

LOCAL DEPARTMENT

To Our Supporters!

When the Socialist Party ceased publishing the Montana News, there were a considerable number of bills left unpaid which have never been met by the State Committee of the Socialist Party of Montana.

In order to continue publishing the News and maintain its business standing, the present publishers, Graham and Hazlett, had to guarantee the payments of some of the debts of the Socialist Party. As we were financially unable to pay them all off, notes were given to guarantee payment of certain debts, and these notes backed by our personal securities.

Two of the notes, amounting to \$250.00 each and one of \$100.00 fall due on April 17th with interest at ten per cent per annum.

To meet these notes and make the necessary improvements on the paper as well as continuing the publication of the News will be a strain greater than we can bear at this time. We need support. We need help and ask all supporters and sympathizers of the News, who can afford and are willing to do it, to loan us small sums of \$5.00 and upwards. Even if we cannot meet these notes in full and have to renew them, we desire to reduce the principal as much as possible, thereby lowering the amount we are paying in interest. At the present time we are paying \$150.00 a year interest on money borrowed to start the News up again, exclusive of the interest on the unpaid amount due on the linotype. \$150.00 is equivalent to three hundred subs.

Will you help us to maintain and establish a working class paper in Montana? Read over the Debt of Honor on this page and see if you can add your name and your mite to the list.

Debt of Honor

There still remains a debt of \$700 contracted by the Socialist Party of Montana while it owned and was publishing the Montana News. The State Committee has done nothing to liquidate this debt, and the creditors are looking to those who are at present running the News for their money.

To pay the debt is an exceedingly heavy task and is handicapping and worrying us considerably. \$500 must be paid as soon as possible, and we are asking individual socialists and locals to loan the Montana News any sum that they may feel disposed and able to advance.

The response has been as follows:
 Local Lima \$20.00
 J. E. Bush 5.00
 Edwin Dew 5.00
 Wm. Dew 5.00
 C. Anderson 1.00
 C. Felck 1.00

Total \$ 37.00
 Friend, Deer Lodge, loan... \$ 25.00
 Socialist, Minot, N. D. donation \$ 1.00

Total \$ 63.00
 Balance to be raised ... \$437.00

Statement.

A report is being circulated by certain maliciously disposed persons that the undersigned has been expelled from the Socialist Party. Such report is malicious falsehood. Since Local Helena bolted from the party I was compelled to become a member-at-large, which card was recognized by the State Committee. Any report to the contrary is being circulated with evil intent by disrupters of the party.

Yours fraternally,
 IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

Gebhard of Lima sends in a couple of subs, and Sachs of Helena comes in with one sub.

One copy of the "Mills of Mammon" and the Montana News one year for \$1.25. Regular price \$1.50.

Send to the Montana News for a copy of the "History of Great American Fortunes," price \$1.50.

Comrade Richfield, one of the heavy Artillery of Deer Lodge, sends in a sub. The machinists are workingmen class conscious enough to want independent working class action.

will be sent postpaid on receipt of price. We are going to make a specialty of our book department. The larger socialist papers are all cutting out their commercial advertising. The News has always advocated this as a correct policy, and it was only the need of shekels that caused us to vary at times. We would rather give the space to advertising literature. If you buy enough books, we will not need to take the other advertising.

Are you trying to get subs for the News? Only 50 cents, and you will help save all the good work that has been done here.

A Working Class Paper.

A paper to voice the sentiments of the working class in Montana must be maintained, in fact there should be socialists and labor paper everywhere. The corporations maintain their press, either by owning them outright or by subsidizing papers.

The Amalgamated Copper company, alias the Standard Oil company, owns a number of papers in Montana. The Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads own papers at both the eastern and western terminals of these roads.

Ex-Senator W. A. Clark owns a paper in Butte because he has extensive mining interests in Butte and valuable franchises in western Montana.

The big interests everywhere publish newspapers in order that a public sentiment favorable to their interests can be cultivated.

The Southern Pacific railroad publishes the "Sunset Magazine", a popular magazine, and maintains twenty-eight canvassers in the field continually, in order that its circulation and influence may be increased.

Most of the papers owned by corporations are published at a loss, the corporations paying immense sums of money each year to maintain them and all this because if there was not a sentiment favorable to the corporations carefully and continually cultivated the corporations would not be able to graft off the people so successfully. The big interests of the country consider their press business a machine as much necessary to their welfare as a locomotive is to a railroad.

Even the Feudal Barons of Deer Lodge own a paper to voice the welfare of the great Feudal estates in the Deer Lodge valley.

The workers read and help to sustain these corporation papers and are made E. Z. Marks for corporation schemes.

