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TO THE SLAUGHTER

If there has ever been any doubt in our minds as to the efficiency of Russian militarism it has been dispelled during the past few days.

A few days ago we read a news dispatch from Germany to the effect that 10,000 union and Socialist officials had been ordered to the front. This supplies the solution to the puzzle, as to why there was not a greater demonstration against war in Germany than there really was.

The Paris Commune of 1871, the first conscious attempt of the working class to establish itself in power, was a revolt of an armed proletariat, but instead of boldly seizing upon the powers of state they conducted a series of endless deliberations and the Commune failed.

And now the scene is shifted to Everett. Enraged by the brutal acts of the rulers, fooled by mouthings of leaders, 400 men and boys leave Seattle for Everett on a joy ride, a pleasure trip, expecting only to meet an ephemeral shadow or a "reflex" of some particular power, and lo and behold they meet something more tangible than a shadow, something that speaks with tongues of fire, something that can destroy life, something that can throw rebellious workers into the governmental bastilles without fear of the consequences, something that has, and will, continue to ruthlessly slaughter every rebellious slave as long as it has the power.

And so the process of weeding out the rebels goes on. And the working class are led to the slaughter.

The state is no shadow and so it believes the workers to get control of that state by any means within its power. If we would avoid slaughter then we must go about it in an intelligent manner, by a legal process, and with a full understanding that once the powers of the state are vested in our interests that the robbery and slaughter of the workers will cease.

Outlook, Wash.

The Northwest Worker: Dear Comrade: I am enclosing \$2.50 for the ten sub cards you sent me. I have only one left of the previous ten and hope to get rid of this bunch as fast as I did the others.

Yours fraternally, WALTER PRICE.

THE GROWTH OF "REVOLUTIONARY" PARTIES

Sometimes the truth is better left unsaid, but if we continue to ignore the truth and act blindly in our political activities we will, sooner or later run up against the grim truth.

Realizing that the root cause of all the evils of present day society is the fact that the ownership of the machinery of wealth production, vested in the interests of an exploit-class, enables that class to enslave the working class, and that the exploiting class is enabled to continue that ownership through control of the forces of government, we, the Socialist Party, have been endeavoring to educate the working class to that fact to the end that the working class might, by intelligent action, gain control of the forces of government and of the machinery of wealth production.

We have jeered at reformers and ridiculed reform measures. We have antagonized thousands whose immediate interests forced them to seek for immediate relief from the burdens of society. We have split our own forces and helped divide the workers into a dozen contending factions. We have voted and talked and written at times in favor of municipal and government ownership and then we have turned right around and opposed it and allowed Tom Jones and Dick Smith to get into office on this kind of a platform all the time knowing, consciously or unconsciously, that had the legislative powers been vested in our hands that it would have helped us gain the confidence of the masses.

We have thrown to the winds, hundreds of chances to be at the helm of the ship of state, because we had faith in the idea that some day the working class would be intelligent enough to vote for our ticket. We ignored the fact that we are a political party out for political power and the sooner we realize that fact the sooner will we put an end to the slaughter of our class, and the hopeless dividing of our class.

The revolutionary tactics have been tried and found wanting. By this we do not mean that we are to ignore the one and only solution to the stopping of exploitation, we mean that he one aim alone has not met with the success that it should have met. The Socialist Labor Party in their first political campaign polled 2,068 votes and in 1890 they polled 13,704 votes. In 1900 the Socialist Party of America got into the political arena with a little broader platform than the S. L. P. and the S. L. P. immediately launched into a campaign against the S. P. claiming that it was a reform party, and has continued those tactics ever since. The fact, however, was that the S. P. was afraid of reforms. They were on the fence as it were. The propaganda that has been turned out has made more reformers than anything else ever could but we have jeered at those reformers and never received their support.

Now, if there is anything worth while in the revolutionary attitude of the S. L. P., why is it that that party only increased their vote by 694 votes in 26 years? At that rate it will take about a million years to accomplish the revolution by revolutionary tactics. The same thing can be said of the Socialist Party of Canada. This party calls the S. P. of A. a reform party and boldly proclaims that it is the second most revolutionary in the world. But what about its growth? We find that in every contested election during the past two years that it lost from one half to eight tenths of the votes of four and eight years previous. And yet the governments of both countries have changed hands to other capitalist parties.

This is certainly food for thought. If the Socialist party is afraid to go after the office, because they might be elected by workers who are not class conscious, then we might just as well let somebody else get in and do the job while we look on and jeer. But let us choose with care our standard bearers and then go after the office and we will get control of the forces of government far quicker and without the spilling of blood for sooner or later a rebellion will break out in this country and then—well history has a peculiar habit of repeating itself.

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NAVALISM COSTS U. S. 3 BILLION IN 34 YEARS

(By Julian Pierce) WASHINGTON.—When the current naval appropriation bill passed Congress, the United States will have spent more than three billion dollars on its navy during the thirty-four years ending with 1917. The exact figures, including the year 1916, are \$2,737,324,695.02. The bill now before Congress carries \$351,453,245.97, making a grand total of \$3,088,777,940.99. Naval authorities denominate the "New" Navy, the construction program begun on a limited scale in 1883 with an appropriation of the moderate sum of \$16,920,288.80, which was then assumed as grossly extravagant.

In 1893, ten years later, the naval appropriations amounted to but \$22,625,615.06.

In 1903 the cost of the navy reached \$84,993,697.99.

By 1913 the naval officials persuaded Congress that \$142,744,157.27 should be appropriated for the first line of defense.

In 1915, the first year after the European war broke out, \$151,033,308.03 were appropriated.

In 1916, under the stress of the campaign waged by the militarists Congress jumped the public money spent for naval war preparation to \$318,212,207.77.

