

Ruling Classes of All Nations Rushing Madly to Their Doom, Says Debs

BY EUGENE V. DEBS

Labor Day this year falls on Sept. 7, and the hosts of labor will celebrate the day as they have these many years. There are obvious reasons why Labor Day this year should be made an event of national importance...

The titanic struggle for commercial and military supremacy has reached its culmination and in the great upheaval nations now go into the arena to find themselves from the accused and the titled mob and to pursue unfettered their development toward the universal fatherland and the world-wide republic.

Despotism has long enough set the workers of one nation at the throats of the workers of another nation to their common enslavement and degradation. Despotism in autocratic Russia, monarchic Germany and republican America is substantially the same in its effect upon the working class...

The time has come to grapple with this despotic power and overthrow it, and in the war now raging the last surviving thrones and crowns should go down forever, and out of the terrible travail there should issue a new impulse to create a new world in which the horrors of war shall be unknown—a world of peace and dedicated to all mankind.

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Labor Day and Capital Day

Labor Day comes on the first Monday in September. Capital Day occurs on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

Among Books

"Unpopular Government in the United States" by Albert M. Kales. University of Chicago Press. Cloth, 261 pp. \$1.50.

Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

FEEL FOR PERSON. To the Locals and Branches of the Socialist Party of America: Comrades: The Seventh Ward branch of the Socialist Party...

Reading Notices

The American Socialist will receive reading notices to be run as advertisements in this column at the rate of 10 cents an agate line or \$1.40 an inch.

MORE THAN PROTEST.

When Jean Jaures sought militarism in France he met the enemies of Socialism not only with protest but also with a plan of national defense that routed the arguments of the militarists.

This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press

WHAT DOES PRESIDENT WILSON INTEND TO DO ABOUT THE TROOPS AT VERA CRUZ? (From the New York Call.)

GERMAN SOCIALISTS URGE THAT PEACE BE RESTORED

Like their British comrades the Socialist members of the German Reichstag were placed by the outbreak of hostilities, which they abhor, in a position of the gravest difficulty.

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THIS ISSUE.

We feel that we have secured a large number of good things for this issue. First of all the interpretation of the war situation by Morris Hillquit ought to prove interesting to every intelligent reader and discriminating thinker in America.

WILSON ADMINISTRATION SHOWS WHERE IT IS INSINCERE.

It doesn't look as if the Wilson administration is very much in earnest about fighting the food pirates. United States District Attorney Wilkeson is now in Washington, where he is supposed to be in charge of the State Senate in Chicago because he was not active in prosecuting the beef barons, oleomargarine magnates, railroad rebaters, board of trade speculators and other pillars of big business.

COAL BARON'S ASSASSIN SLUICED BY SOCIALIST LAWYER

G. H. Duthe, lawyer, active Socialist of Clarksburg, W. Va., was brutally assaulted by "Bob" Shuttleworth, a licensed gunman of the Consolidation Coal Company, who is still under bond charged with intent to kill John W. Brown by shooting with high-power rifle from the window of the coal company's office.

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FOOD FOR REFLECTION.

The activities and success of the Socialists furnish much subject-matter for reflection. Were it not that conditions are becoming more and more unbearable in the world, the Socialist would not get such a ready audience and so many readers for his literature.

FREE COLORADO BUTCHERS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

The 23 Colorado militiamen tried for murder on charges growing out of the burning of the Ludlow tent colony April 20, when 13 women and babies were killed, have been found not guilty by the National Guard court-martial, which finished its hearings May 20.

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Thought for Labor Day—Strengthen Both Labor Unions and Socialist Party

BY ROBERT HUNTER

The European worker has learned by experience that an independent labor party exercises an immense power even when it is comparatively weak...

every trade-union leader declares, very properly, that the trade union is a bulwark against oppression and that every strike, whether lost or won, is a victory.

lation that has been recently passed in Europe, in order "to keep Socialism down."

so every member of the Socialist party tends in the same direction. When the New York Times says to the employers, "If you do not make concessions you will be forced to face more powerful trade unions..."

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PROPOSED NATIONAL COMMITTEE
By Frederick Green
The Socialist Party of the United States...

RESOLUTIONS
Chicago, August 26, 1914
Dear Comrades: The following telegram has just been received:

Dear Comrades: I am enclosing you herewith a communication from the National Correspondent of the Women's National Committee...

Dear Comrades: I submit herewith for vote of your committee the following motion by Berger:

On Executive Question: Shall the National Office publish the McNabb article (as printed in The American Socialist August 1) as a leaflet, vote in as follows:

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A SOCIALIST WEEK AND A SOCIALIST YEAR

By JOSEPH E. COHEN

Because Europe is aflame with war, and because capitalist civilization is being reduced to its barbaric elements it consists of, it falls to the lot of the Socialists of America to take up the work of enlightenment with special vigor and doubled enthusiasm.

All that capitalism could boast of is turning to ashes. In the fire that makes our empires and world powers are not only the wealth of cities and the harvest of country, but more than that, an advance of human flesh and an annihilation of human souls.

On street corners and cross roads, in shop and school, we must spread the spoken word. The points of agitation must multiply until the web of Socialism tints the whole land.

Europe is deep in darkness; America must light the way for humanity. This is the task and test for Socialists for the men and women of the Socialist Party!

Without cumbering this report with unnecessary detail of the deviation of the new constitution, which is herewith laid before you in full, we may mention the following points:

When the ravel fell on the motion to adopt the new constitution as a whole, there was tumultuous applause from all ranks, delegates and visiting comrades.

