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## Next Week

We have a number of good things to announce for the next issue.

**Washington Against It**  
The delegation from this State was deposed by the Socialist position which Wisconsin had out and tried to push through the convention as a resolution from the Farmers' Committee.

**Downie's Speech**  
Del. Downie (Wash.) They have talked to you a great deal about the difference in organization of industry in agriculture and industry in agriculture.

**Thompson's Resolutions**  
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**Work's Speech**  
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# PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Originally outlined by Richard Kruger, State Secretary-Treasurer of the Socialist Party of Washington, after the model of the Social-Democratic Party of Germany. Amended and rewritten under authority of the Socialist Party Conference held at Labor Temple, Seattle, Sept. 19 and 20, 1930, now published for distribution by membership with a view to submitting same to Party Referendum when called for by five Locals, as provided in present Constitution.

**ARTICLE I.**  
 Name and Object.  
 Section 1. The name of this organization is The Socialist Party of Washington. Its object is, To organize the Slaves of Capital to win their own emancipation.

**ARTICLE II.**  
 Membership, Organization, Dues, Reports.  
 Section 1. Any wage worker over 18, who subscribes to the principles of the Socialist Party of Washington and signs the following pledge, is eligible to membership:

**Pledge.**  
 I, the undersigned, recognizing the Class Struggle between the Wage-earning Class and the Capitalist Class, and the necessity of the Wage-Working Class constituting themselves into a Political Party distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the property class, hereby declare that I have severed my relations with all other parties, that I endorse the program and Constitution of the Socialist Party of Washington and hereby apply for admission to membership in said Party.

Section 2. The membership of this organization shall be divided into two parts, Active Members and Assistant members.  
 From the Active List shall be excluded: All professional men, farmers, business men and all those who are not proletarians as defined by Engels in the Communist Manifesto; and all those who are not wage laborers. The Class of modern wage laborers, who, having no means of production of their own, are reduced to selling their labor-power in order to live.

The Assistant List shall be composed of all others who are eligible to join this organization.  
 Section 3. Local organizations may be formed, consisting of not less than five (5) persons who have subscribed to the Party Pledge and have been granted membership by the State Committee.  
 Section 4. The Local organization, known as a "Local," shall pass on the question of membership for applicants residing within its chartered jurisdiction.

A duplicate of the accepted application shall be submitted to the State Committee for final action. In the event such action, the applicant shall be entitled to all the rights of a member.  
 Section 5. Any person living in a locality outside the jurisdiction of a chartered Local may make his application for membership direct to the State Committee and be accepted as a Member-at-Large.

Section 6. The Locals and M. A. L. in any county shall unite into a county organization. The county organizations comprising a Congressional district shall unite into a district organization.  
 Local, County and District organizations shall conduct all affairs of concern to them also respectively, independently under their own Constitution, which, however, must be submitted to the State Committee for approval and election, and must not conflict with this Constitution.

Section 7. County and District organizations shall elect executive committees to carry out the duties of their respective organizations. These committees shall report to the State Committee their election and an outline of the business done at all their meetings.

Local organizations shall report monthly to the State Committee on or before the eighth (8th) day of each month, on blanks provided for the purpose by the State Committee, and shall remit therewith the dues of the Local for the month preceding.

Section 8. Organizations having women members should give them representation on their Executive Committees. The women committee may be organized as a separate body, but shall be left to the various Locals, but in no case shall the Locals be less than twenty-five (25) cents.

Section 9. At least twenty-five (25) cents of the monthly dues received from each member by the Local shall be paid over to the State treasury.

Section 10. Before an application can be acted upon by the organization he makes application to, at least three (3) months' dues, together with an initiation fee of twenty-five (25) cents.  
 Section 11. At least twenty-five (25) cents of the monthly dues received from each member by the Local shall be paid over to the State treasury.

Section 12. Every member shall receive, at the time of his admission to membership, a copy of the Local and State Constitution, and a Party Bulletin. The member in default of a regular member in good standing he shall receive free every issue of the Party organ.

Party organizations begins July 1 and ends June 30th.  
 All sub-divisions of the Party shall render a yearly report to the State Committee not later than July 15th upon blanks provided by the State Committee, with space thereon to answer questions relating to method of organization and propaganda, number of Party members, number of Socialists voters, the amount of monthly dues collected, amount of total receipts, and purposes for which money was expended. County or District organizations which have received money for campaign or other purposes shall render an itemized account of receipts and expenditures.

