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## SAY SOCIALISTS NOT FIT TO HOLD OFFICE

### DISLOYAL AND UNWORTHY OF SEATS IN N. Y. ASSEMBLY

Majority Report of Judiciary Committee on  
Five Suspended Socialist Members is  
Filed at Albany Today.

### RECOMMENDS SEATS BE VACANT

Socialist Party Branded as Revolutionary  
Advocate of Force and Violence to  
Overthrow Government.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
ALBANY, N. Y., March 30.—The  
suspended socialist members of  
the New York assembly were de-  
clared disloyal and unworthy of their  
seats in the majority report of the  
judiciary committee filed today.  
A minority report filed by William  
Evans, one of the thirteen mem-  
bers of the committee, asserts that  
the five socialists have been  
even disloyal, the assembly has no  
institutional right to prescribe loy-  
alty as a test of eligibility for its  
members, and urges that they be re-  
elected.

Regarding evidence tending to  
show the socialist party is a revolu-  
tionary body, Evans says:  
"We cannot try and acquit or con-  
demn the socialist party."  
The majority report recommends  
at the assembly vote to declare  
vacant the seats of the five men—  
August Claessens, Louis Waldman,  
Charles Solomon, Samuel A. De Witt  
and Samuel Orr. It holds that all  
charges made against them on the  
same day of the session have been  
fully sustained; that the socialist  
party has been proven to advocate  
force and violence for overthrow of  
the United States government, and  
that the American socialists are in  
full accord and sympathy with the  
Russian soviet government.

Further, the majority report urges  
legislation which would in effect  
prevent the socialist party from occu-  
pying a place on the official ballot.  
This recommendation reads:  
"We recommend that appropriate  
legislation be enacted to the end that  
neither no party, group or political  
organization in which aliens are ac-  
ceptable as members, or whose prin-  
ciples, policies and program are re-  
sponsive to or determined by an or-  
ganization, national or state, com-  
posed of persons not members of the  
territory of the nation or state, shall  
be privileged to occupy on the offi-  
cial ballot of this state the position  
of a political party."

The socialist party is held to be  
disloyal in every way. Emphasis is  
laid on the fact that in 1917, after  
the United States entered the war,  
the socialists adopted a platform op-  
posing war and allegedly engaged in  
systematic effort to further the  
aims of conscientious objectors.

Taking up evidence tending to  
show that socialist members of the  
previous assembly voted against ap-  
propriations for the militia, the re-  
port declares it "is part of the plan  
of the socialist party to destroy the  
existing form of government and sub-  
stitute the government of the prolet-  
ariat, as fully appears by their prop-

aganda." Continuing, the report  
says:  
"There is but one inference from  
the position of the socialists in rela-  
tion to military and naval appropri-  
ations and war. They would render  
the country and government helpless  
against all enemies, so that it would  
be helpless against them, the ene-  
mies of established order."  
A second dissenting opinion was  
filed by Assemblymen Wm. W. Pel-  
lett and Theodore Stitt, republicans.  
They hold that while the evidence  
disclosed that socialists, both as a  
party and as individuals refused to  
render the government any service  
during the war, there was nothing to  
show their attitude was other than  
negative and that the suspended men  
should be re-elected. They declared  
the legislature "cannot" prescribe  
membership in a political party as a  
condition for voting or holding office,  
but maintained in this regard that  
the socialist party has been recog-  
nized as a bonafide political organi-  
zation for years. Both admitted the  
right of the assembly to expel its  
members and that its action is final.  
The third dissenting opinion was  
filed by Maurice Bloch, democrat.  
His stance was similar to that of Pel-  
lett and Stitt regarding the evidence,  
but he held the assembly cannot fix  
loyalty as a test for membership.

Assemblyman Rowe, republican,  
did not sign the majority report, but  
wrote a concurring opinion. He held  
that the five men and the socialist  
party have been convicted for disloy-  
alty.

To Open Attack on Bill.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
LONDON, March 30.—H. H. As-  
quith, former premier and liberal  
leader in the house of commons, was  
to open his attack on Prime Minister  
Lloyd-George's home rule bill when  
debate on the measure was resumed  
in the house of commons today.

Despite liberal and laborite oppo-  
sition speedy passage of the measure  
was forecast.  
The formal announcement of ap-  
pointment of General Nevil Mac-  
Ready, commander of metropolitan  
police to be head of the government's  
military forces in Ireland, received  
only passing notice. Lloyd-George  
stated MacReady would not use vio-  
lent methods.

