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THE WORKING CLASS STRUGGLE WITH THE BUSINESS CLASS

SEE FARMER DEBATE ON PAGE 2.

"THE CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE."
"BUSINESS MEN" FRIENDS OF LABOR.

"IDAHO SPRINGS, Col., July 30.—After a meeting of business men last night 500 citizens of Idaho Springs went to the city jail and took fourteen of the men arrested in connection with the blowing up of the Sun and Moon mine buildings, marched them to the city limits, and told them to leave the place and never return.

"The men driven out include the president of the local union, the vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, and two or three members of the executive committee. All the others are prominent members of the union."



This splendid cartoon, so full of action and power, is taken from "Der Wahre Jacob," a Socialist cartoon weekly, published at Stuttgart.

It represents Labor's contest with Conservatism and Reaction. The German workman is organized into the Social-Democratic Party, with a revolutionary determination, and a revolutionary program. It is not merely the overthrow of the absolutism of the emperor they aim at, but the overthrow of capitalism itself.

They are not ashamed or afraid to hoist the Red Flag on all occasions. They are known as the Reds. Their late victory was heralded as the "Triumph of the Red."

But their chief obstacle is the reactionary mass of men, who look backward instead of forward. The great Socialist daily at Berlin is called "Vorwarts," which means "Forward." In Italy, the Socialist daily lately started by Ferri is also called "Avanti"—"Forward!"

But all capitalist teachings are based upon the past and the backward look. Tradition and authority, old institutions, the opinions of the fathers, old ways and old ideas, these are the hardest things for Socialism to overcome—in a word, REACTION.

In this country, multitudes of voters, even workmen with all their bondage, are slaves to old political ideas. The fear of being considered different from others, of speaking on the street, for instance, or attending a Socialist meeting, or especially carrying a red banner.

The non-revolutionary forces of reaction in America are even more set and hard than in Germany. We, too, will learn the antagonism of reaction, reform, conservatism, democracy.

WHAT THE PROFESSOR FOUND

Prof. Short, of Toronto, has been visiting British Columbia. He finds a startling condition among laborers in that working man's land.

Here is some of his comment, taken from a Vancouver capitalist paper:

"Amid all the labor disputes of the East there is a very general recognition of the fact that capital is entitled to some reasonable return on its outlay, even though agreement may end there. But in some parts of the West, and particularly in British Columbia, THE DIFFICULTY IS TO GET AN ADMISION THAT CAPITAL IS ENTITLED TO ANYTHING AT ALL. THIS IS ON THE SURFACE DUE TO THE RAPID SPREAD OF SOCIALIST IDEAS AMONG WESTERN LABORERS.

"Even where the unions are not officially committed to Socialism, the most attractive Socialist arguments are employed in an isolated way. This makes them MORE TROUBLESOME IN PRACTICE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO COPE WITH IN ARGUMENT than where a professedly reasoned system of Socialism is frankly adopted.

"Thus, THE WELL KNOWN PRINCIPLE OF SOCIALISM, THAT LABOR PRODUCES ALL WEALTH, AND IS, THEREFORE, ENTITLED TO THE WHOLE PRODUCT, receives some startling applications among Western labor leaders. When a capitalist, in attempting to maintain a foothold for profits, points out in connection with mining, for instance, that he has erected various buildings and other structures, supplied machinery, opened the mine, and transported the output, and ought therefore to have some return on his outlay, he is apt to be met with the simple but sweeping assertion that AS A MATTER OF FACT HE HAS SUPPLIED NONE OF THESE THINGS. Every one of them, it is said, is the PRODUCT OF LABOR, and the miner, as a laborer, is entitled to the whole value of his output.

"Yet such argument is, after all, only an indication of what is quite OBVIOUS THROUGHOUT THE WEST, THAT THE ADVENT OF SOCIALISM AMONG THE LABORERS IS REALLY THE BEGINNING OF A MOVEMENT TOWARDS A MORE RATIONAL ATTITUDE with reference to the relations of capital and labor. It will enable the laborer to see from a larger and more coherent point of view the logical outcome of his one-sided claims,

whose mere selfishness had previously escaped him."

"The professor thinks the "mere selfishness" of the Socialist claim that "labor produces all wealth," has previously escaped the workman. He has only to see the "mere selfishness" of his "one-sided claims" to abandon them!

But we assure Prof. Short it is a question of mere fact and mere justice. If it is "mere selfishness" to claim what belongs to us by right of production and creation, then the working class will welcome "mere selfishness."

