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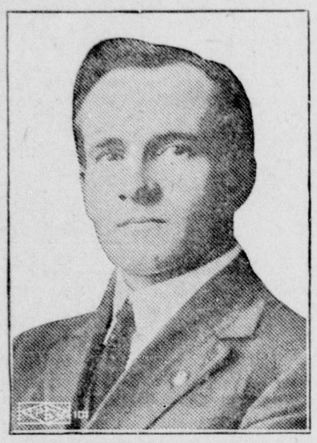
SOCIALIST COMMISSIONER KILLS LICENSE GRAFT! IT PAYS TO HAVE WAGE-SLAVE REPRESENTATIVES

DON'T MISS IT THE EVENT OF THE SEASON

Monster Anti-War Demonstration and County Campaign Picnic.

Edmonds, Wash., Labor Day, September 7, 1914.



L. E. Katterfeld, state secretary of the Socialist party of Washington, who will be one of the anti-war speakers. Come and hear him.

Labor Day, September 7, 1914, is going down as a big mark in the history of the Socialist movement.

On Labor Day in Edmonds, Washington, the Socialists from all parts of Snohomish county are going to hold a monster anti-war demonstration and county campaign picnic. It will be the first great gathering of this kind and one that will never be forgotten.

On Labor Day the Snohomish county Socialists are going to boom the first gun in protest against the wholesale murder and slaughter of their comrades and fellow workers in the interests of capitalism. It is going to mark the grand opening of the county campaign. We have won in Everett, let's win the county. Say, why not?

L. E. Kattrefld, state secretary of the Socialist party; Mary McNamara, Socialist educator and lecturer, and Maynard Shipley, editor the Washington Socialist and member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, a trio of the best speakers in the state, will address the anti-war demonstration. The county candidates of the party will also be introduced and will make short speeches.

Return trip fare, 40 cents; children under ten years, free. The steamer Alverene and launch Ruby Marie will handle the big crowds with ample accommodations. Bring your family, enjoy the beautiful trip upon the Sound among the scenic islands and along the picturesque mainland. Boats will leave the Everett City Dock at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 in the morning and 1:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon.

There will be speaking, music, dancing, games and refreshments. Bring your family and enjoy the day.

NEWS FROM LEAVENWORTH.

(From Chas. Imbleau, Secretary of Local Leavenworth, Wash., P. O. Box ..o. 521, Aug. 23, 1914.)

The Washington Socialist, Everett, Wash.:

Dear Comrades—On the 18th inst. the Socialist party of Leavenworth gave its first lecture in the Congressional campaign of 1914. An unusually large and enthusiastic gathering congregated to hear the message of Socialism. Comrade Mrs. Kate Sadler of Seattle was the speaker. Judging not only from our own observation, but from the attention and the enthusiasm of the audience during the meeting and the comment since the meeting, compels me to say that the modest, firm, simple and self-poised makes for her a characteristic of highest eminence as a public speaker, and in every way worthy of the time and attention of any intelligent audience.

I am yours in the revolution,

CHAS. IMBLEAU.

Celebrate Labor Day at Edmonds, Wash., at the MONSTER ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION AND COUNTY CAMPAIGN PICNIC.

SOCIALISM AT PUBLIC EXPENSE—WHY NOT?

In recent issues of the Yakima Daily Republic there have been eruptions of wrathful nature, emitting forth poisonous fumes. In the writing of the editorials headed "The Need for a Few More Smiths" and "Socialism at Public Expense," the writer not only shows his ignorance but ungarbs and displays the meager capacity of his reasoning faculties.

The writer seems to bemoan the fact that Prof. J. Allen Smith of the State University has made Socialistic declarations and that Socialism is being taught at the expense of the public.

Now isn't it just too bad that the dear public should for once have it impressed upon their minds that there are actually men who are rendering services for which they are being paid; for how could the qualifications of a professor of political economy and social science be better demonstrated than by his Socialistic declarations.

The writer says that if the taxpayers of this state had to support a few more cultured yaps like J. Allen Smith, head of the department of economics and social science in the University of Washington, their souls would be full of sunshine all the time. Far better to have a few more Allen Smiths and less editorial writers of the Republic type, whose dirty, lying, venomous editorials are so polluted and so saturated with that poisonous substance, emanating frm these would-be parasites, that even a decent heathen can't read them without questioning the merits of our so-called civilization.

The writer states that he does not object to a man being a Socialist if he wants to, neither does he object to a citizen hugging delusions and spouting clap-trap if he wants to do so, and will say nothing unless occasionally to suggest easier access to the insane asylum, in which case our editorial writer should avail himself of the opportunity of getting on the inside of such an institution. Perhaps that in the near future he will be obliged to erect an institution of some kind for the accommodation of this troglodite type, for at no time and under no consideration would such a damphool be tolerated by the inmates of an insane asylum.

