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WILL YOU DO IT?

It is perhaps too early for the registering of disappointment in connection with our request that our friends get together and kill the \$250 deficit that we have sustained during the past year's operations. We are writing these lines Monday afternoon, and our readers have hardly had time to respond to our appeal for aid. We are bound to admit, however, that time enough has elapsed to give nearby comrades an opportunity to furnish us some tangible evidence that they believe this paper is worth at least the little that it cost the movement of Washington. But we have received little to encourage us in our work, thus far. As both the editor and the business manager are working at a merely nominal wage, and serving the paper with the same enthusiasm and assiduity that would be given were the wages normal (the cost of living), we are not backward in calling upon the hundreds of good comrades who are drawing a decent salary to get in with us in the support of our party-owned press. (Let us reiterate here that this paper belongs to and is controlled by the county organization of this section, no one having any voice in its affairs who is not a Red Card member.) We see nothing to be ashamed of that we should have fallen behind to the extent of \$250 during the past year of industrial depression. It means that during the improved conditions of the presidential year there will be no deficit at all. "Sure?" Yes, certain. And this is the basis for our certitude: We have cut down our yearly cost of operation by \$520. So, even were things no better in 1916 than in 1915, we would still be \$250 to the good, on this basis, at the end of next year. And we'll run on this basis if we have to. Under the circumstances, we feel that it is unjust, as well as ill-advised, to ask the editor and the business manager to stand the whole loss of the \$250 deficit. Seeing that they work for next to nothing in the way of wages, they are at least entitled to assistance in starting the presidential year free of encumbrances. We feel that we have, all things considered, "made good," and our year's effort should be "approved" in some substantial form, and that form should be the wiping out of the comparatively small deficit. Were each reader who is ABLE also WILLING, it would require a very small sum from each one to give us a clean slate to start with New Year's Day. Will YOU do it? Will YOU do your little part? If you can't spare a dollar, send a quarter. If you can't spare a quarter, send ten cents. But send something! Show your GOOD WILL, if it's only by five cents in stamps. Let us know that YOU, at least, believe that the paper deserves to live, if not to prosper. Do something to let us know that your heart is with us, at any rate. -- And do it TODAY!

AMSTERDAM SOCIALISTS ELECT OWN CANDIDATE

The Dutch Socialists held the ninth Amsterdam district in the recent by-election for the lower house, placing Van den Tempel into the seat vacated by Vlieggen. The total Socialist vote was 7,121 against the "nonpartisan" vote of 5,897 and against 421 votes cast by the Syndicalists.

Special Donation Fund!

Dear Comrades.—Enclosed find \$....., my donation as a special effort to wipe out the deficit of The Northwest Worker. Name Address Mail to Northwest Worker, 1612 California St., Everett.

Can Brown Kill Our Paper?

We have announced that our editorial policy was to keep the Brown nuisance out of our columns. "We" have not changed our opinion.

But "We" are not the whole show. Our "policy" has to a certain extent been over-ruled by "majority vote."

BROWN ATTEMPTS TO THROTTLE OUR PAPER

Having plenty of money at his disposal, E. J. Brown is advertising in the capitalist press that The Northwest Worker is either dead or dying. In the Seattle Times, of Dec. 14th, Brown says: "I went to Everett and up-tipped their pork chop wagon (meaning he defeated Salter and thereby elected a capitalist commissioner of public works) and of course they now have dispositions like hornets. THEIR PAPER THAT LIVED BY EXTRACTING BLOOD MONEY FROM THE EVERETT WORKERS MADE ITS DEATH RATTLE IN ITS ISSUE OF DEC. 9."

Here it is the evident intention of this unhappy egotist to lead possible subscribers to believe that the paper is dead, or about to die, and that subscriptions should not be renewed, as the paper has sounded "its death rattle."

In the Times and the Post-Intelligencer of last Sunday, this martyr (?) in the cause of Socialism caused the following advertisement to appear, just as we give it below:

WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING; WORKING PEOPLE BEWARE OF NORTHWEST WORKER

By Edwin J. Brown I have been a member of the Socialist party for nearly 14 years, and I would be a traitor to the people and party members, indeed, if I did not expose the graft which I have the evidence to prove.

I call attention to the fact that Maynard Shipley, the editor of The Northwest Worker, in his issues of December 9th and 16th makes a most vicious attack on me for exposing the crookedness in the Socialist party state organization, but Shipley fears the truth and facts and refuses to allow me space in his paper to make answer to him. The gang fears the truth and the facts. Shipley speaks here tonight at Stevens Hall, on Fourth Avenue, between Pike and Pine Streets. I shall be there and I ask every Socialist party member who can to be there. I shall ask for the platform and give you the evidence of the graft. EDWIN J. BROWN.

BROWN WAS THERE

Brown was at the lecture. But he did not ask for the platform at the conclusion of the lecture.

After the audience had been dismissed, and had nearly all passed out, Brown, standing at the stairway, asked those who had not yet left the hall (a very small number) to remain and hear his spiel. Some of them remained and took seats.

But Brown did not ask for the platform.

