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## CANTON'S THREE POLITICAL PRISONERS

However, in thinking it over, Stark County ought to be given the honor instead of Canton—if honor we may call it. For it is in Stark County Workhouse that the three political prisoners are "residing."

It has been two months now since Chas. Baker, State Organizer of the Socialist Party; C. E. Ruthenberg, prominent in Cleveland politics and candidate for Congress and Alfred Wagenknecht, State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Ohio, came to Canton to begin serving one year each as war-time political prisoners. Official Canton as well as its many residents have probably all forgotten that these three prominent Socialists constitute part of the life of this city. Might we credit this to the fact that all three are model prisoners just as they have been model champions of the rights of the working class in their political activities.

We went to visit these three Socialists the other day. We went for the purpose of making their acquaintance as well as to get first hand knowledge as to how prison life is agreeing with them. And we came away from the workhouse after a twenty-minute talk with them with more hope of a brighter tomorrow, and more enthusiasm for it than we had when we entered.

In the faces of all three we found it written that "prison bars can not stay the onward march of the hosts of labor nor retard the progress of the human race toward happiness and security." Chas. Baker, jovial, yet possessing a determination which makes one feel that he will always do more than his share in the struggle; C. E. Ruthenberg, reserved, analytical and clear of speech; Alfred Wagenknecht, decisive anxious, with the question of organization ever uppermost in his mind—all three with a vision that sees the day of human emancipation close at hand. So we found them, in smiles and good spirits, well read, exceptionally

well posted upon the many occurrences of the day and possessing the rare ability to interpret these occurrences in words of progress.

Socialism used to be considered hell itself and every Socialist a devil. That day has passed. Most everyone is part of a Socialist today—a Socialist in the making. Recent events have given Socialism an impetus which nothing can stop. Socialism has found its seven league boots and is coming down the highway of progress at a pace that is driving all exploiters and their puppets frantic. From their cells our three co-workers look out upon the world and clearly see impending victory for those who toil yet have not. And in so seeing, Canton's three political prisoners are content to await the day when they may again take their places in the ranks of the Socialist army of the world.

Probably no three men in this state, yes, any in Stark county, have loyal friends in such great number as these three war-time political prisoners. It is frankly admitted that they do not have that questionable prestige possessed by a public utilities magnate, a large employer of labor, a capitalist—prestige which goes with wealth and industrial power. But they do possess something finer, richer, more beautiful and that is the comradeship of thousands of men and women bounded to them by a great cause.

It is this wealth of friendship and comradeship, ever ready to sacrifice, which helps our imprisoned comrades to bear their burden. Their smiling faces ever forward, they calmly await the day when they will again work shoulder to shoulder with their comrades for the Industrial Democracy.

## Cleveland Socialists To be Ousted?

### Super-Patriots Would Railroad Workers' Representatives

Cleveland, March 26—Specific charges of disloyalty, disorderly conduct and violation of council rules were presented in council meeting last night by Councilmen Stannard and Reynolds against the two Socialist members, Willert and Mandelkorn. By a vote of 24 to 2 a resolution to hear the charges and to allow the Socialists a defense was adopted and the trial set for Wednesday night. That the powers that be will seek



JOHN WILLERT  
Cleveland Socialist Councilman

to railroad the representatives of labor is patent to all who have followed the case.

A division of the spoils has already been agreed upon, it is said, upon good authority.

If the Socialists are ousted, former Councilman Braschwitz will be chosen for the seat occupied by Willert. Former Councilman Wm. L. Wagner is to succeed Mandelkorn, according to the plans of the spoilers.

Socialists will pack the council chamber Wednesday night to hear and see the trial.

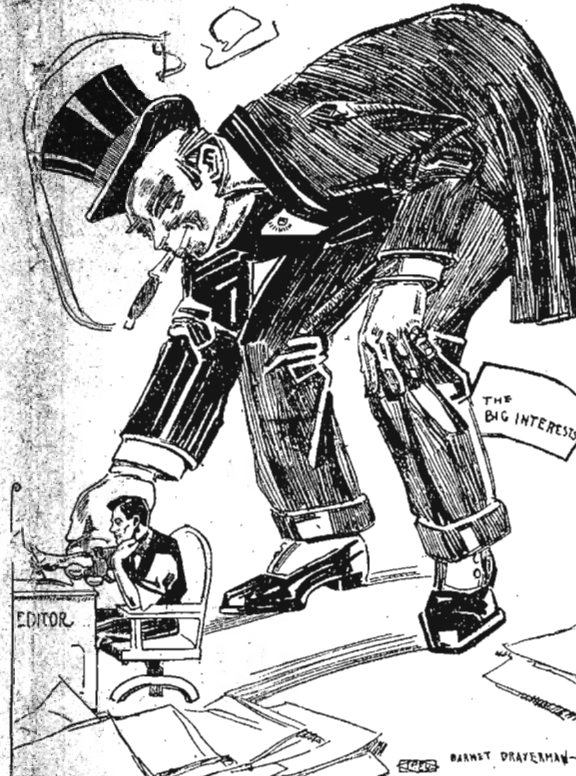
## Piker Politicians

The "piker" politicians in the City Council have threatened to oust from office the two Socialist Councilmen—Willert and Mandelkorn—because they refused to vote for a certain resolution that had no more bearing on Councilman functions than has the Gospel of St. John. The Socialist Councilmen are instructed by the Legislative Committee of the Socialist Party to attend strictly to their civic duties, which, by the way, is just what the voters who elected them expect them to do.

Willert and Mandelkorn, who represent the working class, have been a thorn in the flesh of the politicians who are the tools of the Chamber of Commerce. Deals favorable to vested interests cannot so readily be put across when the two lynx-eyed socialists are on the job to protect the interests of the common people. Hence the anxiety of these politicians, the "inner circle" of the Chamber of Commerce and the hiring daily press to return the Socialist Councilmen to private life.

The record already made by these two representatives of the working class has shown the workers what men of their own class can and will do when in public office. If they were to stand for re-election tomorrow in their respective wards they would receive double the votes

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## Subscription Campaign Receives Boost All Locals Asked to Help

Thru the action of the State Executive Committee, at the meeting held March 2nd and 3rd, 1918, the State Office will tour Comrade Ellis B. Harris, lecturer and cartoonist, in the interest of the Ohio Socialist. Comrade Harris' work in the Socialist Movement has won for him the warm commendations of Socialists in many states. He was the candidate for Mayor in the recent primary election in Superior, Wis. Comrade Harris possesses a very pleasing personality, which with his ability as a speaker makes his advent in this state a matter of congratulations for the Ohio comrades.

