

It does struggle will continue after the war, just as class antagonisms will continue to exist. The workers will always have exactly as much rights as they have power to gain. — Wurm, Socialist member German Reichstag.

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The Cost of Capital

By CHARLES MANN OF ILLINOIS
Mann of Illinois, the smart, also slick, a miser of the millions; the intense suffering of little children dependent upon the labor of their parents is nothing to this high priced legal and legislative lack of the capitalist except an opportunity to get political advantage for his masters.

THE POWER OF UNIONISM

By ROBERT HUNTER
It is well known that in the early days of the present factory system the day's work extended usually to fourteen or sixteen hours. This long day existed for all workers, the skilled and the unskilled, the children as well as the men and women.

OPPOSE M. O. AND EIGHT HOUR DAY IN WAR ON SOCIALISM

By ADOLPH GERMER
In the last convention of the United Mine Workers of America, Dunca McDonald said that the American Federation of Labor is reactionary, moss-covered and worm-eaten.

31 SOCIALIST LEGISLATORS BEGIN WORK IN 13 DIFFERENT STATES

By CARL D. THOMPSON
THIS month marks the opening of the state legislatures in nearly all the states of the union. The Socialists will be there. And this time, as every time, there will be a few more of us.

TWO LEGISLATORS IN ILLINOIS PLAN BIG FIGHT FOR 12 BILLS

By JOHN CURTISS KENNEDY
The two Socialist members of the Illinois State Legislature, Christian M. Mason and Jos. M. Mason, had a conference with the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Illinois to consider the bills which are to be introduced at the next session of the Legislature.

THE HOT BLAST WORKER GIVES IN ONE LIFE WHAT ONE STONE CUTTER WOULD NEED TWO LIVES TO GIVE. AND HE GIVES THE LABOR OF TWO LIVES FOR LESS MONEY THAN A STONE CUTTER RECEIVES FOR THE LABOR OF HIS ONE LIFE.

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CONSIDER FOR ONE MOMENT THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

We all know that the workers in the iron and steel trade are poorly organized and we find that the hours of labor in this trade are from sixty to seventy-two per week. The hot blast men in all parts of the country work about eighty-four hours per week.

Spread These Two Facts.

It is the duty of every progressive socialist trade unionist to spread far and wide the following facts: 1. That the group that controls the A. F. of L. has delivered a deadly blow to municipal ownership.

GREAT PROBLEMS CONFRONT THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION.

The unprecedented distress, the unemployed, and most of all, the tragic effects and menace of the European war, with its threat of a militaristic stampede, make the present a real crisis in the affairs of the nation.

STATE PROBLEMS.

Our socialist congressmen will deal with these matters. He will also be a voice through which the message of the socialist movement, as represented by our state legislators as well as the party at large, will find expression in the halls of congress.

REPEAL OF THE RULINGS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

which are destroying the political and personal liberties of the employees of the federal government.

EDWIN PHILPOTTS HAS BEEN WRITING SOME POETICAL PUFF DEDICATED TO "TO AMERICA"

We have never been in the Land of the Blessed, but we've been "Seeing America" for some considerable period and if Ed ever viewed it even at a distance he must have been stone blind.

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AIMS CORRUPT LEGISLATOR HEREFORTH.

If every corrupt legislator heretofore has been out of the legislature, eight-hour bills he can now find backing in the official proceedings of the A. F. of L.

AMONG THE BIG PROBLEMS WHICH SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN THIS WINTER, ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. The unemployed, concerning which it is proposed to develop a program combining the best of all proposals and measures that have been advanced.
- 2. Workmen's compensation, to which a great amount of attention is now being given everywhere.
- 3. General labor measures will cover hours of labor, wages, conditions, etc.
- 4. Proportional representation will be urged everywhere.
- 5. Public defender, in order to bring justice within the reach of the poor.
- 6. High cost of living will be attacked by a whole series of socialist measures that will really bring it down.
- 7. State ownership of grain elevators, cold storage plants and distributing centers, to bring the producers and consumers together, thus helping both farmer and wage earner.
- 8. Peace program, as outlined by the manifesto of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, and resolutions against increase of armaments and favoring world peace.
- 9. Loans to farmers and other agricultural measures.
- 10. Public ownership of flour mills, creameries, state farms and other public utilities.
- 11. Woman suffrage measures to be introduced in every state where they are not yet in force.
- 12. Universal eight hour laws.
- 13. Full crew laws for the trainmen.
- 14. Double platoon system for firemen.
- 15. Home rule for cities.
- 16. Federal employee—resolutions calling for the

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JOHN HANDE WITH LABOR.

There is a growing spirit of friendship between the union labor movement of Illinois and the Socialist Party which will undoubtedly promote the growth and power of both organizations.

Remove Larkins Netts.

The authorities at Dublin have removed from the front of Liberty Hall, headquarters of the Larkins, a large streamer containing the words: "We serve neither king nor taster, but Ireland."

Hold Balance of Power.

Owing to the almost equal division of strength between opposing capitalist factions in the Minnesota legislature, the two Socialists, A. O. Devold and A. F. Woodall, will have the deciding vote on many questions.

Reasons For Opposition.

It is not the fear of Mr. Gompers and his machine that they will not be able to organize the employees of municipally owned utilities that cause them to oppose municipal ownership.

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Ammonish With Wilson.

Ammonish the anti-working class governor of Colorado had a conference with President Wilson at Washington concerning the coal strike.

Few Jobs to Give Out.

Nashville, Tenn., in trying to care for the unemployed could only find 100 jobs for 1,000 unemployed.

THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN CONGRESS IS AS FUNNY AS IT IS INCOMPETENT.

The Republican majority under the leadership of old Joe Cannon never thought it worth while to make a pretense of running the legislative branch of the government along the economical lines. The Democrats however put with pride to the fact that they have cut the wages of some poor devil of a clerk here and there or dispensed with his services entirely. But when it comes to their high-priced slaves that's another matter.

Get \$20,000 names.

Socialist State Secretary O. G. Van Schoyck, Ohio, declares that sufficient names have been secured to initiate the proposed law for a compulsory eight-hour day for all employees in the state. He says the petition will be formally submitted to the state legislature, Jan. 4.

World Discipline Liebknecht.

Liebknecht, the French Socialist daily, it is claimed in the news dispatches, says the German government intends to discipline Karl Liebknecht, who recently voted against the war.

NOTE—Adolph Germer, vice-president of the Illinois Mine Workers and delegate of the miners to the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor convention at Philadelphia, has contributed a special article to this issue.

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WHO IS NEXT?

The American socialist is meeting all expectations. It merits and should have the support of every comrade in the United States. Each should read it and pass its circulation. The errors, superstitions and false ideas of capitalism must be removed, and strong, sane and logical measures must be used for this purpose.

LABOR ORGANIZER TURNS SOCIALIST.

Organizer Haley of the Bookbinders' Union, who has been handling a strike at Nashville, Tenn., the past year has joined the Socialist Party.

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