**ARTICLE III.**  
 Conventions.  
 Section 1. The Delegate convention is the highest authority in the organization except as the Referendum is hereinafter provided for.

The following are entitled to participate in the convention:  
 (a) One delegate-at-large from each Congressional district and one from each county; such of these delegates-at-large as the chairman of the delegation within his respective district.  
 (b) One delegate for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof in a Local organization, and one for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof in the body of members at large.

The number of such delegates to which a Local or the Membership-Committee.

The Socialist Party of the State of Washington endorses the Principles of International Socialism and of the United States.  
 Section 2. The campaign of 1930 we present to the voters of this state the following declarations of our principles and program:

1. The Socialist Party is primarily the party of the Proletariat.
2. We recognize the Class Struggle between the Proletariat and the Capitalist Class as the supreme fact of modern civilization.
3. We recognize this struggle as a struggle for the possession of the world's wealth and for all the benefits of human progress.
4. We recognize the historic mission of the Proletariat to be its own economic emancipation through its political victory over the Capitalist Class.

The growing solidarity of the Proletariat Industrially in Labor Unions and politically in the Socialist Party is a sign of this ultimate victory.  
 Section 3. We recognize the increasing incapacity of the Capitalist Class to control production.

The industrial crisis which this country is now experiencing, and of which a financial panic is the least significant feature, has in this state as well as all others reduced the dependent proletariat to such desperate straits that it is inconceivable that they should tolerate their condition did they rightly comprehend the underlying causes. The exploiting of the Proletariat of a part of their labor product results in their inability to absorb the wealth they have created. This leads to the formation of a market of over-production is followed by a reaction of which the present industrial stagnation is an example. The improved methods of production which should logically result in shorter work-hours and better living wages for the workers actually result in a permanent unemployed problem which is intensified by the recurring periods of industrial reaction.

As these crises result in acute misery to the Proletariat, and are wholly the result of the capitalist mismanagement of industry, and the consequent loss of jobs to the workers, it should be relieved by immediate employment of jobless men on works of public utility.

This failure of the Capitalist Class in their conduct of the affairs of society, is a sign of approaching social dissolution.  
 Section 4. We believe the victory of the Proletariat Class over the Capitalist Class will not only emancipate the victorious class but abolish all other classes as well.

Society will then be organized as one class, all enjoying together the splendid fruits of human development.

Section 5. We propose that the Proletariat shall conquer political power and use that power to take possession of all such wealth as is now used by the Capitalist Class to force the Proletariat to surrender the wealth it creates.

The ownership of the instruments of wealth production, such as factories, mines, railroads, machinery and land gives the Capitalist Class its power to amass all wealth in its own hands. The Socialist Party proposes to transfer the ownership from the Capitalist Class to the Proletariat and to use political power to that end.

This is the Proletarian Revolution.  
 Section 6. We know that such a Revolution cannot be accomplished in any one state. We must win full political power in the entire nation. Execution of this revolution must first be captured by the Proletariat in order to effect its appropriation of all property used as capital.

Section 7. But to propose to force from the Capitalist Class while it is still in power, such concessions as we can.  
 Section 8. Socialist Party Candidates are elected to office, the Party guarantees they shall advocate every measure which will alleviate the poverty of the Proletariat and improve its conditions.  
 Section 9. As such measures calculated to improve Proletarian conditions under Capitalist rule and to assist the Proletariat in achieving its complete triumph, we advocate and demand:

- (a) Immediate public employment of the unemployed at the State's expense at full union wages on such works as irrigation, reforestation and road building.
- (b) Preservation from capitalist destruction, of natural resources such as mines and forests. In order that abundance may be preserved for social use after the Revolution.
- (c) Abolition of Court injunctions in Labor disputes.
- (d) Abolition of Oriental immigration which is subsidized or stimulated by the Capitalist Class and all contract labor immigration.
- (e) An eight hour day and a five and a half day week for all classes of labor and further reduction of hours when the necessary has been secured.
- (f) Abolition of employment of children of school age.
- (g) Reduction of residence qualifications necessary for the franchise in a state to two months.
- (h) Absolute freedom of press and speech.
- (i) Equal suffrage for men and women.
- (j) Initiative and referendum in order to protect against continued Capitalist corruption of representative government.

