



BENSON FORCES THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TO PRINT SOCIALIST NEWS

CANDIDATE'S ATTACK ON UNFAIRNESS OF THE BIG NEWS SERVICE COMPELS IT TO REFORM.

ST. LOUIS.—Allan L. Benson, Socialist candidate for President, has "brought down" the Associated Press.

This great news gathering and news distributing agency, which furnishes telegraphic news to more than 700 daily newspapers, sent out its first report to the press of America of a Benson meeting, and that report, written by Benson himself, unmasked the provision smuggled into the new army law, under which the President, in time of war, has the arbitrary power to draft any and every American citizen of military age into the army.

The surrender of the Associated Press was no accident. Early last week it began to get on Benson's nerves when he saw daily Associated Press reports, sometimes running up to 300 words, of the Prohibition Presidential candidate's meetings. At Des Moines, Thursday night, before an audience that filled the largest hall in the city, Benson delivered a terrific broadside at the Associated Press.

Makes a Comparison

He did not criticize the news association. He said he neither expected or asked its favor. But he asked the audience to draw its own conclusions from the fact that while the Associated Press gave the Prohibition candidate reasonable space, it had not given the Socialist Presidential candidate since he began his speaking campaign, the latter part of August, a single word.

Benson directed the attention of the audience to the fact that while the Prohibition party in 1912 polled but 207,000, which was less than it polled in 1892, the Socialist party polled 901,000, or more than twice its vote for 1908.

He quoted these figures to prove to the audience that, from a mere basis of news value based upon public interest, it was extremely significant that the Associated Press ignored the Socialist campaign, while giving the Prohibition candidate the publicity to which he is entitled.

Storms Iowa Audience.

A reporter for the Des Moines Reg-

ister and Leader, the great Republican newspaper of Iowa and also the chief newspaper in that state served by the Associated Press, was present. Benson called the attention of the audience to the reporters' presence, and then told the reporter that if his editor sent him there to get news he would give him some worth printing, after which Benson launched into an attack upon militarism that the Register, the next morning, said was the "most scorching attack that had ever been heard in Des Moines."

Benson asked the audience to watch the Register the next morning and see whether it was an honest newspaper or a crooked one.

"If it prints what I have said here tonight," said Benson, "you must give it credit. If it does not, you who have heard the charges I have made tonight against both the Republican and Democratic parties will know that the Register does not want to print this kind of news."

The next morning the Register contained a two and a half column report of the speech, displayed, on the first page under big headlines.

At Ottumwa, Ia., the next night Benson renewed his attack upon the Associated Press, which the great audience, like the Des Moines audience, applauded to the echo, and Benson declared that he would yet "pull the lid" from the kettle of militarism and let the American people, before the end of the campaign, know the facts about it.

At St. Louis, before an audience of 4,000, he repeated the dose, pilloried the Post-Dispatch, an Associated Press newspaper, as he had a few nights before the Des Moines Register, with the result that the Post-Dispatch, on Sunday morning, published a one-column report of his speech.

A. P. Agrees to Do Its Duty. And at Staunton, Ill., where Benson spoke to a packed house, he received a telegram announcing that, by direction of the New York office of the Associated Press, his speeches, beginning with the Staunton one, would be reported by the Associated Press.

Reasonable space is offered. Every day, from now on, the Associated Press will carry about 300 words from Benson.

REJECTS PLEA OF ANTIS.

The Employers' Association of Washington appealed to the Granger Telephone company, of Kelso, for a contribution to aid it in an anti-union campaign, which it calls the "open shop." In reply, Manager Spurling of the company wrote:

"To start with, we don't care what your expenses are, and we trust that they are so large that it breaks the association, and we refuse to give one cent to such a movement.

"We do not believe in the 'open shop,' we believe in unions and high wages to working men."

OUTLOOK IS GOOD FOR SOCIALISTS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Nonpartisan Leaguers Fail to Nominate and Will Have to Vote Socialist

By E. F. Atwood.

Secretary South Dak. Socialist Party. ABERDEEN, S. D.—The Socialist Party organization in South Dakota is about 50 per cent larger than two years ago. It is also much more efficient. Haakon county alone has put about \$65 into the campaign fund.

The state office does not maintain any speakers, but sends out thousands of circular letters and platforms directly to the voters.

