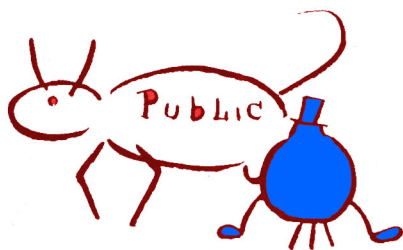


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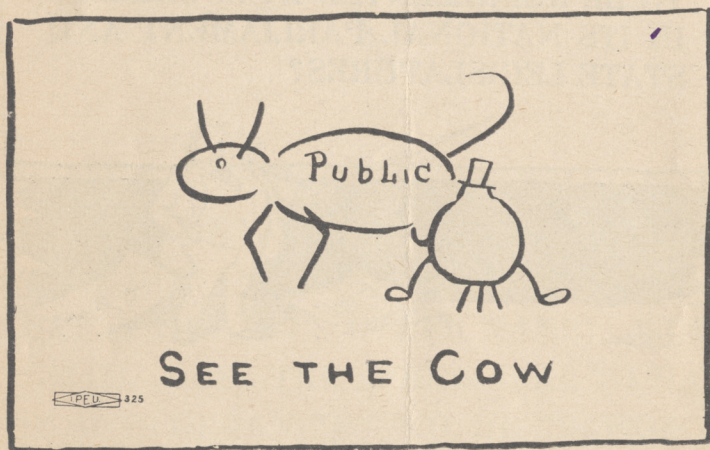
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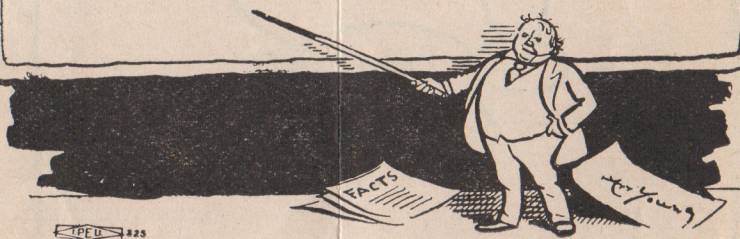
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**HOW MANY SOCIALISTS ARE THERE  
IN THE PARLIAMENTS OF FOREIGN  
COUNTRIES?**

**THERE ARE MANY SOCIALISTS IN  
THE PARLIAMENTS OF OTHER COUN-  
TRIES. THEY FIGHT FOR THE PEOP-  
LE.**

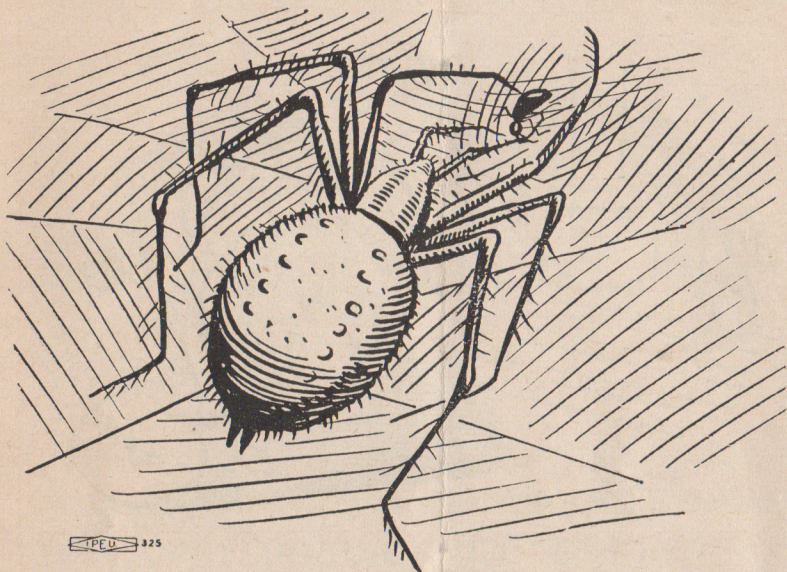
**DON'T YOU THINK THE UNITED  
STATES WITH OVER 100 MILLION  
PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM WORKING-  
MEN AND WORKINGWOMEN, OUGHT  
TO BE REPRESENTED BY SOCIALISTS  
IN ITS NATIONAL PARLIAMENT AND  
STATE LEGISLATURES?**



