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Crawling Up

The Donation Fund is crawling up, slowly, but surely. And the deficit is being eaten up—just as slowly, and just as surely. It's Doomed!

Comrades who have not yet "come across" are going to be in on the fund before long. "I've got my eye on that deficit," said one comrade, in renewing his sub., "and I'll be there with my part before long."

This is encouraging. No one wants to fight a hopeless battle.

Let each reader of these lines do his or her part—even though the part be small in itself—and the battle is won. The deficit will have been wiped out!

February 5th will be the Sixth Birthday of this paper.

It's up to those who understand the need of a party-owned-and-controlled press in this country to see to it that we begin our Sixth Year of struggles, mistakes, and triumphs free of debt.

Get your birthday presents in before Feb. 5th, so that we can celebrate the event by burying the Deficit!

DEMOCRACY AND PREPAREDNESS

Some near-democrats of various political parties, are perplexed by the outcries regarding preparedness. They realize that neither political nor economic conditions in the country are what they ought to be. They know that social conditions maintained by our laws inflict on most of the people terrible and cruel injustices. They know that it is neither just nor reasonable to compel people, so oppressed, to either contribute to their earnings, or to risk their lives in defense of such institutions. And they further know how dangerous to free institutions a big army and navy policy must be. Yet in spite of all, they feel it their duty to support the preparationist demand. They say in effect, "Yes, there is much outrageous injustice in this country, but should we be overpowered by a foreign enemy, we would lose what liberty we have."

So to avoid risk of loss through foreign conquest of "what liberty we have," they would subject it to the greater risk of loss, through creation and maintenance of a big military establishment.

One need not be committed to the theory of single tax as a cure-all to appreciate the warnings in the "Progress and Poverty," of Henry George, where he showed the real impending danger to liberty and how to avoid it. He said:

"In our time, as in times before, creep on the insidious forces that, producing inequality, destroy liberty. On the horizon the clouds begin to lower. Liberty calls to us again. We must follow her further, we must trust her fully. Either we must wholly accept her or she will not stay. It is not enough that men should vote. It is not enough that they should be theoretically equal before the law. They must have liberty to avail themselves of the opportunities and means of life; they must stand on equal terms with reference to the bounty of nature."

We have not wholly accepted her. Because we have not made this country what it might have been—a hope and a refuge to the people of the world. Because we have rejected this opportunity, there is a widespread feeling of insecurity and danger, and to avoid this we are urged to incur all the risk and oppressive evils of militarism. That is bad advice. The proper course was well pointed out by Henry George:

"If, while there is yet time, we turn to Justice, and obey her, if we trust Liberty and follow her, the dangers that now threaten must disappear, the forces that menace will turn to agencies of elevation."

This is good advice when interpreted scientifically. Mr. George, not understanding the principle of the class struggle, missed the only solution of the problems of poverty and wars, namely, Socialism. But his heart was in the right place. He understood, at least, the rank injustices of the present economic ar-

Commercial Conquests

That sooner or later America will have to engage in a war to hold or gain markets for its products can easily be seen by reading the following:

At a luncheon tendered him recently at the India House, New York, Wm. C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, endorsed the policy of imperialism, calling it the greatest step forward in American history, particularly in the organizing of the American International Corporations, which is to seize the overseas markets.

All the headlights of Big Business were there and received the benediction of the secretary of commerce and the promise that the government would co-operate to the fullest extent to see that the American merchant would sweep the world. Then they were all introduced to the speaker. There were no bones about the intention of the meeting. It was called to promote the feeling of co-operation between the government and those that are working to promote American trade abroad.

AMERICANS COULD RULE NOW

Frank A. Vanderlip, one of the speakers, placed special emphasis upon the fact that now was the time for American capitalists to step in and take the place of England and Germany in dominating the world markets.

The following shows conclusively that unless the Socialists get control of the powers of government that America will be drawn into a war with a competing nation.

W. L. Saunders, another speaker and a director of the new corporation, the concern was one of patriotism and high business ethics, and that he felt Secretary Redfield would aid any attempt to gain foreign trade. Redfield in his address described how by various means the entire tin output of Bolivia was being received in this country and smelted here, by which great profits were accruing in return for certain banking privileges it received at the hands of the New York banks.