Fred L. Fairchild, the Socialist candidate for governor, is out on a campaign tour of the state, and several other members of the Socialist Party are doing some work on the road.

Socialists Will Gain

The Socialist prospects are excellent in several counties, although no one can predict success at the polls for the present. But an increased Socialist vote is certain.

The Farmers' Nonpartisan league is organizing fast in South Dakota, helped by Socialists from North Dakota, but it is too late for them to nominate a ticket, and as the Socialists have a full ticket in the field, many nonpartisans will surely vote for the Socialists.

Some of the old Populists are openly supporting the Socialists on the ground that the Socialist Party demands all that the Nonpartisan league does, and that the Socialist money plank is just right.

GERMAN PRIME MINISTER HAS FIRM BACKING

Hindenburg and Socialists Will Fight in Reichstag for Mild Submarine Warfare and Liberal Government Policy.

BERLIN.—Supported by Field Marshal von Hindenburg and the majority of the German people, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is expected to weather the storm that will probably break in the reichstag when that body reconvenes September 28.

The campaign for a resumption of submarine warfare has been renewed by the reichstag critics of Bethmann-Hollweg. The submarine advocates, who have never been able to forgive the chancellor for yielding to the United States, are expected to make trouble and some are already proposing the formation of a coalition ministry.

Three hundred Socialists met here today in a most important session preceding the reichstag gathering. The Socialists, who supported the chancellor during the submarine disputes, are being urged by their leaders to forget factional differences and present a solid front in view of the coming crisis.

The attention of the whole country is centered on the Socialist meeting.

FRIGHTFUL LABOR TOLL

The frightful mortality in Pennsylvania industries continue. Figures for the first eight months of the year show a total of 166,084 accidents, a daily average of 810. Of the total accidents, 1,582 were fatal. The monthly average for the first eight months of the year is 198 fatalities and 20,760 accidents of all kinds. The many accidents of the year have led to 49,552 compensation cases being entered in the state workmen's compensation, 1,578 of these cases arising from fatal accidents, and 47,974 from non-fatal ones.

KATTERFELD LECTURE DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 2 p. m., Oct. 1, Wilbur. Sunday, 8 p. m., Oct. 1, Coulee City. Monday, Oct. 2, Chelan. Tuesday, Oct. 3, Wenatchee. Wednesday, Oct. 4, Index. Thursday, Oct. 5, Arlington. Friday, Oct. 6, Sedro-Woolley. Saturday, 2 p. m., Oct. 7, Hamilton. Saturday, 8 p. m., Oct. 7, Mt. Vernon.

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MEAT EXPORTS OF UNITED STATES TO EUROPE ENORMOUS

Allied Countries Buy Millions of Pounds While American Consumer Pays

NEW YORK.—The European war is making a great inroad upon the meat supply of the United States. A compilation by the foreign trade department of the National City bank of New York shows that despite the marked decrease in the number of food animals of the country, the export of meats has trebled since the beginning of the war and of beef alone is 10 times as much as before the war.

This compilation shows that the exports of meats of all kinds which aggregated 455,000,000 pounds in the fiscal year 1914, the year immediately preceding the war, were 885,000,000 pounds in 1915 and 1,339,000,000 pounds in 1916.

This increase of 100 per cent in the total meat exports in the first year of the war and 200 per cent in the second year, compared with the exports of the year immediately preceding the war, is, however, trifling when compared with the increase in exports of beef alone. The quantity of fresh beef exported jumped from 6,400,000 pounds in the fiscal year of 1914 to 170,000,000 pounds in 1915 and 231,000,000 pounds in 1916. The fresh beef exports of 1915 are 36 times as much as in 1914. In the two years of the war the fresh beef exports have been 29 times as much as in the two years immediately preceding the war.

ENGLISH WOMEN PAY LARGE PRICE FOR PATRIOTISM

Industrial Accidents Have Not Diminished, Inexperience Being Held to Blame

Scared by molten metal, blinded by steam shavings, with fingers snipped off by machinery in munition factories, English women and girls are paying the price of patriotism as well as their men at the front.

Industrial accidents have not diminished, despite the claim that women are more careful than men. Their inexperience is believed to account for many accidents.

Another explanation is that feminine puddlers, machinists and lathe hands become preoccupied at their work when their thoughts flit to the men fighting in France, the ladle tips or the belt slips off the roller, there's a scream and another casualty goes down on the growing list.