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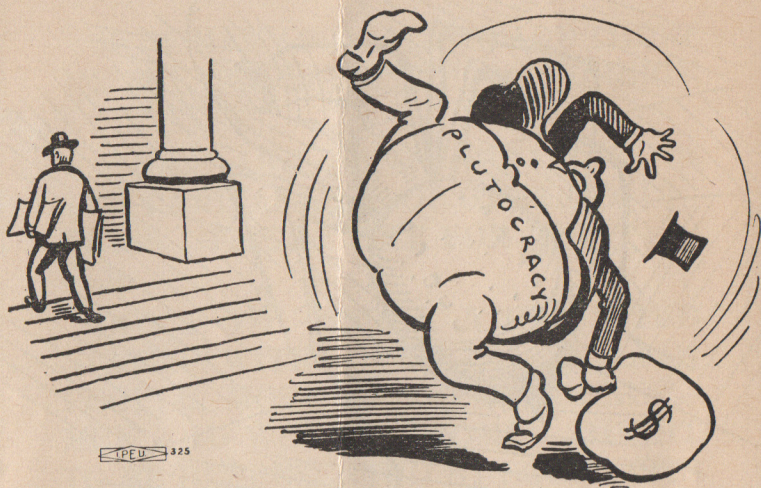
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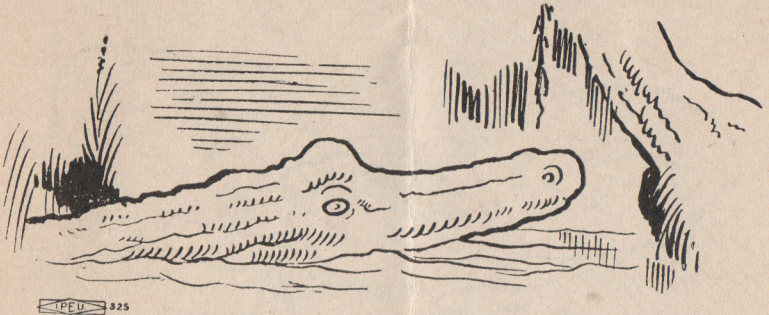
IS THIS A SPIDER? IT IS. WHAT IS ITS OTHER NAME? THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM. HAS HE GOT AN ANT IN HIS WEB? HE HAS. WHAT IS THE ANT'S OTHER NAME? WORKINGMAN. DOES THE SPIDER LIKE TO HAVE THE ANTS ORGANIZE? NO, HE PREFERS TO DEAL WITH THEM "INDIVIDUALLY."





IS THE MAN THROWING A FIT? HE IS. WHY? BECAUSE HE SEES A SOCIALIST GOING INTO PUBLIC OFFICE. WOULD HE BE THROWING A FIT IF THE MAN WERE A DEMOCRAT OR A REPUBLICAN? O, NO! HE HAS BEEN SENDING THEM TO STATE LEGISLATURES AND CITY COUNCILS FOR A LONG TIME.

