clifton Forge, Va.
J. Y. Hartbarger, Clifton Forge, Va. (50c).
J. E. Vest, Clifton Forge, Va. (25c).
Joe Richstone, Youngstown, O.
Andrew Gonte, Youngstown, O.
Nina Budky, Youngstown, O.
Henry Blanz, Norwood, O.
Matthew, Schaeffer, Norwood, O.
Theo. G. Pitzner, Cincinnati, O.
August Bindauer, 25c, Sidney, O.
Howard Bates, 25c, Sidney, O.
Tom Flannery, 25c, Sidney, O.
Meral Henson, 25c, Sidney, O.
Homer Henson, 25c, Sidney, O.
John Schlageter, Sidney, O.
John Clacker, Sidney, O., 25c.
Fritz Miller, Sidney, O., 25c.
Chester Carr, Sidney, O., 25c.
John Thnka, Akron, O.
Wm. Dickson, Canton, O.
John Glovin, Lorain, O.
C. R. Hartlieb, Barberton, O.
Emma Gundlach, Washingtonville, Ohio.

E. Zentraff, Silverton, O.
Shields, Silverton, O.
A. Tredette, Cincinnati, O.
George Pickal, E. Liverpool, O.
Ed. W. Drewes, Cincinnati, O.
Chester Pickal, E. Liverpool, O.
G. F. Runnels, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Robert E. Blackstone, Youngstown, O.
Mrs. R. Blackstone, Youngstown, O.
E. Kuhn, Cincinnati, O.
W. H. Tilly, Ransom, Kan.
Joseph Slutsky, Cincinnati, O.
D. Yerick, Youngstown, O.
A. W. Harvitt, Toledo, O.
W. P. McDonald, Germantown, O.
John Garrett, Hamilton, O.
Louise Hamilton, O.
E. J. Nutley, Woodlawn, O.
George Farmer, Hamilton, O.
J. R. Hill, Hamilton, O.
J. B. Hill, Hamilton, O.
Aldo Ford, Niles, O.
A. Storm, Niles, O.
Burt Johnson, Niles, O.
Herman Case, Warren, O.
A. D. Moore, Warren, O.
Gus Kehm, Warren, O.
Sarah A. Rohrer, Canton, O.

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Against the outgoings system of hypocrisy the workers have but one weapon. Publicity, the power of print, is the weapon and the only one that can turn the pints of their lies. The power of the press to form public opinion is greater than any other in all the world. Armies are overpowered by it, navies are helpless before it. It is the real ruler of the world.

The power of the press for promulgating a lie is great but its power for spreading truth is a thousand times greater. Truth in itself is a power. It is invisible in the end. No lie can stand against it for long. The truth given even an unequal chance with lies will win the race.

The business of every Socialist is to spread the truth about the motives and the purposes of the organized workers. To do it as effectively as possible should be a chief consideration. For the more effectively it is done, the quicker will we increase the power of the workers for a workers' democracy.

The most effective manner in which this can be done is to place the workers in control of the means of publicity. With this added power, the power of the workers to carry the truth to their fellows is doubled, trebled, yes, increased an hundred fold. The time has come for the workers to strike back at the lies of capitalist henchmen. And the way to strike back is to tell the truth and to make possible the telling of it to greater and greater numbers.

The Ohio Socialist is making a call to its readers and to the members of the Socialist party for \$10,000 with which to buy a printing press and

a plant of its own. We are trying to tell the truth to the workers and we want your help in doing it.

If you want to strike back at capitalism that is striking you and your class down, help us raise this fund with as much as you can possibly spare for

Report of the State Secretary, 1919 Convention, Socialist Party of Ohio

While the following State Secretary's report is being set up at the printers for this issue of the O. S. the state convention of the Socialist Party is in session at Cincinnati. Full report of the convention proceedings will appear in next week's issue.

Comrade Delegates:

The state secretary, together with State Organizer Chas. Baker and C. E. Rutherford, were released from the Stark County workhouse on December 2, 1918. The entire work of the state office for the ten months previous had devolved upon the temporary state secretary, Horace Wagenknecht. The state executive committee granted the state secretary a three months' leave of absence beginning about the first of February, for the purpose of taking charge of the department of organization and propaganda at the national office of our party. During these three months Mrs. Wagenknecht also functioned as temporary state secretary. This report, therefore, is in most part her report.

So far as agitation and propaganda are concerned, this state has seen unusual activity in the past year. The literature purchases and sales by the state office have been very large. Locals have made it a point to patronize the state office for literature and although the literature department has not been conducted at a profit, we have been instrumental in the circulation of thousands of pamphlets and this, after all, rather than profits, is the aim of our organization.

Many speakers have been toured by the state since the last convention of the party. Scott Nearing, Ross D. Brown, Kate Richards O'Hare, Tom Lewis, Geo. R. Kirkpatrick, Thurber Martin, H. L. A. Holman and Eugene V. Debs have all made more or less extended tours of the state. Speakers residing in the state who gave much of their time to lecture work are Lotta Burke, H. J. Beery, Jos. W. Sharts, C. E. Rutherford and State Organizer Baker. Other state speakers filled occasional dates. We want to call especial attention to the several northern Ohio tours made by Eugene V. Debs with the assistance of Marguerite Prevey and Chas. Baker. These meetings were the largest ever held at the points touched, the crowds coming to hear Debs consisted of such numbers that halls were far too small to hold them. These meetings put new life into the organization in Ohio at a time when war and all that followed in its wake was discouraging Socialist activity.