Meantime there were no reports of  
improvements in conditions in Ire-  
land. A Sinn Fein was murdered at  
Thurles yesterday and police were  
reported to have "shot up" the vil-  
lage of Regge, near Thurles.

There are no honorary member-  
ships in the American Legion.

### MAILING FOOD TO EUROPE

Parcel Post Business is Boom-  
ing With Relatives Send-  
ing Sugar, Bacon and  
Coffee.

### WHISKEY INSIDE LOAF

Many Packages are Being Sent to  
Germany and Austria Containing  
Semi Luxuries and  
Clothing.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
CHICAGO, March 30.—Prohibition  
has cut into parcel post receipts, Chi-  
cago postoffice officials declared to-  
day.

Martin Faubel, assistant superin-  
tendent of mails, said much less  
bread is shipped to foreign countries  
now than before June 30, E. D. (dry  
era). Formerly, Faubel said, his de-  
partment went to much trouble to  
dissect the long rakish loaves of rye  
bread submitted for shipment. Gen-  
erally, he said, they found concealed  
within the rye another form of the  
grain, neatly flaked.

"If we didn't get it the customs  
officers across the water did. They  
got it before the rye got to the in-  
terior—country or drinker," Faubel  
said.

Parcels addressed to Germany and  
Poland are far more numerous than  
those to other countries, Faubel said.  
Since January 1 shipments to Ger-  
many have jumped 25 percent. The  
parcels are taken to reveal the needs  
and desires of the Germans. Foods,  
especially the semi-luxuries, includ-  
ing coffee, sugar, are popular and  
clothing ranks next to foods.  
Foreign mail leaves Chicago twice  
each week, just in time to connect  
with outgoing steamers.

Twenty Times as Much.  
ST. PAUL, Minn., March 30.—  
Twin City foreigners are sending  
approximately twenty times as much  
package mail to foreign countries as  
they did before the war. The bulk  
goes to Germany and Austria. The  
packages contain mostly clothing and  
food stuffs—particularly bacon, lard  
and other fats.

"It is really pitiful—some of the  
appeals we receive," said Postmaster  
O. N. Rath.

Ham and Sugar.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 30.—  
Heinie's taste turns to ham, sugar,  
flour and rice. An average of thirty-  
five packages are dropped in the In-  
dianapolis postoffice daily. Frequent-  
ly the bundles contained used cloth-  
ing.

Regular Gifts.  
DALLAS, Texas, March 30.—War  
stricken folk in several European  
countries receive regular gifts of  
clothing and non-perishable food  
from Dallas relatives, the superinten-  
dent of mails said today.

Sending Old Clothes.  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 30.—  
American styles of the vintage of  
1918 and 1919 should be quite the  
vogue in war devastated Europe if  
the parcel post department here are  
any indication of the gifts going  
abroad through the mails from other  
sections of the United States. Old  
clothes makes up a big part of the  
gifts sent the needy by friends here.

Mail From Iowa.  
DES MOINES, Iowa, March 30.—  
The major part of Des Moines and  
central Iowa's contribution to Uncle  
Sam's foreign mail is consigned to  
England, local postal authorities to-  
day declared. Germany receives the  
next largest mail from Des Moines.  
The bulk of the mail to England con-  
sists of letters, while that addressed  
to Germany is mostly packages con-  
taining clothing and food.

From San Francisco.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 30.—San  
Francisco's package mail to foreign  
countries has increased consid-  
erably since the close of the war, said post-  
office officials. Foodstuffs and cloth-  
ing are being sent across the ocean  
from here daily, principally to Ger-  
many and Austria.

400 to 500 Daily.  
MELWAUKEE, Wis., Mar. 30.—Esti-  
mated of business done by leading  
Jeffersonville showed a decrease of  
314 persons, or 3 per cent.

### IOWA ELECTION RETURNS ARE IN

H. H. Barton for Mayor of Des  
Moines by Majority of More  
Than Three Thousand  
Votes.

### SHORT IS RE-ELECTED

Labor Ticket at Clinton Makes Almost  
Clean Sweep and Democrats  
Win at Council  
Bluffs.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
DES MOINES, Iowa, March 30.—  
H. H. Barton defeated John Gibson in  
yesterday's mayoralty election by a  
majority of 3,224, according to unoffi-  
cial returns today.  
The following commissioners were  
also elected at yesterday's election:  
E. A. Elliott, Harry B. Frase, John  
Budd and Marshall Miller.  
The election was non-partisan.

