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SECURITY LEAGUE DODGES SOCIALISM

Declines Debate With Kirkpatrick for Fear of Furnishing Fun for Audience

BUTTE.—William Cutts, secretary of the National Security league, has refused to accept the challenge of George R. Kirkpatrick, candidate of the Socialist party for vice president of the United States, to debate the subject of preparedness.

In a letter addressed to Albert F. Meissner, secretary of the Montana Socialist party, Cutts declares that the National Security league is not committed to any military program, "involving either the regular army or the state militia in strike disturbances or any other purpose other than national defense."

For his own part, Cutts believes the militia should be augmented, reorganized as a defense reserve, restrained from participation in internecine or domestic troubles and made a part of the federal army. If this constitutes a crime against the welfare of your comrades in arms I must plead guilty along with millions of other thinking citizens of this country.

"While we are not afraid of our position and have no fear as to the outcome of the military and naval measures now being urged upon our congressmen, we must decline to furnish the entertainment for your little family gathering at the Auditorium next week."

The Socialists have offered to give the National Security league time till next year for the preparation of the debate, hoping that in the meantime the league will be "prepared" to meet a Socialist debater.

WAR BREAKING UP HOMES OF GREAT BRITAIN'S WORKINGMEN

LONDON.—More moving is being done in England today than ever before in the country's history. The movers are the families of married men who expect to leave shortly for one of the war fronts. This is the end of the "quarter," and as few middle-class Englishmen can keep up their home in their absence, they are breaking them up.

Furniture movers are hopelessly swamped. Not only has the unprecedented amount of business overwhelmed them, but, like everybody else, they have already given most of their able-bodied men to the colors. The elderly, extremely youthful or weakly laborers they are compelled to rely on are unable to handle the work expeditiously.

In London the big boarding house centers like Bloomsbury and South Kensington are gathering in enormous numbers of refugees.

Poverty and capitalism are inseparable. Abolish capitalism and poverty will disappear.

THE SOCIALIST PHILOSOPHY

By C. Stephenson

The Socialist Philosophy is monistic in its nature, because it recognizes the unity, the oneness, of society. Despite the differences existing between the social units it realizes their interconnection and interdependence upon each other in all their activities as well as the social nature of the products of their labor. The warp and woof of it, the basic principle, is the social concept.

In opposition to this, bourgeois philosophy is individualistic.

"Freedom of the individual" was its watchword during its struggle against feudalism, regardless of the fact that the individual, in himself, is nothing, but is what he is, as a product of social effort and of the society in which he lives and moves.

Individual man, in the political sense, is non-existent; man is a social being.

For any philosophy to be practical it must be built upon actualities. However, we know today that this watchword "freedom," found a genuine response in the minds of dreamers, and utopian thinkers; also the uneducated proletariat to whom it appeared that change could not make their condition worse but might better it.

Among the bourgeoisie, the merchant and manufacturing class, the utopian concept of "freedom," though useful in the political field, was regarded with contempt and considered wholly ridiculous.

The "freedom" they desired was a reflex of their material interests: Freedom of trade unhampered by feudal ties whether of the monarchy, landed aristocracy, the guilds or corporate interests.

Freedom of trade routes and markets. Freedom of science from the

WOMEN AND ORIENTALS TO DO THE WORK

The employers of British Columbia introduced Orientals into this province more than a quarter of a century ago. The mine owners of South Africa, after the war, did the same thing. Some of the coal mine owners on Vancouver island recently replaced the employees who enlisted for overseas service with Orientals. Now read this Paris dispatch from the daily press of Tuesday. Owing to the lack of labor in the agricultural and industrial fields, an organization has been effected in France for trying Chinese labor. It is expected the 5,000 Chinese laborers will arrive in that country within a few months. Twenty Chinese are now preparing themselves as interpreters for the latter arrivals.

FINNISH SOCIALIST PARTY THRIVES IN SPITE OF WAR

Russian Government Report Shows Membership of 51,520, Divided Into 1,554 Locals

HELSINGFORS.—According to a statement issued by the Finlanskaya Gasota, the official organ of the Russian government in Helsingfors, the Finnish Socialist Party has practically held its own in spite of the war.

In June, 1914, the number of party members was the same as in June, 1913, but at the end of the year 1914, the party had lost about 1,500 members and numbered 51,520. One-fifth of these members were women.

The membership list, made up by locals, show that three-fourths, or 37,708 Socialists lived in rural districts, only one-fourth or 13,802 in cities.

The biggest local is in the election district of Nyuland and has 8,906 members; the second place is held by Viborg with 7,070 members. Owing to lack of employment, 1,900 members were exempted from the payment of party dues.