The one disappointment of the year was our failure to place a state ticket in the field last fall. We failed by only several thousand of securing sufficient signatures. This then would be the best time to call the attention of the delegates to the coming municipal elections. Every delegate in attendance should make it his and her duty to induce the local to nominate candidates for municipal offices at once. Many locals have already nominated candidates and begun campaigns. The example of these live locals should be followed by all other locals in the state.

The only speaker at present being toured is State Organizer Chas. Baker. He is visiting locals in behalf of the party-owned printing plant fund. This tour has just begun and we hope that it will turn out very successful for numerous locals and members seem exceedingly interested and have volunteered their loyal support in behalf of this fund and its purpose.

Due to the riots instigated by the tools of capitalism, both hall and street meetings are, for the time being, impossible in many cities. In a number of cities anti-street speaking ordinances have been passed. In Bellair and Tiffin the comrades are fighting such ordinances through the initiative and referendum in accordance with a plan proposed by Jos. W. Sharts. We have therefore discontinued the routing of speakers for the present, but only until the locals begin their municipal campaigns, when we shall again give our best assistance in this form of propaganda.

While this lull in lecture propaganda is on we suggest that all locals and branches turn their attention toward strengthening their organization. There are two suggestions to follow toward this end. First, through study classes, we must increase the intellectual quality of the membership. Second, through dues collectors we must seek to keep our membership in constant good standing. Every local should organize a study class. Every local should elect dues collectors. Between the two every local can maintain its membership and make it more efficient in propagating Socialism. Also, every local member, under the direction of the literature agent, should constitute himself a literature agent, selling as many pamphlets as he can every week, as well as Ohio Socialist subscription cards. These are methods of activity which can be easily prosecuted despite the denial of halls or street corners.

The Ohio Socialist is now the largest weekly party-owned Socialist paper in the United States. With a circulation of 20,000 in round numbers, by 5,000, the next largest paper by 5,000. Credit for this big circulation is due Elmer T. Allison, who as editor and manager has labored painstakingly to make our state paper a success. In fact, the Ohio Socialist is more than a state paper now. It is a national paper, for it enjoys a nation-wide circulation, having subscribers not only in neighboring states, but in remote states as well. The growth in circulation has been steady since the state executive committee, a year ago, decided to issue it weekly. The financial report shows that the paper has contributed a surplus into the treasury during the year.

The general condition of the party in the state is very gratifying. We have lost some of the smaller locals, the rural locals, but the locals in the larger cities, the industrial

locals, have grown and prospered. The convention must now earnestly deliberate the reasons for this very condition. This brings us to the party controversy and the formation of the Left Wing section of the Socialist Party.

By vote of the state executive committee the state secretary and Scott Wilkins of the committee were delegated to attend the Left Wing National conference in New York. This conference drafted a Left Wing program and manifesto, declared its relations with economic organizations and decided to organize a new party, to be known as the Communist Party, should the national emergency convention of the Socialist Party refuse to seat delegates from Left Wing states and other party divisions, expelled or suspended for proclaiming themselves Left Wing Socialists, or should the national executive committee again postpone the emergency convention.

The Socialist Party of Michigan intends calling a national convention to organize a new Socialist Party, this convention to meet in Chicago, September 1, 1919. Several of the suspended federations are supporting this call.

You will see by this that the situation in the Socialist Party is critical. Fully half of the party membership is suspended or expelled. Massachusetts is now being expelled. The state executive committee and the city executive committee of New York has expelled half of the New York membership for being Left Wing Socialists. The Pennsylvania state executive committee has refused to abide by the decision of the national executive committee not to send dues stamps to the suspended language federations and may be suspended as a result. The Socialist Party of Washington, the Socialist Party of New Jersey and the German Socialist Federation have all adopted the Left Wing program and may also be suspended for so doing.

The Jewish Socialist Federation is split in half, one-half having organized its own federation for Left Wing Socialism.

Eventually, most of the Socialists will be outside the official party. In order to function state and nationally they will have to form some kind of an organization. The question now arises—in this event, what stand shall the Socialist Party of Ohio take? We can safely say that a vast majority of the membership in this state are Left Wing Socialists. Most of the larger locals have endorsed the Left Wing program and manifesto. As this question will undoubtedly come before the convention in concrete form we hope that the discussion will be deliberate and convincing, so that this state may be a unit in whatever action is taken.

The emergency convention of the Socialist Party will meet in Chicago on August 30, 1919. Ohio is to elect 16 delegates. If these delegates are to accurately represent this state, the convention ought to take under advisement the instructing of delegates as to possible contingencies.

We sincerely hope that the delegates and locals will not permit the party controversy to discourage them in the performance of their duties or to cause them to become inactive. The reshaping of methods and principles in alignment with experiences taught by the war and the Social Revolution is a very great need. The controversy caused by this attempt to reshape our tactics is a sign of party growth, a growth which may result in a temporary decrease in numbers but which will eventually result in an increase in both intellectual and numerical strength.

