



A WAGEVILLE TALE PRISONERS' PAGE

A Story by A. Wagenknecht written before he began his prison sentence

Ours was a backward kind of a town, was Wageville. Did I say our town? Please excuse. I meant the company's town. Backward in most every respect except that the robber-

maternal sort of way, half lovin' and half commandin' and eyes full of fire. Pretty soon Ed turns to the second page of the paper, the page he falls asleep over, and Kate takes her hair out of the dishwasher and dries them and walks over to Ed and gently pulls the paper out of his hands.

IMPRISONED SOCIALISTS OF OHIO, DEPENDENTS AND TERMS OF SENTENCE

Year of the World War, 1918. Chas. Baker, Hamilton, Ohio. Canton workhouse one year. Mother and two brothers of 12 and 14. Mrs. Callie Baker, 103 N. Shuler avenue, Hamilton, Ohio.

Sustaining Fund Grows

The Prisoners' Sustaining Fund grows in size daily. Each mail brings a response from Ohio and more and more local Socialists of Ohio realize they have a duty to perform by these imprisoned comrades and the families.

A PICTURE WITH A STORY



Remember!

We Socialists have often claimed that the trouble with the workingmen and women of today was that they never remembered. Beatings administered in this or that battle with the master class were forgotten and did not seem to form an experience upon which to build a more sufficient defense and attack in the battles to come.

The memory of Socialists is, on the other hand, not so abbreviated. And yet there is danger that even they may take the imprisonment of their comrades in a too matter-of-fact manner.

So we again caution you to remember the Sustaining Fund Stamps, and so that your memory may never fail you in this regard we suggest that you fall in line with Local Toledo and its members. The comrades of Toledo have decided to request every member of the local to buy one Sustaining Fund Stamp every month and the local secretary has them continuously on sale.

BUY A SUSTAINING FUND STAMP ONCE A MONTH

The following Ohio comrades are now in jail, serving sentences of from one year to two years. Comrades should write them a letter occasionally, telling them all the party and general news possible. Daily papers are not admitted into some of the prisons, and so it is impossible for these comrades to keep posted unless you supply them with information.

Here and Now

What comfort do you get out of the news that England has 79 multimillionaires who have 125 million dollars to their credit, whereas our own U. S. has only ten.

Whether Germany is fighting for her existence or not, it is clear that the Kaiser is fighting for his.—Savannah News.

CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY, BOLSHEVIST DEMOCRACY, REAL DEMOCRACY.

The capitalist press sneers at the Bolsheviki and says that the new Russia does not allow real democracy. The denial of representation to the proletariat class is given as an example. And for once the capitalist press is correct. There is only class democracy, and in this case it is working class democracy, proletarian democracy.

PRISON SONG—1917

(Air: "The Red Flag")
The pale and dismal daylight falls
Through iron bars on prison walls
In chains we came from far and near,
And in dark cells they hold us here.

CHORUS
Defiant 'neath the Iron Heel,
The walls of stone and bars of steel!
We make a solemn vow to you;
We and our kind shall rule the world!

At us the Blood Hounds are let loose,
The lynch mob with the knotted noose,
In legal sanctioned mask and gown,
The New Black Hundreds hunt us down.

To our brave comrades o'er the sea,
In chains for human liberty,
And all jailed rebels everywhere,
We say, be bold to do and dare!

How It Came To Be

By one of the 166-I. W.W.'s, Cook County Jail, Chicago
"Birds of Freedom are always jail birds!" is the axiom the truthfulness of which is daily becoming more evident. Men and women of the great present day army of Industrial Emancipation are prouder of their jail experiences than were the soldiers of any war of the wounds of battle. Hand-cuffs are no longer a part of the insignia of infamy; gained honorably in the holy fight against the oligarchs of capitalists and worn by the dauntless high headed political prisoners of today, they have become a mark of high honor exceeding that which any world-power can possibly bestow.