In 1914 the party had 1,554 locals. The party worked in unison with 637 labor unions, which have 18,388 politically organized members and only 4,134 non-political members. The Socialist Party had also connections with 40 unions of small farmers, 95 young people's organizations, 101 women's clubs and 30 other societies.

The party locals owned 890 houses in 1914, valued at \$2,500,000. Besides, it had about \$500,000 in cash funds, but had liabilities of about \$1,000,000.

The occupations of party members are shown by the following classification: 17,565 industrial workers, 6,358 building trades workers, 11,604 agricultural laborers and small farm tenants, 10,552 other workers, such as forest workers, dock hands, railroad employes, and artisans. There were also 4,326 members without any profession.

stifling hand of the Roman church, because the knowledge gained by the cultivation of astronomy, mechanics, physics, and other natural sciences, became necessary to them in the production and distribution of commodities for world market.

Freedom of the serfs, because producing for a world's market, whose demands were fluctuating, the rising trading class desired a class of workers who could be discharged when not required and who could move from place to place according to the varying needs of different industries.

So! the hope of the enslaved of all the ages, the vision which inspired their poets and seers, was turned to the practical uses of the bourgeoisie.

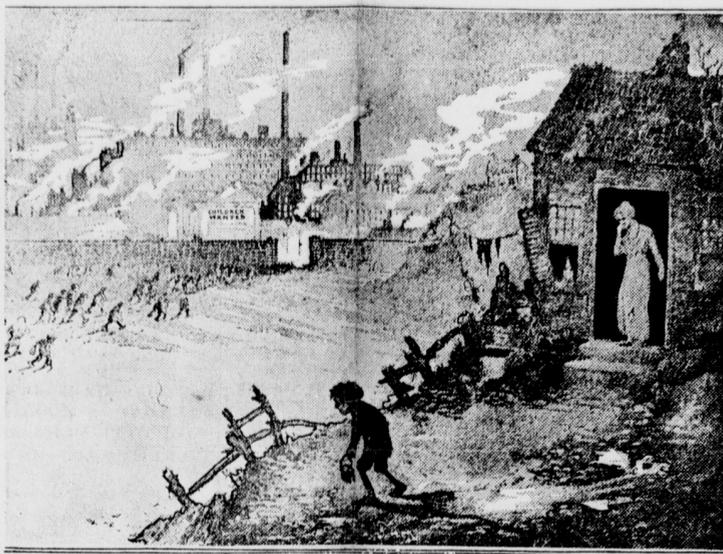
And their philosophy which must stand or fall with their form of society perforce justifies, in the light of their class interests, their application of the term "freedom." But what "freedom?" Ah! is it capitalism? Methinks I can hear martyrs turning in their graves. Sanctified and blest is the concept that the cunning and the powerful may lay hold of the earth's resources and the means of production, and compel the rest of human kind to yield up the fruits of their labor.

"Buy cheap and sell dear" is the bourgeois battle cry and it measures success in life by the difference in the quantity contributed to the social treasury, and that which the grasping hand can abstract from it.

Its basic and active principle is, "the race to the swift and the battle to the strong."

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Between the gray dawn and the huge black mill.
There's a drift of rags and of skinny bones,
With skeleton feet on the ruthless stones.
What specters are these in the witching light—
This ghostly rear-guard of the night,
Wearily treading the trail of the dark,
Arousing the morn before the lark?
What wights are they, so gaunt and lean,
With lagging pace and drowsy mien,
Who under the dim lamp's flickering glow
Wind into the cavernous mill below?
A sortie of ghouls afoose from the tomb,
Or a rabble of wraiths begot of the gloom?
No—goblins and ghouls such task would shirk—
It is only the children going to work!

FRENCH SOCIALISTS VOTE TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT

PARIS.—A resolution in favor of the continuance of the strongest support of the government in national defense was passed at a meeting of the National Council of the French Socialist party.

The renewal of relations with the International Socialist Bureau was voted down by 1,700 to 1,000.

SOCIALIST WOMAN IN RACE FOR CONGRESS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The first woman in this state to file nomination papers for the office of representative to congress-at-large is a doctor and a Socialist. She is Dr. Elizabeth M. Baer.

"I think it is proper for women to aspire to public office. I have always been a suffragist and a Socialist," she said. "I consider Socialism as a question of larger import than votes for women."

TOO TAME

The "Nonpartisans" have about exhausted the possibilities of waving the flag and proclaiming themselves to be the only genuine Americans in Milwaukee. It gets them no votes, and it's votes that they are after.