Here is the plan which Comrade Harris will work out as outlined by the State Executive Committee.

Comrade Harris will meet with locals upon their business meeting dates. He will deliver his splendid lecture, "The Real Issue." The lecture will cost the local nothing. The State Office will furnish advertising matter free. Collections and literature sales will go to the State Office.

Comrade Harris will arrange with each local at this meeting for a future lecture to be given by a comrade toured by the State Office on an Ohio Socialist subscription basis. Locals will agree to sell a number of subscription cards at 25c each. The cards will entitle the holder to a three month's subscription and the lecture. They may be returned to the State Office at any time and are good for renewals. The number of cards to be sold by each local will be governed by the size of local and city in which it is located. The lecture will be free to the locals and in addition they will receive the profits on literature sales and the collections. Advertising matter for this lecture will also be free to locals.

The comrade who will deliver this course of lectures has not yet been decided on. However, the State Office will soon be able to announce who he or she will be. Rest assured the lecturer will be one of the best in the United States, and will establish a record while in Ohio. A letter will be sent to locals very shortly outlining this work in all details.

Now is the time, Comrades, to put our party owned paper once and for all in the commanding position it should occupy in our movement.

Let us get ready for the greatest and most aggressive campaign we have ever waged in this state. Get ready for the fight. Get ready to put class conscious workingmen in the political offices in Ohio.

WE MUST PLACE TEN THOUSAND NEW NAMES ON OUR SUBSCRIPTION LISTS BEFORE JULY 1st. ALL TOGETHER NOW!

## STIRRING RESOLUTIONS FROM HAMILTON COUNTY SOCIALISTS

Cincinnati, O., March 3, 1918.

Local Hamilton County, Ohio, in convention assembled. To our Comrades, C. E. Ruthenberg, Alfred Wagenknecht, Charles Baker.

Comrades: Local Hamilton County, Socialist Party, extend to you in the spirit of co-operation and comradeship:

Greeting:  
In the name of freedom, justice, liberty, we greet you. We appreciate fully your power of self-renunciation for our cause.

Your firm refusal to compromise with your conscience. Your courage which enabled you to suffer heroically for the sake of truth.

Your clearness of vision which has made you true to yourself. Your fortitude with which you calmly bid us to look forward to another day.

Your example has strengthened us. We will press onward with redoubled efforts aiming to destroy the ignorance of the toiling masses, to arouse the wage slaves from their slothful indifference to their own interests.

To create solidarity among the workers. To substitute for the imperialism of class, an industrial democracy.

We will not falter in our self-appointed task. We will not know defeat.

We are joining our hands in comradeship today, with the men and women of the new order, hoping to encircle the world and make it safe for Socialism.

Local Hamilton County Socialist Party.

## The Peril of Tom Mooney

By Robert Minor

The story of the manner in which Tom Mooney's death sentence was procured is stock conversation in American working-class homes. It has gone as far as the trenches of the European armies. There is hardly a Russian village where the name of "Tom Muni" has not been heard. Actually, the names of the witnesses in the case are spoken in Siberian villages, and a certain California district attorney is regularly cursed around the samovar.

The only evidence against Tom Mooney that a sensible man would listen to, was that of an Oregon cattleman, Frank C. Oxman, who came into the trial at the last moment, took the stand like a breeze from the prairie, swore that he was a country gentleman, loved his wife, and had seen Israel Weinberg drive Tom Mooney, Mrs. Mooney, Billings and an unidentified man to the scene of the crime in Israel Weinberg's jitney bus, of the number of which car he had made a note on a telegraph envelope which he had in his pocket at that moment. He never made a mistake in his life in the identity of a person, as he was used to identifying cattle on the range. Mooney was condemned to die on the gallows.

While the motion for a new trial was pending, Oxman's presence at the scene of the crime was disputed, whereupon District Attorney Fickert issued a newspaper interview stating that he had another witness named Rigall who would fully corroborate Oxman if a new trial were held. The motion was denied and Mooney sentenced.

Fickert gave Rigall's address as "Oregon." But we finally found him living in Grayville, Illinois, Oxman's original home, from which he had fled after being caught in a land graft.

Rigall readily admitted that he had gone to San Francisco at the request of Oxman. But on discovering that he was expected to swear away human life for money, he had left on the day he was expected to testify.

Rigall produced letters Oxman had written. One of them offered him "two hundred dollars clear" to come to San Francisco as "an expert witness." You will only have to answer three or four questions and I will post you on them," wrote the breezy cattleman. Rigall and the letters were brought back to the State Office.

Attorney Fickert admitted that it was a clear case of perjury-plugging, and promised a new trial and acquittal. Fickert's assistant, Cunha, broke down. "I didn't want to take the case in the first place," he said, "but Fickert made me take it, and then I got enthusiastic and one thing led to another and I came to this."

Nolan was released on nominal bail with the public announcement that there had been no evidence against him.

Fickert begged for delay in which to get Oxman to "exonerate" him of blame, "and then I'll throw Oxman to the dogs," he said privately. Oxman was jailed, became terror stricken, and the situation was dangerous.

The Chamber of Commerce came to the rescue through its chief attorney; \$10,000 was produced from somewhere, which money Fickert paid to an attorney to defend Oxman; and Fickert then announced that he would see that justice was done by prosecuting Oxman himself.

The Grand Jury was hastily summoned and "whitewashed" Oxman in consideration for the right to open up the redlight district, which had been closed by a moral crusade.

Fickert and the lawyer he had hired to defend Oxman got together and agreed upon a satisfactory jury, and with the help of the assistant attorney general, the cattleman's acquittal was arranged in advance. A witness who made affidavit that Oxman had offered to bribe her to enlarge her testimony was not permitted to appear. Cunha remarked aloud during the trial, "We've got to get this old guy

off, or we'll all go to the scrap heap." Oxman's defense was that he had thought he saw his old home-town friend Rigall at the same time he saw Mooney and the others, but after sending for Rigall he found that he had been mistaken in his identity.