The financial condition of the party is something to be really elated over. The balance on hand June 1, 1919, was \$3,366.31. Together with this we have property assets as follows: One automobile, \$400; two typewriters, \$60; one micrograph, \$250; office furniture, \$50; matter in stock, \$400; printed matter and supplies, \$200. This means that the total assets of the party are more than they have been before, nearly \$5,000. Add to this the conservative estimate of the value of the Ohio Socialist and its subscription list, namely, \$10,000, and we have a financial condition which we can well feel proud of.

Here follows the financial report in totals and a comparison with receipts and expenses for the year previous.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Total Receipts May 31, 1918, to May 31, 1919.

O. S. Subs.....	\$ 8,224.18
Dues Reg.....	3,699.20
Initiations.....	1,236.99
M. A. L.....	187.57
Organization Fund.....	1,112.33
For Br. Dues.....	1,803.51
Literature.....	882.70
Supplies.....	218.21

Receipts from Same Sources for Year Previous.

O. S. Subs.....	\$ 704.00
Dues Reg.....	3,881.10
Initiations.....	1,637.50
M. A. L.....	225.50
Organization Fund.....	1,373.76
For Br. Dues.....	1,759.83
Literature.....	1,964.78
Supplies.....	500.17

Total Receipts May 31, 1918, to May 31, 1919.

Industrial Freedom Certifi- cates.....	\$ 505.50
Sustaining Fund Stamp.....	500.50
Miscellaneous.....	1,698.11
Debs' Defense.....	3,658.19
Press Fund.....	166.00

Receipts from Same Sources for Year Previous.

Sustaining Fund Stamp.....	\$ 657.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,559.33

Total receipts.....

\$13,980.42

Total Expenditures May 31, 1918, to May 31, 1919.

Dues stamps.....	\$ 2,415.00
Supplies.....	63.75
Literature.....	563.54
Organization Expenses.....	1,266.59
Debs' Defense.....	1,243.64
Miscellaneous.....	1,699.29
Salaries.....	3,612.00
Telegrams.....	12.00

Total receipts.....

\$21,093.51

Receipts from Same Sources for Year Previous.

Sustaining Fund Stamp.....	\$ 657.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,559.33

Total receipts.....

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Total Expenditures May 31, 1918, to May 31, 1919.

Dues stamps.....	\$ 2,352.00
Supplies.....	63.75
Literature.....	563.54
Organization Expenses.....	1,266.59
Debs' Defense.....	1,243.64
Miscellaneous.....	1,699.29
Salaries.....	3,612.00
Telegrams.....	12.00

Total receipts.....

\$22,012.08

Expenses for Same Sources for Year Previous.

Office Supplies.....	\$ 685.77
Postage.....	503.98
Printing.....	341.00
Auto expenses.....	310.55
Sustaining fund.....	904.77
Ohio Socialist publishing.....	7,562.60
Telegrams.....	133.11

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Office Supplies.....	\$ 685.77
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Printing.....	341.00
Auto expenses.....	310.55
Sustaining fund.....	904.77
Ohio Socialist publishing.....	7,562.60
Telegrams.....	133.11

Expenses for Same Sources for Year Previous.

Office supplies.....	\$ 240.70
Postage.....	541.28
Printing.....	545.25
Sustaining fund.....	188.20
Ohio Socialist publishing.....	1,304.43

Total expenses.....

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PEACE TIME SEDITION LAWS.

So, it seems congress, having imposed upon the people of the United States an unconstitutional espionage law in time of war, is now to seek further honors in the fertile field of repression of our once boasted rights by enacting a new sedition law adapted to peace times. The espionage law, commonly referred to as the "spinach act," proved such a winner for reactionism, though its sole purpose at the time of enactment was said to be the curtailing of the activities of pro-German spies, that something permanent along the same line would be just the thing to keep the rubber powers in the saddle for decades at least. The war time agitation concerning freedom, liberty, etc., having burned itself into the minds of the people as a real entity, possible of accomplishment, of being grasped and as worthy of such, it is now feared by our capitalistically inspired solons, as a dangerous thing for an enlightened people to become enamored of. A law of repression is necessary.

Senator King is ready with his "anti-Red" bill. Commenting upon it under the heading of "Why Crazy Laws for Crazy Men," the New York World speaks as follows: "In the severity of its provisions, it goes far beyond anything ever before thought necessary for the protection of the government. It appears to be based not merely upon facts that may have been discovered but on fears that may have been excited in the minds of the senators in the course of their rambling investigation. For national safety it is not necessary to magnify into crimes all the reckless words, spoken and written, of irresponsible agitators. It groups persons who use scurrilous or abusive language about the form of government with those who advocate assassination of public officials and destruction of public property, and prescribes the same penalties. Even if such laws were to be enacted, they could not be enforced in the courts where reason and justice still prevail."

This is the kind of laws which "our" representatives will seek to hedge about the people as they manifest a desire to attain some measure of the liberties for which the nation spent billions and gave thousands of lives.

ONE RAY OF HOPE.

The convention of the American Federation of Labor, boasting an organization of 4,000,000 members, has passed into history. The proceedings of the convention were marked but by two outstanding features of special import. Much of the same old game of conservatism marked every phase of its various activities. The same old policy of keeping the "ins" and the "outs" out was apparent. The steam roller of the Gompers machine performed in the usual and time honored manner against even the least significant display of unaccustomed policy. The convention proceeded along the conventional and usual route toward securing a "fair" deal for labor. What this fair deal consists of was not made apparent. Gompers voiced his usual tiresome and conservative opinions and "believe" that capital would see the fairness of labor's demands and out of its good heart would render justice to the toilers. The accomplishments of the convention were toward conservatism and a policy of "let well enough alone."

