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Zadrufna banka Ljubljana, Jugoslavija. V LASTNI HIŠI, MIKLOŠIČEVA CESTA 13, BLIZU GLAVNEGA KOLODVORA, SE PRIPOROČA ROJAKOM V AMERIKI ZA VSE GOSPODARSKE POSLE, ZLASTI:

## POISONED FRUIT

The aftermath of modern wars is disillusionment. Masses fight for what they do not get and they get what they do not fight for. This is even true of the Civil War. Probably not one worker who fought in the northern armies knew that a clever and cynical group of politicians representing the bankers, manufacturers, railroad, investors and mining speculators of the North planned to control the government when the slave system was conquered.

We wonder what these dead workers would think today if they awoke to observe the mastery enjoyed by these economic groups. What would they think of the politics and the leading parties of today? Would they enjoy the spectacle of the two parties, led like twin pups tied by the same string and fed by the same owners? Would they rejoice that their lives had been given that city regimes like that in New York and Chicago might flourish as poison upon trees?

Here is Chicago, ripe fruit of capitalist politics. If some one seventy years ago had predicted that the city which nominated Lincoln in 1860 would in another generation reproduce some of the work and activities of the old Italian Mafia he would have been jeered. But here is the city a scene of gang wars and murders, the deadly gat an instrument of sovereignty, and gang leaders enjoying influence with high public officials. It is a "state of armed anarchy", confesses one Chicago daily.

This is the revolting thing nourished by the politics of capitalism and other large cities are more or less affected by it. Will the Congressional committee now investigating the red herring please take this into account when making its report?

(The New Leader.)

## AN EX-SERVICE MAN TESTIFIES

"I am through with war. In the World War I was a victim of propaganda, but if I were to go to war again I would know that I was a common butcher going forth to kill my fellow men. I would know that there is no such thing as a war to end war. I would know that there is no such thing as a war to make the world safe for democracy."

So said Howard Y. Williams, speaking to a church audience in Milwaukee, Sunday June 22nd.

That's the way we like to hear an ex-soldier talk.

Too many ex-soldiers, for some inscrutable reason, are boosters for military training in the schools and are opponents of progress in general.

If there is anyone in the wide world who should be utterly opposed to war, and ready to announce that he will never fight again, it is a man who fought the futile fight in the World War. Mr. Williams' speech indicates that there are some like that. We imagine that there are a great many others, most of whom do not have much opportunity to express themselves.

It is necessary to approach permanent peace through a number of avenues, but it is a certainty that if the proposed cannon-fodder should refuse to fight, there would be no more war. Statesmen and generals do not fight; they order other men to fight. If there had been a rider attached to the declaration of war in April, 1917—a rider to the effect that all senators and representatives who voted for the declaration were to be stationed in the front line trench—we feel sure that the declaration of war would have been buried under a storm of noes.

Milwaukee Leader.

## THE ROAD TO PEACE

Why cannot we have peace in the realm of public utilities, electric and otherwise, as we have in the postal industry, and get our electric juice and other utility service as cheaply and as efficiently as we get our mail.

The answer is that peace, efficiency and low rates do prevail in places where the utilities are owned by the public. Strife and high rates are confined to the places where they are privately owned. Longing for the strife to cease will not bring the desired result unless that longing is transformed into action. Ceaseless activity in behalf of public ownership of public utilities is a necessity and a duty. There's no other way except to succumb and be the docile slaves of utility trusts. A self-respecting people cannot do that. Peace in the whole industrial world lies on the same route: public ownership.

## Obscure Mexican Town Wins Wide Recognition for Its Beautiful Girls



THE TEHUANA COSTUME WITH RUFFLES

From many lands of Europe and America painters come to a small tropical village of Mexico to paint the "laughing little maidens of Tehuantepec", famous for their beauty and for the picturesqueness of their costumes. The "Tehuana" are said to be the most beautiful women in the world.

The traveler who happens to pass through Tehuantepec is impressed by the continuous laughter, gaiety together with the melody of the women of Tehuantepec. This gayety, together with the melody of the native tongue spoken there, "Zapoteco", makes every foreigner who happens to wander to that region wonder, "Can this be Mexico?" There is plenty of color tucked away between the hills of the "tierras calientes", or hot lands, of the region, away from direct contact with modern civilization.