The story of this picture is one of real interest and genuine romance. It was drawn by a construction worker in far off Australia at the time Tom Barker and eleven other members of the I. W. W. were given long sentences on trumped-up charges. This was over a year ago. Real news of the revolutionary labor movement in the antipodes has long since been cut off by the war time censor, but there is no doubt the picture has had lots of work to do since that time.

I. W. W. papers for about two years had not been permitted to cross the Pacific ocean either way. But the sun never sets on the One Big Union, and a sailor's boot is sometimes as good as a mail bag. At all events, a hand-written, sea-stained and tattered copy of the picture from the I. W. W. organ, "Direct Action," containing the picture reached the office of "Solidarity" in Chicago. This was just before the now historic governmental raids and arrests of I. W. W. officials and members.

The One Big Union has taken in over 25,000 new members since the arrests of last September. Cheer up, comrades, the more they persecute us the faster they dig their own graves.

March 5, 1918.
The Ohio Socialist.
Comrades: Perhaps the enclosed story of the Picture with a Story is not too long to be available. If it is, cut it down.

Am enclosing on the reverse side of this a little I. W. W. prison song. May be you will care to use it at some future date.
May say that the educational features of the Ohio Socialist were heartily enjoyed by the bunch in jail here. Hence you'll keep up on the list.
Would have written sooner, but was waiting for an argument in court that might have meant good news.

With best wishes.
Yours for ours,
R. H. C.

A laugh or two for You

Little Jimmy, the son of Higgins, the Socialist, was visiting his uncle who was a confirmed rock-ribbed moss-backed democrat of the never change variety. While out walking one Sunday uncle took Jimmy to the park to feed the squirrels.

Dear editor: Please tell me why my Socialist girl always closes her eyes when I kiss her.

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Official Business

RESULT OF VOTE FOR STATE COMMITTEEMEN

The following is the result of the ballot on State Referendum "A" 1918. Local Mansfield voted unanimously for Martin Bayer but failed to state the number of ballots cast.

- FIRST DISTRICT 41-Harry Schmidt, Cincinnati. SECOND DISTRICT 64-Otto Schuhardt, Cincinnati. 44-James T. Marsh, Norwood. THIRD DISTRICT 78-Arthur Sapp, Hamilton. FOURTH DISTRICT 55-Robert Johnson, Piqua. 31-Louis Waterman, New Bremen. FIFTH DISTRICT 8-G. R. Lindersmith, Edgerton. SIXTH DISTRICT 0-W. F. Dodge, Portsmouth. SEVENTH DISTRICT 10-J. H. Dickson, Springfield. EIGHTH DISTRICT 45-E. D. Orr, Marion. NINTH DISTRICT 32-Michael Tooney, Toledo. TENTH DISTRICT no nomination. ELEVENTH DISTRICT E. E. Weidner, Saltillo. Name inserted by Local Crooksville. No vote cast. TWELFTH DISTRICT 9-E. B. Eubanks, Columbus. THIRTEENTH DISTRICT 9-George E. Cottrell, Yiffin. FOURTEENTH DISTRICT 14-F. B. Gerhart, Barberston. 2-Frank Hamilton, Cuyahoga Falls 9-Joseph Hazzard, Lorain. 40-Marguerite Prevey, Akron. FIFTEENTH DISTRICT 39-George D. Eynon, Cambridge. 11-Harley Tilton, Derwent. SIXTEENTH DISTRICT 24-Allen Cook, Canton. 12-Kitty W. Hall, Canton. 18-Nicholas Weltlich, Massillon. SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT 36-Martin Bayer, Mansfield. 6-A. G. Stork, Mansfield. EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT 46-Charles Bonnell, Steubenville. 151-Fred Walchli, Bellaire. NINETEENTH DISTRICT 43-V. C. Brown, Warren. 13-Joseph Coope, Youngstown. 5-J. W. Ellison, Ashtabula. TWENTIETH DISTRICT 1-A. L. Hitchcock, Cleveland. 0-John G. Willett, Cleveland. TWENTY- FIRST DISTRICT 2-Moses Benjamin, Cleveland. 4-Minnie Rivkin, Cleveland. 0-George Schleinkofer, Cleveland. 1-Jacob Spitz, Cleveland. TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT 2-Max Goodman, Cleveland. 9-Joseph E. Robb, Cleveland. 0-Joseph Jotbauer, Cleveland. 1-E. O. Wilcox, Cleveland.