However, I must say that the writer's case is not a hopeless one, for I have seen far worse cases cured and all marks of the disease eradicated, and I trust that sometime in the near future the writer may take the remedy that he stands so much in need of.

Fraternally yours,

F. A. LIVIN.

SOCIALIST COMMISSIONER GETS BUSY.

Capitalist Press Admits Salter Did Work.

Capitalist Press Says License Fee for Bartenders Is Eliminated.

Members of the Bartenders' Union this morning won their point against the city in a sanguinary battle, earning a right to practice behind the mahogany without being compelled to pay an annual license fee of $10 and another $5 to a bonding company. The only heavy firing during the oratorical engagement at the city hall came from Attorney J. H. Naylor's camp.

Yesterday the question of fairness was threshed out before the city commissioners, and the final adjustment of the case was then promised for this morning. The commmissioners acquiesced today to a plea from the bartenders out of a spirit of fairness to the working class, as they explained it, though the superior court sanctioned the annual license fee and the bonding.

Commissioner Salter offered a resolution to repeal a section of the ordinance under which the friendly action was brought, eliminating the $10 yearly fee heretofore paid by most of the bartenders, and acting on City Attorney Davis' recommendation, also inserted in his resolution directions that instead of being forced to give the city a surety bond they would only be asked to file a personal bond with the city clerk. The resolution carried without a dissenting vote. Bartenders will still be compelled to appear before the commissioners for examination before being given permits to work in Everett's saloons.

WANTS GOVERNMENT TO SEIZE INDUSTRIES

To the Amer.can People:

A desperate situation confronts the people of America.

Unscrupulous capitalists, using the European war as a pretext, are increasing the cost of food so that millions are threatened with starvation.

The president of the United States has ordered an investigation of the increase in food prices, and the prosecution of those responsible for it. Such investigations and prosecutions have brought no results whatsoever in the past and are not likely to do so now.

European governments, when confronted with a similar situation, realized that there is only one measure that can be depended upon to bring relief—the seizure of all plants and industries responsible for the increase in prices and their operation by the government for the benefit of the people.

We demand that the same action be taken immediately in the United States.

We demand that the government, as an emergency measure, seize the packing houses, cold storage warehouses, granaries, flour mills and such other plants and industries as may be necessary to safeguard the food of the people.

Such seizure will not only benefit the people of the United States but also the people of Europe.

When the government controls the industries, the exportation of foods to Europe can be prevented. The rulers of Europe, unable to secure food for their armies, will be forced to call off their soldiers.

We also demand that the exportation of money and of munitions of war to the European nations be prohibited. The United States must not aid the powers of Europe to continue their fratricidal strife. We call upon the people everywhere to hold mass meetings and to send resolutions to the president and congress demanding immediate and decisive action.

The need is urgent. We must act.

By order of the national committee on immediate action.

WALTER LANFERSIEK,
Executive Secretary.

August 14, 1914.

WAR IS HELL! If the master class want blood let them cut their own throats. Let's tell them so at the MONSTER ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION AND COUNTY CAMPAIGN PICNIC, Labor Day, September 7, at Edmonds, Wash. Fare by boat from Everett 40 cents round trip.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS IN WAR TO HALT RUSSIANS

Morris Hillquit Gets Word by Way of Holland—Says They'll Seek Peace Early.

That the Socialists of Germany decided to cast their lot for war when it became certain that Germany faced a Russian invasion, was the statement made yesterday by Morris Hillquit, who said that the information had come to him through Socialists by way of Holland.

"When it was seen that the general war could not be prevented," he said, "the Socialists decided to fight along with Germany, rather than risk Russia getting a foothold. Just at the time war was declared the Socialist members of the reichstag had a conference with the German chancellor over the menace of Russian ascendancy. Russia is the most reactionary power in the world and because of the situation created by Russia being at war with Germany, the Socialist members of the reichstag afterwards voted for war appropriation. The Socialists are as a matter of principle opposed to war, but it was a choice of evils and anything was better than an invasion by Russia.

"While our comrades are aiding to fight reactionary Russia," he continued, "at the same time our comrades in the reichstag will take the first opportunity of urging a cessation of hostilities, if there is any chance of ending the war by mediation or arbitration. The fact that they are aiding Germany against Russia does not militate against the continuance of their efforts to bring about Socialism."

ORGANIZED TOILERS CAN HIT BIG BLOW AT MURDEROUS CAPITALISM.

(By Walter Lanfersiek, National Secretary S. P.)

The United States is the only great nation on this planet today where unrelenting war is not carrying on its deadly work.

No one knows how long America will remain at peace with the world. But while that peace endures, American Socialists should unanimously muster every ounce of strength to bulwark their movement against the powers of capitalism.