The one ray of hope and the only one, emanated from the western delegations. They composed the radical group of the convention and in them rested the spirit of the newer ideals of labor. They were not sufficiently numerous, however, to bind the convention to any of the forward looking movements of labor. The decisions of the convention bear out the statement that the American Federation of Labor is far, far behind the spirit of progress and desire of the labor world. The radicalism in the ranks of American labor exists in that vast majority which is outside the Federation. The Federation is lacking in a sympathetic touch with the recent developments in the labor world. The only ray of hope that it may at some time get in touch is furnished by the Western delegations and their scattered supporters.

The Bolshevik and the profiteer are opposite extremes, and there is small choice between them—so reads a short one in one of the dailies. Admitting they are opposite extremes indications are that the world, having had enough and to spare of the latter will now try the former for a change.

President Wilson, we are told, will stump the country to convince the American people that white is black and that black is white in so far as the league of capitalist nations is concerned.

We trust that the capitalist press has sufficiently gloated over the imperialistic peace imposed upon a starving people at bayonet points to convince the average man and woman that our sole object in entering the war was the attainment of right and justice!

Speaking of Red, it was the Red Sea that engulfed the tyrant Pharaoh and his hosts. Other tyrants, other seas.

The opportunity for enlightenment as to what the Allies were fighting for is now available. Just read the peace treaty.

A plan of Germany to export potash is referred to in a capitalist paper as a Hun plot. That's because it would interfere with the profits of the potash trade that is developing in this country.

Who can say that Sammy Gompers has not a sense of the fitness of things—didn't he refuse an increase in pay?

Some near truths are being told these days. A preacher gives it as his opinion that "hugism" is responsible for Bolshevism.

The horse meat industry is flourishing in the U. S. "Well," says our stenographer, "if people have to eat horse meat, perhaps they will get some horse sense."

LET PARTY MEMBERSHIP FUNCTION NOW.

(By L. E. Kattorfeld)

In a statement to the locals the members of the old National Executive Committee, who are holding up the membership referendum in which they know themselves to be defeated for re-election, make a tearful plea to the outraged membership to "wait until the convention." They ask locals not to make or see motions to reverse the N. E. C. but leave it all to the convention.

In the meantime this same N. E. C. finds even the mails too slow for its party wrecking activities, and is voting right now BY TELEGRAPH, to expel the Socialist Party of Massachusetts. Why not wait till the convention?

The New York state committee is throwing out of the party its revolutionary membership by the thousands. Why not wait till the convention?

The Connecticut State Executive

committee has voted to expel every local and member that endorses the Left Wing program. Why not wait till the convention?

We can expect every little committee that is still controlled by the reactionary officialdom to follow suit. The convention is called primarily for the specific purpose of affording the party membership the opportunity to pass judgment upon the Left Wing program to determine the party's position on the question of affiliating with the Third International, organized by the Bolsheviks at Moscow, which to-day is the ONLY International of Revolutionary Socialism. But these little committees of petty officials that want our party to straddle and compromise are not willing to await the action of the convention. They are now trying to forestall the convention and to expel from the party all those elements that come out

The Communist Program—The Manifesto of the Left Wing

Nearly one hundred delegates met in New York on June 21, 22, 23 and 24 to discuss the Socialist Party crisis. Nine Socialist language federations were represented. Ohio was represented by 9 delegates, Pennsylvania 8, Massachusetts 8, New York 16, Illinois 8, Colorado 1, California 2, New Jersey 3, Connecticut 2, Wisconsin 2, Rhode Island 1, Michigan 5, Kentucky 1, Minnesota 3, New Mexico 1. These were reported by the credentials committee at the first session. More than a dozen additional delegates were admitted at subsequent sessions.

The discussions were earnest and deliberate. Heated debate marked several sessions, which is of course, entirely natural at a Socialist conference. A telegram was received at the first day's session, signed by fifteen prisoners incarcerated at Leavenworth, sending greetings to the conference and wishing it success. In view of this it does not seem as if those behind prison bars felt as if the Left Wing Socialists were dis-

rupting the party. Telegrams and reports of greeting were received from all parts of the United States.

We print this week the Communist program as adopted by this Left Wing national conference, which is hoped will form the basis of a program to be adopted by the national emergency convention of the Socialist Party, to be held in Chicago August 30th. Next week we will publish further actions of this conference.

THE COMMUNIST PROGRAM.

The Left Wing program is implied within the terms of the program of the Communist International. We therefore outline, as the controlling propositions of our own program, the main principles of Communism as follows:

1.—The present is the period of dissolution and collapse of the whole capitalist world system, which will mean the complete collapse of world culture, if capitalism, with its unsolved contradictions is not replaced by Communism.

2.—The problem of the proletariat consists in organizing and training itself for the power of the state. This conquest of power means the replacement of the state machinery of the bourgeoisie with a new proletarian machinery of government.

3.—This new proletarian state must embody the dictatorship constituting the instrument for the taking over of property used for exploiting the workers and for the re-organization of society on a communist basis.

