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Declines --- With Thanks.

No better indication of the recognized power of the Soviet government can be asked for than the situation in regard to Poland. Poland has been carrying on war against the Soviets. In this laudable work, she has been aided by the allies. When the Soviets became victorious over the Dennekin-Koltchak crowd and quelled once and for all the rebellion of the reactionaries, they at once offered peace to Poland on the principle of no annexations and no indemnities. Soviet Russia desires none of Poland's territory. She has made this explicit in her representations to Poland in regard to settling the differences between them.

Poland in the meanwhile sends out an S. O. S. to the allies, especially, to the British and French, for arms, food and other necessities for carrying on more war against the Soviets. Poland desires to become a buffer state against the spread of bolshevism. She is also credited with being a bit over ambitious and showing a tendency toward dissatisfaction with the rewards which the peace conference gave her.

The blessed diplomats at Paris are considerably divided upon the policy to pursue toward Poland. One group made up principally of French and led by Marshall Foch, demand that the allies give such aid to Poland as she requests, not for the preservation of Poland, but for the purpose of putting down the power of Sovietism. Another group, headed by Lloyd George and Italy, take a totally opposed view. Lloyd advises Poland to make peace, pointing out that the Poles should immediately get back inside their national boundaries. Lloyd George has formed a very heavy estimate of the power of Trotsky's Red Army. He is convinced that peace and trade with Russia are better than revolution at home and annihilation in Siberia. Besides, he sees far enough into the future to know that unless British industry is set to work and at once, there is trouble ahead with British labor. George, shrewd Welshman, that he is, may be counted upon to be in the market early when trade with Russia is possible in the next few weeks. He declines any further aggressions against Russia.

WHY?

No better indication of the unsettled state of the public mind is evident, than the great increase in crime within the past year. Especially is this evident in the number of mob uprisings, showing a radical and dangerous tendency of the individual to assume jurisdiction and authority and function of the established law.

The year 1919, gave us more lynchings than were ever recorded in one year before. Not only were they greater in number but attended with a greater result in criminal acts. The mob never rises to establish the rule of right, but its acts are attended by death and destruction.

As an instance of the extent to which the mob spirit prevails we quote from the following press dispatch:

MONROE, LA., Jan. 29. — Because a juror failed to agree to a verdict of guilty in the case of Alvin Calhoun, alleged confessed slayer of N. E. Arnold, a young farmer, a mob publicly whipped the recalcitrant juror and then dipped him in a mud hole, said reports reaching here tonight from Tallulah, where the trial was held.

After his chastisement, the report said the mud-covered juror returned to the jury room, and agreed to a verdict of murder in the first degree. He then was ordered to leave town by a delegation of citizens.

It would be too much to expect that the human mind, after four years of coaching in the school of violence and death, should be able to at once throw off the fumes of this poison. We are but reaping the harvest we have sown. We sowed the seeds of violence, we are now garnering its fruits. The effects of the war upon our social mind are being written now in crime, and it is our rule, and what the end will be us man can say.

"Wear A Diamond"

Consider this gem plucked from an advertisement of a Cleveland jewelry firm: "Wear a Diamond as an evidence of prosperity". To such an extent has the credit system reached that diamonds and practically every thing else can now be bought on the installment plan — as an evidence of prosperity. The wording of the advertisement appeals to that human faculty of imitativeness — and this class, attempt the role. They readily become victims of such jems of the mind and heart, tho they may not shine outwardly and attract the plaudits of the aping multitude, but do give color and weakness — a desire to appear what one is not. The rich wear jewelry as evidence of the fact that they are possessed of more of this world's goods than they need for the immediate present. Less fortunate humans, wishing to appear in the same category and to receive even a small ray of the glory which is showered upon this class, attempt the role. They readily become victims of such advertisements as the above.

By keeping one's eyes open, the shams and pretense of our artificial social life can be readily seen thru the fog and clouds of all this makebelieve. Cover it up as we will, gloss it over with specious words and clever phrases, the mockery still shows thru the thin veneer.