It is now high time that the workers were aping their masters in this one thing and establish a press that would be as faithful to their interests as the great corporation papers are to the interest of the exploiters and grafters.

Read the Debt of Honor on this page.

Join the union! Organize, agitate, educate, work for industrial solidarity. Have your union affiliate with the local and state central bodies.

Read the "Mills of Mammon", James Brower's great expose of the white slave traffic. A book given with every ten subscribers to the Montana News.

Send in your job work NOW.

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A Correspondence.

Belt, Mont., February 1910.

To the Montana News—

This is my first letter to your paper to give my views of how things are going on. To my mind we are going backward. I have watched the proceedings of the Twenty-First Annual Convention of the United Mine Workers of America. They passed a number of resolutions, but what do they amount to? They have passed the same resolutions for twenty years, and still the same old system goes on. The same old talk was made about the way they were handled, and about Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison going to jail; but to my mind that is where those gentlemen should have been long ago; and if they do go there, let them take their coffee, for that is what they voted for.

They made talks about the freedom of the press and the right to organize; but they never said a word about the I. W. W. The master class dislikes that kind of a union; therefore if the workers endorsed it, our brother capitalist would stop the check-off system, and then what would our leaders do? They could not go to the company office, and have a nice talk with the boss, and smoke a Belt Miner cigar, and throw their feet on chair and puff smoke, and then cry "Shame!" at socialists. They say they want to disrupt the organization. But who owns the United Mine Workers of America? Does it not belong to the coal masters? If they did not own it, do you think they would collect dues for a union? Would they collect them for a union like the I. W. W.?

Oh, no,—not on your life. The I. W. W. is a union where the power comes from the bottom and not from the top.

It is no wonder that the European working men made a guy of Sammy. When he was across the water they got on to his little game. He told them how the Civic Federation, and the American Federation of Labor loved one another. They knew he was a fake and trying to sidetrack the class struggle.

It makes me laugh when I think what fools working men are. If you speak about industrial unionism they tell you that it would be a good thing but we are not ready for it yet.

But when will it be ready? Never so long as the working men listen to those labor fakirs, for they don't want to lose their job. I say—Away with come out like me and think for those old craft-and-boss owned unions. Come out like men and think for yourselves. Get into the Industrial Workers of the World. Don't be salves; stick together; vote together; and then you will make yourselves free.

I am for Industrial Freedom,
 JOHN DEGNAN,
 Belt, Montana.

Read the Debt of Honor on this page and consider the subject thoroughly. Is it right that two individuals should pay the debts of a democratic organization? If you want to see the News continue to be a power for the working class in Montana and the Northwest give us your support. Go out and secure a bunch of subs or purchase five or ten sub cards from us, which cards you can sell at your leisure. We have to raise \$600.00 by April 17th. This won't be a hard job if you will give us your assistance.

Our circulation in Missoula is larger now than it has ever been in the history of the News and the increase has taken place within the past two months. We hope other towns in Montana will make the same rapid gain.

If any of the readers of the News desire samples sent to their friends during the time we are dealing with the convict labor scandals, if they will send us lists of 20 names we will sample them for four weeks. In this way you can introduce to your friends the work that is being done to expose the graft of capitalist politicians by a vigorous and virile labor press.

Big Strike of Steel Workers.

Against the Bethlehem Steel Company for Better Conditions.

Financial Aid Is Needed.

For years the thousands of men employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company has suffered under the iron heel of the most crushing institution known to the civilized world. Its chief owner, Mr. Charles M. Schwab, has boasted and advertised the world over that he owned and controlled the lives of human beings as though they were mere cattle, willing to obey and suffer under the lash of an intolerant master, without rights which the autocratic power of the giant institution is bound to respect.

At Last They Revolted.

Humiliated by him, denied the right of organization or representation, at last they rebelled. They struck as a last resort hoping through this action to thoroughly organize this plant involving 8,000 workmen, the vast majority, in fact nearly all being the lowest paid workmen in the United States and Canada.

Chas. M Schwab is known the world over for his lavish expenditure of money which he has been able to extract from his victimized and unfortunate employees.

Money is required to carry on this great battle. We appeal to Union Men for assistance. We appeal to the sympathizers, to the business men and every one who recognizes that through union alone can we fight a crushing corporation as described.

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation has been a special favorite of the United States government. It has contracts amounting to forty millions of dollars of public work upon which this corporation expects to realize millions of dollars due to the low wages paid.

The pages of the Congressional Record are filled with columns and columns of matter 'The Story of Schwab's at once. Don't delay. Send in your subscription as soon as action is taken to assist us in the struggle, be they small or large.