It strikes us it is mere twaddle for this well-kept professor to preach his moral doctrines down at us. We are the owners, because we are the producers. You are the robbers because you are not the producers of what you hold. We might say to you now, "The mere selfishness of your holding mines, buildings and other structures, machinery and railroads, which you did not create, ought to enable you to see from a larger and more coherent point of view the logical outcome of your one-sided claims, which had previously escaped you." But there is slight hope of the professor, so long as they hold their jobs in capitalistic institutions, supported by capitalists like Rockefeller and Carnegie. Their "mere selfishness" escapes their discovery.

Now, one word to Prof. Short and other professors. We stand ready to prove, as a matter of scientific fact, that those mines, structures, railroads, were produced by labor, and that the very capital originally invested was similarly produced. Will you accept the challenge to discuss that question in the columns of "The Socialist?" This paper reaches some 25,000 workmen each week. They will be glad to hear your proof of their "mere selfishness" and "one-sided claims."

The Only Papers that Dare Give the News.

The "P.I." showed contemptible littleness in reporting the meeting of last Sunday, held in favor of the Street Car Men's Union. It was really a meeting of organized labor in this city to consult on the outrageous treatment of their employees by the Seattle Electric Company. The "P.I." reported it as a meeting of the street car men alone. This is the news butchered in favor of the capitalists.

The only papers left that dare tell the truth about laborers' interests are the Socialist papers. They alone stand by working class interests first, last and all the time. That is because they represent wage-workers as a class, both industrially and politically. No mere labor paper, which may support a Republican or Democratic ticket, can always and everywhere support labor's interests against capital's interests.

THE BEST TEN

WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

The definitions of Socialism are coming in. They will be published soon. Remember the conditions—25 WORDS AND 25 SENTENCES. One person can send as many definitions as he chooses. Fifty cents entitles you to two answers. Any order for 25 cents worth of "The Socialist" entitles you to answer the question, "What is Socialism?" in 25 words, and have it published in the competition for the ten best definitions sent in during the month of August.

A new subscription for six months, a renewal, or an order for our "Birth Day Edition," are all good for this contest.

Every Socialist thinks he knows what Socialism is. Very well. Here is your chance to state it in 25 words and let the other comrades decide for themselves.

Write your answer on separate sheet of paper under the heading, "What is Socialism?" and sign your name and address below.

WHISTLING OFF THE GHOST.

Dear Comrades and Editor: I see the old lie is dished up again as to how the S. L. P. in Germany are so popular.

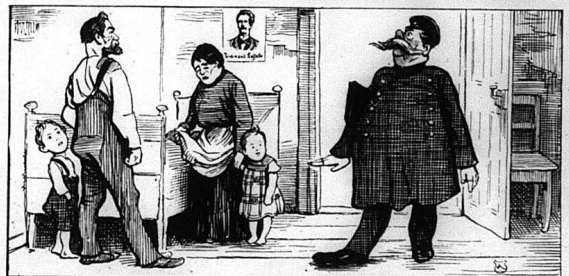
Say I am sick of that chestnut. I also regularly get a paper called the "Washington 'Fresse'" (German weekly). Some good friend has subscribed for me. He could have saved his money. It is a Democratic decoy. The "Fresse" is a regular nightmare to me. Now all of a sudden the Socialists seem to be a regular nightmare to them. Well, good! That shows that we are another milestone ahead on our journey toward the end. Poor middle-class skimmers—how they squirm! How that German section seems to bother them. They tell any lie, but won't admit that the Socialists in Germany are like those d-d howled cranks in this country. Even some of our Socialists here are beginning to believe that nonsense.

Those bourgeois papers howling about the Socialists in Germany being Demo-Pop reformers, or anything else but the revolutionary party of Germany, remind me of the boy who, having seen the ghost, commenced to whistle and tried to make himself believe he hadn't seen anything at all.

It won't do, masters—the ghost you have seen was the real thing. So you might as well get used to it so you won't be scared to death when the ghost really walks, in November, 1904. The two-year editor of the Washington 'Fresse' has another spell this week in trying to explain how the party has become respectable in Germany, and has cast off the old unpopular cry of revolution. Another case of whistling.

Yours, WILLIAM DE LILLY.

NOTHING TO LOSE BUT THEIR CHAINS



Officer of the Court (indignant)—Of course, they must be Socialists, but they have nothing to satisfy the pawnbroker. What a wretched society we live in!

The capitalist press has been saying the Socialist party in Germany was only a modified "Democratic party"—just a radical, reform party—not a revolutionary party like the Socialist party of this country. Thus, they try to defeat the effect of the great Socialist vote in Germany. At the same time, with the usual inconsistency of those who have a bad case, they charge Socialism in America with being a "foreign importation," "a product of the slums of Europe," etc., etc.