There was a middle page, he said, missing from the principal one of his letters, on which he had written, "Don't come if you are not the man I saw in San Francisco on July 22nd." His attention was called to the fact that the two pages of the letter on hand were connected in the middle of a sentence. Oxman said, "Oh, I didn't mean a page from between the two, I meant that I wrote that in a postscript on a separate sheet of paper."

So the cattleman was triumphantly acquitted.

Mrs. Mooney was tried and found not guilty. The Chamber of Commerce employed an attorney to aid in prosecuting her. She is still in jail, and it is said that she will be tried again and hanged. The jury in Weinberg's trial reached a verdict of "not guilty" in three minutes. He is still in jail and the prosecutor announced that he would try him again and hang him.

Sounds of labor unrest were heard from San Francisco to Petrograd. The labor unions of the State of Washington held a ten-minute general strike in all industries as a warning. Diplomatic exchanges on the Mooney case took place between Washington and the Kerensky government of Russia. As a result, President Wilson telegraphed to Governor Stephens of California the request that Mooney's execution be not allowed to take place before he had a new trial. The President appointed a commission, headed by the Secretary of Labor, to investigate. The commission's report has now been made public. It practically substantiates labor's charges of crime and conspiracy on the part of Big Business and the District Attorney's office to "get" Mooney, Mrs. Mooney, Billings, Weinberg and Nolan. The critical sentence of the Commission's report is this:

"When Oxman was discredited the verdict against Mooney was discredited." After the Oxman exposure, the Attorney General of California, in view of the case should be returned to the Trial Court for a new trial. The Supreme Court, however, under the laws of California, found itself without jurisdiction to consider matters outside the record. The case is now before that Court on appeal to be disposed of solely on errors appearing from the record of the trial.

The commission therefore "respectfully recommends in case the Supreme Court of California should find it necessary (confining as it is by jurisdictional limitations) to sustain the conviction of Mooney by the record of the trial, that the President use his good offices to invoke action by the Governor of California and the co-operation of its prosecuting officers, to the end that a new trial may be had for Mooney whereby guilt or innocence may be put to the test of unquestionable justice. This result can easily be accomplished by postponing the execution of the sentence of Mooney to await the outcome of a new trial based upon prosecutions under one of the untried indictments against him."

So even at the best, Mooney's life still rests with the power of public opinion to force a just trial, and the willingness of organized labor and the friends of labor's struggle to furnish funds for another defense. And there still remains the case of Billings, framed up in the same way, and now serving a life-term in San Quentin prison. When Mooney heard of the favorable report of the President's Commission, his first words were, "Well, if I'm entitled to a new trial, Billings is too."

## THE "HUNS" IN CLEVELAND

For downright viciousness and brutality the daily papers of Cleveland put to shame the methods of the German Junkers. While denouncing the outrages perpetrated by the latter, they are constantly evidencing the same spirit of ruthlessness in attempting to ruin the reputation of all those who dare to hold opinions of their own.

Our readers have doubtless read the statements in the capitalist papers of Cleveland that our Comrades in the Canton workhouse had been put on a regimen of bread and water until they consented to wash the dirty clothing of the other prisoners. You also noted with what fiendish glee they exploited this piece of news, which, in the case of ordinary prisoners, would

have received no attention. Every discerning person can see the animus behind this attempt to besmirch the reputation of these men. The public is led to believe that, in contrast with the other inmates of the institution—burglars, highwaymen, etc.—they are desperate criminals.

The purpose is manifestly to poison the minds of the public, and, if possible, ruin their lives. It will fail, for Ruthenberg, Wagenknecht and Baker will continue to claim the respect of thousands of citizens of Cleveland in spite of all these vicious efforts to discredit them.

Verily, the "Huns" are not all in Germany. There is quite a sprinkling of that genus in Cleveland.

BUY A SUSTAINING STAMP ONCE A MONTH

"Jails become temples of honor when labor is wrongfully confined there; men wrongfully sent to jail become the world's heroes. It is only wrongdoing that is a disgrace. An unjust sentence only disgraces the judge who imposes it. Jails have never destroyed a just cause, and never will, so long as there are men left who are worthy of freedom."—Gov. John P. Altgeld.

Proletarian Science

A Course in Economics Arranged for Study Classes By W. E. Reynolds (Written especially for the Ohio Socialist)

In our last issue we printed the definitions to a few of the words which we will have to use in trying to find out the law of value. Surplus value is often talked about but is not generally understood. As we told you last month surplus value is the capitalist's "take-off," the difference between the earning power and the "getting" power of the working class.

While you can no doubt derive SOME benefit by just reading these articles we want to tell you right at the start that you will NOT get the full benefit unless you discuss these questions with others. The best way to get the full benefit out of them would be to take a part of the time you now use in your local and set that time aside for the express purpose of getting a better understanding of the principles underlying the Socialist movement.

Cosmo-Industrialism

By Harrison George. (One of the 166)

The world proletariat is forced into economic organizations by the pressure of world capitalism. In various nations, industrial unionism—in itself a revolutionary labor structure—is in a state of forced formation. It is inevitable that industrial unity—solidarity—between the industrial unions of all countries shall be established and grapple the globe.

World labor shall establish a world industrial administration with a directive body of workers for efficient service to all mankind. The world proletariat shall crush its enemies within and without, break its rusty chains and establish read freedom—industrial freedom.

The lesson of the Bolsheviks and the road to power of the One Big Union are before you, the former an example of the possibility of "impossibilities." The Bolsheviks took on tremendous odds by attempting to establish an industrial administration, practically born out of a military mutiny.

America's strongest element is the wage working class. Scientifically organized labor is the efficient bloodless weapon of industrial revolution, and at the same time it is, "the structural of a new society within the shell of the old."

No lives NEED be lost, not one drop of blood NEED be shed if the working class will rally to the One Big Union with its program of peaceful development from wage slavery to industrial freedom.

Will YOU demand and do YOUR share for YOUR OWN freedom?

A GRAVE DANGER In the suppression of free speech, free press and free assembly, which has taken place in this country a great peril lies in the fact that the people may get used to such suppression so that they acquiesce in it as a matter of course.

There are some people—honest or dishonest—who profess to believe that it is all right to suppress the fundamental rights of the people during war time. They profess to believe that there is no danger of this suppression being permanent.

