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 By order of said court made herein on the 7th day of December, 1914,

**FREE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE WASHINGTON SOCIALIST**  
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 3. After such term of advertising is over, does such animal become my property?

I am a subscriber to the Washington Socialist.  
 J. O.  
 A. Vicious animals and animals that are apt to break fences may be taken up at any time; other animals may be taken up only between the first of December and the first of March.

It is the duty of the finder to register the stray with the county auditor, giving description, brand, etc., within ten days. There is a penalty for failure to do so of a fine of not to exceed \$100.

It will then be the duty of the auditor to notify the owner of the animal, and if the owner does not redeem the animal within 20 days it becomes the duty of the auditor to publish notice of sale of the animal, giving 20 days' notice of sale. The sale must be conducted by the sheriff or some one designated by him. The finder may bid at such sale. The finder is allowed 10c a day for the keep of the animal. The owner has six months within which to redeem the animal.

Q. I am writing to you for legal advice as to the legality of branding and holding logs that have broken loose from a boom in the river. They have no brand and are jammed on the rocks. If I can brand and claim them, is it necessary to have my brand registered, and what will be the cost?  
 J. B. C.

A. If you are sure that the logs are not branded it is not illegal to brand them and take them up. It is necessary, however, for you to decide upon a brand and have it recorded in the auditor's office. The auditor's fee is 25c, and the certificate for the brand will cost you 50c or \$1. The taking up of branded logs is a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of up to \$300.

Do you want your friends to remember you? If you do then give them a subscription to the Rip-Saw and a ticket for the Debs lecture and they never can forget you.

**A NATION OF HYPOCRITES**

By EUGENE V. DEBS.  
 A little while ago President Wilson issued a proclamation calling upon the American people to unite in prayer for the cessation of the war that is desolating Europe.  
 A nation that supports capitalism and is therefore in favor of war, is guilty of the most arrant hypocrisy in praying for peace.

That prayer did not rise higher than the market price of musket balls and bayonets.  
 God was not at home when that prayer was delivered.

On the Saturday before the pious American people assembled in their churches and synagogues to pray to God for peace, a ship left the New York harbor with sixteen million rifle cartridges in her hold for the wholesale killing of the soldiers engaged in the war they had the audacity to ask God to end.

Prayers are cheap, but there is profit in rifle cartridges.  
 To pray to God to send peace while furnishing the armies with shot and shell for their mutual destruction, is not only the rankest of hypocrisy but the vilest of blasphemy.

Capitalism, based upon profit, extortion, robbery, is essentially a system of war and pillage, of murder and devastation, and they who support this system and are responsible for war could with far more consistency appoint a day for thanksgiving to the devil than to set apart a day of prayer to the God of peace and love.

Dr. Foote's Plain Home Talk, a cyclopedia of popular medical and social service, \$2.00 at Hill's Book Store, 2929 Colby.

Chaunauquas are exempted from payment of the peace war-tax. There is nothing like having a friend at court.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

**WHAT KARL LIEBKNECHT HAD FOR THE REICHSTAG**  
 NOT PERMITTED TO READ MESSAGE

The following protest against granting money to carry on the war was to have been read by comrade Dr. Karl Liebknecht in the German Reichstag, but it is reported that he was prevented from so doing:

This war, which none of the people interested wanted, was not declared in the interests of the Germans or any other people. It is an imperialist war for capitalization and domination of the world markets, for political domination of important quarters of the globe and for the benefit of bankers and manufacturers. From the viewpoint of the race of armaments it is a preventive war provoked conjointly by the war parties of Germany and Austria in the obscurity of semi-absolutism and secret diplomacy. It is also a Bonaparte-like enterprise tending to demoralize and destroy the growing labor movement. That much is clear despite the cynical stage management designed to mislead the people. This is not a defensive war. We cannot believe the government when it declares it is for the defense of the fatherland. It demands money. What we must demand is rapid peace, humiliating no one, peace without consequent rancor. All efforts directed to this end ought to be supported. Only the continuous, simultaneous affirmation of this wish in all the belligerent countries can end the bloody massacre before all the interested people are exhausted. The only durable peace will be peace based on the solidarity of the working masses and liberty. The Socialists of all countries must work for such a peace even during the war. I protest against the violation of Belgium and Luxembourg, against the annexation schemes, against military dictatorship, against the complete forgetfulness of social and political duties as shown by the government ruling classes.

**SHRAPNEL.**

Bruce Rogers.  
 With us a worker is subjectively debased in his employment. His personal sovereignty and self-respect are gone for the time. His will ceases to be. It is only when unemployed that he has self-integrity and, of course, in this period physical wretchedness confounds him.

No man is free who goes to work at another's whistle. The unemployed tramp is an apostate who pays the supreme price of all of life for a single joy of it.

