

SALTER IS ELECTED COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS!

BOSTROM BEATS THOMPSON BUT LOSES TO CLAY

Here are the Figures: Salter 3,103, Bostrom 2,281, Clay 3,173, Thompson 2,271

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TIME TO MAKE GOOD

(Ernest Untermyer.)

Just after the organization of the new Progressive party, Mr. William Allen White wrote a personal letter to the editor of the American Magazine. A part of this letter was published in the November issue of that magazine, under the "Pilgrim's Scrip."

In this letter, Mr. White declared that Mr. Roosevelt was "a mere incident to this new party"; that "Roosevelt is not the Progressive party"; that "the fighting men in the Progressive ranks of both parties are in this thing and mean business and no man on earth can divert them."

"The Progressive party is here to stay as the definitely radical party of this nation, and if any man tries to divert it to his personal ends, so much the worse for that man. The Progressive party is here to stay and I am satisfied it is going to have a place, perhaps not a winning place, but definite in American politics for the next thirty years during a great stirring movement in our country, a movement to change the environment of poverty so that whatever of poverty is due to environment may be removed. That is the meaning and core of the whole Progressive movement."

Thus wrote Mr. White in the summer of 1912. Two years have passed away since that time. We have had a Progressive governor in California and West Virginia, Progressive judges in various states, Progressive congressmen in Washington. Working people, struggling for their lives against "the environment of poverty," have been clubbed, shot, burned, jailed, fined, boycotted and blacklisted. But the Progressive party, as an organization, has not lifted one hand to speak and act for the poor, although a few individuals, powerless to change the party's policy, have protested here and there.

DOOM!

(By C. E. Kline.)

Obviously the laboring people of the world have reached a point where, after thousands upon thousands of years of continual evolution, they are willing to give up all that they have attained, in the way of enlightenment, freedom and democracy, and go back to that intellectual stupor of a medieval hell from which they have just emerged. That their souls might sleep in the deep oblivion of coma (confusion of ignorance).

Incumbent with deceit, national pride, false patriotism and all that is born of the self-love and cupidity of the ruling class, they have lost sight of that beautiful picture of a higher evolution, which science and philosophy has held up before them. Demonstrating in its rational way, that by freedom of thought and action they could obtain their emancipation, and in the atmosphere of peace and liberty, transform this world of misery into a heaven of love and human joy. But alas! the brute is not yet tamed, and the man sleeps, as it were, in the tomb of ignorance, while "Peace and good will on earth to man" might reign in the glory of its holy spirit. War in all of its diabolical essence is hurrying the race to its eternal doom.

SOME KIND WORDS.

To the Members of the City Central Committee, S. P. of Everett:

Dear Comrades—We wish to congratulate you on the splendid crowd of Socialists you brought to our place Sunday, August 9. In the past ten years we have had thousands of visitors spend the day at our Lake Stevens home, and we must say that we never had a better, or as good a crowd, of well behaved, earnest, honest, good citizens visit us before. We desire to bear testimony to the splendid control Socialist parents of Everett have over their children. Not a single instance of damage to fruit trees, or anything else, was committed by Socialists, or their children. What little damage was done we have the ants to thank for. If we ever had any doubt of the wisdom of aligning ourselves with the Socialist party, the splendid body of Socialists from Everett, Granite Falls, Lochsloy, Hartford, Silvana and other points who spent Sunday at our home, would have forever removed any such doubt. May the tribe increase be the prayer of yours for the increase,
H. W. ILLMAN.
A. C. ILLMAN.

COMING! The event of the season. Watch for date and particulars in next week's Socialist.

DOCTOR TELLS CONVENTION 'HELL FIRE' PREACHERS ARE FILLING THE INSANE ASYLUMS.

"Hell fire" religions and preachers who hurl the fear of a brimstone existence at their congregations were attacked by Dr. Henry Munro, Omaha, Neb., in an address before the National convention of Alienists and Neurologists, in Chicago last week.

Dr. Munro declared the promulgation of "hell fire" doctrines is increasing the insanity rate. Much of the church's hold on men and women, he declared, is due to fear, and fear, he said, is utterly destructive to both mind and body.

"Fear, whether inspired by the preacher or the hold-up man, has the same result," said Dr. Munro. "It arrests the normal activity of every body organ and cell. It kills."

"Under the existing educational and religious training, a child is taught that his natural instincts are vile, low and sinful. A conflict is thus eternally going on between the acquired personality and his instinctive promptings, and he is unprepared to meet it."

ANTI-WAR IN GERMANY.

Berliners Not All Standing by Kaiser.

Paris, Aug. 10.—A special to the Figaro from Brussels says that two strangers who arrived from Berlin, which city they had left with some difficulty, declared they had witnessed an agitation against the emperor in the German capital. They said that in the Avenue of Tilleuls they heard a cry of "Down with the emperor!" and "Down with the crown prince!" The Belgian government has printed and distributed among its soldiers description of the designs of all uniforms worn by French and English troops.