The Socialist party national committee has set aside the first week in September, starting September 6, called it "Socialist Week," and dedicated it to the building up of the party organization and the party press.

Socialist week can be made a big success. Thousands of new members can be brought into the party. Tens of thousands of subscriptions can be secured for party publications. All that is needed is a little work.

Every one of the Socialist party's 6,000 local branches should start now to prepare for Socialist week.

Murderous capitalism supplied us with a slogan for Socialist week, when it plunged all of Europe into a death struggle. Let that slogan be, "Down With War!" Only when the Socialist party becomes strong enough to put an end to it, will war cease. Therefore, the party organization must be strengthened, its press must be bulwarked and made powerful against the press of the capitalist foe.

Arrange for anti-war protest meetings and protest parades on Sunday, September 6. If you have held one already, then make plans for another. Join with the trade unions on Labor Day, September 7, in celebration of this annual event. Millions of workers can be reached on these two days. Take advantage of every opportunity.

But this should be only the beginning of the big task that awaits every Socialist for the five days remaining. Divide your city precincts among your party workers. Do the same in the country districts.

See that every worker is approached personally with an application blank for membership in the Socialist party, and a subscription blank for some party publication. Let no one escape.

The task is an easy one. There are 100,000 Socialist party dues-paying members in the United States. They should put the 1,000,000 Socialist voters to work. And surely it would not be a difficult task for this million to reach the 100,000,000 men, women and children in the nation with one entire week in which to do it.

But plans must be made and perfected now. Hard work during Socialist week will start that Socialist delegation well on its way toward congress in November. It will mean a crushing blow at the gods of war that continually seek to keep the workers in subjection. It will mean a big step forward in the long struggle to emancipate the world's toiling masses. Do your part, and others will surely do theirs.

FIRST MOVE IS MADE TOWARD A MUNICAPAL WATER PLANT.

We predict that the result of the trip of our city commissioners to investigate Boulder river as a source of our city water supply will be to tell the people we don't want it.

It was never seriously intended that it might be the proper source. The only object in considering it was for the purpose of delay until the interests could perfect their lease on the Sultan river supply.

You know, there is more money in it for some people, not to have the city own its water system. However, we fell assured that under the present administration every effort possible will be put forth to bring about some definite results.

FRANK CORT.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

If you fail to receive the Washington Socialist regularly, notify us, giving details. We want every one who is entitled to the paper, to get it every week. By notifying us of failure to do so, you protect us, as well as yourself, as it gives us an opportunity to trace up the matter, thus locating the difficulty.

ELECTRIC WORKERS DEPLORE WAR

Everett, Wash., Aug. 12, 1914.

Everett Trades Council Bldg., Trades Council Officers and Members:

Greeting—A resolution we earnestly request that you adopt:

Whereas, the powers that be in Europe have decided to establish butcher shops at any and all convenient places wherever brothers and sisters may be slaughtered for the express purpose of satisfying their thirst for blood and profit; and

Whereas, we, a patriotic and God-loving people, believe that the pen is mightier than the sword, are of the opinion that the existing grievances could and should be settled by arbitration; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we shall not engage ourselves in any occupation to produce for or transport to the munitions of war; and be it further

Resolved, that we protest against the advance in price of foodstuffs here at home, as we are told by our secretary of agriculture that the yield of grain in this, our glorious U. S. A., will exceed all previous years.

Yours for industrial freedom,

LOCAL UNION 191, I. B. E. W.

Endorsed by Local No. 191, I. B. E. W., at their regular meeting of August 13, 1914.

JOHN WORSWICK,
Secretary.

FROM A COMRADE WHO KNOWS.

Vancouver, July, 1914.

Dear Comrades—I thought I might open the eyes of some Henry Dubs by giving my experience with this army business. Some fifteen years ago I came to Vancouver, Wash., and being a steam engineer I got two months work at the government pumping station during the dry weather as they had to run twenty-four hours a day during the dry weather. I have worked more or less every year and in a good many other capacities with the exception of three years I was boycotted because I brought to the attention of the quartermaster some irregularities going on in the wood and coal department which caused an investigation and some two or three men went over the road for it. They got rid of me before the investigation and I could not get anything to do for the government as long as Captain Craigg was quartermaster. In May, 1913, the chief engineer at the pumping station resigned and the assistant was put in charge and I was put in his place, and according to all customs of the government it ought to have been permanent if I filled it competently, but in eight months, without any notice, they sent a soldier who belonged to what they call the service corps to take my place. and I, at the age of 60 years, am kicked out to make my living the best I can, but still have to help pay the soldier who took my position. Teddy the Terrible is the man who recommended the service corps in the army but it is under Wilson when the army is putting it in practice. The Democrats always do what the Republicans recommend, and how long are you fool workmen going to stand for it and vote for it? Why is it so many working men turn down Socialism when it is the only thing that will help the working man? The old parties tell you plainly they want no change. The Socialist party is the only party that advocates a change, and the only party that represents the working class.

