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## NEW JERSEY OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR DEBS

Every Member of Socialist Party In State Urged to Activity in Drive for Campaign Fund.

State Convention Meets Sunday to Plan for Educational Work of Coming Weeks. Will Wage Greatest Campaign in Party's History For Debs and Socialism.

The State Convention of the Socialist Party of New Jersey will be held at 256 Central Avenue, Jersey City next Sunday morning at 9:30 A. M. standard (railroad) time. The convention will be called to order by the State Secretary, Milo C. Jones, and after the preliminary organization of the body, reports of officers, etc., the convention will proceed to plan for the campaign in New Jersey this year.

Already campaign lists have been sent to over a thousand members of the party, and the membership urged to respond in securing the necessary funds for an aggressive campaign.

Capitalism, says the appeal, "is breaking down the industrial and political system; industry never so general in politics; industry never so unsettled and chaotic. The class lines were never so distinctly and sharply drawn."

"The struggle of the workers becomes more and more intense through increased prices, rents and the denial of the right to protest and strike for better conditions."

"Thousands of workmen are suffering in prison for political and conscientious beliefs."

"Your contribution on this list will help the working class in their fight for industrial and political freedom."

"The workers must build a new world. They must be organized to manage and operate the industries of America for the benefit of all."

"The Socialist Party has always been the political party of the working class. Help finance the campaign of our standard bearer, Eugene V. Debs. Give to the extent of your ability."

Funds collected through this appeal are to be divided as follows: One-half goes to the County organization, one-quarter to the State and one-quarter to the National Campaign Committee. All lists

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## FIRE FLOODS STATE OFFICE

HEADQUARTERS OF SOCIALIST PARTY AND LEADER OFFICE DELUGED WITH WATER FROM SERIOUS FIRE NEXT DOOR.

Last Saturday, about noon, a \$25,000 fire, next door to Socialist Headquarters, resulted in considerable damage to Party and Leader furniture and office supplies. Water poured into the State Office from the adjoining building and before the State Secretary could rescue leaflets, Leader cards, etc., he was wading ankle deep in the water and the ceiling began falling about his ears.

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## OBITUARY CARL SCHULER

Following a decline in health for the past nine months, Carl Schuler, aged 46 of Rahway, died May 19th.

Comrade Schuler was a native of Germany and had been a resident of this country for twenty-seven years, six of which were spent in Rahway.

Comrade Schuler was an expert cabinet maker. He was generally active in public affairs. He was a staunch Socialist, a member of Carpenters Local No. 723 of Newark, of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, and of the Rahway Citizens' Club. He was a highly respected citizen in the community in which he lived and always an active worker in the Socialist cause.



Eugene V. Debs

## Socialist Platform in Brief

- 1—All business vitally essential to the existence and welfare of the people to be taken over by the nation.
- 2—Publicly owned interests to be administered by the government and representatives of the workers for service and not for profit.
- 3—Banks to be acquired by the nation and unified.
- 4—All insurance to be taken over by the nation.
- 5—Full civil, political, industrial and educational rights to be secured to Negroes.
- 6—Abolition of child labor.
- 7—A national minimum wage law.
- 8—Protection of migratory and unemployed workers from oppression.
- 9—Abolition of detective and strikebreaking agencies.
- 10—A shorter workday in keeping with increased production.
- 11—Freedom of speech, press and assembly.
- 12—Repeal of the Espionage Law.
- 13—Discontinuance of Espionage law prosecutions.
- 14—Repeal of arbitrary power of deportation of aliens.
- 15—Abrogation of injunctions in strikes.
- 16—Universal suffrage in fact as well as in law.
- 17—Power of recall of Federal executives and judges.

## RAHWAY NEWS ITEMS

By Mayor Trembley's prompt action "we were saved from drinking raw river water," so he says in reporting his purchase of a new chlorinator recently to replace one worn out. The Mayor didn't explain how Engineer Gage happened to allow the machinery to deteriorate to that condition nor how we lived on "raw water" before any chlorinator was ever used. The filter plant always gave Rahway first class water when it was kept in good condition, but Colonel Johnson, who discovered the advantages of chlorination and who is thoroughly acquainted with the Rahway water plant from personal inspection, said under oath during chancery proceedings that the plant was not properly handled. However, Commissioner Farrell praises the Mayor and the Mayor compliments Commissioner Farrell, and everything flows along like a song. Commissioners patting each other on the back and then being endorsed by the "Rahway Blatter" doesn't get the city anywhere.

The local paper, which formerly had plenty of space editorially to condemn every project which the Socialist Commissioner put forward to benefit the people, has practically abandoned its editorial columns which are now used for want ads and most recently for display advertising. Well, it's not to be wondered at that they find it difficult to procure editorials when they have no principles or policies worth while to endorse. Like the Saturday Evening Post, it can find no difference between the Republicans and Democrats and therefore has decided to keep mum.