Mayor Short Re-elected.  
SIoux CITY, Iowa, March 30.—  
Mayor Wallace M. Short, labor candi-  
date, was re-elected here yesterday  
over J. A. Tiedeman by a majority of  
26 votes. The vote was: Short,  
6,559; Tiedeman 6,543.  
Henry Michelstetter, labor candi-  
date, James Malone, fusion candidate,  
Jack Mann, opposed by labor, were  
re-elected as councilmen with Paul  
Wells, also opposed by labor as the  
fourth councilman.

Labor Ticket Wins.  
CLINTON, Iowa, March 30.—The  
labor ticket made almost a clean  
sweep in this city at the municipal  
election yesterday, electing Harry W.  
Cowles, mayor, and every other city  
candidate except two ward aldermen,  
who won on the republican ticket.

The democrats and republicans had  
tickets in the field, the former headed  
by former Mayor H. C. Hansen, and  
the latter by present Councilman R.  
N. Howes. Cowles vote nearly  
equalled the combined vote of his op-  
ponents.

Democrats Win.  
COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, March  
30.—Democrats made an almost clean  
sweep in the city elections here yester-  
day, electing a mayor and seven  
out of eight aldermen. Mayor Zur-  
muehlen was reelected over George  
F. Hamilton, republican, by 1,487  
votes. Republican candidates for city  
treasurer and city auditor were suc-  
cessful. All other offices either went  
democratic or are still in doubt.

### SLACKER MUST GO TO PRISON

Millionaire Who Ran Away From  
Draft Is Sentenced to Five Years  
And Will Lose His  
Citizenship.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
NEW YORK, March 30.—Grover  
Cleveland Bergdoll, Philadelphia mil-  
lionaire, today was found guilty on  
charges of evading the draft. It was  
announced at Governor's Island here  
today.  
Bergdoll was sentenced to serve  
five years in the military jail at Gov-  
ernor's Island. He will forfeit all pay,  
be dishonorably discharged from the  
army and lose his citizenship.

The verdict of the court martial was  
returned March 17 and was reviewed  
and approved today by Lieut. General  
Robert L. Bullard.  
Bergdoll was arrested in his Phila-  
delphia home last January after hav-  
ing eluded department of justice agents  
for more than a year. In his  
flight he visited every state in the  
union, traveling in automobiles which  
he purchased along the road. As soon  
as one car became disabled, he pur-  
chased a new one.

Threaten Sympathetic Strike.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
ROANOKE, Va., March 30.—Unless  
grievances of clerks of the Norfolk  
and Western railway are adjusted  
satisfactorily today, members of six  
unions of allied crafts employed by  
the railway threatened a sympathetic  
strike.

More than 1,600 men already are  
out.

Neutrality of Kaiser.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
LONDON, March 30.—The French  
ambassador at The Hague will out-  
line verbally to the Dutch govern-  
ment the allied position with regard  
to the neutrality of the former  
kaiser, the Telegraph said today.  
The ambassador's action, the  
newspaper said, would be in addi-  
tion to a new allied note to the Hol-  
land government warning it that the  
Netherlands would be held for any  
failure to keep the deposed emperor  
within his status as an interned neu-  
tral.

### TO CRUSH GERMAN RADICALS

Chancellor Says Reactionaries  
Will Be Swept Out  
With an Iron  
Broom.

### THREAT AGAINST REDS

Immediate Military Action Against  
Communists of Ruhr District  
Unless They Heed Terms  
of Demand.

[By Carl D. Groat, United Press  
Staff Correspondent.]  
BERLIN, March 29.—(Night)—  
"Germany's greatest danger is from  
the reactionary rights, not from the  
bolshhevists," Premier Mueller told  
the reichstag today.

It was the maiden reichstag speech  
of the former foreign minister since  
he assumed the chancellorship. He  
talked less than an hour. The reich-  
stag was crowded.  
Mueller's program as outlined, was  
practically that of the preceding cabi-  
nets. He promised early fulfillment  
of the social laws, particularly social-  
ization of mines, which was promised  
by former cabinets, but never ful-  
filled.

Reactionaries will be swept from  
the army, the government and all  
other places "with an iron broom,"  
the chancellor promised, declaring  
the government would take strong  
measures to crush the communist re-  
volt in the Ruhr district.