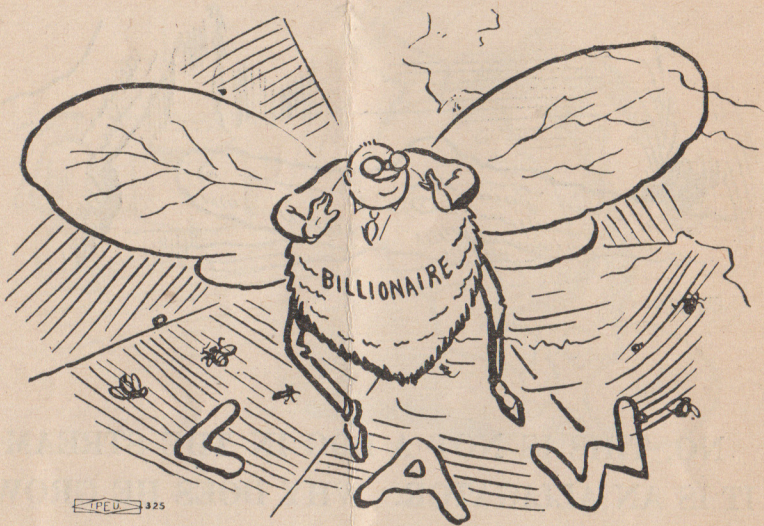




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NO, THIS IS NOT A LOG IN THE STREAM;  
IT IS AN ALLIGATOR. WHY DOES HE GROW  
TO LOOK LIKE A LOG? TO FOOL HIS ENE-  
MIES. CAN HUMAN BEINGS FOOL THEIR  
ENEMIES IN THIS WAY? SURE. CAN GOV-  
ERNMENTS FIX UP THEIR APPEARANCE TO  
LOOK LIKE DEMOCRACY? THEY CAN. BUT  
THEY DON'T FOOL AS MANY PEOPLE AS  
THEY USED TO.





**DOES A COBWEB CATCH FLIES AND  
OTHER LITTLE INSECTS? IT DOES. CAN A  
BIG BUMBLE BEE BUMP HIS WAY THROUGH  
THE COBWEB? EASILY.**





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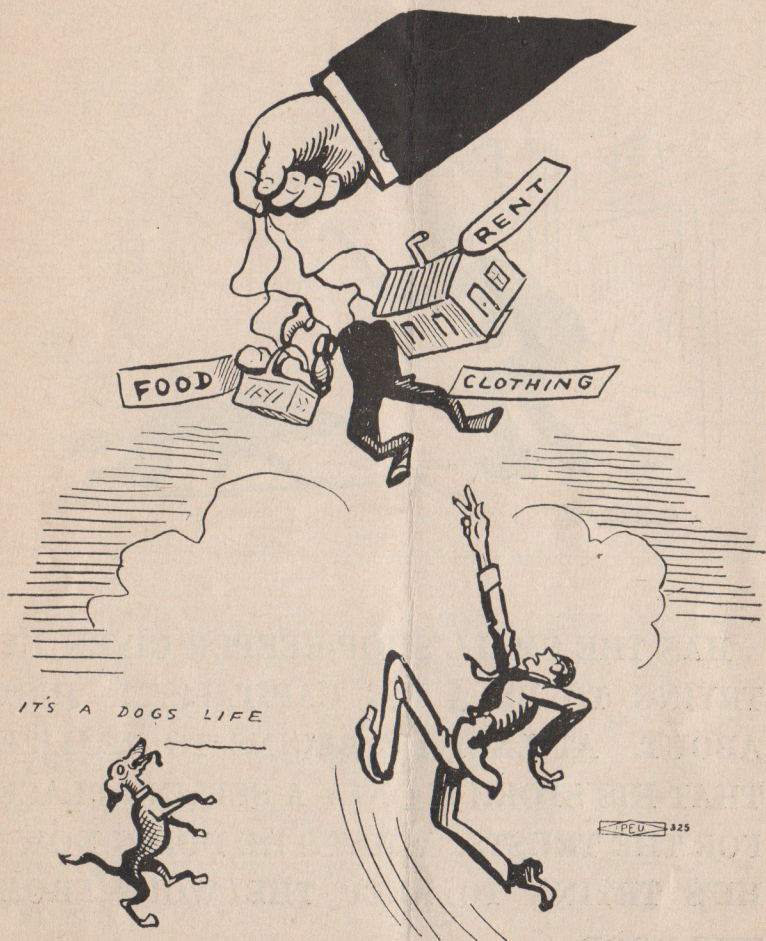
HAVE MOTHER AND FATHER A WORRIED LOOK? THEY HAVE. WILL THE WORRIED LOOK COME OFF? NO. NOT UNTIL THEY GET SENSE ENOUGH TO VOTE IN SOCIALISM. WHAT IS SOCIALISM? IT IS—BUSINESS, OPERATED FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT INSTEAD OF PRIVATE PROFIT.