With characteristic effrontery, he anarchistically ignored the committee in charge of the meeting, and although he is not a member of the Socialist party, proceeded to utilize so few persons remained to listen to his gaff, no one took the trouble to reprove him, at least while we were there. Having barely time to pack our slides and machine, etc., we were obliged to hasten to the car, so missed the fun, if there was any. Brown is sure the joke. Nevertheless, his efforts to kill the Northwest Worker, the official organ of the comrades of Snohomish County, is most dastardly and treasonable, and will doubtless meet with the rebuke of all Red Card Socialists in this and other states. If we are not mistaken in the comrades of Washington, the "death-rattle" Brown heard on Dec. 9th was in his own throat.

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year— Nothing but a hollow sound; In a world of woe and sorrow Happiness cannot be found.

Sighs and sobs our hearts are stirring Drenched with blood is Mother Earth; Men disabled, women, children— Robbed and banished from the hearth.

Love thine enemy, thy neighbor, Peace on Earth, good will to men— Idle words expressed by people With their tongue and with their pen.

Torn hearts and broken bodies; Poisoned minds and shattered brains; Crippled morals, darkened visions, Weakened strength and tightened chains.

Mothers, sisters, sweethearts, daughters— Sacrificed to Mammon's Greed; What of the agonies of Millions! What if all the world does bleed!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year— Mockery, Satanic joker, Not until our shackles vanish And discarded is our yoke. —ANNA RAPPORT.

WAR TRUST STEALING COUNTRY BLIND

Congressman C. H. Tavenner has caused to be printed in the Congressional Record facts which show that the war trust has for years been stealing this country blind.

Our "Militarism" Worse Than Germany's During the year 1912, our entire revenue, not including postal receipts, amounted to \$702,000,000. Of this we expended \$654,000,000 to defray the entire expense of the government; \$440,000,000, or 67.88 per cent., was paid out for war and on account of war. Just before the outbreak of the present European war, Germany was spending 55 per cent. of her revenues for war and on account of war; Japan, 45 per cent.; Great Britain, 37 per cent., and France 35 per cent.

Our army contained 91,416 men; navy, 52,757 men. German army during the year indicated contained 870,000 men; navy, 66,783 men; Japanese army, 250,000 men; navy, 51,054 men, with a reserve naval force of 114,000 men. Great Britain, army, 254,500 men; navy, 137,500 men; France, army, 720,000 men; navy, 60,621 men. Great Britain's revenue was greater than ours by nearly \$300,000,000, but our expenses for war and on account of war were more than \$100,000,000 greater than hers. Yet the aggregate of her army and navy was nearly four times as great as ours. Germany's revenue exceeded ours

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WASTED BY AMERICA

Farmers Get Only Thirty-five Cents of Dollar Spent by Consumer, Experts Say

CHARLESTON, N. C.—Nine billion dollars is the price American farmers get for their crops every year, while enough is added by middlemen so that the consumers pay twenty-seven billion dollars for the same crop, according to the statement of rural credit and marketing experts before the Southern Commercial Congress.

Members of the congress were told by speakers favoring rural credit legislation that the farmer gets 35 cents and the middleman 65 cents of each dollar the consumer pays for the farmer's crops. There is an enormous amount of waste, especially in perishable products, because of the lack of a central directing market intelligence, they said.

CONSCRIPT ARMY IN U. S. HIS PLAN

WASHINGTON.—A policy of conscription for the United States citizen army is proposed in a bill introduced by Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military affairs committee.

All but those especially excused for physical, religious or other reasons would be obliged to serve in this army between the ages of 12 and 23 years. The penalty for failing to do so would be \$500 fine.

From 12 to 17 the young men would be organized into a cadet corps and from 18 to 23 into a citizens' army.

The bill provides that for boys between the age of 12 and 14 a drill of not less than ninety hours each year, consisting of calisthenics with arms, would be given. From 14 to 16 ninety hours a year, including rifle practice, is prescribed. From 16 to 18 there would be, in addition, ten days each year in a military camp. In the citizens' army all would be required to serve for 120 hours or twenty whole days in military drill and tactics. The army is divided into groups, according to the strategic geography of the country.

Order your printing through this office. Good printing at reasonable prices.

By \$60,000,000, but our expenditures for war and on account of war exceeded hers by more than \$50,000,000, yet her army is more than eight times as large as ours.

Kirkpatrick's "War—What For?" exposes the whole rotten game of militarism and capitalism. Buy at least five copies, for \$1.00, from The Northwest Worker, and make it your business to sell them.

FRUIT FOR SOLDIERS SOLD TO OTHERS

A Tasmania orchardist who gave some cases of fruit for the troops, put his card in each case. Five cards have come back to him. Four of them were sent by people who allege that they are connected with the fruit trade, and one by a Canadian soldier who got it in some fruit which he bought, he says, at a shop. Others who had given fruit have had similar experiences. The official explanation is that some of the fruit was so decayed and rotten that it was not considered fit for the troops and was sold to defray expenses. This no doubt accounts for the fact that some of the fruit shop people already referred to comment on the fine quality of the fruit and say how much better it was than they can usually buy!