If Milwaukee is to be saved from the curse and blight of municipal ownership, if the menace of Socialism shall be averted, the "non-partisans" will have to produce a more robust breed of patriots.—Milwaukee Leader.

NOW BE GOOD

Predicting that at the end of the war, the United States will undergo an industrial setback, James J. Hill urges workmen to be content with the wages they have been getting and to cease embarrassing capitalists by demanding more.

MORE SOCIALISM (?)

The Senate has adopted an amendment to the army appropriations bill after a big scrap (in which it was opposed because of its "Socialistic" nature) that authorizes the President in his discretion to designate a water power site upon any navigable stream to be used for the exclusive use of the government, and the site thus withdrawn may be used by the Secretary of War for the "generation of electrical or other power and for the production of nitrate or other products needed for munitions of war and useful in the manufacture of fertilizer and other useful products."

ROOSEVELT NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE ASKS FOR MEN

The Roosevelt Non-Partisan League, "A Union of Patriotic Citizens of All Parties," opened New York offices to send out invitations to the citizens of this community to lay aside their political affiliations for the purpose of wafting Oyster Bay's most distinguished resident into the White House on a wave of popular enthusiasm for "Americanism."

POORLY PAID PAY-TRIOT

Lady Colebrook and a number of female parasites tried to set an example to the women of England by signing up for six months' service in a munition factory. They were put to work finishing gun parts and shells and worked eight hours a day for which they were paid a wage of about 50 cents per day. Most of them quit before the six months was up, whether because of the low pay or the hard graft is hard to say, but it is our opinion that "work" was the chief cause.

The worker toils and endures a living death in order that a privileged class may live in luxury.

JAIL TERMS GIVEN MEN WHO AIDED CLYDE STRIKE

EDINBURGH.—Three men were sentenced to prison for their connection with the recent strike of munition workers on the Clyde. On a charge of publishing "seditious" articles, William Gallagher, chairman of the Clyde Workers' committee, and John W. Mair, editor of the Worker, the magazine of the committee, each received one year in prison. Walter Bell, business manager of the magazine, was sentenced to three months in prison.

A sentence of three years' penal servitude was imposed yesterday on John Maclean, a former teacher, who was convicted of similar offenses.

TO CONGRESS

Eugene V. Debs is going to be elected to Congress next fall. The biggest meetings in the history of Indiana are being held and much enthusiasm prevails.

LECTURES HELD DURING NEXT WEEK

L. E. Katterfeld.
Sunday, April 30 (8 p.m.)—Monroe.
Monday, May 1—Spokane.
Tuesday, May 2—Deer Park.
Wednesday, May 3—Denison.
Thursday, May 4—Valley.
Friday, May 5—Addy.
Saturday, April 6—Chewelah.
Sunday, May 7 (2 p.m.)—Colville.
Sunday, May 7 (8 p.m.)—Orin.

Milwaukee is again being ruled by a Socialist mayor. Comrade Hoan took office Tuesday, April 18. One of the big things that the administration will take hold of is the construction of a city owned electric light plant. The harbor is to be greatly improved and the street car company will be forced to come to time.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The U. S. Senate has been forced into having the Industrial Relations Commission report printed. 100,000 copies of the report and 10,000 of the testimony was ordered printed. Send in for your copies right away. Address the senators at Washington.

JEFF DAVIS, King of the Hoboes, is now a wealthy man, it is said. Several months ago one of his millionaire friends on Wall Street whispered the name of a certain war stock to him. Jeff took the hint. He plucked with the savings of years and as a result he has \$55,000 to his credit.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina.—Complete returns from the election of April 2 for half the total membership of the Chamber of Deputies show a victory for the Radicals. Twenty-seven Radicals have been elected, seventeen Conservatives, ten Democrats, four Radical-Dissidents and three Socialists.

WASHINGTON.—An army reorganization bill that would produce regular army and reserve military forces in the United States aggregating 1,000,000 men, passed by the senate without a record vote.

Local Monroe will hold a basket social Saturday, May 13. The net receipts will go to the County office to start the county campaign. The local also starts new motion for county autonomy. See that your local seconds the motion.

The United States Steel corporation drew total earnings of \$726,683,589 last year, \$168,268,656 more than the previous year. This was a gain of 30 per cent. Of these millions, labor, including all the high-priced salaried employes, received \$176,800,864. Labor's gain over the previous year was only 1.35 per cent, although labor produced a 30 per cent increase in earnings.

Nearly all small leaseholders in France have ceased to pay rent. So many people have been unable to pay rent that the government has been forced to exempt all families whose income is less than 600 francs a year from paying rent or arrears of rent, during the war or for a period of six months after the war. What the people and the government will do when the six months is up remains to be seen, but when thousands of people have been living rent free for a year or two, we can feel assured that there will be "something doing" when the rent moratorium is lifted.