First, it is a great evil to suppress these rights in war time. Second, there is great danger that the suppression may continue after the war.

If there is any single period when free speech, free press and free assembly are needed more than at another, it is when the nation is at war. Without these rights it is impossible to reach all the people with the truth.

That is the reason they are suppressed. As for the danger of these evils continuing after the war, in his book "Why Freedom Matters" Norman Angell of England has shown the alarming possibility of the habit of subservience to state authority in matters of opinion becoming so deeply ingrained in the minds of the people that they will not reopen the struggle for these rights after the war is over. If you have access to that book, you should read it.

If the capitalistic rulers of our nation are still in power when the war closes, we may have a long struggle to get back these rights. The best insurance against such an outcome is to keep constantly struggling for our rights during the war.

We must not let a day pass without denouncing this outrageous suppression. We must keep the indignation of the people burning against his hellish wrong. Otherwise, they may succumb, like the slaves of old, and let the despots do their worst, after the war as well as during the war.

MILWAUKEE LEADER.

THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY The eight-hour day was the principal demand made by the I. W. W. in their fight against the lumber barons of Oregon and Washington. Now the government has stepped in over the heads of the employers and granted the Wobblies demands. The order of the government, however, affects only the fir and spruce logging camps and mills—no other industry. At best, it will be for the duration of the war. There should be no letup in the campaign for the eight-hour. Initiative measure on account of this "order." That which is voluntarily given may be withdrawn at the convenience or whim of the giver.

The employers will no doubt point to the granting of the shorter work day by the government and try to induce people to lay down on the general eight-hour agitation. To make the shorter day sure in the lumber industry and to extend it to other employments where it is just as badly needed, it will be necessary to put it into law. Agitate for the Eight-Hour Day Initiative Measure No. 30.

LOCAL SENECA COUNTY PLEDGES SUPPORT TO JAILED COMRADES. Resolutions adopted Feb. 24, by Seneca County: To Comrades A. Wagenknecht, C. E. Ruthenberg and Chas. Baker, in durance vile for the cause of the working class. We, the Comrades of Seneca County, Socialist Party, envy you the honor bestowed upon you and so long as we are on the outside, we pledge to you our earnest support in any and every form within our power.

SECRETARY A. W. HUMES

The Time to Talk

A Story With a Moral

Pat and Mike were brothers. They lived on a farm down in Arkansas, and managed their affairs without the aid of mistress or servant. Two jolly bachelors, they knew how to paddle their own canoe.

Pat had gone down to New Orleans to market the year's crop. It had been a prosperous year for the boys. A good season in their part of the country had given them a bountiful harvest, while a drought in other sections made prices high.

Pat was jubilant. Not only was he elated by the excellent price that cotton was bringing but he was taking in the city and having the time of his life. How he wished Mike could be with him, see the things that he was seeing and enjoy the things that he was enjoying. Poor Mike, back at home engaged in the daily drudge of domestic duties! He decided to scatter a little sunshine along Mike's path by sending him a present.

But what should he send? What would Mike appreciate? Souvenirs and curios did not appeal to him, for they were of no practical value. He must send something that is both novel and useful. He set out over the city in search of a suitable present, but for quite awhile his search seemed in vain. Finally he walked into a bird store and the dealer proposed to sell him a trained bird—a bird that could talk. On this occasion Pat was "from Missouri," but it did not deter the dealer from showing him. The bird could actually talk.

"The very thing," thought Pat. "Mike will have bushels of fun with that bird, and then it will be lots of company for us when I get home." So he gave the dealer fifty dollars and ordered the bird shipped to Mike. Pat finished his stay in the city, and with a light heart and heavy pocket-book, boarded the train for home. A thrill ran through his body and his soul leaped with ecstasy as he thought of his happy meeting with Mike. What a joy to count the big round sum from the sales, to tell of his experience in the city and hear Mike's experience with that bird. "What would Mike think of a bird that could talk, any how?"

As soon as he met Mike, he asked, "How did you like that bird I sent you?" Mike replied, "To all outward appearances that was a fine bird but it was a fraud. Its feathers were beautiful but its flesh was the toughest meat I ever stuck a tooth in. I cooked that bird a whole day and still it would have made good shoestrings."

Pat was dumfounded. All his expectations were mocked into smithereens. For a moment he stood awestruck. Then he spoke: "You—you eat that bird? That bird cost fifty dollars. That bird could talk."

Mike very deliberately replied, "If that bird could talk and if there was ever a time when it should have talked, it was when I was wringing off its neck."

Mike was right. If the bird could talk it should have spoken up and objected to having its neck wrung. And herein is a lesson for us.

We too must do our protesting, our objecting to having our necks twisted and our heads do it now, or find ourselves headless and unable to talk.

We must reach the thousands of workers and farmers in this state thru the Ohio Socialist. We must do our protesting against the profit system thru it. Every day the profits give a little twist. Each day we must make it our duty to cry out against this wringing of necks and hearts until capitalism relinquishes its hold.

MORAL—Lose not even one second in getting subscribers for the Ohio Socialist. Right now there is nothing more important you can do to save your neck and the necks of your class.

Thought Provokers Socialism is near, comrades say. Yes, just as near as you care to make it dear and all-consuming. And the more distant you are to Socialism's organic expression, the Socialist party, the more distant is Socialism.

Truer today than ever are the words of Marx and Engels that, with the passing of capitalism, man passes definitely out of the animal kingdom.

Capitalism is driving many nails into the coffin of the primitive conception that natural forces are mysterious, and this gives the workers the clear brain needed to understand the crimes of capitalism.

We escaped from nature's slavery as soon as we understood nature's laws. We will escape capitalism's slavery as soon as we understand capitalism.

First we had no understanding. Then we had some understanding. A world of miracles. The development of natural sciences drove miracles and the supernatural out of natural phenomena and miracles, took refuge in what was thought to be a separate entity, the mind. Then came that Socialist philosopher, Dietzgen, and by proving the complete dependence of mind upon the rest of the world, laid the foundation for the abolition of superstition forever.