Miller and Sons, clothiers have publicly endorsed municipal fire insurance. They have evidently felt the high rates imposed by the insurance companies. While a few feel the insurance rates everyone is affected by the price of clothing and the enormous waste in methods of distribution. When will Miller & Sons advocate Co-operative handling of clothing and foods which are actual necessities?

When Socialists argue in a gentlemanly way with the Commissioners at the City Hall, they are expelled by the Chief of Police on the Mayor's orders. When good old line Republicans or Democrats like Charlie Dudding or Arthur Schaffer take exception to the actions of city officials they can express themselves to their hearts' content without risk. As reasons are so few it might be well to note this as one good reason why one should be a member of one of the old parties.

J. D. F.

## BUSINESS MEN ARE BIGOTS.

New York—"Self-revealed bigots" is the term applied to members of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States by the New York Evening World in discussing a refusal of the recent convention of these business men to listen to Matthew Woll, vice-president of the A. F. of L., give reasons for labor's strike law.

"Governor Allen missed the opportunity of a life time," said the Evening World, "when he failed to administer a stinging rebuke to these business men."

"The discourtesy and intolerance was all the more glaring because Governor Allen was present and scheduled as the next speaker."

"Had Governor Allen risen to the occasion he would have accepted the discourtesy of the chamber as a fortunate opportunity to read a lesson in tolerance. He would have refused to discuss the plan itself before a group of self-revealed bigots. He would have strongly defended Mr. Woll's right to be heard."

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## The Debt We Owe to Debs

The following excerpts from the speeches and writings of Eugene V. Debs tell the story of the indebtedness of the American people to this great leader of the working class. He gave himself unreservedly for us. We must not fail in our devotion to the cause he still speaks for eloquently in the silence of Atlanta Penitentiary.

### THE PASSING OF CAPITALISM.

Capitalism has fulfilled its mission, for the capitalist class can no longer control the productive forces, nor manage industry, nor give employment to the workers. And so the historic mission of this movement is to abolish capitalism, based upon private ownership, and organize society upon a basis of collective ownership of the means of production and distribution. This change is coming just as certain as I stand in your presence. It will come as soon as you are ready for it, and you will be ready for it just as soon as you understand what Socialism means.

### THE END OF WARS.

With the end of industrial and commercial competition comes the end of war, and with the beginning of world-wide co-operation comes the inauguration of the reign of peace on earth and good will toward all men. So that when this movement sweeps into power, and establishes an industrial democracy, every man will have the inalienable right to work, will receive what he produces, may stand forth a free man, enjoy the fruit of his labor, have a comfortable home, a happy wife, his children at play or at school; and in that hour the badge of labor will be the only badge of nobility.

### THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

All the forces of the world's reaction, all its dynasties and despotisms, all its kingdoms and principalities, all its monarchies and imperialism, all its ruling and exploiting classes, and its politicians, priests, professors and parasites of every breed—all these are pitted openly or covertly against the victorious Russian proletariat and the destruction of the new-born democracy. But, whatever may be the fate of the revolution, its flaming soul is immortal and will flood the world with light and liberty and love.

Do not imagine for one moment that all the plutocrats and Junkers are all in Germany; we have them here in our own country, and these want to keep our eyes focused upon the Junkers in Germany so we won't see those within our own border. I have no certain use for the Junkers of Germany, and I have no certain use for the Junkers in the United States.

Anybody can be nobody, but it takes a man to be somebody. Turn your back upon that corrupt Republican Party and that still more corrupt Democratic Party, the gold-dust twins of the ruling class. Get into a minority party that fights for a cause. Make that change. It will be the most important change you ever made in your life. You will thank me for having made the suggestion. It was a day of days for me. I passed from darkness to light.

### THE PRESS.

How thoroughly alive the capitalists are to the power of the press! And how assiduously they develop and support it that it may in turn buttress their class interests!

The press is one of their most valuable assets, and, as an investment, pays the highest dividends.

Whenever there is trouble between capital and labor the press volleys and thunders against labor and its unions and leaders and all other things that dare to breathe against the sacred rights of capital. In such a contest labor is dumb, speechless; it has no press that reaches the public, and must submit to the vilest calumny, the most outrageous misrepresentation.

The lesson has been taught in all the languages of labor and written in the blood of its countless martyred victims.

Labor must have a press as formidable as the great movement of the working class requires, to worthily represent its dignity and fearlessly and uncompromisingly advocate its principles.

### LABOR OMNIA VINCI.

Why is it that labor does not conquer anything? Why does it not assert its mighty power? Why does it not rule in congress, in legislatures and in courts? I answer because it is factionized, because it will not unify, because, for some inscrutable reason, it prefers division, weakness and slavery, rather than unity, strength and victory.

Will it always be thus unmindful of its power and prerogatives? I do not think so. Will it always tamely submit to degradation? I protest that it will not. Labor has the ballot. It has redeeming power. I write from behind prison bars, the victim of a petty tyrant. My crime was that I sought to rescue Pullman slaves from the grasp of a monster of greed and rapacity.