The American Federation of Labor has full charge of the situation organizing and protecting the interests of the suffering men and unionizing all the trades interested.

Following is a list of International Unions who are involved in this fight and who have or expect to have their men organized: **Boilermakers, Blacksmiths and Hammermen, Carpenters, Engineers, Electrical Workers and Cranemen, Firemen, Iron and Steel Workers, Moulders, Pattern Makers, Painters, Polishers and Platers, Machinists, Teamsters and Laborers.**

We ask you in the name of all these trades to assist us in the fight against this mighty corporation. Please appoint committees to raise funds.

We trust that you will do what you can, all contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

Fraternally yours,

Jacob Tazelaar, General Organizer American Federation of Labor.

J. P. McGinley, Organizer Hotel and Restaurant Internatl. Association.

Charles R. Witham, Organizer International Iron Moulders Union.

J. J. Keppler, Vice-President International Association of Machinists.

H. F. LaClair, Washington Lodge Internatl. Association of Machinists.

T. P. Behney, General Organizer of Patternmakers League.

H. H. Scott, General Organizer International Steam Engineers.

Davis Williams, President Local Union 368 of Machinists of South Bethlehem.

P. Courtney, Treasurer Local No. 368 of South Bethlehem.

Representatives in Charge.

Send all contribution to P. Courtney, Box 151, South Bethlehem, Pa.

You ought to see our Butte mailing list. It requires a whole mail sack to hold the papers that we send to Butte alone and this has all come about through Graham spending two weeks in the Smoky City.

Books for Study Course

(Recommended by the National Executive Committee.)

THEORY—

- Socialism in Theory and Practice.—Hilquit \$1.50
- Social Revolution.—Kautsky50
- Economic Foundations of Society.—Loria 1.25

THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALISM—

- Socialism, Utopian and Scientific.—Engels50

ECONOMICS—

- The People's Marx.—Deville 1.00
- Socialism.—Spargo 1.50

SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF SOCIALISM—

- Woman.—Bebel 1.00
- The American Farmer.—Simons50
- The City for the People.—Parsons 1.50
- Collectivism and Industrial Evolution.—anderveelde50

...TACTICS AND METHODS—

- Socialists at Work.—Hunter 1.50
- Constructive Socialism.—Thompson15

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Again, the total weight in 1907 was fallen to 694,865,884; a matter of 18,129,945,176 pounds; in 1908 it had 697,292 pounds; yet the deficit was \$10,219,242.52 greater than in 1908. This is ascribed to an increase of salaries, chiefly for rural carriers, but even allowing for that there was an increase of deficit, while 18,079,292 pounds were shut out of the mails.

Then we have the testimony of the Postal Commission to the effect "that within the radius of average newspaper circulation and possibly within the radius of average for periodical circulation for bulk subscription service, the rate of one cent a pound is approximately adequate compensation."

In Canada the postage rate is only one-quarter of a cent a pound, recently reduced from a half cent, and second-class matter goes free within a radius of forty miles, recently increased from twenty miles.

For our part we have not the slightest doubt that if all second-class matter was withdrawn from the mails, and not distributed in some other way, the deficits would be double what they are now. Intelligence and advertisements are the chief producers of postal revenues.

We must have a Free Press in this country—fearless and untrammelled—it is the only guarantee that the wrongs and oppression of labor will ever be known. We must wipe out the spy system as it applies to the public press. We must abolish the Star Chamber Court at Washington, and give the property rights of publishers the protection accorded to all other citizens—regularly constituted courts of law in places where they live.

The Brewery Workers Union No.

152 of Anaconda subscribes for twenty copies of the News for one year.

This makes two hundred and fifty copies that have been subscribed by the unions of Anaconda within the past two months. Besides 79 single subscriptions secured in Anaconda since the first of the year. At no time in the history of the News previous to last November did we have more than 30 subscribers in Anaconda. And considering the conditions existing in Anaconda for the past six years the rapid increase in our circulation is a marvel. Jimmie Graham with the able assistance of Dan Job did the deed. Graham received the privilege of the floor from eleven unions and gave them a talk on the Class Struggles in Montana.

Fee of Deer Lodge sends in four subs. About one-fourth of the voters of Deer Lodge take the Montana News and our circulation is extending throughout the entire Powell County. At the present rate of increase it won't be long before every post office in Powell County will be on our mailing list.

SOCIALISTS WANT A FARM.

A couple of socialists who wish to better their condition would like to locate a homestead or get hold of some cheap land in Idaho, Montana or Washington. They would be pleased to hear from any socialist who knows of any good land open for settlement, and are willing to pay for the trouble in securing the information. Address:

Homesteader,
 care Montana News,
 Helena, Mont.