Here's something to think about. We have, as Socialists, completely annihilated the "great man theory" with our insistent arguments that great men are but effects and never causes of changes in society. Yet, how few there are of us but who look up to "Socialist leaders" for our emancipation. Some of the Lenin-Trotsky dope we have read in our party press lately makes us sick. The attempt to make us believe that the success of Socialism at any time and any place depends on two comrades is ridiculous.

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A PICTURE WITH A STORY



Remember!

YOU

If YOU

were being

sent to

JAIL

for a year,

because you had

EARNESTLY

lived up to your

CONVICTIONS,

and had stood

by your

CLASS

and had not

been a

TRAITOR

to your

PRINCIPLES,

and a comrade

had said to you

that he would

WRITE to you

and VISIT you,

and you had

been locked up

in a STONE CELL

for TWO MONTHS

away from your

FAMILY

and the SUNLIGHT

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and the comrade

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to you nor VISITED

you, what would

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SOCIALIST POLITICAL PRISONERS OF OHIO

Chas. Baker, Stark County Workhouse, Canton, Ohio. C. E. Ruthenberg, Stark County Workhouse, Canton, Ohio. Alfred Wagenknecht, Stark County Workhouse, Canton, Ohio.

Visiting days are on Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30. Clarence Beyer, Warrensville Workhouse, Warrensville, Ohio. Merton Deyo, Warrensville Workhouse, Warrensville, Ohio. Harry Israel, Warrensville Workhouse, Warrensville, Ohio. George Fohm, Warrensville Workhouse, Warrensville, Ohio.

Visiting hours at Warrensville are from 8 o'clock to 4, on Sundays. A. A. Hennacy, Federal Prison, Atlanta, Ga. F. E. Townsley, Federal Prison, Atlanta, Ga.

WRITE THEM A LETTER. PAY THEM A VISIT. BUY ANOTHER SUSTAINING FUND STAMP. LET THEM KNOW YOU HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THEM.

SUSTAINING FUND GROWING Has your local sold its share of the Sustaining Stamps yet? Local's remittances to the Prisoners' Families' Sustaining Fund are now coming in. All remittances will be reported in this paper each issue.

Remittances reported to March 6th totaled \$109.00. Remittances to State Office from March 6th to 20th are as follows: German Branch, Akron, \$27.00. Local Jenera, 10.00. Local Kenmore, 3.75. Local Mzssillon, 3.00. W. H. Aggus, Norwalk, 2.00. Local Sepeca County, 3.00. Local Aurora, Finnish, 7.50. Local Toledo, 1.00. B. D. Barton, M. A., 10.50. Local Trimble Twp., 2.25. Local Belmont County, 5.00. Local Wapakoneta, 1.00. Local New Philadelphia, 5.00. Chas. Message, Amsterdam, 1.00. Hungarian Br., Youngstown, 6.00. Local Sidney, donation, 3.50. Scandinavian Br., Youngstown, 7.50. J. H. Sanders, Jamestown, 1.00.

Total to date, \$209.10. Expenditures to date, March 20th. Deposited in Canton jail for use of Clarence Ruthenberg, Baker and Wagenknecht, \$25.00. To Mrs. Callie Baker, Chas. Baker's mother, \$15.00.

MEMORIAL TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES The war in Europe has gripped many nations, including our own, is waning. The Socialist Party, therefore, through its National Executive Committee deems it to be its duty to state its views as to the best method of obtaining a speedy general and permanent peace.

We endorse unreservedly the peace program of the Russian Socialist government based on the demand for the evacuation of all territory occupied by hostile forces and its physical restoration from an international fund. We must do it now, or find ourselves headless and unable to talk.

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Here's something to think about. We have, as Socialists, completely annihilated the "great man theory" with our insistent arguments that great men are but effects and never causes of changes in society. Yet, how few there are of us but who look up to "Socialist leaders" for our emancipation. Some of the Lenin-Trotsky dope we have read in our party press lately makes us sick. The attempt to make us believe that the success of Socialism at any time and any place depends on two comrades is ridiculous.

LOCAL SENECA COUNTY PLEDGES SUPPORT TO JAILED COMRADES. Resolutions adopted Feb. 24, by Seneca County: To Comrades A. Wagenknecht, C. E. Ruthenberg and Chas. Baker, in durance vile for the cause of the working class. We, the Comrades of Seneca County, Socialist Party, envy you the honor bestowed upon you and so long as we are on the outside, we pledge to you our earnest support in any and every form within our power.

SECRETARY A. W. HUMES

LOCALS--ATTENTION

ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION. SEND A COPY TO PRESIDENT WILSON, GOVERNOR STEVENS, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, AND TO MOONEY DEFENSE COMMITTEE, P. O. BOX 894, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. DEFEND YOUR INNOCENT COMRADE!

Whereas, The trial and conviction of Tom Mooney has convinced the working class of America and of Russia as well, of the innocence of Mooney, and

Whereas, The President's Commission has, in its report of the investigation of the case supported unqualifiedly the charges of labor that a deep laid plot of conspiracy against Organized Labor by Big Business and the District Attorney's office lay at the bottom of this persecution; and

Whereas, If Mooney is made to pay the penalty which the Courts demand, industrial disturbances of the most violent character may result; the sense of justice of immense bodies of laboring men and women will be outraged; a further alienation of labor and its belief in the justice of our courts will result which will forever rankle in the hearts and minds of thousands, not to be overcome, but to be reckoned with in the future relations of labor and capital; therefore be it

Resolved, That Local of the Socialist Party of Ohio, does hereby demand the pardon of Tom Mooney and his immediate release from prison and the clutches of the infamous scoundrels who have been the cause of his persecution.

Secretary Chairman

Mooney Must Not Hang GOOD RESULTS

By Jim The capitalists of California are demanding the blood of Tom Mooney. They fought and killed the working people and when the workers dared to organize against the profiteering parasites' brutality, the capitalists demanded that an example be made that would strike terror into the heart of every radical.

The henchmen of capitalism planned and staged the so-called "bomb outrage." Their staging was so flimsy and their witnesses such liars that the decent citizens demanded the farce be stopped.

Not content with robbing labor thru the wage system and thereby driving the children into the factories and the women into prostitution and men to the prisons, capital cries aloud for blood—the blood of Tom Mooney.

When the working class government of Russia protested, it was heard by President Wilson. When the working class here protested—well what does American capitalism care for the written, verbal or telegraphic protest of American labor?