**SEE THE PROFITEER? DOES HE MAKE ALL THE PROFIT HE CAN OUT OF THE THINGS THAT LABOR PRODUCES FOR HIM? HE DOES! WHETHER HE IS THE PRESIDENT OF A WOOLEN TRUST OR A COAL MINE — DOESN'T MATTER—HE IS IN BUSINESS FOR BIG PROFITS—FOR HIMSELF AND A FEW STOCKHOLDERS. IS HE TO BLAME FOR BEING A PROFITEER? NO. NOT SO LONG AS THE PUBLIC TOLERATES THE PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF A PUBLIC NECESSITY.**





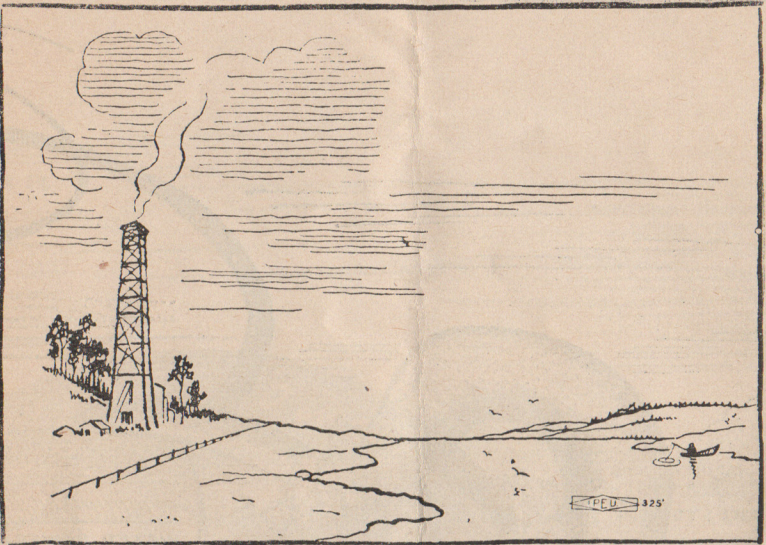
**DOES THE MAN LIKE TO JUMP LIKE A  
DOG FOR HIS FOOD, SHELTER AND CLOTH-  
ING? NO. BUT THE BOSS PULLING THE  
STRINGS TELLS HIM IT DEVELOPS HIS  
CHARACTER.**





**HAS THE SMALL SHOP-KEEPER GIVEN UP TRYING TO BE A BIG CAPITALIST? JUST ABOUT. AT LAST HE BEGINS TO REALIZE THAT HIS STORE IS ONLY A SELLING PLACE FOR THE TRUSTS. WHAT'S HE DOING NOW? HE'S TRYING TO KEEP THE WOLF FROM THE DOOR.**





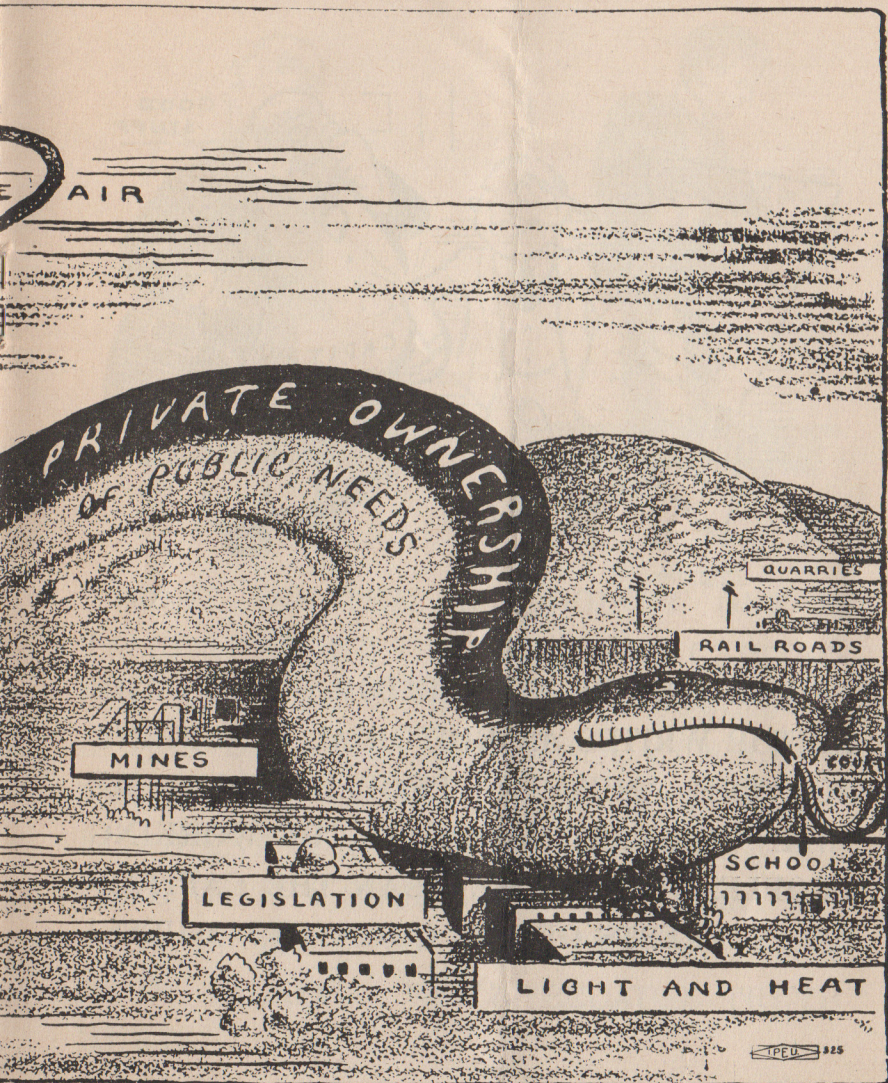
SEE THE OIL WELL ON THE LEFT OF THE PICTURE AND THE RIVER ON THE RIGHT. WHO OWNS THE OIL WELL? A PRIVATE COMPANY OF SPECULATORS. WHO OWNS THE RIVER? THE PUBLIC. IS NOT OIL USED BY THE PUBLIC JUST AS WATER IS? OF COURSE. THEN WHY DOESN'T THE PUBLIC OWN THE OIL WELL? THAT'S WHAT SOCIALISTS WANT TO KNOW.