Millions of the workers' children are born into the world destined to a life of misery in slums and factories. Other children are millionaires at birth.

OLD PARTIES WILL AGAIN DODGE REAL ISSUES

WASHINGTON.—With Roosevelt practically settled on as the candidate of Big Business, with Wilson already as good as nominated for the small business man, and with Allan L. Benson running in behalf of the working people of the United States, politicians here are settling down to one of the hardest presidential campaigns in years. The "issue" may be preparedness—if Roosevelt has his way—or it may be "my administration"—if Wilson has his—but the powers that be will not let the real issue be discussed—poverty, wages, cost of living, control of government by the people.

The candidate of the working people will have to fight for every vote he gets. According to old time political dopsters here, money is going to flow like water into the campaign chests of the old parties. Just who will contribute to whose campaign is not yet decided, and from now till the conventions in June the secret agents of the Republican, Democratic and moribund Progressive outfits are hovering around in the offings of the bankers, financiers and corporation presidents playing for position.

Every indication points to oodles of cash for the Roosevelt war chest. Roosevelt as the champion of preparedness will have the enthusiastic support of the munitions millionaires who, with the close of the European war, must turn to the United States for a steady market for their products. Roosevelt will also have the endorsement of many of the great New York financial houses who have been angered by the stupidity of the Wilson administration, by its failure to intervene wholeheartedly in Mexico, by its habit of writing diplomatic notes, and by its distinctly reactionary tendencies. It is probable, however, that the great capitalists will not all flock to Roosevelt, for Wilson has connections too important to be overlooked.

Every possible and plausible attempt will be made by the managers of the old party campaigns to make out that the honor if not the security of the nation is at stake, and while Roosevelt is said to be planning to inject a little social and industrial justice into the fray, the soft pedal will be put on the labor question. Patriotism, America first, defense against European aggression, Mexican reform—anything but the real issues, poverty and low wages and the growing power of wealth.—American Socialist.

All laws hitherto made by landlords and capitalists are class laws—laws to enable a few to live upon the toil of others.

THE HEATHEN'S PRAYER

BY THE RIP-SAW POET

O Mumbo Jumbo, god of stone, we kneel in terror at thy throne!
Save, O save us, if you can, from the clutches of the Christian man!
Save us from kaiser, king and czar—and, worse than all, from fierce T. R.!
We sit in darkness, so they say—O Mumbo, keep us there, we pray!
The only thing we heathen fear is that the Christians may come here!
Hold back these creatures from our shores, and save us from their bloody wars!
They'd confiscate our native soil, and doom us all to lives of toil;
they'd make us slave and sweat, the more they'd have us in their debt;
and every blooming coconut tree would soon belong to some John D.—and if we ever should rebel, he'd have us heathen shot to h—!
Good Mumbo Jumbo, god of stone, make the Christians leave us alone! Amen.

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ENGLAND IS BRANDED AUTOCRATIC

Intolerable oppressive measures aimed to repress free speech and curtail individual freedom generally are being put into effect by the English Government, according to a letter which Prof. Scott Nearing recently received from London. The name of the writer is withheld as he is in the government employ. The letter in part follows:

"As you will have gathered, things are at their worst here. The civil liberty that we are supposed to be fighting for is absolutely lost, and there is no doubt that autocratic Germany could give us no worse a political system to live under. We may not strike, we may not say anything calculated to prejudice recruiting for the army or to impede the production of munitions of war, and you can well imagine the use which employers are making of this last fact; we may not even leave our jobs if we do not like them, and many of us must become traitors to our religion and conscience in taking up arms.

Workers Being Aroused
The suppression of newspapers which dare to give correct accounts of

Ministerial blunders, the prosecution of trade union officials and members for various ordinary trade union activities, the monstrous abuse of the Munitions Act and the Military Service Act—all these occur in such profusion that we become almost hardened to them. The newspapers are not allowed by the censor to publish accounts of strikes (of which there are a few, even in these days), so that the public really thinks the Ministry of Munitions is fulfilling its function effectively, whereas it has caused at least as much industrial unrest as the employers themselves.

"I gather that trouble is anticipated among the United States miners. Is the United Mine Workers' Union the main organization? I suppose the miners are pretty strongly organized with you. Here they are among the best organized, and, if the new "Triple Alliance" between the miners, the transport workers and the railway men uses its inherent power of labor monopoly I do not see why a revolutionary expropriation of the capitalist in these industries should not come about after the war."

International Labor Day

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