The above picture, taken from "Der Wahre Jacob," one of the German Socialist cartoon weeklies, tells the true story. There, as everywhere, Socialists are those who "have nothing to lose but their chains, and a world to gain." There, as everywhere, the officers of the law are only mouthpieces and lackeys of the capitalist class, that keeps them fat.

The above picture represents the horrible fact of that "class struggle" we talk so much about, and which is as widespread as capitalism.

FRISCO NEWS NOTES.

The Socialist Party closed its 1930 campaign with a record of 11,000 votes in San Francisco. Discussion on subject is being indulged in throughout the city. Ten to twenty speakers are being held weekly. Literature sales on street averaged 12 weekly during the last two weeks. The campaign closed with a \$30,000 week's sales amount to about \$35,000. The principal books handed are "Socialism," by Liebeschutz; "Socialism," by the Communist Manifesto; "Mission of the Working Class," Merrile England, etc.

We look forward to 6,000 votes this year. Primary election will be held Tuesday. We aim to get 50,000 votes last year we had 200, two years ago, 200. Four years ago we had 600, two years ago we had 1,000. Two years ago the state legislature adopted a primary law requiring the voter to write name and party on the ballot. A blank ballot on which he may write names or paste printed labels. We have 200 ballots distributed.

The Republicans have three factions contesting the nomination. The Democrats and Republicans are united for or against the P. The Socialist party stands with a solid front to the enemy, with forty delegates firmly entrenched on the state stage.

We have a very important campaign here this year. A great deal of work for the Socialist party on the coast. Not a stone will be left unturned as far as the campaign will permit. The most encouraging feature is the harmony that prevails. No one denies the working class character of the movement.

With greetings to all revolutionaries, I remain, fraternal,

JOHN MESSER.

NEBRASKA NEWS.

An application for charter has just been received from Douglas, Neb., signed by nine comrades, with John Semas as secretary. Comrade J. F. Leatham of South Sioux City, is preparing to organize a local here.

Comrade J. Ed. Morgan has been in Omaha several days and contemplates a trip to the Pacific Coast. While here he will be largely in contact with the comrades of Omaha and South Omaha.

Comrades of Washington county have held their county convention and placed a full ticket in the field for this fall election.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the Douglas County Central Committee to be held in Omaha, Sunday, Aug. 26th, for the purpose of discussing a convention and transacting such other business as may come before it.

Comrade Wilson of Lincoln City, Ia., has made Omaha comrades a short visit while organizing a local in Council Bluffs, Ia.

Comrade Andrew Johnson of Local Blair has been a visitor at Omaha headquarters for the past week.

We wish to call the attention of the comrades throughout the state, whether members of the party or not, to the importance of keeping districts in the field. The state local quorum has adopted the Michigan plan of action and is sending circulars, giving particulars to all the Socialists in the state whose names are on the state directory, and to all comrades who desire to have a speaker visit their town at a cost to them of only one dollar (returning the speaker's fare), board and lodging, they should send their names to Omaha headquarters and their town will be placed on the proper route.

Nebraska is preparing to educate its young slaves, to keep their class together to once having done this, it will be hard for the capitalists, their agents, their hirelings and their lackeys to show the identity of interest between the wage workers and any other class in existence today.

"As 'The Socialist' of Seattle, Wash., has been made the official organ of the Socialist Party of Nebraska, we advise everybody, wishing to keep in touch with the movement in this state, as well as the entire country, to subscribe for it."

ALFRED LA BILLE, Chairman Press Committee.

NATIONAL NEWS—WEEKLY BULLETIN.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8, 1930. Special Organizing Fund. The following contributions have been received for the Special Organizing Fund since our last report: Sixth Assembly District, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$2.00; Max Brooklyn, Bronx City, N. Y., \$1.00; H. H. Meyer, Soldiers and Sailors Home, Sandusky, O., purchase of five shares in the "Chicago" by Wm. Co-operative Pub. Co., donated by Wm. English, Warren, \$5.00; Patrick Knox, \$10.00; Thomas J. O'Connell, \$5.00; contribution of the Chas. H. Kerr Co., do. \$10.00; Wm. E. Dwyer, \$5.00; H. H. Meyer, \$5.00; Hermine Schreiber, Chicago, Ill., \$11.00; a comrade, Evanston, Ill., \$2.00; Julius Bernard and Ed. Johnson, Springfield, Mont., \$1.50; Local Porterville, Cal., \$1.00; Lorraine County Committee, Pa., \$1.00. Total to noon, Aug. 8, 1930. Previously reported, \$790.57. Total to date, \$850.57.