Not the fraudulent bourgeois democracy—the hypocritical form of the rule of the finance oligarchy, with its purely formal equality—but proletarian democracy based on the possibility of actual realization of freedom for the working masses; not capitalist bureaucracy, but organs of administration which have been created by the masses themselves, with the real participation of these masses in the government of the country and in the activity of the communistic structure—this should be the type of the proletarian state. The Workers' Councils and similar organizations represent its concrete form.

4.—The dictatorship of the proletariat shall carry out the expropriation of private property in the means of production and distribution, by transfer to the proletarian state under Socialist administration of the working class; the abolition of capitalist, agricultural production; nationalization of the great business enterprises and financial trusts.

5.—The present world situation demands the closest relation between the revolutionary proletariat of all countries.

6.—The fundamental means of the struggle for power is the mass action of the proletariat, a gathering together and concentration of all its energies; whereas methods such as the revolutionary war of bourgeois parliamentarianism are of only subsidiary significance.

In those countries in which the historical development has furnished the opportunity, the working class has utilized the regime of political democracy for its organization against capitalism. In all countries where the conditions for a workers' revolution are not yet ripe, the same process will go on.

But within this process the workers must never lose sight of the true character of bourgeois democracy. If the finance oligarchy considers it advantageous to veil its deeds of violence behind parliamentary forms, then the capitalist power has at its command in order to gain its ends, all the traditions and attainments of former centuries of upper-class rule, multiplied by the wonders of capitalist technique: lies, demagogism, persecution, slander, bribery, calumny and terror. To demand of the proletariat that it shall be content to yield itself to the artificial rules devised by its mortal enemy, but not observed by the enemy, is to make a mockery of the proletarian struggle for power—a struggle which depends primarily on the development of separate organs of working-class power.

7.—The old Socialist International has broken into three main groups: (a) Those frankly social patriots who since 1914 have supported their bourgeoisie and transformed those elements of the working class which they control into henchmen of the international revolution.

(b) The "Center" at present theoretically led by Kautsky (by Hillquit in the United States), representing elements which are constantly wavering and incapable of following a definite plan of action, and which are at times positively traitorous and should be thrown out.

Second Cleveland's motion to annul the N. E. C. suspension of the convention, and in order for these questions to come properly before the convention these unconstitutional and pernicious acts of the N. E. C. must NOW be reversed.

Therefore, comrades of the Socialist Party, we urge you to second Cleveland's motion to annul the N. E. C. expulsion of Michigan, and let THE CONVENTION decide if those 6,000 members should be expelled from the party.

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Second Cleveland's motion to have the results of our referendum elections announced. Then if there are any contests or challenges, let the CONVENTION decide them.

Second Cleveland's motion to halt the N. E. C. action turning all the party property over to a little corporation that cannot be controlled by the party membership. If the new headquarters are to be in the hands of a little group of individuals that cannot be recalled within three years by the party, let the CONVENTION consider that.

And remember, as a precaution against the executive secretary's merely throwing your "second" in the waste basket, be sure to send a duplicate thereof to the State Office of the Socialist Party of Ohio, 3207 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, so that we may know when sufficient seconds have been sent in to demand a referendum of the party.

Comrades, in every one of their actions the N. E. C. have insulted the party membership. They have usurped powers that are not theirs. They have trampled roughshod over all constitutional limitations. They have violated the will of the membership. They may now camouflage their motives with honeyed words and fine phrases, but their every act gives them the lie, and the very circumstances under which they acted mercilessly condemn them.

They have sown the wind. Now let them reap the whirlwind. Let every comrade make it his personal business to prove that such incredible trickery on the part of the party's officialdom will be resented and rebuked in this Socialist Party. LET THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP FUNCTION NOW.

—PROGRAM OF THE LEFT WING.

1.—We favor international alliance of the Socialist movement of the United States only with the Communist groups of other countries, such as the Bolsheviks of Russia, Spartacists of Germany, etc., according to the program of Communism as above outlined.

2.—We are opposed to association with other groups not committed to the revolutionary class struggle, such as labor parties, non-partisan leagues,

people's council, municipal ownership leagues and the like.

3.—We maintain that the class struggle is essentially a political struggle, that is, a struggle by the proletariat to conquer the capitalist state, whether its form be monarchic or democratic, republican, and to replace it by a governmental structure adapted to the socialist transformation.

4.—We favor organized party activity in co-operation with class-conscious industrial unionism, in order to unify industrial and political class-conscious propaganda and action.

(a) The party shall propagandize industrial unionism and industrial union organization, emphasizing their revolutionary implications.

(b) The party shall make the great industrial battles its major campaigns, to develop the understanding of the strike in relation to the general proletarian emancipation.

5.—We do not disparage voting nor the value of success in electing our candidates to public office—not if these are in direct line with the class struggle. The trouble comes with the illusion that political or industrial immediate achievements are of themselves steps in the revolution, the progressive merging of capitalism into the co-operative commonwealth.

The basis of our political campaign should be:

(a) To propagandize the overthrow of capitalism by proletarian conquest of the political power and the establishment of a dictatorship of the proletariat.

(b) To maintain a political organization as a clearing house for proletarian thought, a center of political education for the development of revolutionary working-class action.

(c) To make, by votes, a show of strength, indicating the measure of our reserve forces, providing, always, that these votes are not bid for by reform programs, but are votes for the social revolution.