Large are entitled shall be calculated on the average monthly number of members during the business year preceding the convention, said average to be based on the records of the State Office. Appointment to be published by the State Committee not later than Aug. 15 of each year.  
 To be eligible for election as a voting delegate the candidate must have been a continuous member of the Party in Washington for at least one year and of the Local he represents at least four months. Locals organized less than six months prior to the convention shall be entitled to one delegate, such delegate, however, not to be entitled to mileage or vote.  
 (c) The members of the Control Committee.  
 (d) The members of the State Committee, who shall have a voice and vote on all questions except matters affecting themselves as members of the State Committee, on which they shall be given voice but no vote.  
 (e) The State Committee shall have power to call before the convention members of the Press Committee and others in their judgment should be heard, to have advisory voice only.  
 Section 2. The convention shall examine all credentials of delegates and participants, elect its own chairman, and determine its order of business. All acts to be legal and final must receive an absolute majority of all delegates.

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# Socialist Party and Trades Unions

The following is the address to organized labor drafted by the committee and adopted by the Socialist National Convention:  
 The movement of organized labor in the past year has been a struggle between the interests of employers and wage-earners over the capitalist system. Its activity in the daily struggle over wages, hours, and other conditions of labor is absolutely necessary to counteract the evil effects of competition among the working people and save them from being reduced to material and moral degradation. It is equally valuable as a force for the moral, economic and political education of the workers.

**IT DOES NOT DICATE.**  
 The Socialist party does not seek to dictate to organized labor in matters of internal organization and union policy. It recognizes the necessary autonomy of the union movement on the economic field, as its function is maintaining its own autonomy on the political field. It is confident that in the school of experience organized labor will as rapidly as possible develop the most effective forms of organization and methods of action.  
 The history of the recent Mayday had proved participated in by unions of all sorts and by the Socialist Party. It has shown that the closer solidarity on the economic field and for more effective co-operation between organized labor and the Socialist Party, the two wings of the movement for working-class emancipation.

The Socialist party stands with organized labor in all its struggles against capitalist aggression or to the improvement in the conditions of labor; it declares that it is the duty of workers to organize as an active and loyal member of the organized labor movement, striving for its unity and to strengthen and perfect it for the greater struggles to come.  
**CONFRONTED BY GREAT CRISIS.**  
 Organized labor is today confronted by a great crisis. The capitalist system, with its insatiable power, and alarmed by the increasing political and economic activity of the working class, has as a class united taken a crusade for the destruction of the workers' organizations. When such violent means have not seemed advisable, other means have been resorted to the same end.  
 The movement for the so-called open shop but thinly veils an attempt to destroy the organizations of the workingmen; it is backed by powerful capitalist organizations with millions of dollars in their war funds.

**COURTS ALWAYS HOSTILE.**  
 The courts, always hostile to labor, have of late evaded all previous records in perverting the law to the benefit of the employers. They have issued injunctions forbidding the calling of strikes, the announcement of boycotts, picketing of stores, military despotism set up, and judicial murder attempted in the name of law. When such violent means have not seemed advisable, other means have been resorted to the same end.  
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**While affirming the right of employers to buy organized workmen, they have declared it unlawful for workmen to agree not to work for the employers' interests. The only consistent rule observed by the courts in dealing with the labor question is the rule that capitalists have a sacred right to profit and all working class have no rights in opposition to business interests.**

**DANBURY MATTERS CASE.**  
 In the Danbury matters case the United States Supreme Court has rendered a decision worthy to stand with its history. The court has ruled that fifty years ago. It has stretched and distorted the Anti-Trust Law to make it apply to labor organizations. It has held that the powerful method of the courts is the only way in which employers may recover damages to the amount of three times their loss, and that the property of individual members, as well as the union treasury, may be levied upon to collect such damages.  
 By this decision the Supreme Court has clearly shown itself to be an organ of class injustice, not of social justice. If this and other hostile decisions are not speedily reversed, organized labor will find itself completely paralyzed in its efforts toward a peaceful solution of the labor question. The success of the capitalist class in this case is due to the labor movement would be a disaster to the entire working class. It can and must be defeated.

**BALLOT IS A WEAPON.**  
 At this critical moment the Socialist Party calls upon all organized labor and independent workers who still have the ballot in their hands, and to realize that the intelligent use of the ballot is absolutely necessary to save their organizations from the hands of the capitalist class. The Supreme Court can be reversed, the arbitrary use of the military can be stopped, the outpouring of laws can be prevented by the united action of the workmen on election day.