**Proud of Ancestry.**  
"Tehuantepec" is derived from the Aztec Indian words "tehuani", meaning "wild beasts", and "tepetl", meaning "hill". According to legend the people of Tehuantepec are the descendants of the old "binigulashas", people from the clouds. They are proud of this, and also of the fact that Quetzalcoatl, the Plumed Serpent revered by the ancient Toltec Indians, according to legend, came from among them. And that their Zapotecan forefathers were the masters of the old cultured Toltecs. And that the great Aztec emperor himself

**Excuse Me**  
Conundrums have the very important faculty of keeping you "on your toes" mentally. And here are a few special ones that will serve to clean the cobwebs from the idle corners of your brain:

What are the best four known races of men? Foot race, horse race, automobile race, and boat race.  
What is the single English word of five letters that is never pronounced right? Wrong.  
How can you make a slow horse fast? Don't feed him!  
What kind of stones are found in the Gulf of Mexico? Wet stones.  
Why is snow different from Sunday? Because it can fall on any day of the week.  
Where was Solomon's temple? On the side of his head.  
If you raise wheat in dry weather, what do you raise in rainy weather? An umbrella.  
What is it every summer that goes most against a farmer's grain? The reaper.  
When does a dog weight least? When he is within the pound.  
If a bee could stand on its hind legs, what blessing would it invoke? A bee-attitude.

## Stranded

A man waiting for his train on a platform was struck by the wretched appearance of a dog tied to a post. He called a porter and said:  
"That dog looks very miserable. Where is it going to?"  
"That's the trouble," replied the porter. "I don't know, and you don't know, and the dog don't know. He's chewed up his blessed label!"

Temperance Advocate—Look at the homes whisky has wrecked!  
Ancient Mariner—That's nothin' look at the ships water has wrecked!

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## SEARCHLIGHT

By Donald J. Lotrich

Independence Day was here. It passed gloomily. It wasn't the jolly "Fourth of July" of old. Yes, fire crackers and fireworks did go off, but not as in the years past. People with cars drove into the country. Others spent the warm day at the beaches. Those that stayed at home were not noisy. That revolutionary spirit was too hungry to attract attention. Yet it must not be forgotten that our heroes of '76 fought the battle to free themselves from the yoke of England, just as we socialists are battling to overthrow the rule of capitalism. Each succeeding Fourth of July that will stare the hungry unemployed workers will help create that revolutionary spirit that was so outstanding in the "76's".

John Terceij, one of our faithful comrades, has been seriously injured. John has been a hustler and until he recovers will be greatly missed. We hope that he will have the "pluck" to pull through very quickly.

We didn't go home until the early hours of the morning at last year's moonlight picnic of Sava. On Saturday August 9th, "we won't go home until morning", because Sava will have another moonlight picnic. It will be held at Kegel's Grove in Willow Springs, Ill., and Johnny Kochevar promises to have a very good orchestra to entertain.

Mooney and Billings were due for a pardon according to newspaper reports. But governor Young of California asked the judges of that state for their opinion and they said "no". So Mooney and Billings are due to remain behind prison walls. Clarence Senior the Executive Secretary of the Socialist party gets credit for the steps to be taken by the Socialist groups between July 15 and 22 to bring about their pardon. Mass meetings and mass demonstrations have been ordered. It is hoped that in this way enough interest can be aroused to bring Mooney and Billings nearer to the world outside of their prison.

We are going to have an honest to goodness unified transit system now that the voters of Chicago have approved the traction franchise. That was one of the promises of Samuel Insull's group. Cheap fares and good service. But if you ask me, the fact that jobs were promised to 10,000 unemployed is probably the main reason why so many were in favor of the indeterminate franchise. At least Chicago is to spend \$100,000,000 to build a subway and the traction interests will operate their trains, and the strap hangers will still hang onto the straps. What is there to

prevent an increase in fares? We are going to watch the whole situation with interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Yersin of West Allis, Wis. entertained a delegation of Pioneers on the occasion of the West Allis-Pioneer ball games last Sunday. Our crew was treated so royally that they didn't care about leaving their home.

Incidentally while we speak of West Allis we can tell you that it is a nice clean town and that a branch of our federation functions well up there. Mr. Yersin evidently does his share to keep the boys in good spirits and on the go.

Illinois is sixth in the standing of states for membership in the Socialist Party. That is a fair ranking if the membership was at least 5000. To bring the membership to 5000 however will require a lot of work since only a little over 500 is the present roll call. Club No. 1 J. S. F. is especially anxious to increase its membership inasmuch as its members desire to regain its hold of 1st place in the Federation.

The latest report shows that 130 organizations are affiliated with the Educational Bureau of J. S. F. That is at least a dozen more than at any previous year. It is especially gratifying to learn that so many English speaking Clubs and lodges have sent in their membership.