WE SALUTE YOU, LEON TROTZKY

(By the Editor of the Tacoma Times) As one newspaper man to another, I greet you, Leon Trotzky! And I apologize. Like the rest, I called you crazy at first. I took stock in the accusation that you were a German spy, or at least a tool of the Potsdam gang.

We all of us panned you and ridiculed you, and thereby showed our ignorance. Because you are not crazy, nor Prussian, nor a peanut. Whether you fall completely in your astounding world view, or whether you laugh Russia out as the first Socialist nation or are overwhelmed by the immensity of the task, as was Kerensky—only the scrolls of the coming pregnant months can tell.

WORLD'S EVENTS

Seattle—7600 union men and women held a mass meeting, demanding the immediate release of the victims of the San Francisco frame-up. All workers are urged to take a decided stand on May first if Tom and Rena Mooney, Billings and Weinberg are not released.

Ottawa—The recent inter-allied conference of Socialist and labor men, held in London, in which the leaders of the A. F. of L. would not take part, adopted a radical resolution favoring freedom to all colonies of all nations. This news was censored but it was made public here.

Madison, Wis.—Victor Berger has been put up by the Socialists for senatorial candidate and Congressman Lenroot is to get the Republican support. The state senate passed a resolution condemning La Follette. Election will be held April second.

London—British losses for February totals 19,492. St. Paul, Minn.—If cars are not immediately provided thirteen million bushels of potatoes in northern Minnesota will rot.

New York—Three aggressive strikes were won by cigar makers. One dollar extra per thousand cigars was granted. London—White guards in Finland have arrested delegates of the Bolshevik government, who were on their way to the erstwhile Socialist congress, just ended.

Chicago, Ill.—During the investigation of the meat packers, Henry said the beef trust has its men appointed to the federal food commission, where they continued their activities to drive the small dealer out of business.

Comedy—Listening to wage earners discussing the relative merits of preferred and common stock. "The ruling ideas of each age have ever been the ideas of its ruling class."—Communist Manifesto.

The word "capital" cannot be applied to the machinery and means of production in any and every society. They only become capital when they are used as means to exploit (rob) a subject class of workers, and when they shall cease to be so used they will cease to be capital.

zation known as the A. P. A. (American Pack Animals) will meet a violent death at that time and cease to exist from henceforth. The I. W. W. boys are going to live just like human beings.

In the recent congressional elections in New York, the Socialists threw a bomb in the camp of the enemy. Their vote was a surprise to the old parties. They cast 700 more votes in the 22nd district than did the republican candidate.

Teddy says we should quit talking peace and not put ourselves on the moral plane of Lenin and Trotzky. Never mind, Teddy, you can never reach that plane.

Labor is determined that Mooney shall not hang at the hands of Fickert and his pirate crew. Mass meetings are being held in all industrial centers, and money is being donated freely that the interests behind this persecution shall be deprived of their victim.

It required an order from the Health Commissioner before the street railway owners of Cleveland could see their way to clean the cars and place them in fit condition for the people to ride in.

Miss Pauline Goldman testified before a special session of the railroad wage committee that women workers in a factory at Zanesville, Ohio, were doing work altogether unfitted for women. The women she claimed were lifting weights of as much as fifty pounds, were working for less wages than men and working nine hours a day.

The daily press quotes Assistant Secretary of Labor as stating that the small number of strikes in the face of rising living costs is proof of the patriotism of labor. He states that the cost of food increased twenty-five per cent last year and wages only one to two thirds as much.

The American negro problem has assumed new and interesting developments as a result of the war and the consequent shifting of negro labor northward. Many industrial cities of the north have increased their negro population more than 100 per cent in the last three years.

The negro has found a place in industry which was formerly closed to him. He is welcomed to the north because of the possibilities of his labor power. The whole movement will result in a change in the status of the negro in American industry, and is potentially alive with many possibilities.