**WORKMEN OF THE UNITED STATES,** use your political arm in harmony with your economic arm for defense and attack. Rally to the support of the Socialist Party. Vote as you strike, against the capitalists. Down with the military and judicial despotism. Forward, in one solid phalanx, under the banners of Organized Labor and the Socialist Party, to defeat all capitalist aggressions, to win immediate political and economic freedom for ourselves and children, and to hasten the day of complete emancipation from capitalist exploitation and class rule.

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# WHAT IS THE WORKING CLASS

EDITOR'S NOTE—The author of this letter is one of the sincerest supporters of Socialism. As our most-readers of "The Socialist" know, and one of the best friends of "The Socialist." Yet we have to differ with him in some ideas presented here. He certainly has got bogged down on "Workers' Class" and "Producing Class." He, too, needs to re-read his "Communist Manifesto" and find out where the North Star shines. Get your bearings once more. Our North Star is the Working Class, NOT the Producing Class. They are not indefinite, as Ross's comments show. And he is echoing the prevailing views found in nearly all our "Socialist" periodicals. The result of these views and corresponding editorial comments, however, is that we possibly get along without "professionals," and they will receive only so much wealth as is represented by their product, how can we deny them representation to the fullest extent, just as accorded all other men?

Where do I get my sympathy for the men who stand by "The Socialist"? Right here: I have always loved "The Socialist" for its determined fight for uncompromising Socialism. I have never seen it with any patience with compromise in any form. I can forgive a comrade all manner of ignorance, but I have never seen it seek to lead in the party. In my own mind, on this point I am with "The Socialist." I am also with it in its endeavor to make its Socialism plain to the masses. The "proletarianism" is often carried to an extreme; also that there is a dangerous looseness in party work in many quarters. I am sure the hands of honesty will finally be found. It must be, or our movement will not progress as it should.

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By Sumner W. Rose.

Biloxi, Miss., Sept. 17, 1909.  
Editor "The Socialist":

I herewith enclose \$1.00 to pay for my paper one year from the time my subscription ran out. I have been "a man out of a job" for some months and more sorry than I can tell you because unable to read "The Socialist" and the balance of our press, when assistance has been so much needed.

I have been much affected over your troubles in Washington, and if not an infringement on your time, I will give you the impression made on my mind by it. If your time is too valuable to read with "The Socialist" been many times written you before, merely cast this letter in the waste basket, and I will not resent the act as I am by trade a (unpaid) printer myself, and will know the "why" of your act.

It seems to me that in Washington you have at least two classes of Socialists—no too loose in political action, and one too tight-lead in political action. Working class political purposes should be the capture of the administration of government for the working class.

In heaven's name, what is the working class? To my mind, the "working class" is a better term than "working class," as many a man works but produces no wealth there. For instance, a lawyer, a doctor, a man who lives on credit, interest, or rent. Also many men who might be called proletarians—the man who sets type for advertising matter. The vast majority of advertisements are unnecessary apart from the capitalist system. Advertising adds not one cent to the world, but does add many cents to the price of the goods. The maid who dresses the lady's hair, the man who keeps his master's horses or automobiles in order adds nothing to the world's wealth, although he may be a proletarian.

I am inclined to laugh when you propose in sober earnest to fire Dr. Titus. Ye gods! When Dr. Titus cannot be a Socialist, who can?

Is not a real doctor a wealth producer. If he is not, who is. Merely because he gets a fee, or don't get a fee (an irregular wage), according to whether the day wage worker is able to pay him or not, does that throw him into a class of "non-producers" or "assist Socialism to come"? Boys, if this is your idea, you are gone daily, and no mistake. As I understand Dr. Titus, he'll wall and go "wide," and as he is so very honest man who wants Socialism, I have all my life been a printer, till the past half-dozen years I have kept a little 2 x 4 store, till capitalism broke that up. According to your theory the last half-dozen years I have been a "capitalist," but I have also been a Socialist, and I defend my party proposition with the most scientific man that wants to prove to me I should decline quietly on the shelf. I will never do it. When I see Socialism too long. If capitalists can't make me "back track" with the threat of a "living" to be lost, my own class can't throw a screw into my eye by denying that I belong to the ranks of the "proletariat."