I think a day is coming when "Labor Omnia Vincit" will change conditions. I hear the slogan of the clans or organized labor. It cheers me. I believe with the poet that

A Labor Day is coming when our starry flag shall wave,  
Above land where a famine no longer digs a grave,  
Where money is not master, nor the workingman a slave—  
For the right is marching on.

—EUGENE V. DEBS.

McHenry County Jail, Woodstock, Ill., August 5, 1895.

### LIBERTY SPEECH AT BATTERY D, CHICAGO, ON HIS RELEASE FROM WOODSTOCK JAIL, 1895.

Leaving all other nations, kindred and tongues out of the question, what is the duty of Americans? Above all, what is the duty of American workmen whose liberties have been placed in peril? They are not hereditary bondsmen. Their fathers were free-born—their sovereignty none denied and their children yet have the ballot. There is nothing in our government it can not remove or amend. It can make and unmake presidents and congresses and courts. It can abolish unjust laws and consign to eternal odium and oblivion unjust judges, strip from them their robes and gowns and send them forth unclean as lepers to bear the burden of merited obloquy as Cain with the mark of a murderer. It can sweep away trusts, syndicates, corporations, monopolies, and every other abnormal development of the money power designed to abridge the liberties of workmen and enslave them by the degradation incident to poverty and enforced idleness, as cyclones scatter the leaves of the forest. The ballot can do this and more. It can give our civilization its crowning glory—the co-operative commonwealth.

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## Three Million Votes For Debs

How much will you give to gain three million votes for Debs this Fall?  
He has given a year of his life for you!  
What are you willing to give for him?  
Thomas Watson of Georgia made his campaign for the democratic presidential nomination in that state on the issue that Debs should be in the White House and Woodrow Wilson in jail!  
What will you do to help Debs speak to the American people this year?  
Will you give one dollar to send the Leader to some New Jersey worker who can be convinced to cast his vote for Debs and Socialism this fall?  
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## CARPENTERS AND JOINERS STRIKE

(Special to The N. J. Leader.)

The strike of Carpenters and Joiners in the Philadelphia district which includes Chester, Bristol and Camden has been brought to a successful conclusion so far as concerns building construction and all work outside the shipyards. They are at present hiding behind the skirts of the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the Macy Wage Board the latter of which has not functioned for nearly, if not quite, a year past.

The original demands were \$1.25 per hour, a 40 hour week, no Saturday work, double time for overtime, the abolishment of all piece work, and 10 cents extra per hour for night shift.

The hours were changed to 44 on the advice of the national officers of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners because of a shortage of carpenters, and later the wage demand was reduced to \$1.12 1/2 by a small majority on a referendum vote which was at once accepted.

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## WORLD WAR VETERANS ORGANIZE IN WEST N. Y.

ON RECORD FOR TAXATION OF INCOMES IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 TO PAY BONUS TO SERVICEMEN.

Last Friday evening at 449 Fifteenth St., West New York, a branch organization of the World War Veterans was formed. The following officers were elected: Commander, Dr. Walter S. Kipnis; Vice-Commander, I. George Koven; Corresponding Secretary Harold Packard; Recording Secretary, Anthony M. Marro; Treasurer, David Hyman; Sergeant-at-arms, Anthony J. Novak.

The next meeting of the post will be held at an early date. The organization is on record as favoring a bonus of \$1.00 for each day in service with a minimum of \$500; all bonuses to be paid from funds derived from taxation of incomes in excess of \$25,000 per year or from war excess profits on corporations for the privilege of declaring such dividends.

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**NEW JERSEY OPENS**  
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should be promptly filled out and mailed to 97 Springfield Avenue, Newark.

The education of the workers costs money. The distribution of literature costs money. Paper has "gone up." Public meetings are expensive. Halls are hard to get. And New Jersey Socialists have opened their campaign with an urgent appeal for the funds to make the campaign in this state worthy of their leader, Eugene V. Debs.

Non-party members who want to help finance this year's work, can send contributions to the Leader. They will be acknowledged in these columns from week to week.

**FIRE FLOODS**  
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The whole building at 97 Springfield Ave. is soaked with water and will have to be generally painted and repaired. The party and paper loss to date is not known but is covered by insurance.

The inconvenience and the damp rooms, however, will make work a little difficult for several days.

**CARPENTERS AND JOINERS**  
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cepted by the Master Carpenters' Association and all men employed by them at once returned to work. Camden house carpenters never lost any time for the builders paid the \$1.25 scale as soon as the demands were made.