It is a far cry from sturdy character and self reliance to donning such false appearance. It seems to us to be a grasping of the last straw in a whirlpool of false ideals. Far better to wear jems of the mind and heart, tho they may not shine color and life and reality to ones innermost soul; than to put on pretentious unreason and debase one's self by assuming a false position — as an evidence of prosperity.

EDITORIAL & PARTY NEWS PAGE.

SPARKS.

When all is said, it's the comrade who keeps busy in the Movement who finds no time to become "sour" and despondent. A wonderful elixir is activity.

Renewal subscriptions last week exceeded by 100 per cent those of the week before. A 100 per cent gain is the best indication we know of that The Toiler is liked by its readers. And just now we must remind those who have not renewed their subscriptions that the days of grace are few. Renew at once.

Active? What, Local Tiffin? We should say so. Here's a letter from comrade Steel containing a remittance of \$25.00. Some for dues, some for subscriptions and some for Chas. Baker's defense. Which same proves there is real a live group of comrades in Tiffin Local.

Comrade J. Manoylovich of Lorain shows how to get the subs. Five half yearlies he remits for.

Ten subscriptions a week is the job comrade J. Rhem, of Springfield, has set for himself. This good news comes to us in a letter from another Springfield booster, comrade R. A. Huebner, who is no slouch himself as a subscription getter.

Of course we feel joyful when a comrade sends along a little boost in the way of another sub for a friend with his renewal, but when he makes it a dollar boost, we simply dance with delight. And you know, we have had to do considerable dancing of late for there have been many such boosts. Well, we like to dance.

Ah, here they are, We know they would come back — those sub cards comrade Wohin ordered for sale to workers at Huntington, W. Va.

"Subscriber" at Ashtabula sends in 3 subscriptions. Thanks, comrade.

Comrade J. Doering now has himself a job. He wrote in for the Rock Island list to get renewals. He got it and we trust he will get them. Some of our boosters there have suffered considerably in the recent raids, but we are glad to report they are now out at it.

A picture of Debs 12 X 18 for 25c. Order one. You will be glad.

Local Dayton remits \$2.00 for Toiler press stamps. This is but their first installment.

Ordering a second lot of Toiler sub cards, comrade F. H. Payton, of Huntington, W. Va. says, "I didn't sell the Toiler cards, they sold themselves. I am going to wear this five dollars so this buying sub cards that you can see thru it". We don't know a better use to which a little old five spot can be put than this.

Get one of these good premiums with a \$5.00 order for sub cards — Lenin, The Man and His Work; Russia in 1919; Ten Days that Shook the World, also you may pick out \$1.00 worth of pamphlets instead of books if you prefer. Get on the sub getting job.

Comrade Marguerite Prevey spoke at Cincinnati Feb. 1st. A good meeting is the report.

A recent literature order from Local Toledo calls for 20 Bullitt reports and 100 copies of Fisher's Evolution and Revolution. This order also calls for 150 copies of The Toiler each week.

Local Akron ordered 100 copies Bullitt Report for the Scott Nearing meeting on the 6th.

Comrade Nellie Leshor of Tiffin is busy in the disposal of literature. The Bullitt Report seems a ready seller and she writes that she finds a ready sale for numerous books to others than socialists.

State Executive Committeeman, J. J. Hoge of Bellaire, remits five dollars for sub cards.

The Christopher Ill. list gets a substantial boost this week, thru the efforts of comrade Arley Stapler. Five yearlies they are too.

T. E. Pendergrass of Comanche Tex. sends us a hurry call for a bundle of pamphlets. We take it that some folks in Texas are due for a mental shaking up.

As usual — here is Frank Benko of

A RECORD WORTH BEATING.

We cordially invite you to beat the record of comrade Evans of Grand Kansas, Comrade Evans is a Kansas coal miner. Within the past two weeks he has secured and sent us Toiler subscriptions to the amount of \$48.50. Can you beat it, we repeat, CAN YOU BEAT IT?