The government's ultimatum to the  
Ruhr rebels was to expire at noon  
Tuesday and authorities here de-  
clared their threat for an immediate  
military action in force against the  
communists might be expected if the  
reds failed to accede to all the gov-  
ernment's demands. These demands  
included full recognition of the com-  
plete power of the central govern-  
ment by the workmen of Westphalia  
with admission of the government's  
right to control policing of the entire  
nation.

### No Additional Troops.

[By Henry Wood, United Press Staff  
Correspondent.]  
PARIS, March 30.—Dr. Wilhelm  
Mayer, the German charge d'affaires,  
today notified Premier Millerand  
that his government pledges itself  
not to send additional troops into the  
neutral zone, as provided in the  
peace treaty, without authorization  
by the allies.

Mayer's action followed threats of  
vigorous action by the French gov-  
ernment.

Premier Millerand was quoted by  
the Matin as declaring:  
"The French are ready to advance  
from Mayence and occupy Frankfurt,  
Hanau and Darmstadt should the  
German reichswehr further penetrate  
the neutral zone."

"I hope the allies will act jointly,  
but France will act alone if neces-  
sary."

The foreign office previously had  
announced that about 8,000 reichswehr  
troops had entered the neutral zone  
without allied consent.

Hugh Wallace, the American am-  
bassador, today handed Millerand  
President Wilson's note favoring Ger-  
man occupation of the Ruhr district  
and opposing extension of the allied  
zone of occupation, but there were  
no indications that the French in-  
tended to abide by Wilson's sugges-  
tions. The president also urged  
against sending of allied troops into  
the areas held by German commu-  
nists, it was said, taking the stand  
that Germany should be allowed to  
settle her own troubles as far as pos-  
sible.

Observers here saw the president's  
position as directly opposed to that of  
Millerand.

Threaten General Strike.  
LONDON, Mar. 29.—German work-  
men in the Westphalia district here  
threatened to call a general strike un-  
less the Ebert government modified the  
terms of its ultimatum, an Essen dis-  
patch to the Amsterdam Telegraf for-  
warded here said today.  
The workmen sent their counter  
ultimatum to Berlin by a special  
courier, the dispatch said. The strike  
was to be called Tuesday. The ult-  
imatum threatening armed invasion  
of Westphalia, unless the communists  
disbanded and recognized full author-  
ity of the central government was to  
end today.

### EIGHTY LIVES WERE LOST IN MID WEST TORNADO

Indiana Mourns Thirty-six, Illinois Thirty-one  
and Michigan Eleven as Result of Ter-  
rific Storms of Sunday.

### REBUILDING WRECKED TOWNS IS BEGUN

Down in Georgia Twenty-one are Dead, Eighty  
Injured and Approximately One  
Thousand Homeless.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
CHICAGO, March 30.—The middle  
west today began rebuilding whole  
communities, business centers and  
residence districts wrecked by the  
tornado which swept across northern  
Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana,  
and Wisconsin Sunday, taking a toll  
of eighty lives and injuring nearly  
four hundred persons. The property  
damage in the five states was esti-  
mated at \$10,000,000 today.

With the rescue work believed com-  
pleted, the revised death list from  
the storm in the middle west today  
showed:  
Indiana, 36.  
Illinois, 31.  
Michigan, 11.  
Missouri, 1.  
Wisconsin, 1.

Carpenters and other laborers were  
being rushed into the storm devas-  
tated sections today to provide for  
the hundreds of homeless. Relief  
appeals have been issued by local  
authorities throughout the section.

The homeless last night were cared  
for in hospitals, police stations and  
under roofs untouched by the tor-  
nado. Red Cross officials announced  
today they would be able to handle  
the situation. Many sections are in  
need of relief, officials said.

Report today indicated there is  
little acute suffering. Large sums  
will be necessary for reconstruction,  
however, officials believed.

National guard, home guards and  
former service men continued to pro-  
tect the stricken areas today from  
possible looters. They were under  
orders to "shoot and shoot to kill."  
No looting has been reported, nat-  
ional guard officers said.

Supplies Pouring in.  
CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 30.—  
Supplies from all parts of Ohio were  
today pouring into the area devas-  
tated by the tornado Sunday night.

With figures still incomplete today  
the death toll in Ohio was placed at  
above twenty-five and the injured at  
above two hundred.