Other large commercial prizes were described:

He said further: "I have been sad for years at the lack of courage shown by our business men in attempting anything outside of the three-mile limit. I believe with all my heart in the power of American industry and as a servant of commerce all I ask is the privilege to be able to help it along."

SPECIAL DONATION FUND.

The following comrades have given us a start on the Special Donation Fund which is for the purpose of wiping out the deficit of \$250:

Table listing names and donation amounts: Proletaria Bill (\$5.00), Varian Shaw, Woodenville (1.00), Sophus Bonnieville (1.00), Comrade from Silvana (1.00), E. L. Kimbrel, Alaska (3.00), Marvin Sanford, California (1.00), Local Freeland (3.20), Nels Hansen, Matlock (1.00), E. L. K. Stone, Baring (1.00), E. D. Mitchel, Leese (4.00), Local Cashmere (3.00), Wm. Dehnhoff, Snohomish (2.00), H. Thorsen, Arlington (1.00), Thos. Jensen, Arlington (2.00), A. Anderson, R. 2, Everett (1.00), Anonymous (2.00), Frank Shepherd, Everett (1.00), L. W. Matthews, East Everett (1.00), E. W. Womsley, Everett (5.00), A Comrade (5.00), Local Gold Bar (2.00), Total (\$41.70)

FROM SEATTLE

We have received 42 subs from Seattle during the past two weeks through the medium of the Shipley and Ulonska lectures and Harry Fetterhoff.

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The English government has suppressed relief committee raising funds for relief of Russian political prisoners.

range of society, where a parasitic class lives in luxury off the sweat and tears of the useful working class, reducing the great majority of the population to virtual industrial slavery. Yes, George was right in this: That band of "preparedness" and war stands robbery of the masses, ruthless exploitation of the wealth-producers by the "patriots," by a conscientious bunch of parasitic profit-mongers who hold as more than cheap the lives of their hypnotized victims. When will the workers rise to a real "preparedness" of their own?

Is War Inevitable?

We are frequently asked as to whether or not we regard war as imminent; or, as it is usually put, "Are we going to get into this broil?"

We gain no man living is wise enough to answer this question with any degree of certainty at this time. We feel, however, pretty safe in saying that the danger of war with Germany is not as great as it was, though we are by no means cock-sure even on this point. War with, or rather on, Mexico we have for years regarded as a certainty, and can see no reason now for thinking otherwise. The interests will pay for the preparation.

There is only one safe attitude of mind on this question of war or no war: We know that the civilized world has only had 240 years of peace (so-called) since the establishment of the religion of "the Prince of Peace." We know that the lust for gold and the product of other people's labor inevitably leads to war. In short, we know that so long as profit-mongering continues, so long as capitalism lasts, just so long will there be wars and rumors of war. The capitalists, themselves understand this; therefore their talk of "preparedness." They are right. Under trading-class rule, no other course than an aggressive military policy is possible. The reason is simple enough, and should not be obscured by the fact that certain profit-mongers are making the most of the situation.

Under capitalism, goods are not created for the producers' use, but for the non-producers' profit. As there is daily created by each worker at least two dollars' worth of wealth for each dollar's worth that he is permitted to use, a foreign market must be found for the wealth which the worker creates and does not get. It is from the wealth which the machine worker makes, and which the machine owner takes, that are derived the profits which go to the hiring of more wage-slaves for the creation of more wealth-producing machinery.

But increasing wealth production means increasing expansion of foreign trade, since the worker's share of the wealth he creates for his industrial masters remains just what it was before, namely, the bare cost of his "keep." The amount of the worker's wage bears no essential relation to the value of his product. The more productive the machinery the greater the amount of surplus wealth created for which a foreign market must be found. The extra production consumed by the wealth-takers, over that consumed by the wealth-makers, is too insignificant to be considered in this connection. So if industry is to go on exclusively for the profit of the machine owners, and that is its only object under trading-class rule, the present foreign trade must not only be held, but also continually increased. As this same truth holds also in the case of all other commercial peoples, their competition in foreign markets must be met; or rather, one or more of the competing nations must be driven out of the sought-for markets. This can be done either by reducing wages low enough to cut under the price of other merchants, or by driving the competitor from the coveted field with cannon.

Reduction of wages at home means strikes and lockouts, boycotts and injunctions, a dangerous and increasing unemployed problem, further aggravating the present "panic," frequent riots, increasing crime, more suicides, augmented prostitution, growing destitution and deepening desolation, all ending in lawlessness and bloodshed. Here is an additional reason for the adoption of "Militia Bill," a "more adequate army," etc.