There have been some high records established by boosters for our paper, but this record of comrade Evans has them all beaten to date.

But we do want to ask — if one comrade can get 50 subscriptions in two weeks among a crowd of Kansas coal diggers, cannot the same be accomplished in a score or a hundred of other coal camps in Kansas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri and other states? There is every reason to believe that the miners of other states, like The Toiler equally as well as those of Kansas and we would like to see it verified. Just suppose some of you lusty Ohio miners took a chance on exceeding this Kansas record. Are you game? We believe there is more than one who answers, yes. Who is he who challenges the champion from Kansas? Let's have your name, comrade.

Yes, we are in mourning. It's for the many comrades who forgot to pay dues in January. If you want us to discard the black — just pay up and see us smile — and smile yourself!

LOCATE YOUR LOCAL SECRETARY AND PAY UP.

Livingston Ill., with more subs. Two yearlies this trip.

A man's sized list of subscriptions came in this week from comrade J. E. Payton of Huntington, W. Va., seventeen in all \$29.00 worth. Again we repeat, if it can be done in Huntington, it can be done anywhere you live.

Fred Walchli of Bellaire, remits \$4.00 for various funds. His letter states that Local Bellaire is due for a considerable growth in the near future. The raids left no feeling of intimidation in that vicinity.

"Since I was discharged from the Marine Corp I have been reading The Toiler and I find it very interesting and educational". R. Brinfuster, Holland, Mich. He orders a package of pamphlets.

James W. Foley of Sutton W. Va., sends a dollar for that little agitator, Mr. Block and the Profiteers. Some one down there is going to get a jarring up, we bet.

Comrade Mrs. S. M. Calkins of Deming N. M. remits \$2.50 for literature and subscriptions.

Among the literature orders we find one from comrade J. H. Klinefelter of Columbus. The good thing about books and pamphlets is that if kept moving they are bound to accomplish what we desire — the education of the workers along economic lines. Buy them and keep them moving.

Comrade Knecht reports that dues stamp sales in Geary County have been lively of late. The comrades there show a determined opposition to inactivity. They want to see things go and they know how to do it too.

THE MOVEMENT IN EUROPE.

Dear Comrade:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I have returned from my journey to Europe (Sweden), visiting Norway and Denmark, of which I have seen, heard and learned much.

"Can say that the trip was of great interest and experience to me, after having been away thirteen years. At the same time it was both a health bringing and educational trip. It also became an adventurous one, especially on our way back — because of storms.

Over there I learned that Communism, Syndicalism, I. W. W., Bolshevism and with one word Socialism, were and are it work everywhere, more or less politically divided, but at the same time economically united, and Soviet Russia their teacher, pattern and torch — standard-bearer. I there secured many good pieces of literature which were being dis-

SOMETHING NEW -- WATCH.

In the next issue of the Toiler we will show our readers something they have never seen — a picture of a BOLSHEVIK POSTAGE STAMP. Watch for it — it is distinctly revolutionary.

AKRON DEFENSE LEAGUE ACTIVITIES.

Comrade D. Konashko, arrested here on November 7th in the raid conducted by the Dept. of Justice, against the Russian workers of Akron, was released on Monday January 28th on \$1,000 bond through the efforts of the Workers Defense League of this City. Comrade N. Yourkevitch, also a Russian, is being held in Jail pending the raising of \$1,000 bond.

The Workers Defense League has been reorganized and plans to increase its activities in behalf of the workers. Attorney Jacob Margolis of Pittsburgh, Pa. who represented the Russian workers on behalf of the League will lecture in Akron. Sunday afternoon February 22nd. Dances will be given for the benefit of the League on Saturday March 6th and 20th at Zeigler Hall.

A lecture by Comrades George R. Kirkpatrick will be given under the auspices of the League in the near future.

J. R. O'Brien Secretary-Treasurer.

enated — all teaching the proletariat the revolutionary spirit and the complete overthrow of the present system and our common enemy.