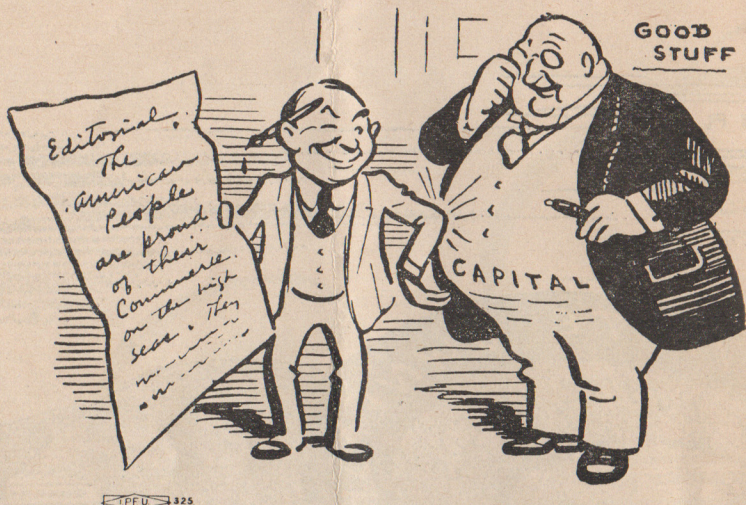
WILL THERE EVER BE ENOUGH ARROWS TO KILL THE  
EVERY ARROW





THE MONSTER? SOME DAY. IN THE MEANTIME,  
HOW HELPS.





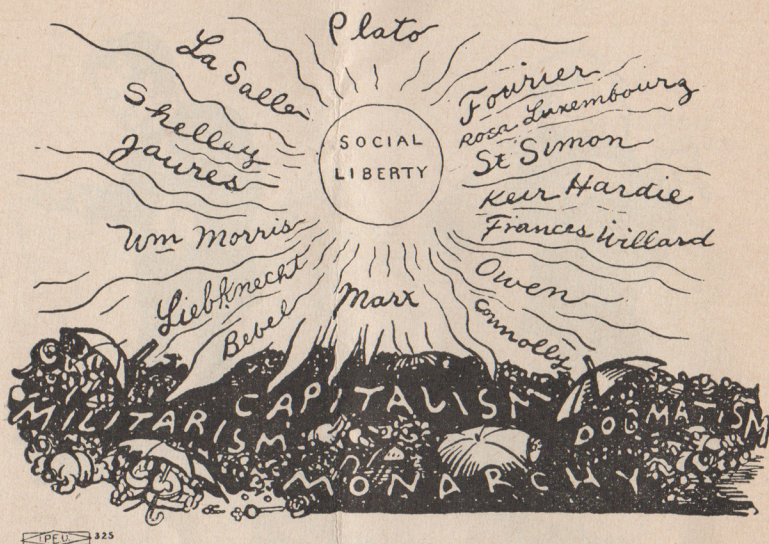
HERE WE SEE THE EDITOR. WHEN THE EDITOR WRITES AN EDITORIAL REFERRING TO "THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," DOES HE MEAN THE VAST MAJORITY—THE WORKING PEOPLE, OR DOES HE MEAN THE CAPITALIST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY? GUESS!