The shipyards are making a supreme effort to establish open shop conditions and are using the present strike as a basis. Led by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation they are using every means in their power to break up the carpenters' organization. But every shipyard along the Delaware River is at a standstill for want of carpenters except the New York. There by the use of the group insurance plan and their unfair bonus or premium system they have induced about 1-3 of the force to return to work. Very few of these are qualified mechanics, but consist mainly of "war-time shipbuilders" and "hatchet and saw" men. The great Hog Island yard is advertising all over the eastern states but thanks to eminent protests they have about 20 men where they need more than a thousand. Pusey and Jones, is tied up tight; as are Cramp's, Mathis, and De Frains and the Sun Yard in Chester is closed and the Merchant at Harrison is at a standstill; American Dredge in Camden has 18 scabbing out of 41. Conferees are now in progress between the strikers representatives on one hand and the Emergency Fleet, the U. S. Navy Department and the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders Association on the other. This last named organization is the only apparent obstacle in the way of a settlement, there being a strong suspicion that a coterie of financiers are expecting the smaller and newer yards to become bankrupt whereupon they can be easily and cheaply absorbed by the aforementioned financiers. Any hour may bring important results but in the meantime the ordinary daily papers publish nothing. But if the men should be starved into submission you will see it in all the capitalist dailies. Meantime no matter what adds or news items they see in the daily papers, all carpenters and joiners are asked to stay away from this district. The former rate was 80 cents and most of the scabs are getting 74 and some 66 cents. At the last meeting of Local 1879, 17 unorganized carpenters, who went out loyally with the union men, were taken into the union.

In comparing the fourteen points with the treaty, one is reminded of one of the witticisms of Frederick the Great. At the time of the first partition of Poland, Maria Theresa protested to have scruples about it. The cynical Frederick said of her: "She waut, but she kept on taking."

**SOCIALIST VICTORY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA**  
 The results of the first ballot (to which over 6,000,000 votes have been cast) have come to hand, and they show a tremendous—indeed sweeping—victory for Socialism. Of the 199 members elected up to now no less than 499 belong to the various Socialist parties. Altogether 148 Czechs and Slovaks and 99 Germans have been elected.

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**ACTUAL WANT CAUSED RAIL WORKERS' STRIKE**

**ECONOMIST DECLARES SEVEN EIGHTHS OF WORKING FORCE RECEIVES STARVATION WAGE.**  
 (By The Federated Press.)

Washington.—Not the intrigue of Russian revolutionists, as charged by Attorney General Palmer, but the near approach of plain American starvation instigated the strike of railroad workers, according to W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist for seventeen unions of railroad workers who appeared as a witness before the railroad wage board on May 3. "Seven-eighths of the entire railroad working force is at this moment below the level of a subsistence wage," declared Lauck, "and a large proportion are actually below the starvation wage level. Whole classes must face the prospect of seeing their families without the barest necessities of physical well being, while only a small proportion can look forward, after a lifetime of service, to attaining an approximation of normal comforts."

Lauck names \$2,500 a year as the very least upon which an American family can maintain itself in even decent poverty at the prevailing cost of living. He confronted the wage board with tables and statistics to prove that only two and one half per cent of the whole army of railroad workers are now being paid a living wage, and the fortunate ones are confined entirely to division officials and other members of the supervisory personnel.

"These statistics have been conservatively compiled," Lauck warned the board. "They are based upon the most reliable figures now in existence respecting the effect of income upon family existence, being studies conducted by Dr. R. C. Chapin for the Russell Sage Foundation, and scrupulously revised to date."

According to the witness, of the millions of men working for wages in the rail transportation industry, 44 per cent of their families are underfed, 69 per cent are undernourished and 61 per cent are living in overcrowded or inadequate quarters. "On the basis of what has been accepted as the most accurate estimate of a bare subsistence wage," said Lauck, "that is \$1,700 a year, 88 per cent of the railroad workers are trying to maintain their families below a bare subsistence level. More than 400,000 of them do not even in a normal working year as much as \$1,075, below which figures nearly three quarters of their families are under-nourished and seven-eighths are underfed."

"In the United States today the average yearly wage paid to railroad workers is \$1,200. That is for a normal working year of 365 days of eight hours each. It allows for no deductions for sickness, emergency or unavoidable irregularity of employment.

"We have seen that \$1,700 is the very smallest yearly income that will pay for a family budget that is even worthy of consideration, while the minimum comfort budget for the District of Columbia, prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, calls for no less than \$2,533 a year.

"The difference here revealed between what the men actually are paid and what they require to support themselves and their families in decent comfort is alone sufficient to show that immediate relief for the railroad workers should be granted.

"No great and clear is the issue that there can be no question about the practicability of granting wages that will enable the 3,600,000 families involved to maintain in health and reasonable comfort.

"Let so many say it would be a good thing to pay this living wage if it only were possible. No such 'ifs' are permissible. A living wage is the only practicable answer to the present industrial situation. It is the only possible answer in the terms of citizenship.

"Any other answer will only postpone the settlement until conditions render a real solution more difficult—if not forever impossible.

F. O. WORRIES 'EM.

New York.—The agitation by organized postal employees to save the post service is attracting attention. The New York Times says:

"It appears that the great mass of employees have been so miserably underpaid that the service is threatened with disintegration. Yet Mr. Burleson not only announced a financial triumph, but reduced the rate of postage from the recent to the 2-cent basis. The wartime increase was a tax imposed without expense and collected from those who profited by the service. But it was discarded with a flourish. When the just and inevitable increases of salary are granted there will be no way equally logical and economical of meeting the deficit."

"The time has come, nevertheless, to cease playing for statistical results with the department and get down to business. Whatever the cost the postal service must be saved."