HOW THE SOCIALISTS DO THINGS IN OKLAHOMA
Ten thousand persons were in attendance at the closing day of the Otter Valley (Oklahoma) Socialist Encampment, the best attended encampment yet held in the state.

Woman's Department
WINNIE M. BRANTNER, Director
This department has charge of propaganda in the Socialist Party.

WOMEN OF ALL CLASSES IN MONTANA SUFFRAGE FIGHT
By Martha Edgerton Plasmann
Women of all classes and of all parties in Montana are in the fight for and against suffrage.

PROVISIONS OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION
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CONCLUDING REMARKS
Harrington a few incidental personalities, which are immediately read out of order by the chair.

Make Successful Campaigns—Fidel Lynn, Socialist candidate for secretary of state of California, is making a successful tour of that state.

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Militarism Is Given Life by Europe's War

The United States is again assuming a wartime attitude in connection with the capitalist press is starting a pre-conceived jingo campaign that all lovers of peace should exert every energy to combat.

Through its Washington Bureau The American Socialist is informed that the forces of militarism are more active than ever in the nation's capital.

Taking a new lease of life from the inspiration of the European war, the militarist movement in the United States is preparing to ask Congress at the next session for six battleships instead of two, for bigger coast defense appropriations, and for millions in money and authorizations to enlarge the military forces of the nation.

Peace Movements Retire. Every peace movement in the United States and in the labor, suffrage and Socialist movements retired to the rear when the sound of firing began, and the indications are that the "Peace Trust," dominated by Carnegie and the manufacturers of war munitions and exploiters of labor, will make little opposition to an advanced militaristic program.

Whatever the outcome of the European conflict, it is certain that Congress will order more battleships on the ground that our commerce, abnormally revived as a result of the territoriality of European trade, must have protection.

Old Parties Will Help. The United States, according to authorities of the War Department, has the finest system of coast and harbor defenses in the world. The militarists are planning to demand that Congress maintain the standard of efficiency and appropriate enough money to protect every mile of water line and make the seashore from Maine around to Oregon bristle with hidden guns.

Would Elect Senator.—Socialists at Clarkburg, W. Va., who have had a free speech fight on their hands for some time, are massing their forces in an effort to send A. Leman Knight to the state Senate.

Concentrate Forces in Kansas.—Kansas Socialists have decided to concentrate their efforts in the third congressional district in an effort to send L. F. Fuller to Congress. It is declared there are good prospects of success.

Socialist Day at Fair.—One of the indications showing the strength of the Oklahoma Socialists is the fact that the Breckham County Fair Association has set aside September 17, at the county fair to be held at Elk City, as Socialist Day. This is in the Seventh Congressional District, which the Socialists are planning to carry in November.

STARVE WAR! FEED AMERICA! ENGLAND, TOO, EMBRACING SOCIALISM!

There is one big startling fact about the war in Europe that should teach a lesson to the American workmen. In this war the Socialist movement has forced the warring governments to care for the innocents at home, the unemployed, the women and the children.



ALL ENGLAND IS SOCIALIST TO-DAY!

(Editor's Note.—Here is the story of what is taking place in Great Britain. Does the American working class intend to lag behind?) BY WILL DYSON. (In the Daily Herald, London.)

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

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NO SHORTAGE OF FOOD SUPPLIES

The sudden upheaval of prices since the opening of the European war has aroused everybody. Enraged citizens everywhere are asking why there should be such a price and sudden forcing up of prices. The food lords say that it is because of a shortage in the food supply.

Such an excuse is absolutely without foundation, as the following facts will show. The United States exports annually 32,000,000 bushels of wheat. And this year the crop is said to be greater than ever. So there can be no shortage there. As a matter of fact there is a surplus.

should be borne in mind: First, no nation producing foodstuffs will care to ship its products to any of the warring nations, as such products might be declared contraband of war and be liable to seizure by one or the other of the belligerents.

Second, America produces within her own borders almost enough to supply all its needs every year on all important foodstuffs except sugar, rice, tea, coffee and vegetables.

Third, the sudden upheaval of prices is another clear case of a deliberate holdup of our people by the big guns of plutocracy.

There is an opening for a Socialist lawyer in Brainerd, Minn. Inquiries please address Columbia Theater Building, Brainerd, Minn.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Millions for Regulation That Doesn't Regulate. Q. What does it cost our government to regulate the big monopolies...

Charles A. Meyer a Party Member? Q. Will you please tell me if Charles Meyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, is a member of the Socialist party?

NEW CABINET IN FRANCE CONTAINS TWO SOCIALISTS.

"If it concerned only ordinary participation in a bourgeois government our consent would not have been obtained. But it concerns the future of the nation and the life of France and the Socialist party has not hesitated."

You Must Read This Book THE HUMAN SLAUGHTER HOUSE

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By CHA-LES EDWARD RUSSELL. Russell is with good reason the most popular American Socialist writer today. A life-time as newspaper man and magazine writer gives him a knowledge of American conditions that few can equal.

Young People's Dept.

To reach the nation's youth with the message of socialism and to bring them into the Socialist movement is the aim of the Young People's Department.

Socialists "Not Guilty"

Socialists "Not Guilty"—Indianapolis Socialists arrested for speaking on the street were released when their cases came up in court. The police threaten repeated arrests while the Socialists plan to hold meetings every Saturday and Sunday.

We have changed our plan. Can we make good on it? We think we can, but we can't do it without you.

YOUR LOCAL MEET. The list of locals that have decided to send The American Socialist for 40 weeks to all new members has increased wonderfully well.

ROLL OF HONOR. C. S. Hudson, Marion, Ind., appears this week with a list of 21.

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