'WAR TAX' MAY BE IMPOSED HERE

Low Import Revenue and Reduction Caused by War May Necessitate New Method.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Government officials admitted here today that a "war tax" was inevitable. It was expected that legislation, including a stamp tax, would be enacted soon to raise money to meet the deficit caused by the falling off of revenue from imports. The war, it was said, had reduced the import revenue at least one-third.

"There is no immediate necessity for emergency legislation," said Representative Underwood, the Democratic majority leader, today, "as there is a good surplus in the treasury. Such legislation must be passed, however, before the end of the present session of congress. The government could continue for several months without feeling the effects of reduced revenue from imports."

STAYING WITH THEM.

"Some of your constituents are disagreeing with you," said the trusted lieutenant.

"Well, keep tab on them," replied Senator Sorghum; "when enough disagree with me to constitute a reliable majority, I'm going to turn around and agree with them."—Washington Star.

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Let's Crow for One, Anyhow



THE EMERGENCY BILL.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Only six members voted against the "emergency" currency bill last week when the Wilson administration at the request of the Chemical National bank and others of the big New York speculative group forced through a \$500,000,000 issue of U. S. notes. The pretense, in the words of Leader Underwood, was that there would be a financial panic "such as we have not known before" if the bill did not pass.

Two hundred and thirty-one voted for the bill, six against it and five, afraid to vote either for or against, answered "present."

Representative Lindberg, who is a near-Socialist, exposed the scheme in these words: "It is rather strange that congress acts so quickly to help out the speculators in emergencies, when neither the farmers nor the wage-earners can secure legislation, however urgent it may be, if it is opposed by the same interests that seek this legislation. Our finances are on a wrong basis. I have so stated many times here. The very fact that the bill is demanded proves it. But this bill would not correct the financial system. The system as it is promotes speculation, and every few years speculators get into a tight place by reason of complications of one kind and other. Nine times out of ten it is of their own creation. In 1907 we had a panic, when all the natural conditions were the very best for good times. It was of Wall street creation."

"The farmers, wage-workers, smaller business interests, and some of the larger business interests that were not under the wings of the money trust magnates, were the losers. Now we have a foreign war scare, which is assuming immense magnitude, so we are again asked to aid the speculators. Already they have been buying stocks in quantities which they had previously sold to Europe. They have used the deposits that the plain people have in the banks to make purchases. They use that money, the people's deposits, to send abroad for the stocks. It is paid in gold. Now they wish \$500,000,000 and more of United States notes to be issued to pay the depositors if the depositors demand cash; and if they do not, then for the re-employment of further speculation."

The meat in the coconut is not your public spirited interest to save the taxpayers any money, because you will not save them any, no matter if the "Seven Sisters" win or lose. Your chief concern, Mr. Sims, is to kill the fish bill, which will make you, as head of a big fish company, pay the same rate of taxes that others pay for their property. That's where the colored gent in your case is hidden, Mr. Sims.

Comrade Mrs. Etta Beers of Bryn Mawr was a pleasant caller at the Washington Socialist office last Thursday and left us a subscription to remember her by. Come again, comrade.

The income tax has developed about the only important crop failure of the year.—Washington Star.

THEY'RE SPENDING QUARTER MILLION—THIS IS THE BIG WHY.

(From the Spokane Press.)
The Stop-Look-Listen League is spending more than \$250,000 to kill the seven initiative bills known as the "Seven Sisters."

Where is the money coming from, and why?

Concealed in mystery, it is now known definitely, however, that Ed. Sims of Port Townsend is the directing genius behind the league.

Yes, it's the same Ed Sims who was the standpat whip and floor leader for the reactionary forces in the house last session.

And it's Ed Sims who raised the false alarm cry that it will cost a tremendous lot of money to pass the "Seven Sisters" and that it's a mighty expensive experiment to legislate directly by the votes of the people. First, the Stop-Look-Listeners said it would cost \$300,000, then \$500,000, then a million, and now they're shouting it will cost two millions.

Will it cost the state a single penny more, Mr. Sims, to pass those measures than to defeat them? No, not one red cent.

And here is another point, and a more important one. Granted for the sake of argument that it will cost a lot of money to adopt the initiative measures, who is to blame?

You, Mr. Sims, are to blame, you and the standpat machine which Speaker Taylor and you controlled in the last session are to blame.

These are not new measures which the people are to vote on and which have the endorsement of the State Federation of Labor, the Farmers' Grange, and the Direct Legislation league.

They were up in the last session of the legislature. They came to your rules committee, Mr. Sims, and what did you do?

You buried most of them without letting the legislature take a vote. You pigeonholed them in committees.

Had you given them a fair chance in the legislature, there would not have been any need for this great big expense that you pretend is bothering you.