In 1917, if the bill now before Congress passes as reported out, the appropriation will cost the people \$351,453,245.97.

INTERESTING LECTURE ON BIRTH CONTROL

Comrades Miss Olivereau and Minnie Rimer, gave a very interesting lecture in the Forum, Sunday afternoon, to a very attentive and appreciative audience. The subject is one that is of vital importance to the workers as the increasing struggle for existence makes it ever harder and harder for the workers who are continually having children to feed and clothe them in a manner that will make of them healthy and happy children.

The following books were sold at the meeting and can be obtained from The Northwest Worker for 25 cents per copy: "What Every Mother Should Know," "What Every Girl Should Know," and "Hygienic Methods of Family Limitation."

THE NEEDS FOR AGITATION

With this lofty ideal (more equal distribution of profits) for a goal, we call upon our citizenship, regardless of politics or economic conditions, TO USE EVERY means of agitation, ALL avenues of education, and EVERY DEPARTMENT and function of the Government, to eliminate the injustices exposed by this commission, to the end that each laborer may "secure the whole product of his labor."

Conclusion of Walsh's personal report to Congress as Chairman of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations.

DON'T CATCH HOLD

"Blessed are the meek," quoted the deacon, in reproving the backslider, "for they shall inherit the earth." "They may inherit, all right, deacon," said the irreverent one, "but somehow or other they never seem to get possession."—British Weekly.

YES, WHY DISCRIMINATE

A fool paper in England, in all earnestness, asks if its "eminent artists, poets and actors" should be forced to respond to the call to the colors. If any man is to be called, why not these? To my mind an "eminent" artist isn't worth a whoop more to his family than an "eminent" coal miner, or an "eminent" farmer is worth to his family. As far as the nation is concerned it were easier to do without the artist, the poet and the actor than the coal miner, the farmer and the homebuilder.—Modern Woodman.

DULUTH SOCIALISTS NAME ENGINEER FOR MAYORALTY

DULUTH, Minn.—Duluth Socialists have nominated Everett N. Edes, engineer at a hospital, as their candidate for mayor. Charles McKinnon, a carpenter, and Ender Johnson, a grocer, were selected to run for city commissioners. The Socialists are putting up an aggressive campaign.

EVERETT DEFENSE FUND

Local Camas \$5.00 Eric Eastberg, Sunset, Ida. 1.09

Comrade John Culman of Lowell, was the holder of the ticket that won the first prize in the Northwest Worker Birthday Party raffle.

N. W. BIRTHDAY FUND

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SOCIALIST SCHOOL BOARDS WANTED

THE SUPREME NEED OF AN EDUCATIONAL STUMP PULLER

On Saturday, March 3, the second and third class school districts will elect new members to their respective boards. From a Socialist educational standpoint, a school election is as important as any other election. Some day the Socialists will recognize that fact fully.

What can a Socialist school board do? First, it can hire a Socialist teacher to conduct the school. A teacher or educator rather with a social vision and a healthy philosophy of life.

Second, it can use the school for social center purposes. A teacher and board with tact and good judgment can make the school an effective means of intercommunication. The school plant should be in use at all times, Sunday as well as week days. Numerous reasons could be given, why a Socialist board is desirable. Suffice it to say, given a socialized school board and a teacher with the qualities of social leadership, wonders can be accomplished for the common welfare. The farmer must first blow out the stumps before he can plow. The field of education is full of stumps. Therefore you need a stump puller. The ordinary teacher will not do. He plows around the stumps. You must get a teacher who has arrived, who has caught a glimpse of the social process, whose heart beats in unison with the forward looking hosts of the bpi change.

LECTURES APPRECIATED IN EASTERN STATES

Readers of the Northwest Worker who have had the advantage of hearing Comrade Maynard Shipley's lectures "From Nebula to Man" will doubtless be interested to know that they are being met with deep appreciation wherever they have been given in the East.

Since the closing of the Debs campaign, where Comrade Shipley acted as assistant campaign manager, he has filled dates in Ohio, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey. At present he is being "outed" by the State Executive Committee of New Jersey as the first on a state lyceum course consisting of three speakers.

While in New York City Comrade Shipley filled a number of engagements, among them a course of four lectures before the Rand School of Social Science.

Judging from the generous comments being made by the exchanges which come into the office of The Northwest Worker, Comrade Shipley's work as an instructor on the subject of evolution by means of his incomparable pictures, is meeting with the recognition it so richly deserves.

PRINCESS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Mr. E. L. Armstrong, former manager of the Star Theatre, has leased the Princess Theatre on Colby Ave., and would be glad to see all his old patrons of the Star visit the Princess.

The prices will be reduced to 5 and 10 cents, but the same high class, Fox and Paramount, pictures will be shown.

Mr. Armstrong is taking his employees with him, so the patrons are assured of the same courteous treatment they formerly received.

The Princess opens under Mr. Armstrong's management Sunday with a big Paramount picture, "Lost and Won."

STRAVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA

Send a post card to the President and Congress of the U. S. protesting against preparedness for war and especially against a declaration of war. Request that instead, they put an end to the European war by placing an embargo on all munitions of war and foodstuffs. Also send a post card to the Governor and Legislature of Washington protesting against the enactment into law of the bill for compulsory military training in the High Schools.

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Henry Dubb Walks On The Same Street With Mrs. Grab-It-All - - - By RYAN WALKER. WHY YOU DUBB! LOOK AT THAT POOR STARVED, RAGGED THING! WHERE DID YOU FIND IT? I DIDN'T FIND IT MUM, IT'S MINE AND SHE WORKS IN YOUR HUSBANDS MILL. HENRIETTA I'M A HENRI DUBB IF THE LIKES OF US SHOULD EVEN WALK ON THE SAME STREET WITH THE POOR LADY