Yours for the co-operative commonwealth,

B. F. PEYTON.

SOME WELCOME VISITORS.

Comrades H. O. Shebbeck and W. J. Goldsmith of Bay View, Island county, were over on the 19th with an application for a charter for Local Useless Bay, with fifteen members. Incidentally they signed up for the Washington Socialist.

Comrade Chas. Wallace of South Bellingham was in town Wednesday the 19th checking up the nominations for state offices with the state secretary.

The Gold Dust Twins were in town last week.

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A VALUABLE RECORD.

(Socialist Party Press Service.)

Washington Letter.

An exposure of the records of every representative in congress on forty-four important roll calls is the feature of a bulletin of the non-partisan National Voters' League, just issued in this city. The inner history of the slimy McDermott case and McDermott's connection with the National Manufacturers' association, by Lynn Haines, secretary of the league, is a feature of the bulletin.

The publication of these records is causing consternation among congressmen who are up for re-election and who have trusted to the fact that their constituents do not know what they have been doing in Washington. Haines shows how many roll calls each member dodged, how many times each member tried to save his neck by answering "present" instead of "yea" or "nay," and how often members, for purely political reasons, voted one way one year and exactly the opposite way the next year.

The bulletin throws a searchlight on congress such as congress has never experienced in its existence of 125 years. It is an epitome and review of the important legislative history of recent sessions of the house. Membership in the league costs $1.00 a year and is well worth the price for prospective candidates, political clubs, locals, schools and debating societies. This correspondent can vouch for the absolute realiability of the league. Its address is Woodward Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.. Aug. 24, 1914.—Marriage between white persons and persons of negro descent is to be prohibited in the District of Columbia, as it is already forbidden in most of the Southern states, if a bill now on the calendar of the house, strongly supported by the southern negro-baiting Democrats and boosted by Big Business, becomes law. Chances favor its passage in the house, but the senate is inclined to shelve it for political reasns. The Democratic senators do not all come from the South.

The economic value of this sort of legislation to the ruling business caste in the South is that it tends to break the spirit of modernism that has come to the "nigger" along with the public school and the trade union. Colored people are becoming conscious of their human dignity, and their responsibility to develop toward the white man's plane of social value. They are raising their standards of living, and are demanding better wages, while the trade union is slowly making its way into their confidence. These facts worry the big business interests in the South of today, which is the South turned over by the landowner to the factory owner and railroad manager. Something must be done to humble the black laborer, and to prevent his children from wanting to become anything less than laborers. The anti-inter-marriage law is the latest scheme. Self-respecting negroes do not want to marry whites, of course. They would not be allowed to do so if they did wish it. But the ban of law has the special effect—the "psychological depression"—that will react upon the spirit of the whole race. It will make the negro more tractable, and cheaper.

Incidentally, the mixture of the races does not stop in the Southern states which prohibit marriage between whites and negroes. White men do not observe the color line. They merely avoid responsibility at law for their acts. The negro girl bears the illegitimate child. The presence of these illegitimate children still further weakens the hope of the negro. He becomes morally numbed. Then he is ready to be made a scab. Big Business is strong for "racial purity."

MAKING WAR PROFITABLE

(Socialist Party Press Service.)

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20, 1914.—On the eve of the passage of the Wilson trust bills, the Wall street interests, taking advantage of the European war which has closed the stock exchange, are quietly buying up stocks and bonds in order to strengthen and consolidate their control of capital and credit. Information of this underground movement has come to Washington through undeniably responsible channels.

While discouraging the reopening of the stock exchange, and thereby depreciating the value of stocks held by small investors, the big powers in Wall street are understood to be buying up at private sales blocks of securities which will give them control of strategic points of the big industrial corporations which have thus far held out against them. Only when their campaign of private purchase or control has been completed will these bankers allow the Exchange to be reopened. The Exchange will not be reopened until the masters of capital shall have sucked the juice out of the war and have secured so strong a hold that the Wilson anti-trust bills, always a joke, will be seen to be utterly ridiculous.

Meanwhile, of course, the small fry of investors and business men will be still further reduced to dependence on the big chaps.

The same group of Wall Streeters engaged in this movement has been lobbying in Washington for ship subsidy and "emergency" currency graft. Capital in America is making hay while the war clouds hang over Europe.

A KINDLY WORD.

Bremerton, Wash., Aug. 22, 1914.

Editor Washington Socialist:

Dear Comrade—Find enclosed M. O. for one dollar to pay for those trial subscription cards. The W. S., like whiskey, grows better with age.

Yours for the revolution,

W. L. WAKEFIELD.

LABOR DAY

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