The state supreme court of California says Mooney must hang by the neck until dead.

The working class of America must answer the capitalist's threat. The hanging of Tom Mooney means the entering of a wedge to hang any American worker who dares protest against horrible conditions.

Workers of America! Send your protest of capitalism's premeditated murder to Washington. Go to the causes of conditions and how they could be changed. This is economics. Let us get started right, then we won't have to reorganize every few years.

Too much time is wasted in generalities and securing votes. Comrade Hedden's experience in organizing work has enabled him to readily lay his finger on the cause of the death of locals in this and every state. It is too much sentimentality and too little scientific socialism. Too much chattering after effects and too little analysis of the wages system and the manner in which the laborer is separated from his product.

Tom Mooney must not hang!

A WORD TO YOU

Comrades, let this fact sink deep into your consciousness. The Socialist Party has in its ranks hundreds of members with great ability, which has never been developed. We must develop these latent powers which now lie dormant. To develop this ability should become a part of our daily task. The ability is here, let us give it a chance for action.

Some of our best workers are now in prison. We must take up their tasks. We must carry forward their work and ours. We must redouble our efforts for the workers' cause. Now is the time to put our best efforts, our ability and our courage to work for the emancipation of the working class. Let no comrade relax in his or her work until the capitalist system of industry is replaced by one of Industrial Democracy.

Let us close our ranks and march on to the Better Day, invincible in determination, invincible in courage, invincible in numbers.

will be for intensive agitation the four months before election.

A list of all local branches, together with name of county and number of Congressional, Senatorial and Judicial districts in which each local and branch are located have been printed in The Ohio Socialist of Feb. 11.

All locals or branches who have not a list on hand can secure same on request to the State Office. Arrange with the other locals and branches in your county, and in your Congressional district for your convention.

Many county and Congressional conventions have already been held. Hold yours without delay.

The International Socialist Review becomes the Labor Scrap Book for the month of March. All comrades are requested to secure a copy of the March number. The Review has always been THE revolutionary magazine in America. All Reds will support it in its battles for the rights of distribution accorded other periodicals. Buy a copy and get the word news.

STILL IN THE DARK Diligent investigation has failed to reveal whether the recent cablegrams submitted for transmission by the American Socialist Party to the Socialists of Great Britain, Russia, Germany and Austria, ever started across the Atlantic ocean.

The messages were submitted to the cable company Feb. 3. The company officials refuse to state whether the cables were sent. They referred all inquiries to the cable censor, Capt. D. W. Todd, at Washington, D. C. An effort was made to trace the fate of the cables at Washington. Mark Lewis, secretary to the Socialist Congressman, Meyer London of New York, made the investigation and Feb. 26 reports as follows: "I have just been over to the office of the Naval Communication Service and in the absence of Capt. Todd, who is out of town, I spoke to the Chief about the cable messages. He informed me it was the rule of the bureau not to disclose any information relating to the disposition of matter passing through the hands of the censor. He told me that the only way you could tell whether the messages sent were delivered or transmitted would be by the receipt of a reply, but he admitted that the reply could be held up, so that we would still be in the dark. It appears nothing can be done to get the information. We are still in the dark! That is where the ruling class would like to keep the workers, always."

BRITISH LABOR PLANS DEVELOP

An Epoch Making Statement of the Aims of the British Workers in the Reconstruction of Society after the War

(Editor's Note—We are publishing in serial form, the report of the sub-committee of the British Labor Party on the reconstruction of society after the war. The British Labor Party will probably rule England when the present world conflict is ended. Its program is therefore of surpassing interest to the workers everywhere.)

PART I

It behooves the Labor party, in formulating its own program for reconstruction after the war...

The End of a Civilization We need to beware of patchwork. The view of the Labor party is that what has to be reconstructed after the war is not this or that government department...

What this war is consuming is not merely the security, the homes, the livelihood and the lives of millions of innocent families, and an enormous proportion of all the accumulated wealth of the world...

The Pillars of the House We need not here recapitulate, one by one, the different items in the Labor party's program...

The Universal Enforcement of a National Minimum (a) The Universal Enforcement of the National Minimum; (b) The Democratic Control of Industry; (c) The Nationalization of the Means of Production; (d) The Surplus-Wealth for the Common Good.

The first principle of the Labor party—in significant contrast with those of the capitalist system, whether expressed by the liberal or by the conservative party—is the securing to every member of the community, in good times and bad alike...

injured. Generation after generation has been the corner-stone of the faith of Labor. It will be the guiding principle of any Labor government.

The Legislative Regulation of Employment. Thus it is that the Labor party today stands for the universal application of the policy of the national minimum, to which (as embodied in the successive elaborations of the Factory, Mines, Railways, Shops, Merchant Shipping and Trade Acts, the Public Health, Housing, and Education Acts and the Minimum Wage Act—all of them aiming at the enforcement of at least the prescribed minimum of leisure, health, education and subsistence) the spokesmen of Labor have already gained the support of the enlightened statesmen and economists of the world.

The Organization of Demobilization. But the coming industrial dislocation, which will inevitably follow the discharge from war service of the millions of men, women and children now being mobilized upon the soil of the country...

The arbitrary withdrawal by the government in 1915 of this statutory right of the trade unions was one of the most flagrant instances of the Labor party's insistence on the resumption of this subvention immediately the war ceases, and on its increase to at least half the amount spent in Out of Work Benefit.

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life. The government has pledged itself to restore the trade union conditions and "pre-war practices" of the work-shop, which the trade unions patriotically gave up at the direct request of the government itself; and this solemn pledge must be fulfilled, of course, in the spirit as well as in the letter.

But nothing is more dangerous to the standard of life, or so destructive of those minimum conditions of the community, which must in the interests of the community be assured to every worker, than any widespread or continued unemployment. It has always been a fundamental principle of the Labor party (a point on which, significantly enough, it has not been followed by either of the other political parties) that, in a modern industrial community, it is one of the foremost obligations of the government to find, for every willing worker, whether by hand or by brain, productive work at standard rates.

There are no further objections we would prefer Comrade Sharts of Dayton for the occasion as he is well acquainted with the local conditions in Piqua.