(d) To win representatives in public offices on the same basis as we use lawyers in the capitalist courts, to insist upon technical safeguards, no matter how meager, and to serve as interpreters and publicity agents equipped with special knowl-

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A Rebuke From Prison

June 14, 1919.

U. S. Federal Penitentiary, McNeil's Island, U. S. A.

Comrades: Whereas it has come to my knowledge that the National Executive Committee, at their meeting held on May 24th to 28th, inclusive, 1919, did take certain arbitrary and unconstitutional action regarding certain foreign language federations of the Socialist Party, and did, moreover, exceed the authority of their office in "expelling" the state organization of Michigan, contrary to the constitutional requirements provided for suspensions and expulsions; and further, that the N. E. C. has organized the National referendum "B" and "C" be NOT TABULATED, but have selected an "investigating committee" to examine the individual ballots which are to be called in from all over the country—despite the fact that the vote has NOT been challenged—and intend to exclude the votes of Michigan restored to all the rights and privileges of membership in the Socialist Party of the United States.

Resolved, that the action of the State organization of the State of Michigan be restored and the suspension of said N. E. C. be rescinded and nullified and the Socialist Party of Michigan restored to all the rights and privileges of membership in the Socialist Party of the United States.

Resolved, that the action of the National Executive Committee of the State of Michigan be restored and the suspension of said Federations be rescinded at the earliest possible opportunity by the remaining members of the N. E. C. for the purpose of hearing the case of the above named organizations and such other bodies as may come before said convention, and be it further

Resolved, that before any of accused organizations be expelled from membership in the Socialist party, that the evidence be published and furnished to the entire membership of the National Executive Committee through the columns of the National Bulletin, and then a referendum vote be taken, the results of which shall stand as a verdict, and be it further

Resolved, that a referendum be called for the election of members of the National Executive Committee to fill the vacancies created by the recall of above designated members, and that none of those who have been recalled as a result of above charges shall be eligible to membership of the National Executive Committee for a period of two years.

Adopted by Local Beebe, White County, Arkansas, at a regular meeting on the 8th day of June, 1919.

W. G. HOPKINS, Chairman.

W. B. SAYE, Secretary.

Committee on resolutions.

J. M. WREN

H. J. GRAM

W. G. HOPKINS.

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Stinging Resolutions Passed By Local Beebe, Arkansas

Calls For Seconds For National Membership Referendum

The following resolutions were passed by Local Beebe, Arkansas, on June 8th, 1919. Local Beebe calls upon all locals and branches of the Socialist Party to second these resolutions so that they may be sent to the National Executive Committee, takes the liberty to suspend several foreign language Federations, alleging the expenditure of time and funds in an endeavor to capture the national organization, as a reason therefore, and

Whereas, the evidence furnished in the signed statement of the National Executive Committee, is inadequate to base such drastic actions upon, and bears the opinion out that they (the N. E. C.) only feared that their positions were in jeopardy, and

Whereas, the Socialist party of America has repeatedly declared itself a revolutionary movement, aiming at the abolition of the bourgeoisie system and the establishment of a working-class government, and

Whereas, recognizing the impossibility of establishing a co-operative commonwealth, as long as any part of an individualistic system is permitted to endure, and

Whereas, legislative reforms of the present system is nothing more than bolstering up capitalism and the retarding and obstructing of the growth of co-operation, thereby continuing in slavery the toiling masses whose freedom is espoused by the principles of socialism, and

Whereas, the National Executive Committee, by its acts have exceeded its authority, criminally neglected its duties, and showed a marked indifference for the interests of the party, by its wholesale slaughter of the party membership, the failing and refusing to call a convention at the time of or at any time after the signing of the armistice, and the offering of motions to indefinitely postpone meetings of the N. E. C. at a time when the world was witnessing the greatest struggle for supremacy in

Virginia Bulletin for May, 1919

State Secretary R. M. Dutton, R. F. D. No. 1, Abingdon, Va.
Chairman State Executive Committee, J. W. Cassell, 522 14th Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Va.

Virginia Comrades:

Scientists tell us that our solar system speeds through immense space upon an orbit incalculably great, and that in process of time will complete a cycle and return to the point occupied at present. Certain mystics tell us that at certain points or fields along this mighty orbit there are distinct etherial forces that play subtly upon the minds of men and induce certain abnormal psychological states that react tremendously upon the destiny of the human race.

If this theory be true, we must now be passing through one of these fields of brain-storms. Certain it is that the human animal is "acting queer" the world over. Just now our beloved American Socialist party is in the throes of a virulent brain-storm. Up Soco—SEVEN

until recently we have remained quite sane and kept the keel lying level.

But now, alas, we have "got it" too. Well, if the thing is "in the air," I guess we cannot help acting like we had the jinx-jams. There is one consolation: maybe that inert and somnolent thing we call "the people" will get a dose and sit up and take notice. If this occurs we can well afford to have a fit or so ourselves.

But as we who have the light are charged with the responsibility of showing the awakening masses the way out, it behoves us to keep cool. Excited folks lose their heads and do foolish things. So just keep your shirt on and remember that when a man joins an organization he tacitly agrees to abide the majority will of that organization. The Socialist party has the referendum vote as the means of determining the majority will upon all vital questions relating to the internal economy of the party. So just keep cool and wait until these matters just now threatening to disrupt our party can be threshed out in a party referendum.