It has been definitely decided to go to Waukegan, Ill. on Sunday, July 27, to the picnic, sponsored by club No. 45 J. S. F. A special car on the North Shore Line has been chartered.

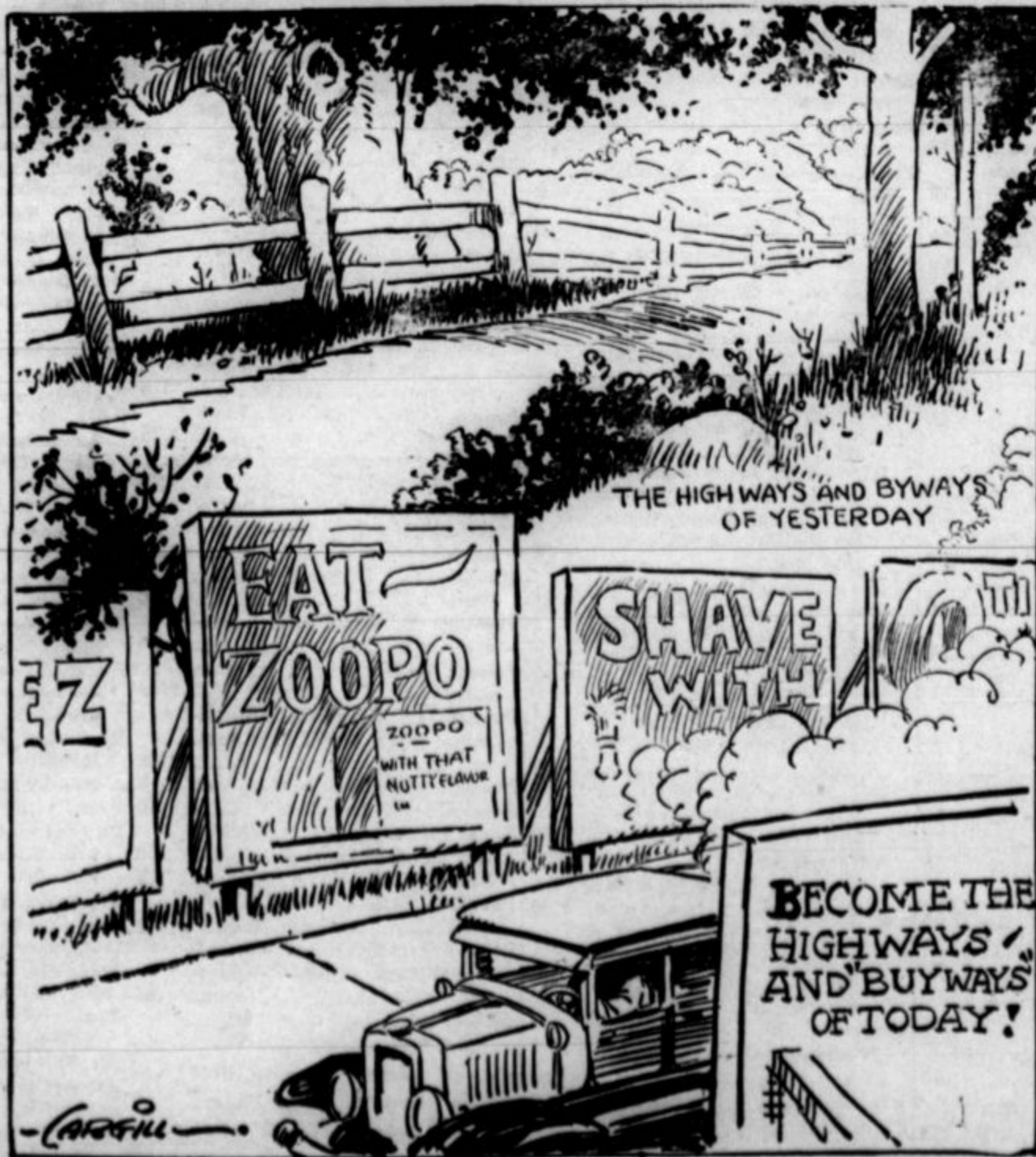
Yes, and the week before July 20, we are all going to the Pioneer Picnic at Bergmann's Grove at North Riverside, Ill. It costs you very little to "take in" the out of doors, so be there with us.

A number of our Comrades are planning to attend the picnic of Club No. 224 J. S. F. of Pullman, Ill. on Sunday, July 13. It is to be held in the Wild Wood Preserves, at 127th St. and Michigan Ave. And it is hoped that the weather will permit a big attendance.