Great horned cat! What are you doing to do with these so-called "professionals" (in really useful work) after Socialism comes? If they are denied political influence and honor and respect, how can they have any professionals? The question with me is not, "Is a man a professional?" but, "Is his profession a wealth creator," and as we cannot refuse to accept these men who read Socialism, understand it as well as the average? If so, when will we gain the victory?

In Mississippi it is the farmers who are coming to most rapidly "middle class." But how long will they be middle class? Don't we preach that the middle class is dying? Must we refuse to accept these men who read Socialism, understand it as well as the average? If so, when will we gain the victory?

I am with you in your determination to keep fakirs and compromisers out of the party. But I want every honest, determined man who understands Socialism well enough to desire the coming, and who is brave enough to work for it and to scorn compromise, to have a place in its ranks. It seems to me not to want this is not to want Socialism. For how can we have it except through those who work for it. Think of Dr. Titus in jail for Socialism, yet imagine denying him any influence in the party ranks. I know a lot of "rubberneckers" of proletarian herobooks who parrot the songs that Dr. Titus sang and sang to my mind outweighs the whole bunch. But they will learn? Yes, some day. In the meantime Dr. Titus has lost his long hair, and his work to the movement cannot be figured, and there are many like him, whom to eliminate means vast damage to the movement.

Sumner W. Rose, Biloxi, Miss.

Committee, in conjunction with the Control Committee, shall determine the place.  
Sec. 4. The call for the convention shall be published in the Party organ weekly for at least six weeks before the same is to convene, together with the proposed order of business.  
Sec. 5. Proposals by subdivisions of the Party or by members for an order of business must be submitted to the State Committee, who shall publish the same in the Party organ at least three (3) weeks before convention meets.  
Sec. 6. The duties of the convention shall be:  
(a) Reception of Reports from State Committee and Control Committee.  
(b) Determination of place of State headquarters.  
(c) Election of State and Control Committees.  
(d) Resolutions on Party organization and all questions concerning the Party.  
(e) Resolutions relating to propositions submitted by subdivisions of the Party or by members.  
Sec. 7. A special convention may be called:  
(1) By unanimous vote of the State Committee.  
(2) By unanimous vote of the Control Committee.  
(3) On motion of any subdivision of the organization which has received the support of ten (10) Locals.  
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Sec. 9. The call for a special convention shall be published weekly in the Party organ at least three (3) weeks before date of same, with reasons for call and the proposed order of business.  
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Rules provided in this Constitution for conduct of regular convention shall apply to special conventions.  
Sec. 11. All acts of above conventions shall be final and binding unless appeal be taken to a Referendum of the entire Party membership, said appeal to be called for within forty-five (45) days from adjournment of convention by at least ten (10) Locals.  
Sec. 12. No Referendum shall be effective unless it receives a clear majority of all members entitled to vote.  
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Sec. 14. Mileage of delegates to and from conventions shall be paid from a fund into which shall be placed ten (10) per cent of the regular dues. Should this fund be insufficient, a special assessment shall be levied on the membership.

not a proletarian, he is certainly a wealth producer. To my mind he is in the vast majority of cases a wage earner. The capitalist plays the "hand" so much per day. From the farmer to take so much per day. Each gets a bare living. What is the difference?  
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## WHICH SHALL IT BE

By Jos. S. Biscay

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EDITOR'S NOTE.—The only way Herman has to live while stumping his district is from the contributions of those in sympathy. Let us stand pat.

**'The Socialist' and the Swedish Strike**

Yes, comrades, I want you to connect these two names as means of propaganda in your minds. We all want the strikers in this, the greatest of all strikes in the world's history, to win. Yet we all know that when this strike does win, capital will remain in power and that the fight is just begun.

"The Socialist" has always stood by every strike since it started, ever since the year ago!

In the street car men's strike we issued a daily paper, and "The Socialist" was the only paper in Seattle that dared expose the low wages, the company spies, and the tricks resorted to by the Seattle Electric Co. to kill the strike and the union.

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In the Moyer-Haywood trials, this paper was the first, capital's first, to represent organized labor in its great legal battle. "The Socialist" was the only labor paper that moved its plant to Idaho and reported the trial on the ground, and fought the capitalist press and capitalist hirelings at close range.

"The Socialist" is getting now the story of the great Swedish strike direct from the battleground, and without doubt this paper is giving the most complete account of the strike as it develops from week to week that is being published in this country.