And do not think because you have a wing that you are an angel. All the angels I ever met had two wings and could fly. And again, remember that all the energy you consume flapping your poor feathers out on the Comrades who have developed a wing on the opposite shoulder, is LOST to the external work that is to be done educating the heathen outside our fold. And, OH, LORD! just think how enormously great is the external task awaiting us. Why, Comrades, we have not an ounce of strength to waste in scrapping with each other. Let us quickly agree on some working program, or if we cannot agree, then agree to disagree, and then get busy WITH THE EXTERNAL TASK.

I would rather see half a dozen separate Socialist parties, each united and harmonious within and zealously pursuing its chosen course, than see one big party rent with internal dissensions and wasting all its energy upon internal shenanigan and factional strife.

There, now, just look how much perfectly good ink I have wasted in this little sermon, and just consider that when done it is not worth one quavering, agonized tinker's damn as propaganda. Some Comrade sent me a copy of a new paper calling itself The Socialist. I read it through and not a

line in it but what was devoted to the partisan squabble just now on within the party. In the hands of the heathen, this paper would be absolutely meaningless—mere drool, that he would cast aside with disgust. And remember, it is labelled "The Socialist," and the heathen would naturally look to find something of Socialism in it. Say, when we play dampnophy like this, how can we expect the hen then to look to us for leadership?

The Ohio Socialist has remained singularly fair and free from factional drool. As a propaganda paper it is first class. It is the work of a Socialist paper to make more Socialists, and this cannot be done with a factional matter. Get behind the Ohio Socialist. It stands for fair play within the party and abides the majority will as opposed to official taciturnity.

May has been a quiet month in party circles in Virginia. Some of our Comrades are developing wings, but they solemnly assure me they have no intention of flying the coop—we are harmonious in Virginia.

"The harmony of death?"—not on your life, bo! We are not dead by a damsite. Just watch us. We are on the verge of eruption. Even now the rumblings of the coming quake may be heard.

Norfolk is already in active eruption. Lava streams fill the streets and the air is full of volcanic ashes—and the eruption has just begun.

There is a reporter on a Plute paper in Norfolk who gave us a nice decent write-up in his paper recently. This is unusual these days as to demand special comment and our profuse thanks.

Richmond, after a period of quiescence, is now rumbling for a coming spell of activity. Pretty soon she will be spouting Socialist lava to beat Vesuvius.

So, if you want to prove your capitalist editor an unmitigated liar and a journalistic gutter-wench by evidence he cannot gainsay, just send \$1.00 to Miss Grace Scribner, 150 Fifth ave., New York city, for a bunch of bulletins treating upon the Russian question. Do it now.

Reform is the lightning rod that neutralizes the charge in the thundercloud of revolution. If the capitalists will not put them up, why should we?

Financial Statement for May, 1919
Income—
May 12—John Reiche \$ 1.00
May 13—Local Norfolk 10.00
May 14—Local Richmond 5.00

Total \$16.00
Expenses—
May 24—Dues stamps \$10.00
May 29—Literature 1.00
May 31—Postage 2.00
Total \$13.00
Gain for the month \$ 3.00
B. M. DULTON,
State Sec'y.

ANOTHER METHOD THAT HELPS TO WIN.

There are as many ways to secure funds for printing press as there are methods by which the proverbial cat may be divested of its outer covering. Comrade Lindauer of Sidney has hit upon a scheme that is certain to prove a big help in boosting the receipts higher and higher. He has formed a club of ten comrades who pledge themselves to give 25c each per month for a period of six months. Nothing wrong with this plan. One of the best things about it is that it will work in any community where there are Socialists or even sympathizers. Try it comrades. For a result getter we recommend it. Thanks Comrade Lindauer for the funds and the idea, too.

FAITH AND WORKS.

At Sunday school we learned that faith without works was useless camouflage when it came to bringing home the bacon. It's as true today as when it was spoken long ago.

Comrat Theo. G. Phitzer believes it too as his letter proves. "I enclose a dollar," he writes, "for the press fund. Will give what my limited means afford, doing what is possible each month. Trusting the fund will reach or exceed the goal." When every comrade feels the urge of the spirit of the revolution as does Comrade Phitzer, we will get that press in short order.

READ THIS, DAYTON COMRADES.

"As I have not seen any Dayton names among the contributors so far, I wish to start the ball a-rolling with this small donation toward the press fund. Am only sorry I cannot do more. Yours for the Left Wing.—E. Hager.

Now, Dayton comrades, here is an example worthy of your following. Are you ready?

FORWARD WITH THE GOOD WORK.

Two dollars for self and two for a friend reaches us from Comrade L. Lerner of Newell, W. Va. Comrade Lerner writes, "Forward, comrades, with your good work in propaganda, it will bring the best results." And that makes us feel good.

SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE.

That we are doing the right thing in establishing a party-owned printing plant is the sentiment expressed in a letter from Comrade C. R. Hartleib of Barberville, O. He says both the state and national organizations should have done this before. And he sure is right. And then he says the Ohio Socialist is worth its weight in gold and we hope he is right again.

WORTH WHILE WORK.

Another list returned today. And with twenty dollars on it, too. Comrade Bernard Kehn of Niles did some good work there. We are sure that many comrades can also do as well with their lists in getting subscriptions for the press fund. Don't forget to ask your fellow worker for a lift for the press fund.