In the Greenville district near  
Dayton, eight bodies were recovered.  
Eighteen were seriously injured.  
In the Toledo district ten were  
killed and around one hundred and  
fifty hurt.

Seven dead were reported from  
other parts of the tornado's path.  
Several villages were scattered over  
the landscape.  
Damage was estimated at \$1,000,  
000.

### Twenty-one Known Dead.

LA GRANGE, Ga., March 30.—The  
civic spirit of LaGrange was asserted  
today when the city council after  
making arrangements to bury those  
killed in Sunday's trouble and care  
for the injured and homeless, voted  
to decline offers of financial aid from  
other communities.  
The council found that twenty-one  
were known dead; eighty injured,  
and approximately one thousand  
homeless. Work of clearing away the

debris and wreckage caused by the  
storm, started today.  
Families whose homes were des-  
troyed by the storm, were sheltered  
in tents last night. Five hundred  
tents were rushed here by the war  
department and erected on the fair  
grounds.

The situation at West Point, seven-  
teen miles from here, was described  
as critical. The entire business sec-  
tion of the town was wiped out. Seven  
were killed, five injured and prop-  
erty damage amounted to \$300,000.

Forty-eight Victims.  
ATLANTA, Ga., March 30.—The  
death list from Sunday's tornado in  
Georgia was raised today to forty-  
eight.  
Reports from Stovall, stated fifteen  
white persons were killed there. The  
village had a population of only fifty.  
Stovall was completely cut off from  
wire service and no word that the  
tornado had hit the place reached  
the outside until today.

### INVESTIGATION OF ROBBERY

Internal Revenue Office at Puget  
Sound Was Held Up and  
Robbed of \$20,000 Some  
Time Ago.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
WASHINGTON, March 30.—Assis-  
tant Secretary of the Treasury Shouse  
today began an inquiry into the af-  
fairs of the Puget Sound internal  
revenue office, which was robbed of  
nearly \$20,000 during recent internal  
revenue collections.

David J. Williams, Puget Sound  
revenue collector, who arrived in  
Washington today, was assisting  
Shouse. Internal Revenue Commis-  
sioner Roper also was giving the in-  
quiry his personal attention. Shouse,  
Williams and Roper conferred early  
today. It was understood that a thor-  
ough examination was begun of all  
the business of the office.

Williams also conferred with Chief  
Frazier, in charge of all collection  
offices.

"Although the secret service force  
is working on the robbery, I have re-  
ceived as yet no official reports,"  
Frazier said. "I understood informally,  
however, that the robbers ob-  
tained nearly \$20,000."  
"Until arrests are made, I cannot  
discuss the robbery."

Victor Berger's Appeal.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Hearings on  
the appeal of Victor Berger and four  
co-defendants, under sentence of  
twenty years for violation of the es-  
pionage act, was continued in the  
United States court of appeals here to-  
day.

Representatives of members of the  
state supreme court reversed the  
case. The three were G. W. Crisp,  
two years, felony; I. W. Huey, man-  
slaughter, five years; and John Henry,  
murder, eight years.

"We are unwilling to subscribe to  
the doctrine that the words 'so help  
you God' are immaterial or that it  
was placed there by the fathers for  
more form's sake or that it may be  
omitted with impunity," Judge O. S.  
Lattimore said in his opinion.  
"What are the pains and penalties  
of perjury as measured by man's  
puny punishment, compared with the  
endless penalties invited by him who  
has pledged himself to truth as God  
may have him tell or decide it, and  
then be false to the oath."

### CENSUS FIGURES ARE ANNOUNCED BY BUREAU

Total Count of People in Towns  
With Gains Made in Ten  
Years.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
WASHINGTON, March 30.—The  
census bureau announced the follow-  
ing 1920 population results:  
Belleville, Ill., 24,741.  
Salamanca, N. Y., 9,276.  
Lockport, N. Y., 21,308.  
Batavia, N. Y., 23,541.  
Cortland, N. Y., 13,294.  
Geneva, N. Y., 14,648.  
Portage, Wis., 5,582.  
Durant, Okla., 7,340.  
Clinton, Mo., 5,093.  
Hannibal, Mo., 18,950.  
Cadillac, Mich., 9,744.  
Dayton, Ky., 7,646.  
Taylorville, Ill., 5,500.  
Litchfield, Ill., 6,315.  
Edwardsville, Ill., 6,116.  
Kaysers, W. Va., 6,

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