LOCALS---ATTENTION

Comrade C. Oliver Power of Columbus will tour Ohio. His tour will start as soon as a routing can be arranged. Comrade Power is a splendid lecturer and convincing speaker. He illustrates his lectures in such a way that his audiences are made plainly aware of the workings of the capitalist system of exploitation.

"Why the Msaters Ride and the Workers Are Ridden, and the Remedy." This lecture is illustrated with 5 bricks; Shows how the WORKERS are robbed and why; Why the Drones live in PALACES, and the Toilers in HOVELS; Why the Idlers have RICHES, and the Workers RAGS; Why a FEW have food, and the MILLIONS fodder. IT ALSO SHOWS—

How WAGE SLAVERY may be ended; How those who feed the world, may themselves be fed; How those who clothe the world, may themselves have clothes; How those who build houses, may themselves have homes.

MEHODOIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICE REVIEWS I. W. W. CASES. We reprint from the Social Service Bulletin for January 1918, the following which shows a sincere desire to reach conclusions based upon facts.

TH I. W. W. The Importance of the Case—The trial now proceeding against 166 officers and members of the I. W. W. is an historic event. In reality, the organization itself is being prosecuted on the ground that its special philosophy and propaganda have interfered with the military efficiency of the United States.

The Newspaper Case. The accusation of German money and German intrigue in connection with the I. W. W. originated in the newspapers. The government indictment makes no such charge. The newspapers have repeatedly charged the I. W. W. with starting the forest fire of the strike.

Butte, A disaster killed 150 miners. The men demand for their safety "an unqualified severance of the state mining laws, an increase in wages and an absolute abolition of the infamous rating card system." SOME CAUSES OF THE I. W. W. STRIKES

Spokane. Arrests first made because of threat of general strike. Strike threat made because workers claimed that members of their organization were illegally in jail. In the Pacific Northwest. Strikes in the lumber camps, tying up for a time the shipping industry, result of a demand for the eight-hour day.

US FOR MEXICO "The following powers vested in the Mexican constitution typify its confiscatory nature and its evident purpose of ousting foreign capital from Mexico and nurturing a state of plunder and general disruption of industry and order in that country: (a) By its terms it destroys the title of foreign-owned Mexican corporations to millions of acres of land. (b) It vests the national and state executives with power to declare arbitrarily any amount of the land area owned by a manufacturing, mining, petroleum or other industrial corporation unnecessary to the business of the corporation, and to divest the corporation of title to this land, and no us in provided from the exercise of this power. (c) It prescribes eight hours as the maximum limit of a day's work and seven hours as the maximum limit of a night's work."

Y. P. S. L. WANTS REAL GOODS H. Wagenknecht, Lakewood, O. Dear Comrade: The Educational Committee Y. P. S. L. is authorized to secure a speaker every two weeks, provided we can secure them for not exceeding \$6.00 per. Will the state office be able to help us out in this matter? We wish to get speakers men or women, well grounded in Marxian economics, of the Reynolds or O'Brien type. No reformers are wanted. We do not object to the same speaker coming more than once. Please send full details regarding this matter and if you can send us a speaker, Comrade Reynolds perhaps, in a couple of weeks, let us know and we will rush the advertising. Yours for the revolution, CLYDE U. SMITH.

State Ex. Com. Meets

(Continued from page 1) man who assists in preparing meetings by ticket selling, and other advertising methods in Congressional campaigns.

Amendment. That all speakers toured by state office during the 1918 campaign, spend two days, if necessary, in the city. The first day and first half of second day to be spent in getting the crowd, especially by distributing advertising at factories and winding up with a lecture.

Secretary Germer stated the National Office considered the coming campaign a National campaign and therefore intended to conduct the campaign on national lines—that is to conduct the campaign of the S. P. locals in every state in the country.

Elected Officials Reports

ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTENTION The state office has mailed to each of you a number of monthly report blanks. They are not sent to you to be laid aside and forgotten.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE GEORGE SCHEPP Comrade D. J. Morgan, secretary of Local Elyria, who was elected in the name of Comrade George Schepp, holding the office of township trustee, wrote of the work of Comrade Schepp since being elected to that office.