ALASKA TOWN MAY BECOME SOCIALIST

ANCHORAGE, Alaska.—Lena Morrow Lewis, the Socialist candidate for delegate to congress, will carry Anchorage, with Wickersham, the Republican, running second in the race, declares W. H. Duffield, former publisher of The Weekly Alaskan at Anchorage, and an admitted supporter of Wickersham.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN TO DECIDE FATE OF CONSCRIPTION PLAN

MELBOURNE.—Wives and mothers will go to the polls within a few weeks to decide whether or not they shall send their husbands and sons to war. It is probably the first time in history that women have been permitted to make such a choice.

THE GROWTH OF SOCIALISM

In Washington for President—	
1904	7,420
1908	14,177
1912 (woman suffrage)	40,134
In U. S. for President—	
1900	96,931
1904	408,230
1908	424,488
1912	901,062
In the whole world—	
1887	845,500
1892	2,747,723
1903	5,952,494
1911	8,034,221

B-E-N-S-O-N

(Tune of "Mother.")
B—is for the brilliancy he possesses,
E—means that he's eager to do right,
N—is for the need of public helpers,
S—is for the strength with which he fights;
O—means only that he's struggling onward,
N—is for the name we love so dear.

Put them all together they spell Benson.
The name that all the capitalists fear.
(Composed by Misses Bessie Marsolais and Lorene Farmer, of Local Monroe.)
(Benson, Everett, Oct. 8, 2 p.m.)

SOCIALIST PARTY ANNEXES COLORADO CITY

Jennie A. McGee, Socialist state secretary for Colorado, has received an application for a charter from Nederland, Colo., in the heart of the tungsten boom. The application was signed by the mayor and city marshal. The mayor of the city was elected secretary of the new local. "So the Socialists, unlike other parties, capture towns before election," comments Secretary McGee. "They come over to us bodily."—American Socialist.

CHILD LABOR LAW MARRED BY JOKER, NEWSPAPER SAYS

Republican papers claim to have discovered that there is a joker in the newly adopted child labor bill which makes the law practically void, writes the Philadelphia Tageblatt.

Declares the Republican Papers Hold Law Practically Void Through Fault

Because congress is not supposed to make laws for the individual states, it made a law forbidding the sending of child labor products through interstate commerce.

The law originally provided that goods manufactured by children must not be shipped through interstate commerce, if they were manufactured within 30 days before shipment.

Senate Fixes Law

When the bill reached the United States senate, it was amended so that a manufacturer can store child labor goods for 30 days and then ship them anywhere.

Of course, this would make the law practically a dead letter and would not stop child labor in the least. The manufacturer can continue to exploit children, and congress can not interfere, until a new law is passed.

Both old parties are responsible for this joke on labor. The law had to pass through readings in the senate. Then it went back to the house of representatives, because it had been amended.

Bill Was Shunted

The bill was shunted back and forth between the house and the senate, between the committee and the full house, and every congressman and senator had an opportunity to understand its meaning.

Statesmen Played Politics

The child labor bill was simply a political game. The southern Democrats opposed it and refused to sanction it. In the final vote in the senate, 11 southern senators still voted against it.

But President Wilson had to make a showing to get the labor vote. He also had to placate the Progressives, who were in doubt whether they should vote for the Republicans or for the Democrats.

Ex-President Eliot, Harvard, wrote to Wilson that he must insist on the passage of the child labor bill, if he hoped to get the votes of the Progressives. So the president forced the bill through congress.

Now the Republicans, who helped to pass it, give the joke away, although they are as guilty as the Democratic majority.

HELL'S A-POPPIN' IN INDIANA!

Forces of Capitalism Unite Against Debs in Congressional Campaign by Putting Big Guns in the Field

By Maynard Shipley (Associate Campaign Manager)

That the master class of the United States realize as well as do the Socialists themselves that the election of Eugene V. Debs to Congress from the Fifth District of Indiana is not a LOCAL but a NATIONAL ISSUE, is evidenced by the fact that they are concentrating all their available forces at this point, with a view to the defeat of this powerful champion of Labor's rights. They see that the "Debs for Congress" movement is beginning to sweep the six counties of the District like a great moral wave. So the local politicians true to their class interests, are calling upon all the "big guns," and even upon the parasitic irritants of microscopic dimutiveness, to come into the District and do their "very best."

