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# Text of the Search Warrant Served During the Raid of Socialist Party Headquarters and *The American Socialist*, September 5, 1917.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA,  
TO THE MARSHAL OF THE UNITED  
STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DIS-  
TRICT OF ILLINOIS, AND TO HIS  
DEPUTIES, AND TO ANY OR EITHER  
OF THEM IN GREETING.

Whereas, Hinton G. Clabaugh, has this day made oath in writing, before the undersigned, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, to the effect that he has good reason to believe, and does verily believe, that in and upon certain premises within said district, to wit, Rooms 311, and 312, and Rooms 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, and 412, in the building at 803 West Madison Street, in the City of Chicago, there has been and now is located and concealed certain property, to wit:

1. File copies of and the plates for the printing the newspaper and publications called *The American Socialist*, *Parola Proletario*, *L'Apello*, *The Revolt*, *Mother Earth*, *The Masses*, *The Social War*, *Amigo del Pueblo*, *Proletarec*, *Socialisti*, *Radnicka Straza*, and *The Italia* from April 6, 1917 to September 4, 1917.

2. Plates for printing and copies of the pamphlets, circulars, and circular letters entitled "The Price We Pay," "Why You Should Fight," "Protect Your Rights," "Long Live the Constitution of the United States," "Why You Shouldn't Go to

War," "American Union Against Militarism," "Thou Shalt Not Kill," "War — What For?" "Proclamation and War Program," "The High Cost of Living," "What Are We Fighting For?" "Manifesto of Socialist Labor Party on Present War Crisis," circular letters, dated May 21 and 31, 1917, respectively, over the name of Adolph Germer, a circular letter dated June 24, 1917, addressed "Dear Comrade," and a circular letter addressed June 20, 1917, addressed "Dear Friend."

3. Plates for printing and copies of blank application for membership in and pledge of the Socialist Party;

4. Plates for printing and copies of publication called "Serial Leaflets";

5. Lists and memoranda of names and addresses of officers, agents, stockholders, and employees of the corporation or concern engaged in publishing said *American Socialist* newspaper.

6. Lists and memoranda of names and addresses of contributors to and writers for said *American Socialist* newspaper;

7. Lists and memoranda of names and addresses of persons, who since April 6, 1917 have been engaged in making speeches and public addresses anywhere in the United States, under the auspices or at the request or expense of said *American Socialist* newspaper, or of Adolph Germer, Irwin St. John Tucker, R.C. Page, John L. Engdahl, or any or either of them;

8. Account books, letterpress copying books,

carbon copies of letters and telegrams, scrapbooks, express receipt books, freight receipt books, parcel post receipt book and record books, letters, telegrams, telegram copy books, shipping record books, ledgers, journals, cash books, day books, memorandum books, bank books, check books, receipt books, code books, sketches, drawings, photographs, letters, invoices, photographic negatives, lithographs, blueprints, plans, maps, models, instruments, appliances, contracts, mimeograph machines and stencils, typewriters, addressographs, addressing machines, subscription lists and mailing lists for use in connection with the publication, sale, shipping, mailing, or distribution of the said *American Socialist* newspaper, or of the several prints, publications, and pamphlets, the plates for printing which are hereinabove mentioned, or for corresponding with or notifying persons available for service in the military or naval forces of the United States while the United States was at war with the Imperial German Government, and the felony of wilfully obstructing the recruiting and enlistment service of the United States while the United States was at war with the

Imperial German Government; whereupon said Hinton G. Clabaugh, prays for a warrant to search said premises. Now therefore, pursuant to Section 2 of Title 11 of the Act of Congress approved June 15, 1917, entitled, "An Act to Punish acts of interference with foreign relations, the neutrality and the foreign commerce of the United States, to punish espionage, and better to enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes," you are hereby authorized and empowered to enter the said premises, in the daytime only, and thoroughly to search the same for all such property, and to seize and take same into your possession to the end that the same may be dealt with according to law. And hereof make due return, with a written inventory of the property taken by you or either or any of you, without delay.

Witness the hand of said District Judge, at Chicago, in said district, and the seal of said court, this Fifth day of September 1917 and of the Independence of the United States the 141st year.

(seal) (signed) Evan A. Evans, District Judge.

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