## A Civil Question

Diner (to waiter)—What's the name of that selection the orchestra is playing?  
Waiter—"Go Feather Your Nest."  
Diner—Go jump in the lake. I asked you a civil question.—Louisville Satyr.

## THE MARCH OF CIVILIZATION



## THE SOCIALIST PARTY AT WORK

### Socialists Get Nine More Offices

Laureldale, Pa. — The office of burgess, three councilmanic positions, and five other offices were captured by the Socialists after a bitter fight here June 24th. This borough was only kept from following the lead of Reading and returning a full Socialist council by a Republican-Democratic coalition, which holds four of the seven seats.

Charles W. Lutz Edwin Drayer, and Warren L. Mervin are the new Socialist councilmen. Martin Enoch was elected high constable, Michael Tallinoe is constable, Roy Bankes, tax collector; Anna Bankes, inspector of elections; and Daniel Hageman, auditor. Charles R. Yerger is the burgess, or mayor.

The news of the victory of the rural Berks county Socialists was received with enthusiasm by the members of the National Executive committee of the Socialist party, meeting at New Haven, Conn., at the time of the election, as "another indication of the probability of state and congressional Socialist successes this fall." The reports from all over the country presented to the members indicate a steady increase in membership and activity, and more candidates in the field this fall than on any year since 1920.

Unemployment and the Negro in politics were the main topics in the speech of Clarence Senior at the St. James Forum, Cleveland, O., before an audience of two hundred, last Sunday. Yipsels passing out literature at the door were besieged for copies of leaflets on unemployment insurance, Negroes and Socialism, and old age pensions.

While in this city, Senior also spoke at a youth rally, under the auspices of the Junior Yipsels.

Yipsels working or vacationing at Unity House, Forest Park, Pa., of the I. L. G. W. U. and Camp Tamiment, owned by the Rand School are doing organizing work and forming a temporary propaganda circle for the summer season. Hy Fish, Cleveland organizer, Jack Kauffman, of the Youth Publishing Assn., and David George, former Southern District organizer are the promoters.

### Mooney-Billings Meetings

So that all may have material, fact and information, in connection with the Mooney-Billings meetings, arranged by the Socialist Party, during the week of July 15-22, the Tom Mooney Molders Defense Committee of San Francisco, has mailed to each local fact regarding the case, and issues involved. Comrades everywhere are urged to arrange meetings during this period and make good use of the material supplied.

### Indiana

Local Marion County has authorized Edward Henry, county and district chairman, to call a district convention on July 11th, 8 P. M., at 49 1/2 So. Delaware St., Indianapolis, for the purpose of nominating a congressional candidate for the seventh district. A Mooney-Billings meeting is being arranged for Friday, July 18th, 8 P. M., at the same address.

### Michigan

At a recent meeting of the State Executive Committee plans were made for routing a speaker through the state during the months of September and October.

### New Jersey

The Socialists of New Jersey will have candidates in seven out of the twelve congressional districts. This is an increase of three over the last congressional election. Henry Jager, state organizer, is the candidate for United States Senator. He will make a vigorous campaign. Six counties are to have local candidates.

### New York

State Secretary Merrill reports that the state executive committee has approved the action of local Buffalo in refusing to support the candidacy of Frank C. Perkins for congressman from the 40th District, if he runs on an old party ticket or seeks endorsement of one of the old parties.

Arrangements have been made with W. G. Y. for the broadcasting on the first day of the state convention of the Socialist Party of New York, July 19th (2 to 2:30 P. M.) of a discussion on electric power by Norman Thomas and Chas. M. Ripley.

The Central Labor Trades Assembly of Schenectady will hold a Mooney-Billings demonstration on July 12th. Robert T. McCoy, editor of the Molders' Journal, will be the principal speaker.

## THE COWARDLY HYPOCRITE

The man who knows what is right, what the thing is that he should do, who fails to do it—refuses to take part in the fight and do his share—is much more guilty of betraying the cause that he is interested in, than is the man who ignorantly fights against that cause.

He is even worse than the man who fights consciously, who is paid a price for fighting against his own convictions. He at least can say he is getting something for it. The coward who sits on the side, however, and refuses to do his duty; who is waiting until some other man pays his share of the price for progress, and does his share of the fighting for that progress; and who, once it is achieved, will step in and take his share of that progress, is an unspeakably cowardly traitor to the cause of human progress and human betterment.—The Illinois Miner.

## TURN IT AROUND

Machinery was made for men, not men for machinery, and until we win the war for the mastery of the machine, there will be no abolition of the new slavery which the machines have brought to us.