As you know the township trustee is elected on a non-partisan ballot, but as he is widely known as a Socialist being an officer of the local, here, we boosted his election. At that he ran third, defeating four others. He is now holding his own with two hard Republicans.

Secretary Germer's strong point in his plea was the sensational feature of the Socialist party in an off year election with a one million dollar campaign fund. He told us this was the tactics that made P. F. Barnum successful, "that the thing that wins is bombast and sensation" and Barnum said so and proved it by the use of it.

Secretary Germer admitted the state organization was more competent to handle the campaign in the different states than a Finance Director in Chicago, but he wanted the advertising that the million dollar campaign fund would give the party.

By motion the report was adopted. Comrade Bundy asked to be recorded as voting "no." Upon request of Comrade Patterson a report of the Reynolds meeting held at Toledo, Feb. 21, was read and discussed, resulting in the following motion: That the state secretary be instructed

State Convention

Motion that the state convention be held June 14, 15, 16. After having read a communication from Local Canton it was decided by unanimous vote that the convention and state picnic be held at Canton and that the state secretary notify them that all arrangements for same will be left in their hands; the local to receive 25% of the proceeds.

Motion to take up recommendation in secretary's report relative to selecting a committee to have charge of the money collected thru the sale of Sustaining Fund Stamps. Carried. Motion that the state secretary correspond with locals whose members have been jailed as a result of their activities in the Socialist party, to ascertain the financial condition of the families of these imprisoned comrades. Secretary to report to the State Executive Committee upon those needing assistance, allowing four days for a reply. Carried.

Motion that the funds be disbursed as follows: \$5.00 per week for the wife or mother and \$1.00 per week additional for each dependent child, after report of the state secretary and approval by State Executive Committee. Carried. Motion that Mrs. Callie Baker be sent \$5.00 per week so long as necessary to support her children. Carried. Comrades Bundy, Baker and Wilkins elected to audit the books. Adjourned to meet Sunday, 10 a. m.

March 3. Meeting called to order by Comrade Clifford, chairman of previous convention. Comrade Bundy elected chairman for the day. Communication from Frank B. Hamilton, Socialist mayor of Piqua, requesting State Executive Committee to lend financial aid that they may secure legal assistance necessary in carrying on the affairs of the city under Social administration. Motion that state secretary communicate with Local Piqua, offering the services of a good speaker free of charge, for a monster outdoor meeting to be held for the purpose of raising funds and acquainting the citizens with the local situation. Carried. Motion carried to take up discussion of organizers.

Letter from C. Oliver Power of Columbus asking for speaking dates read. Motion that secretary arrange a routing of a few weeks for Comrade Power. Carried. Request for speaking dates from Abraham Wiener of New York read. No action taken. Communication from Earl Parker of Toledo, stating his terms, and reasons why he could not accept work on the commission basis read. No action taken. Letters from W. F. Barnard relative to speaking dates read. Motion that state office arrange a routing for Comrade Barnard, if he so desires. But that the matter of Sunday dates be optional with state secretary. Carried. Upon request of Comrade Clifford the name of Comrade A. L. Hitchcock of Cleveland will be placed upon the list of available speakers, as a lecturer upon school affairs.

State secretary reported inability to secure bonds as required by constitution. Motion that property bonds be secured. Carried. State constitution of the Y. P. S. L. read and approved. Motion that two blanks be issued, one to be used by speakers for a detailed report of each meeting, same to be mailed daily to state office. Other blank to be filled out at next regular meeting of the local and sent to state secretary. Carried. Motion that settlement with all speakers routed in the state be left to state secretary. Carried. Auditing committee reports an error in entry by book keeper. Report accepted with correction.