The workers are after all the ultimate capitalists. By the figures collected by the government itself the workers pay in the total capitalization of the country every three and one-half years.

Likewise the workers have all the money. The employers of labor have learned that through a process of constantly giving money they induce a reciprocal process on the part of labor of constantly giving luxury and comfort to them.

A given species survives through the principle of mutual aid and dies by competing with itself. Let us haul down the design "Each for Himself" and hoist the legend "All for All."

The liquor problem is not in the liquor itself but in the price which includes a profit. It will be solved when approached from this angle and from no other.

The cost of living depends solely upon the ratio between what a worker produces an article for and what he pays for permission to consume it. This ratio may be called waste and at present is about 15 to 100, but is enlarging.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, for Snohomish County. Mary Johnson, Plaintiff, vs. John B. Johnson, Defendant.  
 The State of Washington to the above named defendant, John B. Johnson:  
 You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication of this summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 10th day of December, 1914, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff, at his office below stated, and in case of your failure so to do judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of the said court.

The object of this action is to obtain a decree of divorce against the defendant, upon the grounds of desertion and non-support.

PETER HUSBY, Attorney for Plaintiff.  
 Office and Postoffice address: Rooms 215-16 Stokes Bldg., Everett, Snohomish County, Washington.  
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**DISCIPLINING LIEBKNECHT**

New York Volkszeitung Editorial.  
 The cabled report that the Social Democratic members of the German Reichstag have turned against Karl Liebknecht because of his refusal to vote the government's war credit of five billion will bear confirmation.

Should it prove true and be found that Liebknecht is to be disciplined by the parliamentary group, it will mean an end to the proud unity of German Social Democracy, and a beginning of that breach that many predicted when, on August 4, the deputies without a protest sanctioned the war credits.

Let there be no mistake about the matter. Liebknecht does not stand alone, neither in the parliamentary faction nor still less in the party. We know that in the party caucus fourteen of seventy deputies registered their protest against the war credits of August 4, and that they, together with Liebknecht, were silent during its passage, because the parliamentary group had instructed the minority to give way before the greater number.

That discipline and acknowledgment of majority rule to which the German Socialists are so accustomed held sway, but at this session Liebknecht alone rebelled. This, despite, as we know, the increase in the number of deputies who acknowledge they erred in their voting on August 4 voted in favor of the appropriation have since openly admitted they blundered. Many, too, may have considered that additional credits must not be withheld, now that Germany is plunged into war.

The feeling that the deputies were on the wrong path is more widespread among the rank and file of the party than among the parliamentary group itself. We learn through reports from Berlin, Leipsic, Bremen, Hamburg, Stuttgart and other sources that great masses of the rank and file are not at all in sympathy with the course taken by their Reichstag representatives.

Conditions caused by the war stop their mouths for the time being. But even the restraint under which Germany today suffers cannot entirely hush the growing opposition. In countless party organs of Germany voices are raised, despite all censorship, against the unworthy stand of certain party papers as regards the war, and protests against such stands are finding echo in many groups of the membership.

That these groups will not look favorably upon a disciplining of Liebknecht because of his opposing vote is certain. Perhaps the dissatisfaction would not immediately become noticeable, because prevailing conditions in the empire and the pressure exerted by the government would make it impossible. Just so much stronger, however, will it manifest itself on the return of normal conditions, and, as said before, make a split imminent in the once proud German Social Democracy.

Such is the curse of the evil deed that, progressively, it must continually give birth to new evil. The vote of August 4 has not merely dealt the international a severe blow. It even threatens to disrupt the zealously guarded unity of the German Social Democracy.

So far on the field of battle the German government has achieved no notable success. Yet, in a certain way, she has won a notable victory. She has succeeded in dealing her "inner foe" a blow from which it will only emerge with great difficulty.

Such a victory, to the Prussian-German regime is well worth all the wasted blood of the German people.

**DID YOU HEAR THAT?**

President Wilson is going to tackle the problem of unemployment. And what is he going to do? Have the postoffice tell the workers where there are jobs—when there are any—and tell the masters where they can get slaves—as if they didn't know! Great scheme! Wonderful sociology for the professor! Why doesn't Wilson take the money the people deposit with the postoffice and use it in employing the idle at public works? That would create work and mean something. But he prefers to re-deposit the money with the bankers, so as to strengthen the master class that has caused all the unemployment, and then beg and whine to them to please be good and not starve everybody. A business man that would conduct affairs as foolishly as Wilson is managing for the people in America would be fired within two days.—Appeal to Reason.

With so many discarded L.L.D.'s, D.D.'s, and Sc.D.'s lying about in Europe, it seems a pity that Americans should still have to work four long years for a mere A.B.—New York Evening Post.

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