MAY USE PAPER DISHES.

New York.—Manufacturers of the cheaper grades of glass tableware are worried over rumors that the management of a large chain of restaurants is contemplating the installation of paper containers instead of glasses and paper dishes. This change, it is claimed, would eliminate the big item of breakage.

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**THE DEBT WE OWE TO DEBS**

(Continued from First Page.)

To the unified hosts of American workmen late has committed the charge of rescuing American liberties from the grasp of the vandal horde that have placed them in peril by seizing the ballot and robbing it to regain the priceless heritage and to preserve and transmit it without scar or blemish to the generations yet to come.

"Snatch from the ashes of their slain  
The embers of their former fires.  
And he who in the strife expires  
Will add to their a name of fear  
That tyranny shall quake to hear."

We are all on the threshold of tremendous changes. The workers of the world are awakening and bestirring themselves as never before. All the forces that are playing upon the modern world are making for the overthrow of despotism in all its forms, and for the emancipation of the masses of mankind.

I shall be in prison in the days to come, but my revolutionary spirit will be abroad and I shall not be inactive. Let us all in the supreme hour measure up to our full stature and work together as one for the great cause that means emancipation for us all.

**EXIT "PRODUCE MORE."**

The slogan "produce more" which Attorney General Palmer and various other politicians of capitalist mind have been dining into the ears of the working class does not apply at the present time to the silk mill workers of Paterson, New Jersey. In Paterson the silk mills are working two shifts a week, not because the workers are not anxious to work full time but because the textile capitalists find it more profitable to have the mills of that locality remain idle.

In Allentown, Pennsylvania, however, textile mills are running on double shift and the workers there are still being told that it is their patriotic duty to increase production.

It seems difficult to understand why the workers of one locality are asked to work overtime while workers in the same industry of a neighboring locality are forced to remain idle. But the enigma is solved when it is explained that the silk manufacturers are able to hire labor in Allentown much more cheaply than in Paterson and have moved their field of operation to the latter place. In Paterson the textile industry is largely controlled by the Amalgamated Textile Workers of America, and, as a result of the solidarity of the workers, the owners of the textile mills have been forced to pay their workers a wage which is considerably higher than that which the Pennsylvania workers are willing to accept.

Of course, Mr. Alexander Mitchell Palmer will not object to the mill workers of Paterson remaining idle as long as their idleness does not embarrass the textile capitalists. We do not expect Alexander to institute injunction proceedings against the mill owners because they are interfering with production. It would never do to employ the Lever law to prevent the exploiters from locking out their wage slaves. Such a proceeding would be to negate the principle of private control of industry, a principle which Mr. Palmer and his colleagues in Washington have sedulously upheld whenever striking workers dared to question the right of their industrial masters to dictate the conditions under which the workers should produce the goods which society needs.

All of which is another example of the fact that laws are made by capitalist lawmakers for the one purpose of assisting the capitalists to exploit the workers. When it pays the master class to keep the workers employed the workers are jailed if they dare to go on strike, when it pays the capitalists to put the workers on a food ration the workers are told that they must conserve food, when it pays the capitalist to have the workers invest their wages in government bonds the workers are coerced into buying bonds, when it pays the capitalists to have the government guarantee a fixed profit on railroad securities the workers are forced to pay increased freight rates to secure that profit, when it pays the capitalists to send soldiers abroad, the workers are drafted; in short, the laws of all capitalist nations are made to suit the convenience of the capitalist class and that is as it will be until the workers unite in industry and politics to take control of the processes of production and legislation.

The Socialist party is the political expression of the class-conscious workers who wish to place the powers of government in the hands of the working class. If placed in power, it would do for the workers just what the old political parties are doing for the capitalists, namely, use the political power of the nation to assist the class which it represents. Under Socialism there would not be a capitalist class to exploit those who do useful labor and no man would have the power to deny another the right to work.

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**PARTY WILL CARRY NOMINATION TO DEBS**

VETERAN CLASS WARRIOR WILL RECEIVE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF HIS SELECTION ON MAY 28.

Eugene Victor Debs will be formally notified of his nomination for President by the Socialist party in the strangest notification ceremony in American history.

On May 28, five Socialist party members, each one a close personal friend of many years' standing, will be admitted to the reception room of the Atlanta penitentiary, and there they will tell Convict Number 9653 of his nomination.

The committee, selected yesterday at the meeting of the Socialist national executive committee at the People's House, will consist of Jas. Oneal, for many years a resident of Debs' home town, Seymour Steadman, Debs' running mate and close friend of the candidate since the A. R. U. strike; Julius Gerber, executive secretary of Local New York; Otto Brantetter, present national secretary, and Dr. Madge Patton Stephens, member of Debs' home party branch and likewise a close personal friend of the Debs family for many years.

Campaign Work Planned. The selection of the notification committee was but one of the important action taken by the national executive committee yesterday. Comprehensive plans were laid for the coming campaign, and educational and organization work was outlined for the following year.