WANTS A BUILDING, TOO.

"I don't see why we cannot have a building as well," writes Comrade John B. Vaughn of Girard, O. Well, we don't either, and we are certain we would have in short order if all comrades followed your example. Comrade Vaughn. A two dollar bill and a monthly pledge of the same is a lift that helps.

READ THESE POINTED PARAGRAPHS

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lumbiana, O., "the least any Socialist should do if he wants to get educated in true style. We must have a plant of our own." And again we say, that's sense.

A COFFIN FOR CAPITALISM.

From out in Colorado comes a letter full of pep as well as a boost for the press fund. The writer is Comrade E. N. Deibler of Englewood. He

sends a dollar "as a contribution toward a coffin for capitalism, in the form of a printing press.

I would not do my bit toward getting that printing plant." And he has made a notation in the corner of his letter that is full of promise. It reads—first installment.

HE FORGOT.

Comrade Edwin Blank writes in that in sending in eleven dollars the first part of June for the press fund he forgot to state that five dollars was his own personal donation. Just like one of these hard working comrades, isn't it?

TO LOSEN THE FOUNDATION.

Three dollars to help loosen the foundation of capitalism is the way

Comrade H. J. Bronkar puts it in his letter. "Ideas," says Lenin, "will conquer the world." Lenin is right and Comrade Bronkar's three dollars will help toward that coming day.

IS MORE THAN PLEASED.

"Any more than pleased to see the party take the stand it is. The only

way is to own our own printing plant and then we can run our paper on time or over time if necessary." That's what Comrade Wm. Greter of Crestline, O., says in his letter. He sends two dollars to prove his belief.

A WELCOME VISITOR.

Another five spot for the press fund comes from Comrade Louis B. Kalbfleisch of Urchinsville, O. Comrade Kalbfleisch says he looks for the Ohio Socialist every week. He wishes us success in getting the ten thousand for the press and plant.

WILL DO ALL HE CAN.

A comrade booster for the Ohio Socialist is Comrade D. B. Wise of Wise, Va. Whether it is subscription or press fund, Comrade Dale is always on hand with his help, his cheering words of encouragement and his efforts in getting others to do their bit also. Comrade Dale permits four dollars for himself and a comrade and says he will do everything he can for the O. S. and the cause it represents. We know he will.

TO BURY CAPITALISM.

Down in Corona, N. Mex., there is a comrade who is old as years go, but the spirit of youth abides with him and fires his declining days with a noble purpose. His name is J. C. Kimmons. Eighty-five years old is he. Too old to work and nearly blind, yet he spares a dollar for our press fund, and says in his com-

SURE OF OTHER'S HELP.

This writes Comrade W. J. Gilmore of Dola, O. Comrade Gilmore sends a dollar and says the local will be sure to help such a worthy cause. We shall look for more assistance from Dola in the near future.

AMONG THE SUB BOOSTERS

Three yearlies is what Comrade Carl F. Queenstown of Silvis, Ill., sends us. He promises more in the near future.

And then comes Comrade Louis Habenicht of Barton, O., with a list of the same size. These comrades seem to have no trouble in securing yearly subs.

Another yearly comes from Comrade C. Wasloff of Akron.

From way down in Mississippi a subscription reaches us from Comrade W. A. Mauldin. Yes, there are Socialists down there and more in the making.

County Secretary Comrade Fred Walch of Belmont Co., sends in a fine list of 24 subs for comrades in Bridgeport and Dilles Bottom. Belmont Co. Socialists are active as ever as this list proves.

At the May day cards are still coming in. Comrades who have sent in subscriptions on these cards this week are: Rachel Thompson, Guy N. Mex.; John Brandstetter, Cincinnati, O.; W. D. Conklin, Berg-Holz, O.; V. Markovich, Youngstown, O.; D. M. Greathouse, Kenmore, O.; Leopold Hoffman, Grafton, O.; F. E. Blake, Cincinnati, O.; W. L. Gaver, Springfield, Mo.; John Webber, Shariville, O.

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The Painesville list is growing steadily. Comrade Henry R. Miller keeps the old subscribers on the list and gets new ones right along.

Because he was lonesome without the O. S. Comrade Richard Haase of Akron renews his sub. Comrade Haase is a worker in the propaganda field of Socialism.

Comrade A. Labash of Kansas City removes to Wichita where, we hope, we will continue to solicit subscriptions for the O. S. His last remittance was for a yearly.

More coming every week, writes Comrade F. J. Catlin of Youngstown. He sends in one subscription.

A growing list of readers at Dayton, O., proves the activity of our sub hustlers there. A list of four were received from Comrade Walker Jones acting local secretary.

Comrade A. McIntyre of Roll, Okla., gets busy and lands three subs for us.

Comrade J. C. Kimmons of Corona, N. Mex., says in his letter that he is not able to do a great deal for socialism on account of ill health, but he feels it his duty to do all possible. So he sends a dollar for four subscriptions. Some of the most loyal and hard working comrades in the Socialist movement are those who are incapacitated in one way or another. If some comrades who have every advantage would do as much as these comrades—what a movement we would have!

Another growing town on our list is Rayland, O. Comrade F. A. Buey is our booster there. Two yearlies is his contribution today.

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