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Elected Officials Reports



A. L. HITCHCOCK Member Cleveland School Board

All socialists who are acquainted with the work of comrade Hitchcock on the Cleveland School Board have cause for rejoicing. That a wise choice was made in the selection of comrade Hitchcock for this office is proven by his actions on the board in bringing before it and the people of Cleveland the real issues in school affairs.

Herewith is published the monthly report of comrade Hitchcock's work for the last month as an official of the Socialist Party.

Ordinances Proposed by Hitchcock

- 1. Abolition of Union Rule No. 4154. 2. Resolution for more information on school matters, before approval by Director and Supt. 3. Resolution requiring union label on all school printing. 4. Resolution to give custodians three days off with pay on death of relatives, same as is given other employees.

Number One has been referred to committee on General Revision of Rules.

Number Two was killed by the other board members who do not desire too much information regarding the business for which they were elected to do.

Number Three was laid on the table. In all probability it will be permitted to die unless the workers place more Socialists on the school board.

Number Four was referred to the director. The reason the school board refused to act in this matter is because it was afraid the Socialists would receive the credit.

Comrades of Piqua are making a fight on several illegal actions of the former old party administration. As a means of placing before the people of Piqua the truth of city affairs, the comrades, having been denied the use of the daily papers, now issue a monthly bulletin which is distributed throughout the city.

Dear Comrade: In reply to your letter of March 8th will say that your offer of furnishing us a speaker for some Sunday for a mass meeting at our city park for the benefit of Local Piqua, is highly appreciated.

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SOCIALIST HOLD LIVELY CONVENTION IN SENATORIAL DISTRICT NO. 27-29

Mansfield, Ohio, March 19, 1918. Dear Comrades: Herewith you will find copy of proceedings of convention of the 27-29 Senatorial district held in Mansfield, Ohio, Sunday, March 10, 1918.

Convention called to order by district Organizer M. J. Beery and nominations for chairman called for. Comrade Joseph Bayer of Mansfield was elected chairman, after which Comrade L. L. Aniker of Mansfield was elected secretary.

The chairman then announced that nominations for candidate to the Ohio State Senate for the 27-29th District of Ohio was in order.

Martin Bayer of Mansfield and Terry Welty of Wadsworth were placed in nomination.

There being no further nominations the convention proceeded to ballot. Comrade Martin Bayer of Mansfield, having received the majority of all votes cast was duly declared the candidate of the Socialist party for the 27-29th Senatorial district of Ohio.

Good talks were made by various comrades after which the convention adjourned sine die.

The Socialist Ladies of Local Mansfield, having prepared a bountiful repast, all delegates and visitors were invited and urged to remain for supper. After all present had partaken the bill was paid and the pleasant hour that was enjoyed until a late hour and every one present voted this to be the biggest and most enthusiastic convention ever held in this district.

Yours in Comradeship, Committee to fill vacancies M. J. Beery, chairman, 329 S. Diamond St., Mansfield, Ohio.

BLANK CASE IS REVERSED THRU COURT DECISION

Socialist Leader Arrested Last August Under Anti-Soap-Box Oratory Ordinance

Lima Daily News, March 13th. The case of Edwin Blank against the City of Lima was heard in the court of Appeals today and the findings against Blank in the criminal court and the court of common pleas were reversed.

Blank is a well known local lawyer and Socialist leader. He has taken an important part in city politics, having been safety director and chief of police under the administration of Mayor Shook, who was elected on the Socialist ticket. Blank also headed the Socialist ticket at the last municipal election.

The case, which was heard in the court of appeals today, is the outcome of an ordinance passed by the city council last August to the effect that soap-box oratory would not be permitted on the streets of Lima. This ordinance was put into effect by council at the time of the street car strike.

It is said that Blank defied the ordinance and started to give a speech on the public streets of Lima. As a result of the effort he was arrested and jailed.

The case was tried in the criminal court where Blank was declared guilty. The case was taken up to the court of common pleas and the criminal court's verdict was sustained. Blank then turned to the court of appeals with the result that they remanded the case back to the criminal court with directions to discharge Blank.

This decision of the court of appeals would indicate that the city ordinance which was used as the law under which Blank was arrested is not valid and cannot be enforced in Ohio.

News Notes of Live Wires

Many locals are arranging dates for speakers in the near future. This is a very favorable sign of party progress. All comrades must realize the opportunity of the present time to push Socialist propaganda.

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Local Glouster is a local where the comrades live far apart and have difficulty in meeting when the weather is severe. Nevertheless they do meet and do their part in the party work. In a letter from Comrade T. B. Craig, secretary, writes of their recent meeting, wherein he states that there were eight members present and they proceeded to do business to the tune of twenty dues stamps and nine sustaining stamps, pay up their dues and to help the boys in jail.

The comrades of Niles local are getting active in the work which counts big in the world now, writes Local Secretary Alda B. Ford. All locals realize the necessity of increasing their numbers if we are to have the full advantage of the present condition of the minds of the people.

Comrade J. S. Case of Delaware, though seventy-seven years of age, sends to the State Office one dollar for four sustaining stamps and a dollar for dues. Comrade Case is another of those fighting M. A. L. S. He states that he has voted the Socialist ticket for twenty years.

A brand new local on the map! All hail! When a plumber turns organizer, look out! Comrade John Reaver of R. D. 3, Dayton turned the trick. He has organized a local at Harshaville with seven members. Each member is a genuine working man and we prophesy this local means business. The local was formally organized at the home of Comrade Wm. Cunningham. After the meeting adjourned, Comrade Renver saw the aurora borealis was observed in the northern skies, which was taken as a good omen for the success of local Mad River, in which townshi it is. The comrades will hold a propaganda meeting at Harshaville March 23, which will be addressed by Comrade Sharts of Dayton. The organization of this local means another outpost

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MARCH 25, 1918

Secretary Germer Replies

Chicago, Ill., March 21, 1918. Editor The Ohio Socialist, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Comrade: I am just in receipt of the Ohio Socialist under date of March 10th, and note the so-called "report" sent in by Comrade William Patterson regarding the meeting I had with the sub-committee of the Ohio State Executive Committee. Ordinarily I pay no attention to these absurd fulminations, but Comrade Patterson, in this instance, acting in an official capacity, the members would believe him to adhere to the truth. Perhaps Comrade Patterson is not to blame for omitting some of the essential facts of the meeting. It may be that he cannot help doing those things.

