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COMRADE J. M. SALTER WILL SOON BE OUT AFTER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Wants to Lay Foundation for Socialist Success in November.

Comrade J. M. Salter was a visitor to the Washington Socialist last Saturday. He was in fine fighting trim. Next week his position as principal of the Sylvana schools will be a thing of the past. They who "don't want any politics in the schools" have decided that any teacher who admits that he is a Socialist shall be excluded from the teaching force of this Bull Moose county. If you are not a Republican or a Democrat or a Bull Mooser you needn't come around. They who hold the reins of political power in this county are determined that nothing but capitalist politics shall be taught in the schools.

So comrades, Mr. and Mrs. Salter are to be deprived of the right to earn a living in their chosen profession in this county from now on.

Do you wonder that Jim is in dead earnest about going out after subscriptions for The Washington Socialist? He knows that the only way to undermine a social and economic system which is bolstered up and glossed over with fraud, lies, hypocrisy and brute force is to attack it with truth, honesty, sincerity and the strength that comes from working in absolute harmony with the laws of progress and the demands of justice.

Look out for Salter! He'll sell you a subscription card if you don't watch out!

WILLIE HEARST'S PRIVATE WAR FOR PELF.

The New York Evening Journal, Hearst's paper, less than two weeks ago printed a drawing showing a dead American sailor and under it these words: "He did not die to put Villa or Carranza in the place of Huerta—but to place the American flag in place of the Mexican flag and to extend our boundary south." And, editorially, the same issue says: "What is Mexico now, will be the United States then," (when the "war" is over), "and the work will not have to be done over again." And then there is this comment: "The day is not far distant when Mexicans and Americans will unite in rejoicing that the war is over, the boundary line wiped out and Mexico made a part of this country."

Says Willie Hearst:

"The United States and the men enlisting and the ships on their way are going to war with a country, for the conquest of a country, and for the annexation and permanent pacification of that country.

"This war is real, it will be final; the men that have lost their lives and that will lose their lives will not be killed merely to put one Mexican brigand above another.

"They will give up their lives gladly, knowing that they are ending a rule of terror, and of torture, and at the same time adding to the greatness and territory of their country and to the permanent welfare and happiness of the land that is to be conquered."

Wouldn't it be more sensible for the workers of this country to conquer and pacify and acquire the United States first?

EXPOSURE OF FALSE CLAIMS OF PROHIBITION PARTY IS BEING READ WITH INTEREST.

The fourth article dealing with the false claims of the Prohibition party is omitted on account of lack of space. These discussions will be continued for several weeks longer—in fact, for as many weeks as may be found necessary to prove that the claims of our political opponents are based upon garbled statistics, often on mere bald assertions, and always on an utter lack of understanding of either the biological or the economic factors involved in the study of the causes and cure of poverty, crime, insanity, and drunkenness.

At bottom we are not dealing merely with "the open saloon" question, but with the disease of inebriety, and the economic and social conditions which give rise to the desire for strong drink. The Socialist would remove the CAUSES; the Prohibitionists deal only with EFFECTS.

"Drinking is a cultivated habit," says ex-Governor Patterson in his anti-saloon speech. Abolish the saloon and society becomes regenerated. Alcoholism disappears. "Our boys" are saved. ARE THEY?

In future articles we propose to go to the very bottom of this drink question, and before the series shall have been concluded, we feel that every real Socialist will see that the subject has not been discussed in the Washington Socialist without good reason, nor without good results.

Many persons in Everett who have heretofore paid no attention to this paper are now looking forward to each week's issue, many backing up their aroused interest with a yearly subscription.

DOES THE NATION MOURN?

During the year 1913, twelve coal miners were killed every working day of the year!

And there were no "impressive ceremonies" over their graves.

Two thousand seven hundred and eighty-five martyrs to capitalism's greed! That was the toll out of 728,355 wage-slave martyrs who went down into the bowels of the earth to bring up coal for the monarchs of Wall street and Broadway.

And the nation will not mourn.

There will be no spectacular procession, led by the president and the members of his cabinet. No flags will hang at half-mast, in honor of these victims of capitalism. Why not?

Because their services were involuntary.

They were FORCED into the mines, on pain of death by starvation, or by freezing.

But how is it with those who die in "defense of the nation's honor"—whatever that is, or wherever it is?

Ah, that is different. THEY must be CAJOLED into VOLUNTARY servitude in the army or navy. Fifteen dollars a month and the loss of every vestige of personal freedom or independence is hardly strong enough bait to catch your individualistic citizen of these United States. So they catch the young and vain with a spectacular blare of trumpets and an outward semblance of respect, to the tune of Chopin's funeral march.

But there will be no spectacular ceremonies by the government over the graves of the hundreds of miners entombed in the West Virginia mines, nor over the charred remains of the women and children of stricken Ludlow.

Patriotism, like charity, should begin at home.

CALIFORNIA'S TRIBUTE TO THE GRIM GOD MAMMON.