FOR WAR TO THE END

Socialist members of the German Reichstag decided in party caucus that the reply of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to peace queries was entirely satisfactory.

They voted there was, therefore, no reason for hostility toward the government, "whose enemies have been continually stating that it favored annexation."

This resolution, it is understood, passed the caucus by a large majority. A few radicals, including Dr. Liebknecht, dissented.

\$7,000,000 WAR EXPORTS IN ONE DAY

NEW YORK.—Customs house figures show that of Saturday's \$14,000,000 exports from this port nearly 55 per cent., or \$7,586,695, was made up of war supplies.

The exports from New York last week amounted to over \$70,000,000, the largest for any week since the war began. It is reckoned that between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 represented ammunition alone.

MILLIONS FOR LAW MAKING

This will be a "Billion-and-a-quarter" congress. The first session of the Sixty-fourth congress that opened recently will be asked by the various federal departments to appropriate \$1,255,857,808 for the expenses of running the government for a year. This tops the greatest sum in the past by hundreds of millions. The capitalist system is so rotten that billions have to be spent in order to bolster it up.

There is only one barber in town that advertises in your paper, and that is the Commerce Barber. The shop is down the steps at the corner of Rockefeller and Hewitt, underneath the Commerce building.

"Men of military age need not apply."—Now to be found on all "Men Wanted" notices outside English factories.

ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR!

By ROBERT MINOR



Of every four children born in working class families of \$10 a week income or less, one is foredoomed to die in its first year.—Report of United States Industrial Relations Commission.—From the New York Call.

Silverware at Just Half Price

—We are closing out our entire line of Silverware. This is your one grand opportunity. CARVING SETS AT SPECIAL PRICES. —See our windows—they are full of good practical gifts at Reduced Prices.

CURRAN HARDWARE CO. Ind. 82 HEWITT AND BROADWAY S.S. 980

The Hayes Theater

Presents

"VIA WIRELESS"

A Gold Rooster Play

IN FIVE PARTS, FEATURING

Gail Kane and Bruce Mc Rae

AND AN ALL STAR CAST

Marsh, a draughtsman in a gun factory of John Durant, is swindled by Edward Pinkney, Durant's general manager, out of the huge royalty due on a gun of Marsh's invention, should it prove a success. Pinkney loves Frances Durant, but is far outwitted by Lieut. Sommers, U. S. N. Sommers has also invented a gun which he gives to be cast to the Durant Iron Works and which, if successful, will do Pinkney out of his expected graft on the Marsh invention. Here follow a mass of dramatic complications as the plot gradually develops to its amazing end.

WILL BE SHOWN Friday and Saturday Only

Continuous show from 2 till 11 p.m. — Prices: Adults 10c, Children 5c

SOCIALISTS SHOULD VOTE FOR ROAD BONDS

As long as we are compelled to live under the capitalist system we should make it a point to get all we can out of it.

The building of good roads will help develop the system which must outgrow its usefulness before it can be overthrown.

The necessities of life can only be obtained by selling our labor power. The building of good roads will enable the local residents to sell their labor power.

If you own a house or farm, the tax for this work will amount to about \$1.00 on property assessed at \$500; but in the long run the taxes will be reduced some 40 per cent., as the county commissioners have pledged.

Farmers will be enabled to get a better price for their produce as they will be able to get it to the consumer at a less cost than at present.

The road building will take four or five years; thus it will give work to those that need it during that time.

The bond issue will amount to \$1,813,800, most of which will go for wages. Most of this money will stay in Snohomish county, which means that the money will be in constant circulation, thus giving work to others than those employed on road work.

Socialists have nothing to lose by voting for these bonds and we suggest that you make it a point to be at the polls on Dec. 28 and vote FOR this bond issue. —H. W. W.

LANE INTRODUCES LONDON RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON.—The first resolution by a Socialist member of congress to be also introduced in the United States senate has been presented in the upper house by Senator Lane, of Oregon, a Democrat.

This is the resolution offered on the opening day of the present session by Representative London. It calls upon President Wilson to convene a congress of neutral nations to attempt to mediate between the warring nations of Europe. Lane offered the measure in the identical form used in London's proposal in the House.

It is this resolution which has attracted widespread and favorable notice in the press in Great Britain as well as in the German Socialist press in America.

IN A NUTSHELL President Wilson in introducing his "preparedness" program in congress, was naively truthful when he said:

I, for one, do not doubt the patriotic devotion either of our young men or of those who give them employment—THOSE FOR WHOSE BENEFIT AND PROTECTION THEY WOULD IN FACT ENLIST.

That at least 3,000,000 men have answered Lord Derby's call for volunteers was the report in official circles following the close of England's greatest recruiting campaign.

The Socialist vote in the Massachusetts state election was 8,740. They beat the Progressive party by a margin of 771.

Christmas Leather Goods, Bags, Dressing Cases, Ladies' Purses, Bill Folds, Manicure Sets and Coin Purses at Everett Trunk Factory, 2815 Rockefeller.