Despite his professed determination to scorn the "elect-me" platform, President Wilson has consented to enter Debs' District in order to help defeat a real champion of the working class. His honor Judge Hughes has also accepted an invitation to enter the field and do his "bit." Tom Marshall, widely known as Vice-President of the United States, is here already, and the aristocratic Fairbanks who was Vice-President himself once, is to do some work here in the near future. Anti-working class politics makes strange bed-fellows. Arthur E. Reimer, the lonely candidate for President on the S. L. P. ticket, was announced on the front page of the capitalist press of Terre Haute, last week, and did his "bit," but his meetings were a cold frost, failing to stir up any strife between themselves and the Socialist Party Members, and of course no one else paid any attention to him. So, if it was Wall Street money that brought this celebrity (?) here, and his side-kick John Francis of Ill., the plutes lost their money, for once.

But this is not all.

As might be expected, the capitalists are bringing their good friend Sammy Gompers into Debs' District, hoping thereby to side-track the labor vote from the working-class candidate. But Sammy will have an up-hill job of it this time, sure enough, as unionists in all parts of the United States are giving Comrade Debs both moral and financial support. For example, the strongest union in New York, the Typographical, known as the "Big Six," sent Debs their best wishes accompanied by a check for twenty-five dollars. The Switchmen's Union passed resolutions calling upon all union men to support Debs in his campaign for a seat in Congress. Copies of these resolutions were sent by them to nearly every dnion in the United States. Comrade Debs was given special recognition in the Labor Day issue of the "Terre Haute Union."

Comrades, the outlook for Debs' election is brighter to-day than at any time since the opening of the campaign, and a little personal sacrifice on the part of each Socialist in the country will make his success on November 7th absolutely certain.

COOKS AND WAITERS ASK \$300,000 DAMAGES

SAN FRANCISCO.—Suit for an injunction and for \$300,000 damages was filed in the Superior Court against the Law and Order Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco by the Cooks and Waiters' Union and allied organizations through Emil G. Butcherer, the nominal plaintiff.

SHINGLE WEAVERS KEEP UP FIGHT

After Five Months Members of Union More Determined Than Ever to Get Restoration of Wage Scale

By J. G. Brown, President. The strike for the restoration of the 1914 scale of wages has nearly reached its fifth month in duration. This is remarkable in point of time alone. What is of more importance is the determination of the men who went on strike to keep up the fight for another five months if necessary. More even than that is the willingness of the men who are working to continue to provide the sinews of war for another five months, if it be required.

Our members, strikers and non-strikers, are more united, more determined, more confident, more willing to sacrifice today than ever before in the history of an organization that has known something about fighting. The men who are keeping on the picket line in Everett and Anacortes are cheered on by the encouragement that is being shown by the men who are working; and the men who are working are giving gladly, because they feel the money they are sending in is going to a good purpose, and they are cheered by the devotion shown by the strikers. It is a mutual proposition, and while all would welcome a settlement of the contest on any honorable basis, they are still prepared to carry it on for an indefinite period if necessary.

Million-Dollar Fund. The plaintiff asserts that the Committee has amassed a fund of \$1,000,000, which it threatens to use as a war fund against the Unions.

Damages Demanded. The plaintiff asks that the members of the Law and Order Committee be restrained from doing any of these acts set forth in his complaint, and that the members of the Unions he represents be awarded damages to the amount of \$300,000.

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two full pages being given over to him. This is specially significant in view of the fact that the name of Debs had not previously appeared in this organ of organized labor for about seventeen years, namely, since he first came out as a champion of Socialism. So Sammy will have a hard row to hoe, even though his work be supplemented by the appearance of Emma Goldman, Peter Collins, Davy Goldstein, and other tools of the ruling class.

Let us not close this amount of Capitalism's "regulars" without mentioning the fact that the silver tongued, gold-lined J. Ham. Lewis, of Chicago, corporation attorney and United States Senator will elocutionize in the Fifth District, stirring the unthinking with his florid eloquence and pink whiskers. Senator Tom Taggart will reinforce the verbosity of J. Ham. and add to the festivities by his "talking ways." No doubt Bathouse John and Hinky Dink will put in an appearance later, and there are several deserving Democrats over in Leavenworth who would be fernist Debs if they weren't busy in the Jute Mill.