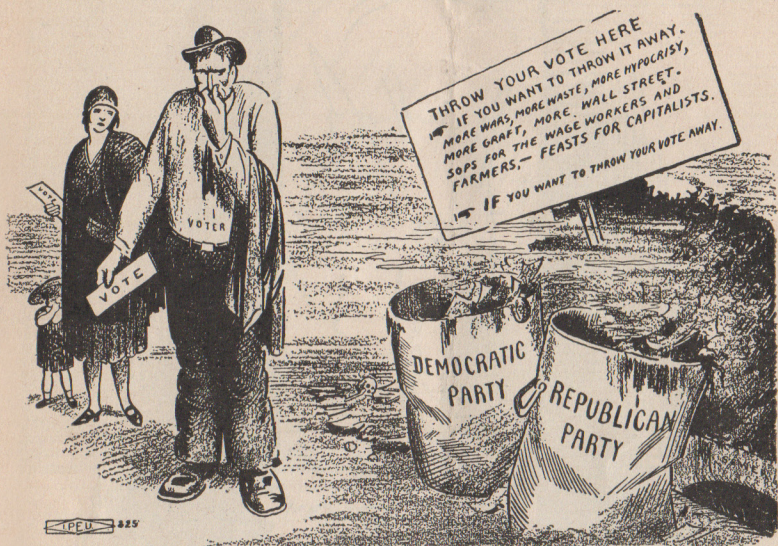
WHAT ARE THE MEN DOING? ONE IS TALKING ABOUT THE MERITS OF CAPITALISM, AND THE OTHER ABOUT SOCIALISM. IS IT A DEBATE? NO! YOU CAN SELDOM GET A REPUBLICAN, A DEMOCRAT, OR AN ELOQUENT CORPORATION LAWYER TO DEBATE WITH A SOCIALIST. BUT EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO KEEP THE SOCIALIST FROM TALKING. WHY? BECAUSE TRUTH HURTS.