During the first three months of the year 1914, almost ten thousand workers were injured or killed in the industries of California. There were 120 workers killed outright within this ninety-day period, and 300 permanently disabled. One-half of those killed left one or more persons dependent upon them.

According to the Industrial Accident Commission, more than one-half of these accidents could have been prevented by the installation of safety devices.

But 'safety first" cost money, and men are cheap.

THE MEXICAN DIFFICULTY.

The Mexican difficulty now under way is a three-cornered fight. At one point of the triangle is Huerta and his following, at another point is President Wilson and at the third angle are the big land and oil interests with their special agents in congress. The last named are the most formidable opponents the president has.

A few well-known families in the United States own millions of acres of land in Mexico and big oil companies have cast oil concessions. If the United States were to take Mexico, these lands which were gotten as a grant from old Diaz, or purchased for ten or fifteen cents an acre, would increase greatly in value. If they should go to only twenty-five dollars per acre, that would be an increase of 25,000 per cent. Why shouldn't they want the United Staes to grab Mexico?

These interests have as powerful press influence as any in this country. When Huerta made his way to power by the murder of Madero, they urged his recognition by this government because Huerta would have allowed the exploitation of the Mexican people without molestation.

Scheme of Predatory Interests.

When President Wilson refused to recognize Huerta, the interests, fearing the government might fall into progressive hands, started desperate measures to have the United States make war on Mexico. It was the intention to have Uncle Sam get in there and then keep him there forever.

President Wilson has had a clear insight into the game that was being played, so he started a counter policy. While he remained officially neutral as far as the rebels were concerned, it is very plain that he wanted Carranza to overcome Huerta and establish a government.

This has alarmed the big land interests and their organs of publicity and agents in congress have hurled every malediction against the president that they could command, in the hope of stirring the people to war.

Huerta, seeing his power about to crumble before the attacks of Villa, began desperate measures to save himself and the foreign land owners backing him. If he could induce our government to fight, he might unite all Mexico behind him and in the end Mexico would be governed by Huerta or the United States, either of which events would be favorable to the big land interests.

Why Huerta Committed Unfriendly Acts.

That he might bring this situation about, Huerta committed a series of unfriendly acts toward this government which culminated in the arrest of an American marine at Tampico. For this act Admiral Mayo demanded that Huerta salute the flag as an apology. I really believe that the president would have preferred to overlook that incident but the event became too prominent and public opinion, instigated by the press, might have been turned against the president.

He took up the matter with congress and in a special message asked for authority to enforce certain demands against "Huerta and his followers" so as not to arouse the antagonism of Carranza and his followers. In this plan lay the only hope for an early solution of the problem.

Tools of Big Business Seize Their Opportunity.

The house passed a resolution embodying his wishes almost unanimously and sent it to the senate. This was the supreme opportunity the land interests had long been looking for. Quick as a flash, like a spider after its prey, Senator Lodge introduced a substitute demanding that an apology and reparation be demanded of the whole Mexican people. Senator Root was selected as floor leader and made a powerful plea for the revolution. It failed to carry but the mischief had been done. It gave opportunity for the bold declaration by some members of congress that if the Stars and Stripes were ever placed over the capital of Mexico they would never be withdrawn.

This is all the interests wanted. Such talk in congress would make it very difficult to deal with Carranza and would almost insure a war ending in the annexation of Mexico. If Huerta had had his own representatives in the senate, they would have done exactly as Senators Root, Lodge and the old guard did. It is not necessary for any one to deny their patriotism. It is only necessary to point out that the president was fighting Huerta and those senators' actions coincided exactly with the wishes of Huerta.

Traitors in Congress More to Be Feared Than Hureta.

To one observant of public affairs, it is clear that it is not Huerta whom the president fears but certain members of congress. It is not the enemy on the other side of the Rio Grande that worries him but it is the enemy on this side posing in the guise of lofty patriotism. The president is wearing deep furrows into his countenance scheming plans of peace but in all his plans he asks himself, "Can I get that past Huerta and then can I get it past the old guard in the senate led by Senator Root?"

Senator Root received the last Nobel prize for peace, but he does not want peace in Mexico until this nation is permanently established there. He recently announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election because he "was not in sympathy with the present-day tendencies of the people." If he were at all sincere he would resign, but not only does he not resign but he is the leader of those big interests that want to conquer and despoil Mexico against the wishes of all thoughtful Americans. He has a legal right to do as he has done, but being out of sympathy with American aims, as he himself declares, he has no moral right to his seat in the senate.

Real Sources of War News.

All keen observers of public affairs who are hoping for the success of the president's peace policy, look not to Huerta as the greatest obstacle to peace but to a clique of United States senators led by the sharpest mind this nation ever produced, Elihu Root of New York. The president is directing all his skill against them and the real fight for peace and for justice to Mexicans is being fought in the City of Washington. The real war news comes from the camps situated at each end of Pennsylvania avenue and the future of Mexico depends upon whether the capital or the White House camp is victorious.

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