Ohio Socialist Recommendation of secretary relative to enlarging the Ohio Socialist approved. Motion that the services of Comrade Ellis B. Harris be secured for a tour in the interest of the Ohio Socialist to push subscriptions and arrange a lecture course on the subscription basis, as outlined by Comrade Sharts. Carried. Motion to pay Comrade Harris regular state rate. Carried. Motion that state office issue a form letter to all M. A. L. and to the members of old locals not now functioning, stating that upon their pledge to distribute same, we will mail them free of charge five copies of each issue of the Ohio Socialist. Amendment to include "and other Socialist literature." Amendment lost. Motion to accept 18 applications for membership at large just received from Comrade Hedden. Carried. Motion that state secretary take up proposition of the state's Ford, with speaker desiring to use same. Carried. Motion to publish with minutes of this meeting the report by Comrade Patterson of conference on Million Dollar Campaign Fund. Carried. Motion that any comrade that can be given the comrades in jail shall be paid for by the secretary from the funds collected through the sale of the Sustaining Fund Stamps. Carried. Motion that next regular meeting be held in Canton June 13, at 3 p. m. central time. Secretary to notify members of meeting place. Carried. Motion to adjourn. Carried. HORTENSE WAGENKNECHT, State Secretary, Pro Tem.

ANOTHER BOOSTER Comrade Anna Morgan has a sub boosting competitor in Cleveland. Comrade Thomas Mikhovich, a member of So. Slavic Branch turns a bunch of 12 yearlies and 6 half-yearlies. There is room in the large cities for both a local Socialist paper and the state paper. They do not infringe on one another's territory. Rather, they supply the shortcomings of each other and complement one another.

To the employer the labor problem consists in this: How to keep the workers contented without paying them enough to live on. Cloth sent made by the year, not made by the mile—but look at the patched garments on your neighbor's clothes line.

FREE TEXT BOOKS IN SCHOOLS

By I. C. Gibbons, Akron

When I first entered the Board of Education it was the height of my ambition to do something for the poor children of our city.

In my resolution to adopt free text books I included all the schools and advocated the establishing of night schools.

All good citizens should be interested in good citizenship, and where you find the largest proportion of people educated there you find the best and most law-abiding people.

First there is a saving of time and money, and the teachers are saved the annoyance of selling books to the children.

Then, too, the Board owning the books can exact better care of them than under the old system, for if a pupil destroys a book the parent must pay for such book.

Some say they are not sanitary. What about the public library? No one steps to ask if a dollar bill is sanitary, yet these things are circulated more than the school books.

There is much more to be said in connection with and for free text books, but the only valid objection is to secure sufficient power to use them.

Rumblings and Grumbings

Gloom? Why say, comrade, there's enough in some locals to supply half a dozen funerals.

Just to plagiarize for a minute we jot down this. There are some Socialists who think that even should the Bolsheviks succeed they will fail.

There's a heap of talk these days about bad standing. Might we remind you that democracy has class character?

HELP WANTED—The Socialist party needs comrades to collect dues from bad standing members; to secure new members!

Don't follow the lead of the capitalist press and think Lenin and Trotsky are the Russian revolution.

Said Charles Edward Russell before the U. S. entered the world war: "Another reason why we must have more wars in this world is that the first breath of war everybody goes crazy."

John D. Rockefeller Jr. walked arm in arm with Samuel Gompers into a meeting held in Washington at the signing of the war.

Our National Executive Committee has to be taken to task, and rightly so, for its tardy official support of the Russian revolution.

Did you do anything this day that will count for a brighter tomorrow? Or did you make just a living, eat it up and let it go at that?

A small existence that which slaves to live and lives to slave.

Absence does not make the heart of a Socialist grow fonder. It makes it beats weaker.

No true Socialist will call it a day until capitalism breathes its last.

To organize means to arrange; to get into working order. Are you doing any of it in your local?

Treat every comrade you meet as a comrade; as a co-worker in the greatest cause the world has ever known.

THE WEAKNESS OF ORGANIZED LABOR

The triumph of District Attorney Fickert in San Francisco in the recall election by a majority of 20,000 votes out of 76,000 votes cast brings us face to face with some unpleasant political facts.