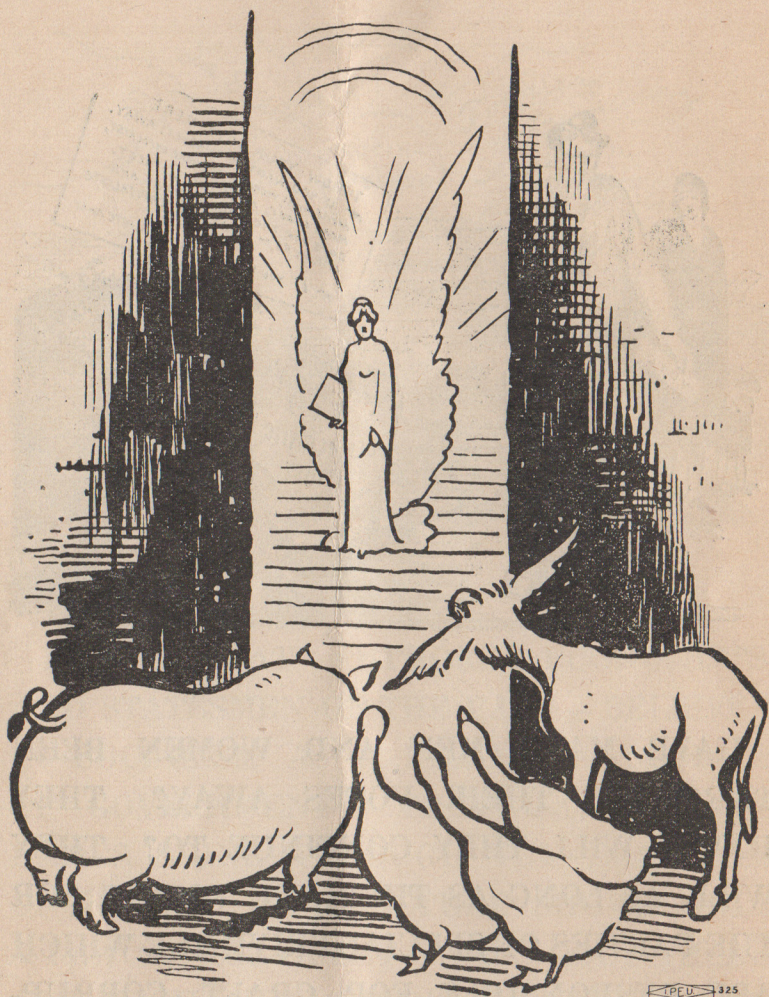
HAVE GREAT AUTHORS, ECONOMISTS, AND STATESMEN OF THE PAST — BELIEVED IN SOCIALISM AS A PRACTICAL SCIENCE OF GOVERNMENT? THEY HAVE. MANY NAMES SHINE THROUGH THE DARKNESS OF HISTORY. OUR PICTURE SHOWS ONLY A FEW OF THE GREAT NAMES. BUT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF DISTINGUISHED MEN AND WOMEN IN ALL PROFESSIONS IN THIS DAY WHO ARE SOCIALISTS.





HAVE MANY MEN AND WOMEN BEEN THROWING THEIR VOTES AWAY? THEY HAVE. WILL THEY CONTINUE TO? THEY WILL, AS LONG AS THEY ARE VOTING FOR THE PARTIES OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GRAFT, CORRUPTION, WAR AND POVERTY.

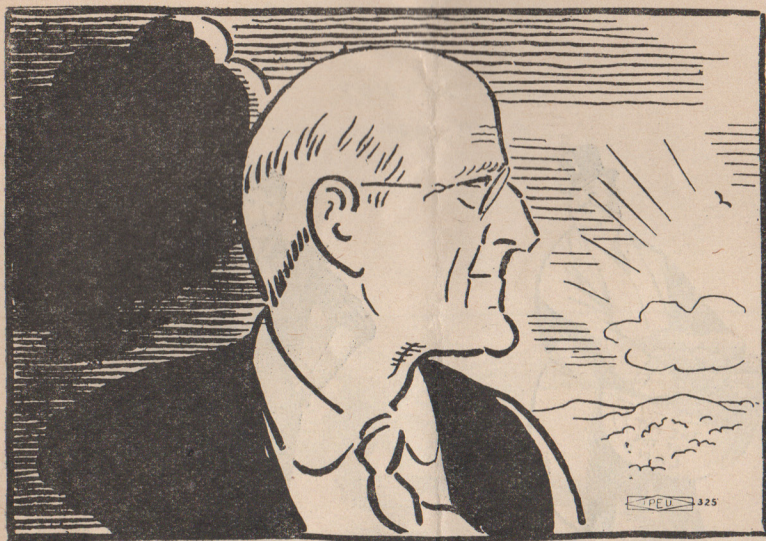




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**IS HUMAN PROGRESS ALWAYS MISUNDERSTOOD AND CRITICIZED BY THOSE WHO ARE SATISFIED WITH THINGS AS THEY ARE? IT IS.**





**WHO IS THIS? WHY, DON'T YOU KNOW? IT'S DEBS. EUGENE VICTOR DEBS! FOUR TIMES CANDIDATE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY FOR PRESIDENT. WAS HE PUT IN PRISON? HE WAS. WHAT FOR? HE SAID THE WORLD WAR WAS A CAPITALIST WAR. WELL, WASN'T IT? PRESIDENT WILSON, ONLY A YEAR AFTER MR. DEBS' STATEMENT, ADMITTED IT WAS A "COMMERCIAL WAR." ISN'T THAT THE SAME THING? SURE! WHEN THE MAN HAD FOUGHT ALL HIS LIFE FOR HUMAN LIBERTY, WAS IT RIGHT TO PUT HIM IN JAIL? IT ISN'T A QUESTION OF RIGHT—YOU SEE, MR. DEBS WAS AN ELOQUENT FIGHTER AGAINST PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC NECESSITIES AND THE BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS PUT HIM OUT OF THE WAY.**