Our Danish translator, Arthur Jensen, translates from the Danish paper, "Social-Demokraten," the story of the strike for this paper alone.

The "Social-Demokraten" is the largest of twenty-four Socialist dailies published in Denmark. Its circulation is larger than any paper published in Denmark, either Socialist or capitalist, and it is located just fifteen miles from Malmo, one of the industrial centers of the great strike.

Now you can see we have a clench on the news of the Swedish strike.

Whatever happens in the course of this strike the Socialists should use this remarkable unification of wage workers in Sweden as the greatest work of all the emancipation of all wage workers all over the world!

Why, if we could get the Swedish wage workers in this country to read about Socialism see what the results might be!

You see how these Swedish strikers hang on with a bull-dog grip!

Well, that's the kind we need, that's the kind we want in the great labor movement in this country!

We've had about enough of middle class, half and half, neither one thing or the other. Let's have the real thing or nothing, wage workers in a working-class party, and wage workers with no firm-stand capitalist notions.

Now, comrades, for your two-bit pieces as we say out here in the wild and woolly West. Every 25 cents in the three-months' subscription to "The Socialist" sent to some Swedish wage worker, means a lot of Socialists of the right kind to help on the strike and the great work of all the emancipation of all wage workers all over the world!

**POTLATCH, IDAHO, SLAVE CAMP**

**A Weyerhaeuser Lumber Camp—Details Never Before Printed—How the Lumber King Loves the Unions.**

Potlatch, Idaho, is almost a "model" camp town. Four years ago this town was started by the Potlatch Lumber Co., whose president is Charles Weyerhaeuser. At present the lumber mill at Potlatch is one of the five largest mills in the world—the other four being two here on our coast, one up in British Columbia, and one in Sweden—and the population of the place numbers 1,400 souls (owned absolutely, as long as they are in Potlatch, by the Potlatch Lumber Co.).

Such a thing as a union or Socialist party getting into Potlatch through the mail is out of the question, as the company owns the postoffice, and its manager, and everything is opened in the company thinks there is any reason for it.

During the first year there was a strike, thirty-five, I believe, going out. These strikers were all put out of the town, and others brought in to fill their place, so it didn't even cause a ripple. As Allison Laird said at that time: "During construction days we needed the men and they had their way, but now we have the whip hand and intend to keep it." And how well they have kept it can be attested by any man or woman who has worked there.

Send in lists of names of Swedish wage workers.

Notice how that "attract fund" passed the mark to set for it, and the short time it took to do it? That's the way "Socialist" boosters can do things when they have something tangible to work on. Just keep up the gal. There is \$30.94 worth of type to pay for in a few days.

"Within the past year the 'Ripras' has received several hundred letters from all over the United States, asking us whether we believed in 'Public Ownership' or not. Guess what would you think of a man asking another whether he liked 'peck' or 'clobber' or not, when that fellow had done nothing but 'lobber' at the sight of that kind of 'grab' for the past fifteen years?

"Yes, we believe in Public Ownership, and we believe in it because it is right and righteous, and because the masses will never get a 'square deal' until we have the public ownership of public utilities. How would you 'suckers' who haven't got sense enough to vote for public ownership, like the idea of turning the postoffice department over to J. Pierpont Morgan."

Above extract from the best Socialist paper published. Comment is unnecessary. And this is the kind of stuff that is being circulated all over the country in the name of "scientific, looked upon with suspicion. An olutionary Socialism."

**THE REAL THING vs. IDEALS**

By Beulah Hyde and Ada Gatchell

"The Socialist" is a paper representing the working class, and when articles are printed misrepresenting the view taken by the laboring class I feel it is up to that class to correct these false views of those who believe themselves loyal and sincere in expressing them.

In "The Socialist" of Sept. 11 there appeared an article which all working-class women will take exception. The woman's position in the coming epoch, I feel sure, is pictured to us merely as the middle-class ideal.

The woman who has written that article has studied and clearly comprehended Morgan's "Ancient Society," or "The Origin of the Family," by Engels, and she will understand that she has placed woman in the very position she was forced to take at the beginning of civilization, when man had her in his supreme power. Morgan shows where the woman in ancient society held a responsible position in the social life, and Engels states emphatically that until industry develops to where woman is again called out into an active social life, as she is beginning to do today, she is to have her emancipation from the rule of man. And again in Bebel's "Woman" you will find this statement: "The basis of all oppression is the economic dependence on the oppressor."