Chas. H. Kerr & Co. have sent in \$110 in all for the organizing fund on the offer made by William E. Dwyer, and there are many other shares of stock for sale which will be sold at the opportunity. The shares sell for \$10 each, and the money is being used in the organizing committee. Chas. H. Kerr & Co. 65 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill., for particulars.

REVISED LIST OF LABOR DAY SPEAKERS.

The revised list of Labor Day speakers, for whom engagements have been made through the national headquarters, follows: J. Mahon Barnes, John W. Brown, Chas. H. Brown, Geo. E. Bremer, Paul H. Cattle, W. Clark, Isaac Brown, W. W. Davis, W. P. Gleger, H. A. J. 182, Wm. William Mahoney, G. A. Miller, James B. Smith, B. S. Stiller, John F. Taylor, Ernest Untermyer, John F. Taylor, Will, Joseph Wright, Camrades John Chase, Charles J. A. W. H. Ricker and John Strickland, National Communications regarding terms, etc. We have had a meeting with the National Secretary, Omaha, Neb. It should be understood that the national headquarters is making no charge to either organizations or speakers for making arrangements for Labor Day, the work being done by the local headquarters for the organizations who desire Socialist speakers on that occasion.

"Il Proletaire" the Italian Socialist paper in New York city, is now being published daily. Although still supporting the S. L. P., it treats the party fairly. It devotes itself to fighting capitalism, and is a paper in the Socialist ranks. This summer it published an excellent article by Algoran, head editor of the "Worker," setting forth the position of our party.

State Secretary Day, of Kentucky, has been making no charge to either organizations or speakers for making arrangements for Labor Day, the work being done by the local headquarters for the organizations who desire Socialist speakers on that occasion.

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George H. Goebel's two meetings at Wilmington, Del., resulted in an English branch being formed, and arrangements were made through Comrade Ella Reeve Cohen for speakers to address more meetings in Delaware. At Baltimore, Comrade Goebel attended the one of forty comrades looking to forming a state organization, at Washington, D. C., where a meeting was held indoors, and at Alexandria, Va., where a meeting was held outdoors. Goebel went next to Freeport, Wilmer and Spring Gardens, Md., where he held meetings in each of these places. He also held meetings in Greater Pittsburgh for the South Side Branch. Comrade Donaldson, who is doing good work in the indoor and other open air, were very successful and that "Goebel is O. K." All his dates were not cancelled in the Wheeling district. He is in Harpersburg, Md., from Aug. 8 to 13, and in Norfolk, Va., from Aug. 14 to 20.

Comrade G. E. Galloway of Lincoln, Neb., will begin a tour of Kansas for agitation and organization purposes on Sunday, Aug. 17, under the auspices of the National Headquarters. The dates arranged so far, Junction City, Mo., Aug. 18; Lawrence, Kan., Aug. 19; Clinton, Mo., Aug. 20; Lyons, Mo., Aug. 21; Emporia, Kan., Aug. 22; Hutchinson, Kan., Aug. 23; Topeka, Kan., Aug. 24; Wichita, Kan., Aug. 25; and Edward, Mo., Aug. 26.

WILKINS ORGANIZES NEW LOCAL. Grand Mount, Wn., Aug. 5, 1930. A public meeting was held at Grand Mount, Wn., on Sunday, Aug. 5, 1930, at which a new local was organized. Wm. Wilkins, of California, after having been in the city for some time, addressed the meeting, and was followed by five comrades. A. T. Topper, organizer; G. Goldsby, secretary and treasurer. Yours truly, W. W. Wilkins.

The secretary of Local Elgin, Ill., reports that the local has been organized and approved. She said: "We need the present for supporting the State and National Committees. We have received many contributions especially to the State organizing fund."

What the National Organizers Are Doing. John C. Chase concluded his tour for the National Party at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., July 28, giving them a series of lectures, preparatory to his touring Maine for the State Committee. Before the Mt. Vernon district was held at Peekskill, Yorkers, New Rochelle, Long Island, New York and Brooklyn covered Chase's last week of his tour in the direction of the National office.

During his tour of 17 cities and towns in seventeen states and territories, and returns to New York City, where he will speak to, upon request. Eight days were spent in Arkansas, arranging for the tour of the state. He visited Philadelphia for the striking textile workers, and eight days in Kentucky where he visited Louisville, Lexington, Owensboro, and Paducah. He also visited the food and warehouse of May and June caused the waste of several days in the state. He visited the state of Missouri and increased expense, and preventing dates, being made under long conditions. He visited the state of Missouri and increased expense, and preventing dates, being made under long conditions. He visited the state of Missouri and increased expense, and preventing dates, being made under long conditions.