The meeting decided to drive home the message of the Socialist party to the American electorate through various avenues of publicity. The distribution of literature, the holding of many indoor and outdoor meetings and the exploitation of the motion picture were considered the chief means of successfully furthering the party's propaganda work in the coming presidential campaign.

To bring to the working class of this nation the Socialist solution of the many acute problems now confronting it, a series of leaflets dealing in a straightforward, incisive and analytical fashion with practically every phase of American life was decided upon. These leaflets will be distributed by the hundreds of thousands during the campaign months by the "Jimmy Higgeness" of the Socialist movement throughout the country.

Special Committee Named. A special committee, consisting of Burtina H. Mally, executive secretary of the Rand School of Social Science; Algernon Lee, educational director of the same institution, and

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### DEBS' WEEKLY MESSAGE

**"THE Socialist party is the only party that stands a living protest against the monstrous crime of child labor. It is the only party whose triumph will sound once and forever the knell of child slavery."**



#### THE CAMPAIGN IS ON

The Socialist Party Campaign of 1929 is on. Of course, the campaign for Socialism never stops: it is continuous and will not cease until the goal of Socialism is realized. But in addition to this, all the year around educational campaign, the Socialist Party avails itself periodically of the opportunity to enter an intensive political campaign in order to bring its momentous issues before the American workers, and incidentally to serve them when they are sufficiently awakened to their interests to choose Socialists for some legislative or administrative position.

The great Debs, the lion of the American labor movement, has been selected to lead the forces of Socialism in this campaign. This nomination was foreseen. When, some months ago, Debs agreed to accept again this honor and responsibility, no other candidate has been considered, or even thought of.

The personification of all that is high and noble in manhood, the citizen who is respected and loved by his neighbors, the tireless and fearless agitator and crusader for human rights, the lion-hearted leader of the masses in their industrial struggles, Debs, who could compare with him to lead the workers of America in the fight on the political field to strengthen their position!

No one realizes better than Debs that political action, with all its shortcomings, is, under our present social structure, a necessary adjunct to industrial action with the added merit that the language of the political rostrum is infinitely more susceptible to understanding to great numbers of the American people than is a treatise on economics, however desirable a knowledge of the latter may be.

And Debs' running mate, Seymour Stedman, candidate for Vice President on the Socialist Party ticket has given freely of his ability and time to the working class movement of the country. An eminent lawyer, he has placed his recognized talent at the disposal of our movement time after time when such services have been sorely needed. He ably defended Debs, Scott Nearing, the Socialist Assembly group, and others who have been indicted as a tribute to their fidelity to the workers of America.

With the lovable Debs in jail—an eloquent commentary of the abysmal fall of the democratic traditions of America, Stedman will be expected to carry the message of Socialism in this campaign throughout the length and breadth of the land. It is true he will be only one of a host of speakers who will carry this message, but as the Vice Presidential candidate, he will be the more conspicuous and therefore, probably the more influential.

But the real success of the campaign depends, not upon orators and public speakers, but upon the constant and effective agitation of the rank and file. In shops, in mills and factories, is where the great campaign in its last analysis will be fought and finally won, and it is in these places of labor that the active work of the members must be done—in educating the workers to the need for both economic and political organization.

With the splendid inspiration of Debs to spur us onward, with a world in the throes of war-worn and war-torn hardships and devastation, with chaos reigning universally as never before in the modern world, with prospects for the immediate future that none can forget, there is every incentive for Socialists to make the fight as never before.

WILLIAM J. FIELDING.

"Everybody in Terre Haute loves Debs," said an editor of the Terre Haute Tribune to David Karsner, "but many of them think he was mighty foolish to make that speech in Canton when he did. He had no right to do that. I guess the feeling in Terre Haute about Debs is something like this! Ninety-five per cent. of the people don't like his ideas, but they worship the man. They all love him. But there is probably not one man or woman in that ninety-five per cent. but who would gladly go to jail for 'Gene if they could.'"

James Whitcomb Riley responded to a gift of roses from Eugene V. Debs with these lines, which he headed "Them Flowers":  
"You see, it's like this, what his weaknesses is,—  
Them flowers makes him think of the days  
Of his innocent youth, that mother o' his,  
And the roses that she us' to raise:—  
So here, all alone with the roses you send,—  
Bein' sick and all trimbly and faint,—  
My eyes is—my eyes is—my eyes is—old friend—  
Is a-leakin'—I'm blamed if they ain't!"

And again Riley wrote of Debs:  
"Go, search the earth from end to end,  
And where's a better all-round friend  
Than Eugene Debs?—a man that stands  
And feet holds out in his two hands  
As warm a heart that ever beat  
Betwixt here and the Mercy Seat!"

We are waiting to hear that the bolshevik sent a courier from Vladivostok across the Pacific to Mexico with detailed instructions concerning the murder of Carranza.

Now that order has been restored in Mexico through the elimination of Carranza, we venture that the next move in the direction of good government will be the revision of the objectionable constitution.