All this means internecine war, either foreign or domestic, or both, and ultimately the overthrow of trading-class rule by the working class. The editor of this paper has no patience with those Socialists who deride the idea of the United States becoming involved in a foreign war. Such a possibility is well within the limits of calamity. And no one can say when war may be declared.

It is well enough to fight "preparedness," but not on the ground that "there is no danger of war."

The man or woman who votes against Socialism, votes for war.

Only the Socialist party has a program for abolition of the causes of war! It is the only real Peace Society.

Let those who vote for capitalism fight its battles.

DANGER, MISSED

"What makes Carol so disliked?" "She got the most votes for being popular."—Chicago Daily News.



YE PARTY COLYUM

A STALE HACK

Experience is a great teacher. The gentle readers will be surprised to learn that a scribe of our ability is sometimes guilty of the necessity of using such a stale hack as the foregoing. This, however, is the case. For a long time we deluded ourselves with the notion that hard times would cause a great boom in the Socialist party. We imagined when the depression set in, the enlightened proletariat would rise and join us in a mighty protest against intolerable conditions. Here a little experience soon showed us that we were off our perch.

We soaked up all extant information on unemployment. When the hands of the working class become idle, we were told, their inner membrane of an important digestive organ beats a tattoo on the spinal column, said condition is highly conducive to deep thought. We found when the industrial crisis broke and deluged the country with hard times, no such joyous result followed. In fact we noticed that business for our noble institution fell off with the same alacrity as that of other institutions not so noble.

Naturally we wondered at this until we found ourselves subtracted from the pay-roll. Thereupon a gleam of intelligence hit us.

OUR ENTHUSIASM WANES

Viewing our unfortunate predicament from our present permanent, though somewhat inconspicuous position on the pay-roll, we experience a certain feeling of delicacy. We are constrained to use tact in describing it. Couched in dignified language we may say that we were temporarily disengaged, and set out in quest of employment.

We found the bears dominated the labor market and thus were forced to spend several industrious weeks extolling our good qualities to prospective employers. As we made our daily rounds of field, farm and factory, and our available currency shrank before the onslaughts of a voracious appetite, our mind began to cast up imageries of distant lands. We saw ourselves applying for a free pass over the midnight bounds of our little city. All through the circling hours of the day and night, as Debs says, our mind was harried by the uncertainties and vicissitudes of the morrow. Our interest in Socialism at that time was hardly worth mentioning. We inject these remarks here merely to indicate how our interest in the Revolution had waned during the awful period of our bossless existence.

A MATHEMATICAL PROCESS

Since the hard times affected us as hereinbefore described, we are able to ascertain, by a simple process of mathematical extension, that many comrades have had their enthusiasm for the party clipped by this economic pressure. Mathematical proof is entirely reliable and generally accepted.

Yours for the W. C. R.

Special Donation Fund!

Northwest Worker.

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.

News In Brief

More than 7,000,000 men in the armies of Germany and her allies have been killed, wounded or captured since the war began.

Vorwaerts reports the arrest of Clara Zetkin and nine other German comrades for engaging in peace propaganda.

The Italian government has issued a decree requisitioning all wheat, grain and maize for military uses.

Charles Edward Russell declines to be a candidate of the Socialist party in 1916, asserting that he can not take part in a campaign against any degree of preparedness for defense, which he thinks the party will wage.

President Wilson practically has abandoned hope of putting through a bill to create a continental army, as proposed by Secretary Garrison. Doubts are expressed by the President's advisers that congress will grant any substantial increase in the appropriations for the regular army.

German Socialists have issued an appeal to Socialists of France to help end the war.

Net revenues of 151 railroads in the United States for November were \$100,593,516, as against \$58,421,059 in November, 1914.

State capitalism in England has commenced on large scale. Twenty thousand men will be employed on munition work. All stores and shops have been taken over by government.

The Socialist party has 240 local organizations and representation in 72 municipal bodies.

If you are not a member of the Socialist party will you give us your reason for staying out?