No, comrades, in the picture you have drawn for us do you not make us dependent not only on the men, but also dependent on some one to help keep such a home in order, or else blind ourselves closer in the home than we are today, to attend our household duties. Of course you are looking forward to wonderful improvement in conveniences, but do you not make a great deal of work for some one? Let us go over this picture again for the benefit of those who have not seen it.

"Make home so awfully attractive that the woman will be crazy to stay there. Let her have a bedroom all pink and white, with a dandy big polar bearskin before the hearth, where she can lie and play with her baby. Let her have all the conveniences so that the care of the house is reduced to the minimum." (While with your middle-class glasses you have filled it with things that must make work.)

"Let her have a big shady yard, where she can read and work and expand. Let her have a living room with music and flowers and beauty there. With home like these, how many women will rush out to get the privilege of working in the terrible atmosphere of the textile mills? How many will clamor for the three-fifty department store jobs and the thousand other positions women are striving for?"

"Some day women are going to have to see that they do, and when that day comes—well, there won't be any wages there—but if there were, women would have to be given exorbitant pay if they were going to be coaxed away from home, because they would have homes that were worthy—of our middle-class woman. We have lots of such homes today, but the mistress of that home lacks the ability of expanding so long as we give her this place, be-

cause we are too timid to turn the fountain of wrath upon ourselves, just so long will our brother comrades, through their selfish egotism, err and bow the views we set before them. Gallantry is not for the working class, and when you sacrifice principle for gallantry you are traitors, just as much so as though you had fallen in line with the office-workers. For we are your comrades sufferers and our cause is one.

We have no ill-feeling toward you of the middle class who are offering us these pretty pictures. We know you are sincere, but you must let go the ruling, to sit at our feet and learn while we work on with our own work. Do not think that you can even make a figure in the moving force of the coming revolution, for you do not understand our needs; you cannot understand them from your position in life.

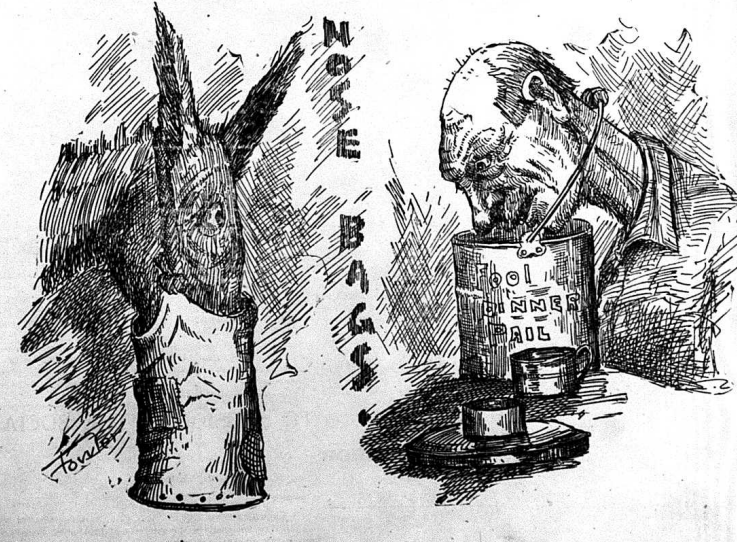
Some of you may say, "We have worked for a living, we have money, but your environment, your home and social environment have not been what ours have been. Try living with us and see how much in common you have with us. See how many times a day we do us and say things that repel you. You may feel that we are too unsmooth to carry this wonderful revolution to the higher standard of living; you may feel that in bringing it about alone we will degrade it. But just rest easy, for it is in every human being to wish to become something higher than he is. We know best what holds us down and what is needed to release us to that higher life. We may go about it in methods altogether objectionable to you, but nevertheless, the shortest way to the end.

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 ADA GATCHELL.

Send in 25 cents for one, or \$1 for subscriptions to The Socialist with story of the Swedish strike in every paper as long as strike lasts.

Ben Hanford has been conducting the "One Day's Wage Fund for the 'New York Call,' the Socialist daily, and is having excellent success. In a recent issue of 'The Call' someone criticized the fund because Hanford got 20 per cent of the proceeds. I want to say right here that there is no one in the American movement more deserving of a living from the movement than Ben Hanford, and for every cent he receives from the movement he has and will return to it many, many dollars.

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