The truth is that organized labor has not yet found itself in this country in the political field. Large numbers of its rank and file still see the labor movement as merely a means by which they can obtain an occasional wage increase and slightly mitigate the harshness of the established order.

These leaders have yet to come to grips with fundamentals. They will insist on the right to strike and picket an employer's place of business. They properly attack the theory that to do these things is to interfere with a legitimate right.

The plain truth is that too many of the rank and file of labor and the exploited masses generally still look up to the men who exploit them. They still follow the man of prowess and are thankful for a few crumbs tossed to them from his table.

In San Francisco the laboring body more interested in labor's welfare than in the perpetuation of a political machine. It needs the leadership of men who are willing and glad to co-operate with every intelligent, sincere, liberal element in the community in a drive against the fundamental causes of poverty and oppression.

Labor in England is doing that today. A similar policy cannot be long delayed in America.—The Public.

Gleanings From the Log of an Agitator

Written for the Ohio Socialist by W. E. Reynolds

The recent coal shortage warmed up a lot of people. Yes siree! Go them so hot they went out and got busy working for socialism.

Democracy is a word which means a certain way of conducting our social life. Many people are trying to make of the word democracy a fetish, a sort of magic something.

"Chicago union labor will not strike if Mooney is hanged." This was a screamer over the top of a plute paper recently. I venture to predict that the mistake Mooney is the victim of a capitalist frame up.

Times are brighter now than ever before. People are hungry for the truth—all of it. As a comrade in Grand Rapids put it—the daily papers are now printing what in the early days of the war they tried to send Socialists to jail for saying.

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To show you more specifically what follows will prove. On Sunday, January 27th, both the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Cleveland Leader produced in their columns, a photograph which showed three women in foreign garb, pulling a plough with great effort.

The government guarantees the manufacturer of government supplies THEIR COST OF PRODUCTION plus a small profit.

When working men threaten to strike for higher wages in order to make wages equal the cost of production of labor power, they are branded by the plute press and manufacturers as "disloyal." See the why of it, Henry?

There is a senator from Ohio who recently stated in a public speech that "a strong centralized government means of fostering its members' independence and self-respect."

Newsy Notes of Live Wires

Grover Hill comrades are organizing. Comrade George Wisely sends to the state office names of six comrades who are desirous of forming a local there.

Comrade M. Balvich, secretary of an Akron branch, sends in three subs for Ohio Socialist and a dollar for a card of 50 party buttons.

Has your local secretary a set of books with which to keep the local's records easily and correctly? If not, order a record book of the state office.

"We should at least double our membership by the time our comrades are out of jail!" Wm. L. Maultell, Portsmouth, Yes, you bet we should.

Comrades at Beverton have been tied up by the fierce weather conditions and bad roads writes Comrade W. M. McLees. This has only served to make them all the more anxious to start things moving as quickly as conditions will allow, however.

Local Wapakoneta held a reorganization meeting on the 25th of February. Comrade L. E. Koons, writing just previous to this date says they expected to take in quite a number of new members at that time.

Comrade Antonette Flagg Young, secretary of the County Delegates Committee of Winnebago County, Ill., sends two dollars for our Sustaining Fund as a donation from the Committee.

"We are still having good meetings and hope for better when the weather opens up." Comrade D. J. Morgan, East Liverpool.

"Will send dollar for the support stamps you sent me. It is certainly our duty to see that the prisoners are taken care of. Would like to have some constitutions, platforms and application cards, as I have a good chance to use them on what I think is good ground." Comrade Pearl D. Ballinger, W. Jefferson.

Comrade A. W. Humes writes interestingly of the activities of Comrades in Seneca county. "Local Seneca County met in regular session Feb. 24th and it was the most enthusiastic meeting we have had for a long time."

Leslie Ogle, local secretary of Derwent, sends us four for a year.

Comrade A. W. Steckel of Tiffin, hands us seven which we will keep for a year.

Sate Executive Committeeman J. P. Baker delivered a list of eight to us at the state office March 3.

M. A. L. Comrade Henry Eberle of Hartsville, sends in two yearly subs.

A list of eleven comes from Comrade J. L. Spencer of Springfield.