The censor appointed by the Australian Labor government is busy suppressing the news. The latest issues of the Melbourne Socialist, just to hand, are made almost unreadable by the censor. The same government has prohibited the sale of Kirkpatrick's "What For?" Kindly remember this when "Labor" candidates are in the field.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATES FOR REFERENDUM

There are three candidates for the presidential nomination, two for the vice presidential nomination, 31 for the five positions as national executive committee, and four for the national secretaryship on the ballots that are now being sent out to the 6,000 locals of the Socialist party.

WHO CANDIDATES ARE

The names of those who have accepted the candidacies for the various positions are as follows:

For Presidential Candidate—Allan L. Benson, Arthur LeSeur, James H. Maurer.

For Vice Presidential Candidate—Geo. R. Kirkpatrick, Kate Richards O'Hare.

For National Executive Secretary—Adolph Gerner, L. E. Katterfeld, W. Lanfersiek, Carl D. Thompson.

Let it not be understood that we have forsaken our "psychological" theory of party apathy, with which we astonished the world some weeks ago. Not for an instant. We are still upholding this theory with great vigor. Our present contribution is merely amplificatory, whatever that is. While, as we maintained, our party's progress has been made by arousing the emotions or enthusiasm of its workers, which succumbs periodically, thus causing a hard time serve to kill it so much earlier.

Knowing that the gentle readers follow us thoroughly, we now adjourn.

Yours for the W. C. R.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH. Plaintiff has paid subsequent taxes assessed against said property as follows: Taxes for the year 1913, amounting to \$15.56, paid July 28th, 1914; taxes for the year 1914 amounting to \$19.78, paid June 25th, 1915, the amount of said Certificate of Delinquency, bearing interest at the rate of Fifteen per cent. (15 per cent.) per annum from its said date and all of said several amounts so paid for subsequent taxes as aforesaid, bearing interest at the rate of fifteen per cent. (15 per cent.) per annum from the respective dates of payment thereof as aforesaid; all of which is now due the above-named Plaintiff. And you and each of you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this notice and summons exclusive of the date of such first publication, to-wit: within sixty days after the 6th day of January, A.D. 1916, exclusive of said day, and defend the above entitled action in the Court aforesaid, or pay the amount due as above set forth, together with the costs. In case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said Certificate of Delinquency, taxes, penalty, interest and costs, against the lands and premises hereinbefore mentioned and described. SOREN BERGESON, Plaintiff. BY PETER HUSBY, Attorney for Plaintiff. P. O. Address: Everett, Wash.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SUFFERING HUMANITY I, Margaret B. Larson, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says: That for three years I have been very sick with liver and kidney trouble and have doctored with the best doctors in Chicago, with the United Doctors of Minneapolis, with doctors in Eau Claire, Wis., and some of the Everett doctors. I finally went to Seattle and was examined by leading professors, one of whom told me that nothing could be done for me. I came home discouraged and began to arrange my affairs and find a home for my little boy. After Dr. D. Feldman, of 2623 Lombard Ave., came to Everett I determined to consult him. Commenced taking his treatments and now after doctored with him for three months and a half I consider myself cured and a perfectly well woman. I am very grateful to Dr. D. Feldman, a witness my hand at Everett, Wash., this Nov. 15, 1915. MARGARET B. LARSON. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Nov., 1915. P. F. SWALE, Notary Public.

EVERETT Y. P. S. L. EDITORIAL ELYSIUM At the last meeting of the Young People's Socialist League the following officers were elected: Recording secretary, Lena Anderson; financial secretary, Rosa Olson; chairman and press agent, Wilford Dougherty; study class director, Peter Husby. A Socialist play, "Our Incomes," will be put on in the near future. Seven Yipsels are busy rehearsing. It will be staged in The Forum. The league has twenty members. We wish to build up the league with the young folks of Socialist families, instead of with roughnecks. This will insure a steady and permanent growth. The league meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Room 1, The Forum. One dollar from you will put us on a better fighting basis for the November elections. "Fellow dropt into the office the other day and ordered the paper, and we were pleased. Said it was a good paper, and we were glad. Said it was more than worth the money to any man of intelligence, and we were tickled. Said it was the mainstay of the town, and we were super-tickled. Said it was the greatest booster and the most reliable town-builder and developer in this whole community, and we yelled with joy. Paid for his paper, and—we slid gently to the floor in blissful unconsciousness. Nature had reached its limit."—Altoona Tribune. HAPPY FATE "What disposition is made of the servants of the couple?" "They will spend six months with the servants of each parent."—Puck.