It is only a pretense, anyhow, Mr. Sims, and you Stop-Look-Listeners. You are spending more money to defeat these bills than your proportionate taxes would amount to on account of the cost of placing the initiative measures on the ballot.

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NOTICE!

Next week's issue of the Washington Socialist will contain the announcement of the biggest event of the season. Something that will interest every Socialist in Snohomish county. It will be the first big step toward carrying Snohomish county for Socialism.

The FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(Socialist Party Press Service.)

Washington, D. C. Aug. 10, 1914.—Five men, appointed by the president of the United States, with no popular right of recall hanging over their heads, are to be the supreme court of business morality. That is the substance of the federal trade commission bill, just adopted by the senate.

Some 400,000 corporations, and a large number of firms and individuals, are to be subject to trial before this commission if they indulge in "unfair competition." Just what "unfair" competition may be is to be practically determined by the commission. Senator Cummins of Iowa, Progressive Republican and chief promoter of the bill in a Democratic senate, declared throughout the contest over the measure that "unfair competition" was more easily defined than was "restraint of trade," the evil which the Sherman anti-trust act is supposed to be eradicating. Senator Cummins was challenged by old-fashioned standpat Republicans to say how rapidly the new commission would bring competitive business under full "moral" restraint. He could not answer.

One of the Western Democrats, Thomas of Colorado, running for reelection in a state that is radical this year, ridiculed the attempt to make competition "fair."

Public Ownership if Necessary.

"I protest against the mention of the interstate commerce here as an example of successful regulation, and as a model for regulating competitive business generally," he said. "The interstate commerce commission has merely tried, and has failed, to regulate the transportation interests of the country. Nothing will succeed but complete control, and if control means public ownership, so be it."

Senator Lane of Oregon, whose daughter is a Socialist soapboxer, remarked that he was not sure "whether this is part of a devilish attempt to delay for another ten years a sane solution of the control of capital, or whether it was the blind, foolish stumbling of men who did not know what to do."

By a vote of 3 to 35 the senate approved the Cummins amendment to the bill, providing that the federal courts shall review the decisions of the commission only on points of law, and not on general issues of fact. The Democrats on the committee on interstate commerce had agreed on the Pomerene amendment, which would have allowed the federal courts to start any trial all over again if the concern involved was dissatisfied with punishment at the commission's hands.

"Staggered" and "Amazed."

A feature of the debate was the opposition made by such standpat senators as Brendegge of Connecticut, Weeks of Massachusetts and Colt of Rhode Island, who were "disgusted," "amazed," and "staggered" at the idea of giving to five government appointees the right to interfere with every business enterprise in the country. They saw, what the Democrats did not, that the commission would fail to enforce "fairness," but they feared that popular clamor, such as that aroused by the New Haven expose would operate through the commission to wreck some of the most commanding business enterprises in the

country. Accordingly they poured upon it their bitterest invective, in the hope of getting pledges that when the commission should be established there should be no baiting of Wall street.

The fact that the Democrats in charge of the bill approved the Pomerene amendment indicates that the administration wished to reassure big business. There will be no sharp radicalism in the rulings of this business morality tribunal. One-sided competition will stay on the job. Monopoly will be discovered and repressed only after long and painstaking inquiry, and not until the profits of monopoly have been safely stowed away. In short, the bunco game will continue.

It is significant that when Cummins proposed an amendment to empower the commission to enforce a rule against the ownership of stock in one corporation by another corporation in the same line of business, it was defeated by the Democrats and standpat Republicans, 16 to 38. The Democrats are going to have that work taken care of by the federal courts, which is to say, the United States supreme court. They do not want it hurried by any commissioners who might be sympathetic with public opinion.

The Clayton anti-trust bill and the Rayburn bill, authorizing the interstate commerce commission to regulate the issuance of stocks and bonds by railroads, are next on the program. Their value to the logical evolution of our industrial civilization may be gauged by the trade commission act.

LONDON AND COLORADO.

Take three-fourths of the newspapers of the United States and you will find that they have expressed much more horror over the mutilation of a picture by a militant suffragist in London than over the burning to death of women and children in Colorado.

Here is a cold fact to which no attention whatever has been paid, and yet it is a symptom of a condition of the utmost importance to every citizen.

For what do you suppose is the reason for this strange indifference to murder and savagery in the United States?

Even when we learned of the little children trapped by the white Apaches of Colorado, thrusting up their hands in their attempts to escape until their hands were burned from their wrists, few of our editors seemed to care.

We have established in this country a crime known as "accessory before the fact"—useful for the conviction of labor agitators and other persons undesirable. How about accessory after the fact?—Pearson's Magazine.

DEBATE!

Arrangements are being made for a debate to take place Friday, August 21 between Dr. I. A. Lucas of Seattle and John DeQuer, recently state organizer of Idaho. As this announcement came in late, we are obliged to defer giving details until next week. Watch for further announcements.

Now that the colonel has indorsed Perkins, Perkins will keep on indorsing for the colonel.—Columbia State.

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