Meanwhile, the District is alive with Socialist speakers and organizers, with our 'Gene' himself in the field, eloquent, magnetic and convincing. Full of his old time fire and virility, Debs is holding from six to twelve meetings daily, drawing out vast crowds from far and near, some traveling many miles to hear and see "the most universally loved man in America," many who have not yet mastered the Socialist philosophy and economics are able at once to understand the clear-cut, heart-stirring message of Debs, who convinces as much by his loving personality as by his lucid argument. So we are not surprised to hear of "Debs Clubs" springing up over night with a membership of from 12 to 200. It will be the high mission of the Indiana movement to convert all of these "Clubs" into Socialist Locals before November 7th shall have come and gone. It will be a great task, but the comrades are approaching it joyously, confident of ultimate success.

We regret to have to add that the Campaign Committee is still hampered in the work by lack of money sufficient to cover the District in a systematic manner. Two more automobiles with working crews, speakers and literature distributors and organizers, are urgently needed at once! Send contributions direct to comrade L. R. Smyers, No. 2301 N. 12th St., our treasurer.

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SOCIALISTS GROW IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH AFRICAN CITY HAS A STRONG SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION IN LAST POLL.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa.—In the school committee elections recently held in Johannesburg, the Socialists polled one-fifth of the total vote.

The elected old party candidates received from 3,575 to 2,552 votes. The Socialist candidates received the following votes: Bunting, 930; Ivon Jones, 752; Mrs. Barnett, 621, and Clingman, 464.

According to The International, the organ of the International Socialist League of South Africa, the election showed a strong growth of Socialist sentiment and a gain in Socialist organization.

The labor vote was scattered, and the Socialists alone had a clean slate. Recent strikes gave the Socialists an opportunity to prove the Socialist party always fights labor's battles.

JACKALS AND HYENAS FEAST ON BODIES

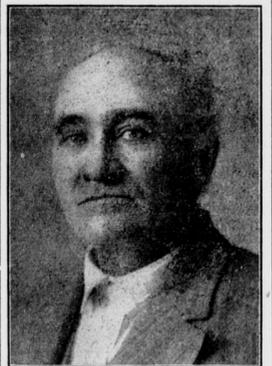
Jackals and hyenas, creeping down from the mountains along the Serbo-Greek frontier, are feasting on the bodies of Bulgarian and Serbian soldiers slain in fierce fighting northeast of Lake Ostrovo.

Three hundred Bulgarian corpses piled in a heap in one ravine, were stripped of their flesh by jackals and hyenas at night, and by thousands of crows and vultures that hovered over the fighting ground in the day time. The dead Bulgarians had been mowed down in a machine gun attack and lay between the Serbian and Bulgarian lines. When the Serbs advanced they found only skeletons and bits of torn uniforms.

SWISS ANTI-MILITARISTS ARE MAIMED BY POLICE

ZURICH, Switzerland.—An anti-militarist parade in this city, organized by young Socialists, was broken up by the police. Several people were wounded. Soldiers were called out and dispersed the parade.

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WALTER PRICE

Walter Price of Outlook, Socialist candidate for member of Congress 4th District, was born near State Center, Iowa. He is 56 years of age and has been a farmer all his life. In politics has always been a radical. Was candidate for Elector on St. John Prohibition party ticket in 1884, and since that time has been candidate for State Senator on Peoples party ticket, and Chairman of Sully County, S. D. Peoples party for several years. Organized the fourth Socialist Local in South Dakota in 1902 and was candidate for Congress that year. Came to Washington in 1903 and at once organized Local Outlook. Was candidate for Representative, Yakima county, 1906. Member of National Committee one year. Charter member of Outlook Grange, and secretary of Grange six years. Is director of the Fire Relief Association, a mutual company organized by the Grange, is a State Deputy of the Grange and has been a Delegate to several State Granges. Wrote the Washington Grange plan for Rural Credits and Public Improvements. Has done some speaking on that question in Yakima and Benton counties.

Owens and operates 40 acre farm, 2 miles from Outlook. Has family of 8 children, some of whom are graduates of State schools and are engaged in teaching.

CUT OFF FINGER; JAILED

LONDON.—Charles Stockdale, blacksmith, has just been sentenced by courtmartial to a year in prison for cutting off his trigger finger to escape conscription.

STAINS IN ORIGINAL