After I had made a statement to the sub-committee of the general plans of the National Office, Comrade Patterson began a tirade, charging that the National Office had not kept its promise with respect to the St. Louis Convention account. He made the statement that we had paid nothing on the delegates' expense although we had promised to do so. The facts are that at the convention Comrade Patterson received \$20.00 on his account, about which he has nothing to say. The committee at the meeting decided that the following payments were made: July 24, Wm. Barnard, \$15.00; Dec. 8, A. Wagenknecht, \$100.00; Dec. 18, A. Wagenknecht, \$120.00; Dec. 31, A. Wagenknecht, \$190.30; Jan. 16, A. Wagenknecht, \$194.75, making a total of \$500.00.

Why Comrade Patterson did not tell the truth about this I do not know. He evidently had some reason for it. He proceeds to tell the readers that the answer I generally gave to questions was "I don't know." That is true in some instances. If a person would ask me about the plans of the State would receive an average of four speakers, and added that the large industrial States like Ohio would get more, while other States that could not use four would get less.

The plans outlined by the National Office are predicated on the theory that we will raise the million dollars. This is no different than the plans that any State may outline. The State organization in Ohio may outline plans for \$25,000 worth of work but if only \$15,000 are realized, the amount of work will have to be rearranged in proportion.

My incidental reference to Barnum was understood by everyone who was present at the meeting except Comrade Patterson. I referred to it only to illustrate advertising value. If this is beyond Comrade Patterson's conception, it is not my fault. It is quite clear to the reader that when a person simply refuses to understand anything, it can not be understood.

Comrade Patterson also entered into a tirade against the National Organization for appointing a Financial Director who is to devote all of his time to work out plans by which money can be raised. Comrade Patterson would have a referendum election of an Advisory Committee. He wanted the National Committee to appoint an Advisory Committee. He did not seem to know that the National Committee went out of existence last September. Comrade Patterson would have a referendum election of an Advisory Committee that would cost several hundred dollars and would be scattered in different sections of the country.

First of all it requires every individual that a person can give to successfully conduct a money raising campaign. A person's mind must not be occupied with anything else. It is harder to raise money than it is to criticize anything and everything that the National Organization may undertake.

No doubt Comrade Patterson would have some referendum that would cost two or three hundred dollars and require four or five months time to elect an Advisory Committee. Perhaps he would have one member of that committee in New York, another in Florida, another in Texas and another in California or Washington, to be sure that the extreme parts of the country would be represented.

Evidently that is his conception of democracy. Anyone who has ever conducted a movement that requires considerable detail knows how impossible it is for such a committee to function. But it may make little difference to Comrade Patterson whether or not a committee can function so long as we practice what he thinks is "democracy."

It was clearly evident at that meeting that Comrade Patterson is suspicious and doubtful of everybody except himself. He seems to be very much afraid that someone will put the Socialist party in his vest pocket and go to some unknown land with it. It is no compliment to the intelligence of the Socialist party when one constantly fears that a few men in the party are going to do some terrible thing with it.

Comrade Patterson had with the sub-committee of the Ohio State Executive Committee cleared up several misunderstandings in the minds of those

present except Comrade Patterson, as his "report" indicates. I repeat that ordinarily I pay no attention to these mental eruptions, and I would not in this case were it not that it came from a member of the State Executive Committee.

Fraternally yours, ADOLPH GERMER, Executive Secretary.

Comrade Max Schmidt, literature agent from Local Portland, Ore., or Youngstown, Toledo, Lorain, Akron, Mansfield, Cincinnati, Hamilton and Cleveland. There are many more cities in Ohio which should have a well organized membership among the young folks. However, this is a matter that our active members of the League in Y. P. S. L. hope to bring about in the near future.

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GET A MEMBER

Sub. Boosters Corner

Comrade Walter Conradi of New Bremen sends us a list of seven. New Bremen will be on the map good and strong. Watch that town. The Ohio Socialist will go there in bundles henceforth.

"IN DUTCH"

By JESSIE JASON RUFNER. We went into a restaurant, And asked for "German-fried," The waiter gasped in horror

Socialists Needed At Washington

By Jessie Jason Rufner. The congressional campaign is now on. Socialists everywhere should get into fighting condition and waste into the conflict with their sleeves rolled up for business.

Official Business

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Table with financial data: Dues Sts Reg. \$361.55, Dual 3.00, M. A. L. 30.25, Foreign Br. 156.55, etc.

Gleanings From the Log of an Agitator

Written for the Ohio Socialist by W. E. Reynolds. The Navy needs you. Don't READ American History. Make it. From a recruiting sign. I suppose if they read a little American history, especially along about the time of the Boston tea party and the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it would make them think: Eh what?

Date of I. W. W. Trial Not Yet Set

Feared Russian Opinion and Workers in Western Lumber Camps Cause Attorney General to Delay Prosecution

Milwaukee Leader. Washington—The department of justice is still unable to name a date for the trial of the 166 organizers and members of the Industrial Workers of the World under indictment for "seditious conspiracy."

Russ Opinion Factor. Several influential news organs in the Pacific northwest, who are under the influence of the I. W. W., produce spruce lumber of the army airplanes. This timber must be gotten to the mills. The I. W. W. control the woods. Their spokesmen have indicated that so long as the government prosecutes its leaders for "seditious conspiracy," the members of the I. W. W. can not be expected to speed up production.

Socialist Aid is Offered

As the day of trial for the many I. W. W. cases now pending, draws closer, numerous pledges of support are being received. The National Executive Committee of the Party has demanded, in a stirring resolution that the I. W. W. members now in jail be given a fair and impartial trial, and called upon all its members to extend their moral and financial aid.

Another Blow at Censorship

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HONOR ROLL

- List of names and localities: Mt. Healthy, New England, Niles, etc.

PIKER POLITICIANS

Continued from Page One. We advise those who are behind this scheme to "back up." If they carry it through the Socialist Party will initiate a referendum to recall ALL the Councilmen, and thus force the issue before the people.

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AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

- List of speakers and their addresses: CHAS. BAKER, 1291 Cook Ave., Lakewood; MAX BEERY, Newnam Building, Mansfield; M. X. BOEHM, 180 Harbor St., Concord; LOTTA BURKE, 1417 Walnut ave., Cincinnati; etc.

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