Comrade Chas. T. McCort of Coshocton mails a list of eight yearlies, and says "I hope the paper may grow into a semi-weekly of the best quality, with a circulation of one million in Ohio. Printers' ink is good stuff. Good luck to you all."

NEWSY NOTES OF LIVE WIRES Here's another M. A. L. comrade. John James of Irontdale, who sold 8 Sustaining Stamps!

A number of Socialist and industrial union papers have placed the comrades in jail upon their mailing lists.

"We are waking up in Clark county and will have some good reports in the near future." Just another sign of activity that means the growth of Socialism. From Comrade Geo. H. Harris.

Comrade H. H. (Bert) Loomis, once a member of Locals Edinburgh and Rootstown, sends in his application for membership at large, and offers his services to the party in any capacity he can fill.

Hedden Making Good Comrade E. B. Eubanks in a late letter to the state office says: "Comrade Hedden has come, captured and gone, and I believe he has done a lot of good work."

THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

In a news story published in yesterday's Star on the subject of the coming congressional campaign this appeared.

"No one in either party underestimates the significance of the Socialist movement which, it is generally conceded, is receiving impetus from many tendencies, bred by the times.

This is the only proper way for meeting the present Socialist movement. Until recently it was somewhat the fashion to ridicule, or sneer at, or simply denounce in round terms what men calling themselves Socialist were advocating in this country.

After this success do we find the victors repairing to some broad expanse to give praise to themselves for their achievements? Not much. To them, perhaps, this would have smacked too much of the egotistical. Working people from time immemorial have always been too prone to bestow the credit for their accomplishments upon phony benefactors.

What is today called Socialism, and as such being urged on the American people, is not the impossible moonings of visionaries developed under the governments of Europe, but theories shrewdly presented by leaders some of whom were born in this country and have known in experience only the American form of government.

Among these men are forceful orators and forceful writers. The Socialist organization is strong and well financed. It is encouraged by local election successes achieved last November, and by the general unrest. The old parties, therefore, are well advised in their purpose to watch it, and to deal with it on appeals to reason.

Comrade John Reaver requests the state office to send him instructions for organizing locals, and also character applications. Comrade Reaver doesn't say where he expects to put the matter over, but he writes from R. D. 3, Dayton.

THE GIANT BOWS TO THE PYGMIE

By E. P. McDevitt

The failure to take advantage of the splendid opportunities afforded the working class to fan into flame its latent power in its own behalf is in a large measure responsible for the application of the oft-repeated expression of having to "knock him down to make him understand."

No better illustration of the stupidity of the giant bowing obedience to the pygmy can be had than that found in one of the scenes in the famous photodrama "Intolerance." Of primary importance to the keen observer of supine workingclass subservency is the episode in the scene at the conclusion of the successful repulse of the Persians.

OUR TRUTHFUL CAPITALIST PRESS

2430 E. 61st St., Cleveland, Ohio. Socialist Party of Ohio, Lakewood, Ohio. Dear Comrade Wagenknecht,

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter that I sent both to the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Leader, the contents of which I believe are self-explanatory.

I believe that this is a powerful illustration and reason why capitalist papers have won so much renown for their "consistency" and "truth-telling." Their depravity has reached such depths that they will countenance such brazen lies.

If I come across some more gems of this sort I will submit them to you. Comradely, MAC NEWBERGER.

If newspapers of your policy desire the public to place at least some credence to the news as seen in the columns of said newspapers, I believe you will have to cease insulting the intelligence of your readers, if possible, with "information" that are bold contradictions, or in other words, lies.

To show you more specifically what follows will prove. On Sunday, January 27th, both the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Cleveland Leader produced in their columns, a photograph which showed three women in foreign garb, pulling a plough with great effort.

The government guarantees the manufacturer of government supplies THEIR COST OF PRODUCTION plus a small profit.

When working men threaten to strike for higher wages in order to make wages equal the cost of production of labor power, they are branded by the plute press and manufacturers as "disloyal." See the why of it, Henry?

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