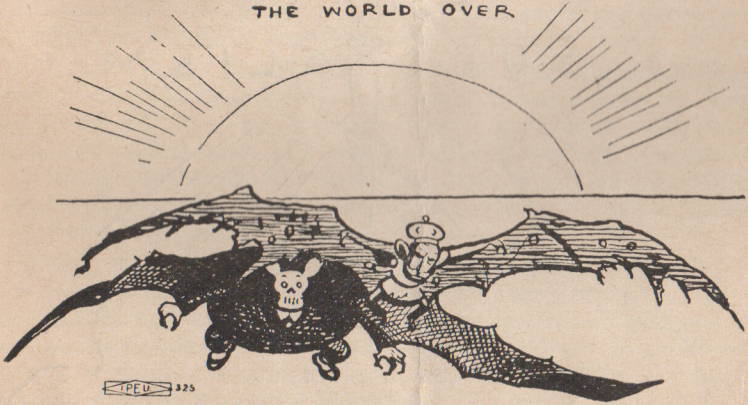
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SEE THE BOSS AND THE WORKER. WHAT ARE THEY DOING—DIVIDING UP? THEY ARE. IS IT A FAIR DIVIDE? NEVER MIND, THE BOSS DECIDES THAT.

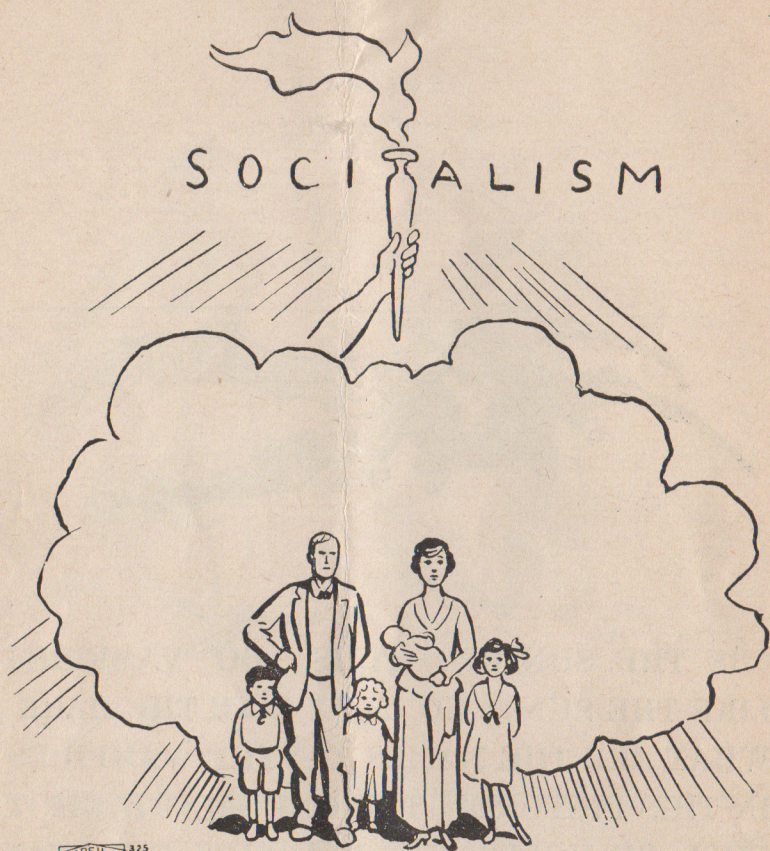


SOCIALISM  
THE WORLD OVER



IS THE SUN UP? IT IS. DO VAMPIRES  
LIKE THE SUN? NO, THEY LIKE THE DARK.  
WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THE VAMPIRES  
IN THIS PICTURE? THE ONE THAT IS SHOT  
FULL OF HOLES IS MONARCHY—THE FAT  
ONE WHO IS DEAD FROM HIS NECK UP—IS  
CAPITALISM.





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