The President of the New Jersey Federation of Labor says that if organized labor got together and put up a political platform of its own, we would soon see our American society divided into two opposing classes: The Employee Party on one side, and the Employer Party on the other. He suggests that "it would be pretty rotten both ways—six of one and a half dozen of the other, nobody giving a thought to the good of anybody but himself and his own particular narrow interests." As an alternative, Mr. Quinn proposes the accepted I. W. W. policy of "borning from within" the Democratic and Republican Parties. We wish him the very best of luck!

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Mr. Block's whole life is occupied with the task of making billions out of millions. He himself has only the bare necessities of life and sometimes not even that much. A willing slave of the profiteers he defends the system under which he himself has to suffer. Owing to the extraordinary quality of the wood it is almost impossible to make an impression on Mr. Block.

Achille Loria writes: "Thus, in the Greek cities the poor were always in favor of peace, while the rich wanted war. Consequently the direction of foreign politics always depended upon the eternal conflict between those who have and those who have not." How times have changed!

The Canadian government has enacted legislation making it illegal for an employer to discharge an employee.

### OVERALL FAD CAUSED PRICES TO MOUNT

#### WORKERS NOW GOUGED DEEPER WHEN THEY PURCHASE DENIM WORK CLOTHES.

(By NEIL BURKINSHAW.)

Washington.—The overall movement has not enabled the consumer to evade the profiteers. Although his contribution to the greed of the rousers is not so great, he has merely hurried the rim of the frying pan and landed in the coals. The profiteers are absorbing \$2.20 out of every \$5 charged the purchaser for a suit of overalls, including pants and jumper, according to a survey of profiteering made public here today by W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist of the railroad brotherhoods.

Mr. Lauck is not fighting the overalls movement in behalf of labor. As a matter of fact, he is most enthusiastically supporting any action that will bring relief from the pinch of high prices. But his study of profiteering in all branches of American industry has revealed that the overalls producers are squeezing the consumer just as relentlessly as other traders.

In 1910, a blue denim jumper or pants sold for \$3.85. Today each garment sells for \$2.50. And, in many localities where the overalls movement has taken hold, retailers have jumped the price some more.

The manufacturers are not putting gold buttons on the modest blue habiliments of the labor man!

Neither are the workers employed in the mills and overalls factories looking for parking space for their limousines!

The familiar excuse that increases in the laborer's wages are responsible for the high prices is shown to be extremely faint when the searchlight of investigation is turned on the industry.

The increase in labor cost is turning out a pair of overalls amounts to twenty-five cents. The increase in price is \$1.65, or six and one-half times the advance in labor costs. Even the increase in profits—eighty-four cents—is more than three times the labor increase, and nearly equal to the retail price of the garment in 1910.

The total cost of a jumper is only \$1.40, the mill manufacturer and retailer dividing between them \$1.10.

Profit Rate Mounts.  
In 1910, the purchaser paid those who labored on his garment twenty cents, or 23 1/2 per cent. of the selling price; whereas he allows to labor 45 cents, or 18 per cent. of the price. So, the cost to labor to the consumer is less proportionately at this time than in 1910. On the other hand, the profits represented

### Socialism and Service

(By EUGENE V. DEBS.)

"Every time the capitalist class tries to hinder the cause of Socialism they hurt themselves. Every time they strangle a Socialist newspaper they add a thousand voices to those which are aiding Socialism. The Socialist has a great idea. An expanding philosophy. It is spreading over the face of the earth. It is as useless to resist it as it is to resist the rising sunrise. Can you see it? If you cannot you are lacking in vision, in understanding. What a privilege it is to serve it. I have regretted a thousand times I can do so little for the movement that has done so much for me. The little that I am, the little that I am hoping to be, is due wholly to the Socialist movement. It gave me my ideas and ideals, and I would not exchange one of them for all the Rockefeller blood-stained dollars. It taught me how to serve; a lesson to me of priceless value. It taught the ecstasy of the handclasp of the comrade. It made it possible for me to get in touch with you, to multiply myself over and over again; to open the avenue to spread out the glorious vistas; to know that I am kin with all that throbs that becomes class conscious. Every man who toils, every one of them, is my comrade."

### Industrial and Political Action and Co-operation

(By MARTIN WEBER.)

To the unionist and political actionist, this article is a plea to urge them to reach into the field that many of us have either shunned or remained ignorant of, namely, "Co-operation." A movement over 75 years old, with some 140 million members, and doing billions of dollars of business annually, is certainly a very strong weapon in the hands of the worker.

With wages increasing on an average, about 47% in the last 5 years; the cost of living soaring to 79%, on an average, in the same space of time, which tends to increasingly lower the standard of living; one must seriously consider whether the organization of Consumers Co-operative Stores, operated, managed and controlled by the consumers, won't help materially in giving the workers the training and experience that is necessary when the time comes for Industrial Democracy.

There is not much use for the unionist, year after year to make new agreements with his boss for an increase in wages. If he leaves the control of his dollar in the hands of a class that today, as always in the past, has been looked upon as the "heart of the nation"; namely, the business interests.