So much for that this time.

When I came back here, I first learned of the great change that had taken place in our party; a change which I expected so as to conform ourselves with the new conditions but, not with the result that we now have. But the way we now are, and by the time we (the revolutionists of the country) again get together perhaps we will have accomplished much more then if another course had been pursued.

"Everything is in making for the best. We cannot lose.

"They are of course still maintaining war time activities by prosecuting persecuting and even deporting and excommunicating radical "teachers", but as long as the agitator "raise in prices" — one cent today, two tomorrow and five the next day, is not reported, I am not afraid that our work is in vain. Far all of those who have, urking in their heads are now being educated, but those who have their brains in their stomachs are now going to school and learning the first principles, in spite of all the deportation of the working class teachers."

Edwin Peterson, Niles, O.

He was Afraid!

A reader wrote to us the other day and said — "I think you had better put my paper in a single wrapper, or stop it altogether. I am afraid to have it known that I read it — it might make trouble for me."

Some foreigner I think I hear you say. Not at all. He signed a good old Anglo-Saxon name as common as Smith or Jones, he is an American all right, and we wondered what under the sun he was afraid of. For you know, we have been kicking about this land of the free ever since we could walk — and before, and we have never met up with any thing to be afraid of, so we must conclude that what's wrong with this reader is that he is afflicted with a very large imagination which is working overtime and that it has got him on the run.

Just to show how groundless are his fears, we will state that the same week in which this letter came, we received twice the number of new subscriptions of any one week for many weeks. If all the workers acted upon the silly theory that this comrade did, what sort of a country do you think this would be in a few years? I'll tell you, it would be a country inhabited with the most spineless population of slaves that ever wore chains.

And after all what is there to fear? Absolutely nothing. We have heard a lot about fear and intimidation lately, and we have racked our brains in an effort to find something to be afraid of, but it has been fruitless. Of course, if some one will show us something that looks scary we'll investigate it — we're open to conviction on all of these scary stuff, it might be that there really is something somewhere or other that can put the kibosh on us, but until we meet it face to face, we'll just plod along in blissful ignorance of that sensation — fear. Maybe we have missed a lot lately in feeling this way, and we like a new thrill as well as any one, but we think that the matter is being worked overtime, a bit. Take our advice comrades, and forget all this fear and intimidation stuff — there "aint no such animal" — unless you create it your self. Don't play those kind of jokes on yourself. Come out of it!

WAR ON IGNORANCE!

We have declared WAR ON IGNORANCE. Will you enlist in the ranks of the ENLIGHTENERS? We intend to establish in the State Office of the Communist Labor Party of Ohio a Book and Pamphlet Department second to none in the nation. We will handle only the best of the Revolutionary literature of the past and present. We will also publish new literature of our own. We have since Jan. 1st gotten one pamphlet off the press, another will be ready for sale in a few days. Others are contemplated.

The co-operation of all readers of The TOILER and of all Locals and literature agents is earnestly hoped for. The demand for new and good revolutionary literature is greater than can be supplied. We want YOU to help us supply this demand of the workers for ENLIGHTENMENT. Every worker can sell pamphlets every week to shopmates and other workers. Every Local must carry a full line of the best there is.

Every Class-conscious Worker must help Strike Down the Monster, Ignorance, that Enslaves the Workers.

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- Soviet Russia 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
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- Communist Manifesto (cloth), 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Evolution Social and Organic, 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Law of Biogenesis, 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Jack London's Works, 60c each, 5 or more 45c each.
- Debs Authorized Life and Letters—Karsner, \$1.50, 5 or more \$1.25.
- Russia in 1919, Ransome, \$1.50, 5 or more, \$1.25.
- Lenin, the Man and His Work, Williams, \$1.50, 5 or more \$1.25.
- Pelle the Conqueror, \$4.00 (2 volumes).
- Philosophical Essays, Dietzen, \$1.25, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
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- Universal Kinship, Moore, \$1.25 each, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
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