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CURTIS CENSURE UNFOUNDED

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 9, 1930. Editor Seattle "Socialist": Comrade—At a regular meeting of the city central committee the following resolutions were adopted: "Resolved, That the resolution of censure against Comrade J. D. Curtis is unfounded, and the following two papers in which this notice was published be destroyed and all other things."

"Resolved, That the committee's report on the J. D. Curtis matter be sent to the City Central Committee for publication." "I enclose you copy of the committee's report on the J. D. Curtis matter. A HUTCHINSON, Sec. C. C. C. The resolution of censure referred to will be found in the Seattle "Socialist" of July 19.

To C. C. C. of Local Seattle Socialist Party: Comrades—We, your committee selected to investigate the charges against J. D. Curtis, in the early part of the year 1930, erected and completed a building with non-union labor and a fine office building (450) and blacklisted by the Trades Union of Seattle. The fine had not been paid at the time of the dissolution of the Building Trades Union which occurred in the summer of 1930.

Since the above occurrence Mr. Curtis has been arrested and fined and buildings and employed union labor throughout.

Information was taken from the minutes of the Building Trades Council, the Carpenters' Union and the Painters' Union that J. D. Curtis, the Carpenters, and Stanley of the present Building Trades Assembly. Formerly your committee.

S. C. HURRIS, J. D. CURTIS, J. D. DOWNIE, Committee.

CURTIS' REPLY AND CHALLENGE.

Editor "The Socialist": I have read the above statement and would say in reply: 1st. The above report of special committee was appointed to investigate whether or not the unfair list of names was compiled by Curtis. I am glad to see the original question that I should be given an opportunity to state my side. As practically admitted in the former article, I started a house (in 1930) without considering the question of union labor. Had built several houses before in the same way, giving no more consideration to the question of union labor. Had built several houses before in the same way, giving no more consideration to the question of union labor.

2d. As practically admitted in the former article, I started a house (in 1930) without considering the question of union labor. Had built several houses before in the same way, giving no more consideration to the question of union labor.

3d. There is no fine against me ever has been. The special committee whose report is given above, never saw that statement in the records of the union. Parsons and Stanley will not corroborate the assertion. I hereby challenge them to give extracts from such records, properly attested, confirming that statement, or stand convicted of willful and malicious misstatement.

4th. This attack is personal in its character as is evidenced by the fact that one of the City Central Committee, the city organizer, is a non-union cook. I am willing to admit that more than 100 two years ago and expect to learn as long as I live, do not propose, however, after my mother is dead and buried, to allow myself to be blackmailed of the State by any party.

5th. Of the new local quorum, Moore, whose health has been greatly injured by early work in addition to

FINANCIAL REPORT WASHINGTON S. P. JULY, 1930.

Amount brought forward.....	\$131.11
Pupillage dues for July.....	2.00
Burlington dues for July.....	1.00
Pennery dues for July.....	1.00
Lind, dues for June and July.....	2.00
Yelm dues for July.....	1.00
Arlington dues for July.....	1.00
Prosser dues for July.....	2.00
Northwood application for charter.....	5.00
Tumwater dues for July, August and September.....	2.00
Pennery dues for July.....	2.00
Mt. Pleasant dues for May, June and July.....	3.00
Anacortes dues for August, September and October.....	1.50
Everett dues for July.....	1.00
Edmonds dues for June.....	1.75
Renton dues for July.....	1.00
Clippner dues for July.....	1.00
Aberdeen dues for July.....	4.00
Total.....	\$166.41
Expenses—	
Organizing Spokane and Northport.....	\$26.40
Expenses printing referendum vote.....	2.00
Posters.....	10.50
Kins' tour.....	15.00
Mirrored dues.....	6.00
Postage and stationery.....	1.47
One-half dues sent to National Secretary-Treasurer for their.....	4.00
Total.....	\$75.27
Balance on hand July 1st.....	\$91.14
Total.....	\$166.41

On account of change of accounts during Comrade Moore's illness some errors may have crept in. Comrades will be glad to favor the committee by reporting anything that has been overlooked.

J. D. CURTIS, Deputy Sec.-Treas. S. P., 1016 E. 45th St.

LOCAL SEATTLE.

Mrs. Irene Smith will speak at Carpenters' Hall Sunday evening, August 16th.

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE.

On Friday night, Aug. 14, at the hall corner Second and Pike (entrance on Second), the dance will be another of the "Good Old Summer Time" dances. The music will be by the Minneapoli musicians as before. "The proof of the pudding is the eating," and if you are not satisfied with the dancing and keep his feet flat on the floor, he is different from most of us.

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