While the worker is hanging on to the kite's tail, he can never expect to get any consideration from this middle-class. But, should he have courage enough to go out and organize his own grocery store, butcher shop and bakery, then, finally, when he gets sufficient training, confidence and experience to establish his own factories it is certain that the element which today is not in the ranks of the proletarian, will be forced, through this change of conditions, into our ranks thus hastening the day of emancipation.

Of course, the mind that reaches out to either one extreme or the other cannot see the value of co-operation. So let him alone. But those who will reason with themselves and find out what the Consumers Movement means, certainly will help establish institutions that make a stronghold for the worker and the means by which the elimination of the profit system can be more speedily accomplished.

With 3,000 co-operative stores and eight wholesale co-operatives in existence, doing over \$200,000,000 worth of business in the U. S., and controlled and directed by the workers, it tends to increasingly bring the uneducated worker, closer into our movement.

Let us practice what we preach and thus get a stronger and more powerful weapon called co-operation and eliminate the middleman, who after all is a millstone around the neck of the worker.

Fellow Unionists: throughout the states of New Jersey, New York and Eastern Pennsylvania, scores of co-operative societies are being organized; at the same time a wholesale is in operation which is the backbone of the stores after once they are established.

These societies are patterned after the Rochdale Plan: namely, one man, one vote, legal rate of interest on Share Capital invested, and a dividend on the amount of purchase made at store; goods sold for cash, thus making the society safe from any debts.

As to the educational value, there is no limit. The co-operative movement gives the worker training and experience in managing his own affairs; it gives opportunity for women and children and seeks to elevate all to the position where things are done for the service of the community instead of for profit.

#### ILLEGAL STRIKE DEFENDED.

Springfield, Ill.—Dudley Taylor, representing Illinois manufacturers, before the state constitutional convention, favored the injunction writ in cases of "illegal strikes."

He was pinned down by William J. Sneed, a delegate to the convention and a member of the Miners' Union, to define an illegal strike, and the attorney replied:

"I have spoken of one, I presume before you came in, as a sympathetic strike."

Mr. Sneed—"That was an illustration. It was not a definition of an illegal strike in your own language."

Mr. Taylor—"An illegal strike is one in violation of contract or agreement, that might be one; it might be one for the purpose of committing an injury without any benefit involved for the union, no justification for it, might a another."

Mr. Sneed—"Well, that is true; have you another in mind?"

Mr. Taylor—"I do not think of any more at the present time."

We see by the papers that "Farmers Will Ask Two Big Parties for Recognition." Will they be told this time to "go home and stop the hogs?"

This year farm laborers in many states demand from \$20 to \$100 per month and board.

### Healing the Wounds

(By ANISE.)

Along the Rhine  
The MILITARISTS of France  
Are starting the fighting  
All over again.  
As if they didn't know how  
To QUIT;  
And the FINANCIERS  
Of the world  
Still DICKER  
Over a bankrupt Europe  
Coming to no conclusion;  
The League of Nations  
Still goes on  
"FIDDLING  
While Rome burns";—  
But the WORKERS of France  
Who suffered MOST  
In the war  
Have started  
HEALING the WOUNDS!  
They have taxed themselves  
One franc apiece  
Through their labor unions,  
Two and a half million francs  
To relieve  
Their "comrade enemies"  
In Austria!  
And the workers  
In other nations  
Are doing the same.  
The unionists of Holland  
Have voted a half day's pay  
For the BABIES  
That starve in Vienna,  
And forty cars of food  
Were sent.  
By the International Federation  
Of Labor Unions.  
Italian Socialists are feeding  
Ten thousand Austrian children,  
And the unions of Denmark  
Have LOANED  
To the German unions  
Funds from their special reserve  
At low rates of interest.  
The miners of England  
Have sent large sums of money  
For the saving of LIFE  
In Central Europe.  
It is the WORKERS  
Who know without argument  
That the hurt of ONE  
Is the hurt of ALL;  
And the hunger of one  
Is the hunger of all!  
Only WE  
The workers of America,  
Have not yet joined  
Our fellow-workers in Europe  
In healing  
The wounds of the WORLD!

### A Hard Case

(From the Manchester Guardian.)

It was a vulgar boy, whose air was most uncommon glum. So, struck by his profound despair I said to him, "Come, come, Now, tell me why you look so blue When youth was made for joy?" He answered "Cheese it, gov'nor, do— I am a trolley boy."

"It's werry hard on me, this strike O werry hard it be! I ain't done what I really like For weeks it seems to me. I love to face the angry food And holler 'Fall inside!' Or push old ladies in the mud And laugh to see 'em slide."

"I call this strike a great mistake; Why did I go and chuck A job where I could always break E leg or two, with luck?" "Ah, yes," I said, "It's very sad, Your present harmless plight; But come along with me, my lad— I'll put your troubles right."

I took his arm; with speeches fair I walked him down the road, Selecting from the traffic there The likeliest-looking load. At length there came (I clenched my teeth)

A massive motor dray; I pushed him swiftly underneath And went upon my way.

—Lucho.